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RESOURCE

CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

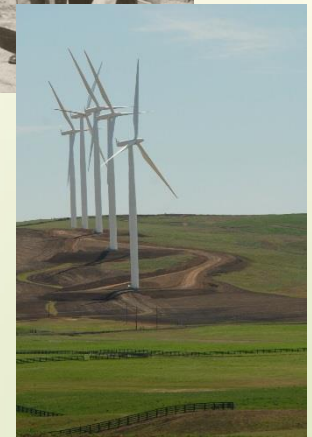
# Got A Plan?

## Partnering for Conservation Planning

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## Conservation Plans are:

*Site specific documents* that consider *decision maker objectives*, *resource concerns*, and *resource sustainability*, to formulate and evaluate *alternatives* and *potential environmental impacts* and lead the decision maker to *implement* the best possible solution.

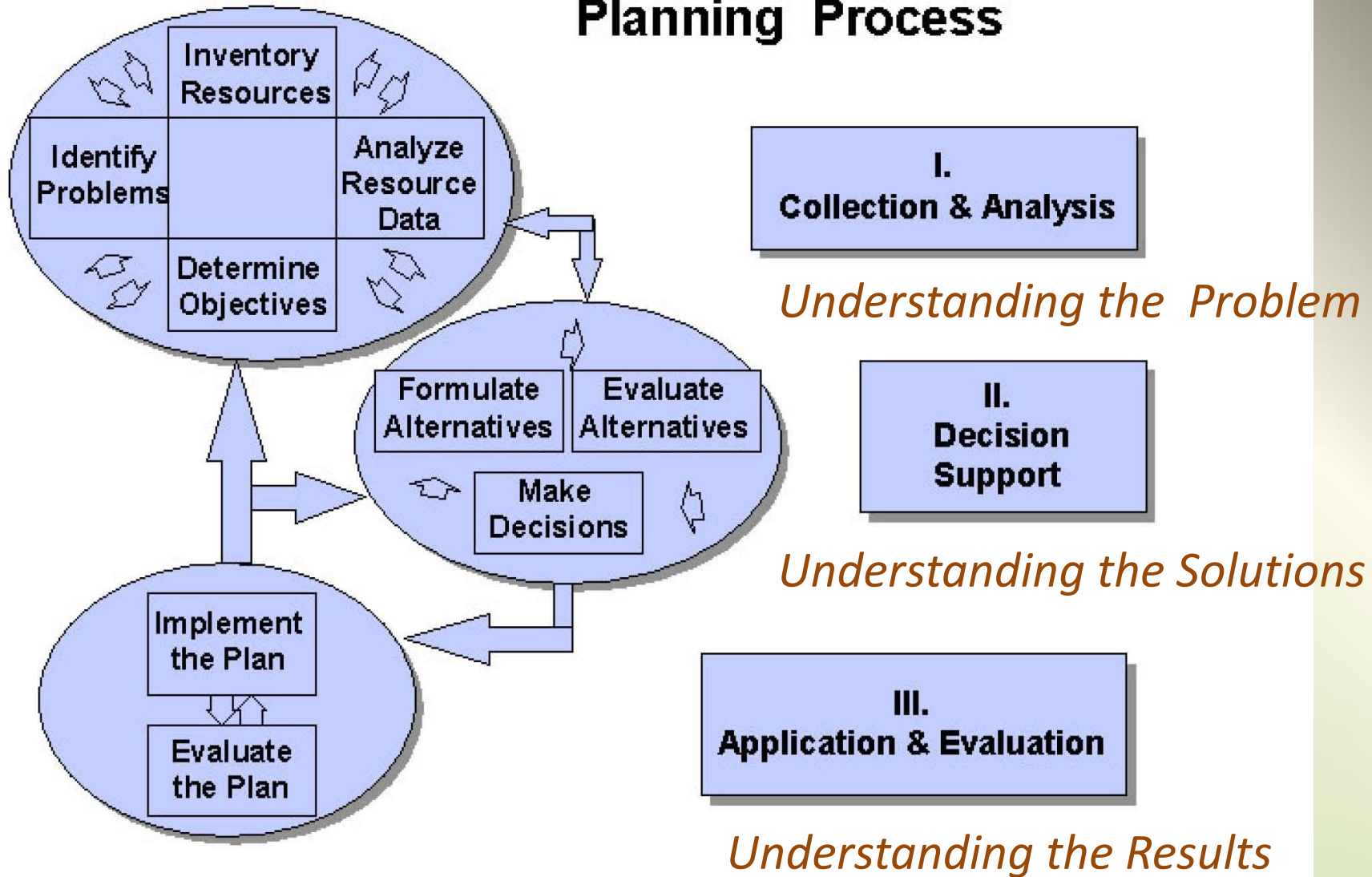


# A Good Plan is:

- clear and easily understood  
No Flow Charts Needed
- dynamic: not set in stone
- reality based and considers:  
land user's \$\$ and time constraints  
limitations of the resources
- developed **with/by** the decision maker
- comprehensive



# Planning Process



# Client's Objectives/Problem Identification

- address road erosion
- protect water quality
- improve water use efficiency
- improve soil health
- develop habitat areas for wildlife in non-cropped areas
- OBTAIN SIP CERTIFICATION**

## Conservation Plan Template

**I. Property Information**

Vineyard Name and Establishment Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Map (attach showing blocks and acres): \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Objectives**

Natural Resource Objectives

Short Term: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Long Term: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

