

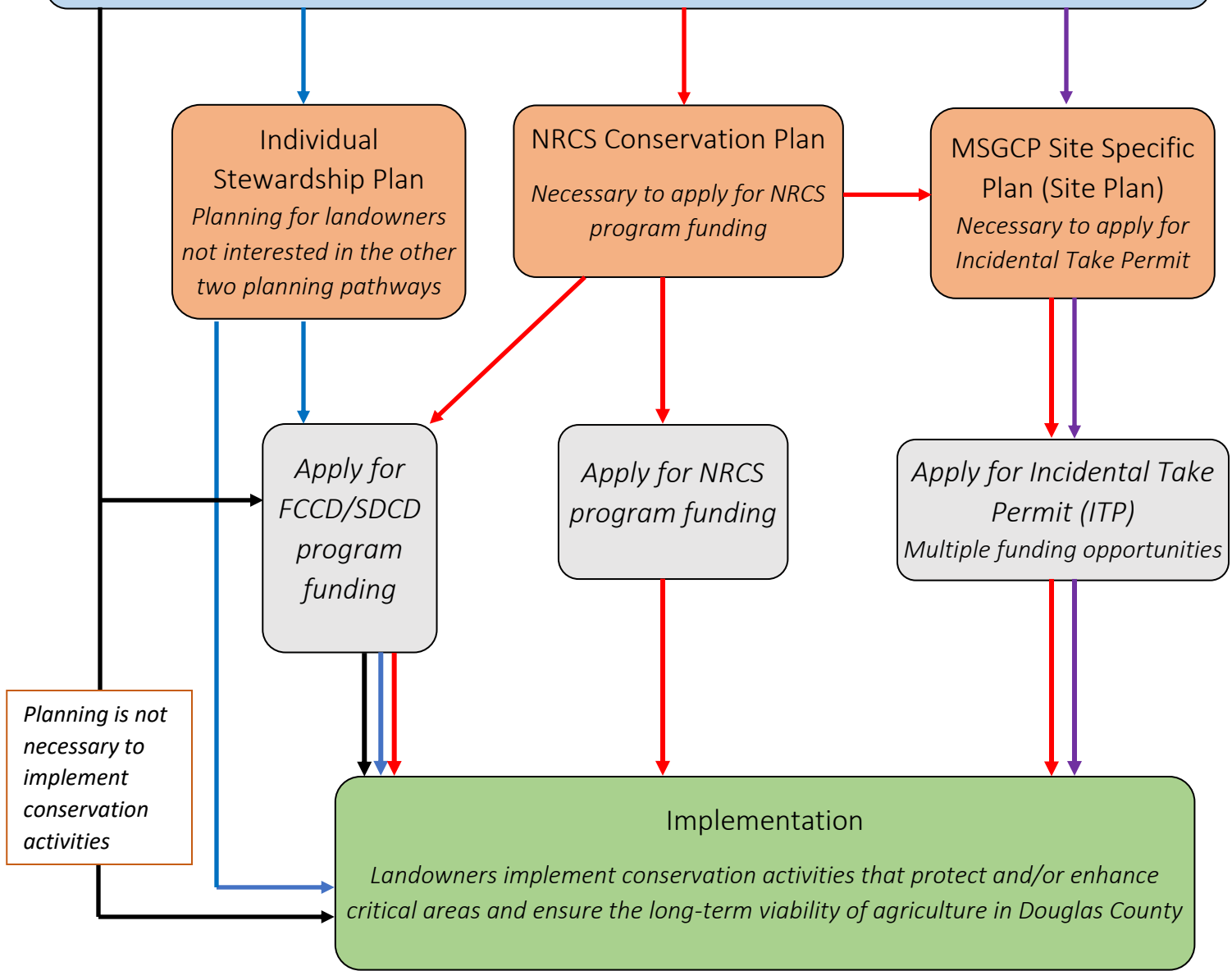
3 Types of Farm-Scale Plans Available to Douglas County Producers

	Individual Stewardship Plan (ISP)	NRCS Conservation Plan	Multiple Species General Conservation Site Specific Plan (Site Plan)
Purpose	Identify critical area and agricultural viability concerns, and develop strategy to address the concerns	Identify resource concerns and conservation practices to address them	Identify resource concerns; identify conservation activities to conserve and enhance shrub-steppe habitat. The Site Plan will be used to apply for an Incidental Take Permit, which provides regulatory assurances to continue the course of lawful agricultural activities without imposing additional future regulatory restrictions
Necessary to apply for...	ISP not necessary to apply for funding/cost-share or implement conservation activities	NRCS program funding/cost share	Incidental Take Permit (ITP)
Applicable Programs	VSP, other FCCD and SDCD programs	EQIP, SGI, CSP, VSP, MSGCP	MSGCP, VSP
Entities Responsible for technical assistance	FCCD, SDCD	NRCS (FCCD and SDCD may do work under an agreement with NRCS)	FCCD, USFWS
Field inventory required	No	Yes	Yes
Monitoring required	No	NRCS certifies that practice has been completed	Yes, per conditions of the permit
Plan intensity level	Varies, depends on landowner needs and concerns, but generally low-moderate	High	Moderate
Products	Narrative describing plan, including conservation activities to address critical area and agricultural viability concerns	Field inventory; narrative of resource concerns; suggested conservation practices to address resource concerns	Description and map of covered agricultural activities; map of habitat maintained with acres for each; description of voluntary conservation activities benefitting covered species' habitat; a monitoring plan
Fee	No	No	None to receive the Site Plan, but the Incidental Take Permit application fee for USFWS is \$100
Relationship to other plans (no plan is mutually exclusive)	Planning used if operator is not interested in Incidental Take Permit or NRCS programs. Applicable information from this plan will transfer to either of the other plans as long as the operation and circumstances remain consistent	Will commonly be used as a first step towards applying for an Incidental Take Permit. Information from the NRCS Conservation Plan is used to develop the Site Plan	Can be acquired without any other plan, although a common route will be to receive a NRCS Conservation Plan prior to a Site Plan. Information from the NRCS Conservation Plan is used to develop the Site Plan.
Point of Contact	FCCD Office 509-888-6372	NRCS Waterville Office 509-745-8561	FCCD Office 509-888-6372

Voluntary Stewardship Program Implementation Process

VSP Producer Survey*

The purpose of the survey is to identify current conservation activities, and landowner interests to implement future activities. The chart on the reverse side will help landowners identify which path they are interested in following. For details: <http://www.fostercreekcd.org/programs/voluntary-stewardship-program/>



Key

Participation

- Baseline for participation in VSP, Informational Level participation
- Planning Level participation
- Implementation Level participation
- Apply for funding or permit

Planning Pathway

- Individual Stewardship Plan (ISP)
- NRCS Conservation Plan
- MSGCP Site Specific Plan (Site Plan)

*A VSP Producer survey is not required to receive a plan, apply for funding, or implement conservation activities. However, it is requested because it helps to better understand and meet producer needs, as well as helps to show that Douglas County is protecting and enhancing critical areas.