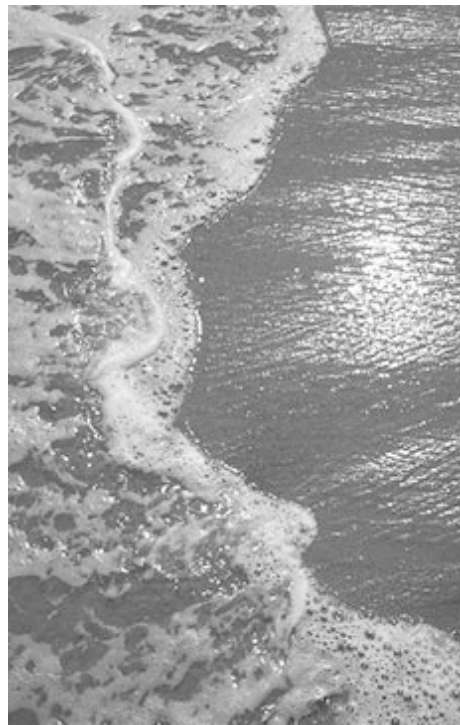


WHAT IS THE SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE?

As part of the United States Department of Agriculture, the NRCS provides national leadership in the conservation and wide use of soil, water and related resources.

THE EARTH TEAM is made of volunteers who work to improve the conditions of the soil and water resources where they live. As a member you may find yourself:

- ◆ working on the land
- ◆ helping in schools
- ◆ assisting various organizations by educating and directing participants
- ◆ working in local offices doing community outreach



DID YOU KNOW...

It takes 100 to 1000 years to form an inch of topsoil, and during an intense thunderstorm, the same amount can erode away in less than an hour?

450 billion gallons of water are consumed in the United States every day for agriculture, industry and domestic use? (That's about 1700 gallons for every American.)

On one-fourth of the nation's crop land, soil erosion by water exceeds the rate considered to be available.

WHAT IS RURITAN NATIONAL?

America's Leading Community Service Organization

Founded in 1928 in Holland, Virginia, RURITAN is a national volunteer community service organization dedicated to making your community a better place in which to live and work through:

- Promoting fellowship, goodwill, and community service among its members and the citizens of the community.
- Unifying the efforts of individuals, organizations and institutions to better assist in meeting the community's needs.
- Working to contribute to the progress of those agencies and organizations with which we interact.
- Encouraging the idea of service as the basis of all worthy enterprise.
- Creating better understanding between all people.





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CONSERVATION
SERVICE**
(NRCS)



RURITAN NATIONAL and the **Natural Resources Conservation Service** jointly endorse the goal of the conservation of soil, water, and other natural resources.

To accomplish this goal **RURITAN NATIONAL** will focus its efforts, through its environmental committee, on activities and events that gain a greater awareness and understanding of the conservation of natural resources at the local level.

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