

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

Michigan CREP/CRP Training 2022

CPA-52 Agenda

- Overview of NEPA in Michigan
 - Introduction to the CPA-52 Form
- 17 Environmental Concerns
- NRCS-CPA-52
 - Environmental Evaluation Form
 - Documenting Conservation Planning Effects
- Questions & Answers

Purpose of NEPA

- NEPA was written to ensure that Federal decision-makers take into account the environmental effects of proposed federal actions to avoid, minimize or mitigate adverse effects before implementing a Federal Action.

NEPA Overview

Federal Environmental Compliance is based on:

- NEPA law of January 1, 1970
- Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations
- Presidential Executive Orders
- NRCS General Manual Policy (GM Title 190, Part 410)

NEPA Umbrella & the Environmental Compliance Laws

- Clean Air Act
- Clean Water Act
- Coastal Zone Management Act
 - Applicable in limited areas within the State
- Coral Reefs Protection EO
 - *Not Applicable in the State of Michigan*
- Cultural Resources and the National Historic Preservation Act
- Endangered Species Act
- Environmental Justice Regulation
- Essential Fish Habitat
 - *Not Applicable in the State of Michigan*
- Floodplains Laws and Regulations
- Invasive Species EO
- Migratory Birds/Bald & Golden Eagle Protection Act
- Natural Areas
- Prime and Unique Farmland Regulation
- Riparian Areas EO
- Wetlands Laws and Regulations
- Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

Overview of the NRCS-CPA-52

- A NEPA Environmental Evaluation (EE) is to be completed for each land use being planned.
- Identify the specific land units or fields covered by the EE.
- Enter an impact statement for every resource concern for each land unit (s) covered by the EE.

Tools to Help Complete the CPA-52

- Michigan Natural Features Inventory (MNFI)
- Conservation Desktop
 - Air Quality
 - Floodplain Maps
 - Soil Maps
 - Surface Water
- eFOTG
 - Planning Criteria
 - Practice Standards
 - Erosion Prediction (Gully, RUSLE2, WEPS)
 - Engineering Specifications
 - MI Tech Notes