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To: Soil & Water Conservation Program; DNR.Soil and Water Conservation Districts staff
Cc: DNR.SWC Staff
Subject: SWCD Participation in MoLIPS Conservation Planning Course
Attachments: MoLIPS Prerequisites.docx

Good Morning.

Attached is a list of the prerequisites for the MoLIPS training. If you have any questions please contact your district coordinator.

Thank you.

Soil & Water Conservation Program

We'd like your feedback on the service you received from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Please consider taking a few minutes to complete the department's Customer Satisfaction Survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MoDNRsurvey>. Thank you.

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Subject: FW: SWCD Participation in MoLIPS Conservation Planning Course

Good afternoon.

Below is an email we received from NRCS regarding an upcoming MoLIPS Conservation Planning Course. NRCS has made room available in this training for SWCD staff. The prerequisites are listed below. If you are interested in attending and meet the prerequisites please submit a letter to the program office signed by the board. The letter must be received in the program office by noon on July 15th. The program office will then submit your name to NRCS. If you have questions on what is included in the training please talk to your local NRCS staff.

Thanks,
Soil and Water Program Office

From: Goodrich, Nate - NRCS, Columbia, MO <nate.goodrich@usda.gov>
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Subject: SWCD Participation in MoLIPS Conservation Planning Course

Kurt, Jim, and jim,

I had planned to discuss this in person with you all this morning at our planned meeting, but now it's going to have to be via email. NRCS is moving forward with offering another session of our newly developed Missouri Leadership Investing in Planner Success, or MoLIPS for short, starting late summer/early fall. The target audience for this course is NRCS staff

and partners that are pursuing Level III Certified Conservation Planner designation. At the current time the DNR progression line does not require Level III designation to attain DS-IV pay grade, so there is no financial incentive for SWCD staff to complete the course and attendance should be based solely on employee development.

The course is a substitute for the previously offered Conservation Planning Part 2 training and it will provide credit for the following Aglearn requirements for Level III Certified Conservation Planner:

- Conservation Planning and Field Office Technical Guide Basics (Level I Requirement)
 - Conservation Planning Business Tools Training **NRCS-NHQ-LOCAL-000002**

- Conservation Planning Procedures
 - Conservation Planning Course, Part 2, Modules 6-8 **NRCS-NHQ-LOCAL-000003**
 - Conservation Planning Course, Part 3, Module 9 **NRCS-NHQ-000015**

- Conservation Communications Fundamentals
 - Conservation Communications **Marked complete with NRCS-NHQ-LOCAL-000003 above**

Prospective trainees should have some time in with their agency (>6 months?) and have completed all required prerequisites as outlined in the attached document. Having a basic understanding of the agency, conservation planning, and the employees' roles at the field office are important to successful completion of the course. This course will be delivered over an approximately 8-9 week timeframe and will require a significant time commitment on the employee's part; attending both online virtual presentations and local in the field training.

Again, this data call is only for SWCD employees who plan to attain the Level III designation. All training requirements to get to this Level are outlined in the two attached documents: Level 1 and Level III Planner Role Supervisor Certification. FYI, our Area Conservationists are compiling a list of NRCS staff needing the training but they WILL NOT be including SWCD staff in their reports.

Thanks for your support and cooperation as we move forward with this critical conservation planner training opportunity and implementation of our Missouri Conservation Planning Partnership State Plan to Reinvigorate Conservation Planning!

Please let me know if you need additional information or would like to discuss via a Teams call.

Nate Goodrich

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MoLIPS Prerequisites

- “Conservation Planning Course: Part 1” (AgLearn)
- “Introduction to Field Office Technical Guide Course” (AgLearn)
- “Cultural Resource Training Series Part 1” (AgLearn)
- “Environmental Evaluation Webinar Series No. 1-11” (S&T Training Library)
 - No. 1: Primer on NRCS Environmental compliance
 - No. 2: Documenting the Environmental Evaluation on the NRCS-CPA-52, “Environmental Evaluation Worksheet”
 - No. 3: Planning for Floodplain and Riparian Area Special Environmental Concerns
 - No. 4: Planning for Wetlands and Clean Water Act Special Environmental Concerns
 - No. 5: Planning for Prime and Unique Farmland and Invasive Species Special Environmental Concern
 - No. 6: Planning for Endangered Species/Migratory Birds/Bald and Golden Eagles Special Environmental Concern
 - No. 7: Planning for Natural Areas, Scenic Beauty, and Wild and Scenic Rivers Special Environmental Concern
 - No. 8: Planning for Clean Air and Environmental Justice Special Environmental Concern
 - No. 9: Planning for Essential Fish Habitat, Coastal Zones, and Coral Reef Special Environmental Concerns
 - No. 10: Planning for Cultural Resources Special Environmental Concerns and Making NEPA Finding
 - No. 11: Appropriate Use of Categorical Exclusions
- Familiarization with the assessment tools specific to the employee’s location (OJT, State or national)
- Training on using planning criteria to identify resource concerns (e.g., “Planning Criteria to Identify Resource Concerns” course (AgLearn)
- “Using Basic Soil Survey Information in Conservation Planning” (AgLearn)