

State Programs

Department of Agriculture

Program Name	Description	Contact Information
Farmland Preservation	The Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation preserves farms - the cornerstone of rural Delaware. The Foundation preserves historic structures, wildlife habitats, important environmental features, wetlands, and forests, as well as setting aside, permanently, the critical farmland for future generations of Delawareans.	Austin Short Deputy Secretary and Program Manager Austin.Short@state.de.us 302-698-4505
Forestland Preservation Program	The Forestland Preservation Program protects forestlands through perpetual conservation easements. A conservation easement is a permanent deed restriction whereby the landowner still owns the property but certain activities, such as development, are prohibited. The owner can sell the property, but all future owners must also follow the same restrictions. The Forest Service also offers conservation assistance through cost-share programs, the Reforestation/low-cost Seedling Program, the Urban and Community Forestry Program, and the Forest Legacy Program.	

County Conservation Districts

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County Conservation Districts New Castle County Kent County Sussex County	Conservation Districts provide technical and financial assistance to landowners and property managers interested in implementing conservation practices to control soil erosion, improve water quality, manage agricultural and animal waste, enhance stormwater basins and restore wildlife habitat. These practices and cost-share rates vary by district. For more detailed information please contact the Conservation District in your county.	For more detailed information please contact the Conservation District in your county.