



# URBAN CONSERVATION PRACTICES

Infrastructure Improvements	Soil Health
<p><b>ROOF RUNOFF</b></p> <p>NRCS engineered gutter or roof runoff design to stop existing erosion or nutrient loss</p>	<p><b>SOIL HEALTH (Cover Crop, Crop Rotation, Reduced-Till, Nutrient Mgmt)</b></p> <p>Small scale rates available to improve soil health</p>
<p><b>ENERGY AUDITS</b></p> <p>Financial assistance towards an energy audit for greenhouses, pack sheds or CEA facilities.</p>	<p><b>CONSERVATION &amp; POLLINATOR PLANTINGS</b></p> <p>Permanent native grass &amp; wildflower plantings</p>
Improved Crop Health	Custom Designs (Require NRCS approved designs)
<p><b>HIGH TUNNEL</b></p> <p>Tunnels greater than 6' tall paid a standard rate per sq foot. Small and large tunnel rates available. Must have existing crops to qualify for cost-share.</p>	<p><b>COMPOST FACILITY</b></p> <p>A facility sized and designed to compost all on-farm waste through a designed system or approved pre-fabricated tubs w/ 15 year warranty</p>
<p><b>LOW TUNNEL</b></p> <p>Hoops that are less than 6' tall, does not require landowner permission for contract</p>	<p><b>IRRIGATION</b></p> <p>Improve the efficiency of an existing irrigation system by converting to drip irrigation.</p>
<p><b>RAISED BEDS</b></p> <p>Only eligible for cost-share for soils testing high for heavy metals, or where urban rubble is present</p>	<p><b>HEAVY USE PROTECTION</b></p> <p>Prevent existing erosion in heavily used areas by installing gravel walkways and pads.</p>



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