SIP Certified Conservation Plan Template 1

Production & Economic Objectives

Short Term: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

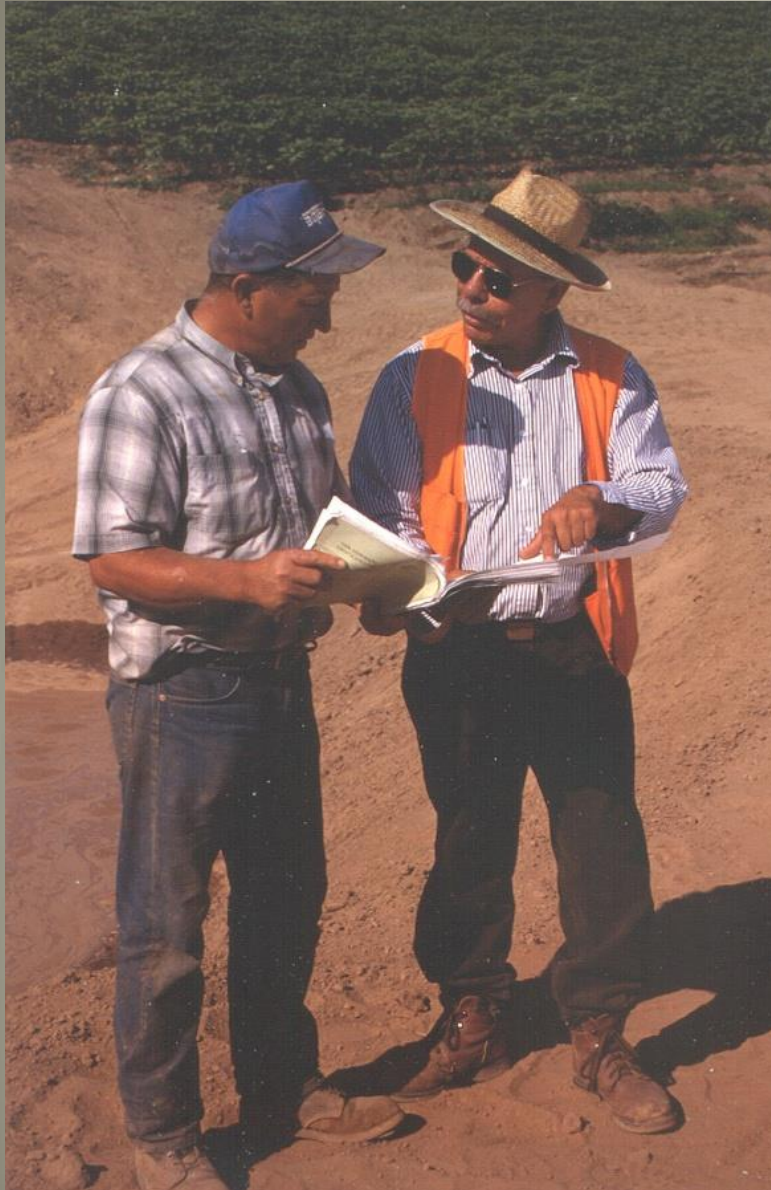
Long Term: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Future Vision

What do you want your land to look like in the next five to 20 years?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

SIP Certified Conservation Plan Template 2

Determine Objectives, Problem Identification



## NRCS/RCD Role:

Help landowners develop conservation plans that protect, conserve, and enhance natural resources **and** meet the client's needs.

# Bottlenecks vs. Collaboration

- NRCS provides conservation planning
  - Conducted when staff has availability
- Vineyard Team requires conservation plans for SIP certification
  - Updated every 5 years
  - Greater participation
- RCD trained and certified to conduct conservation plans
  - Fee-for-service
  - Few plans completed





# Whose Plan is this?

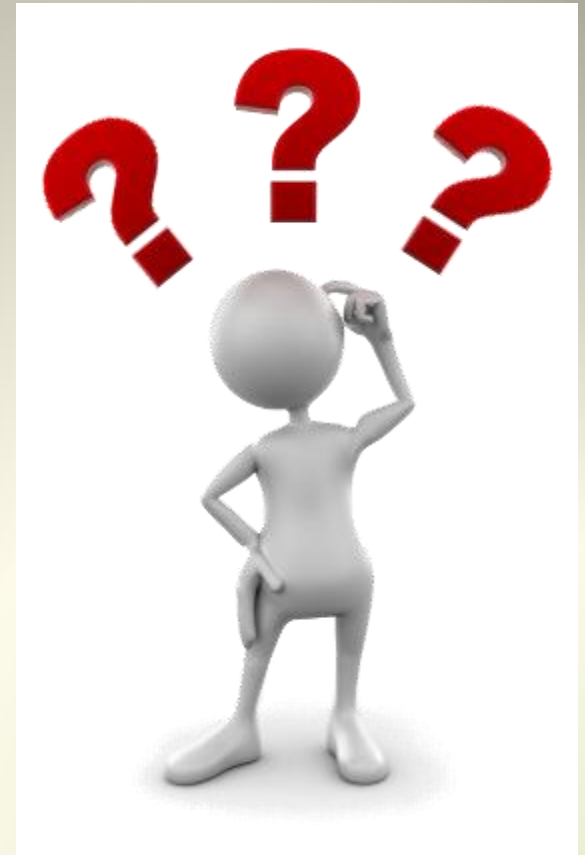
NRCS

RCD

Vineyard Team

Landowner

\*Getting the landowner involved



# Outcomes of Collaborating

- Quicker response and end product deliverable
- Landowners more engaged and knowledgeable about conservation planning
- Additional revenue stream for RCDs
- Conservation Plan template is free and available for any landowner – does not require NRCS, RCD, or Vineyard team
- Can evolve to include Carbon Farm Plans, Healthy Soils, Nutrient Management Plans, etc.

# Questions?

