



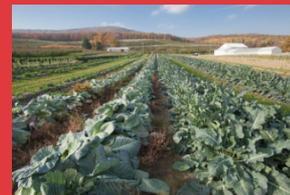
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- Conservation practices are less prevalent on leased acres.

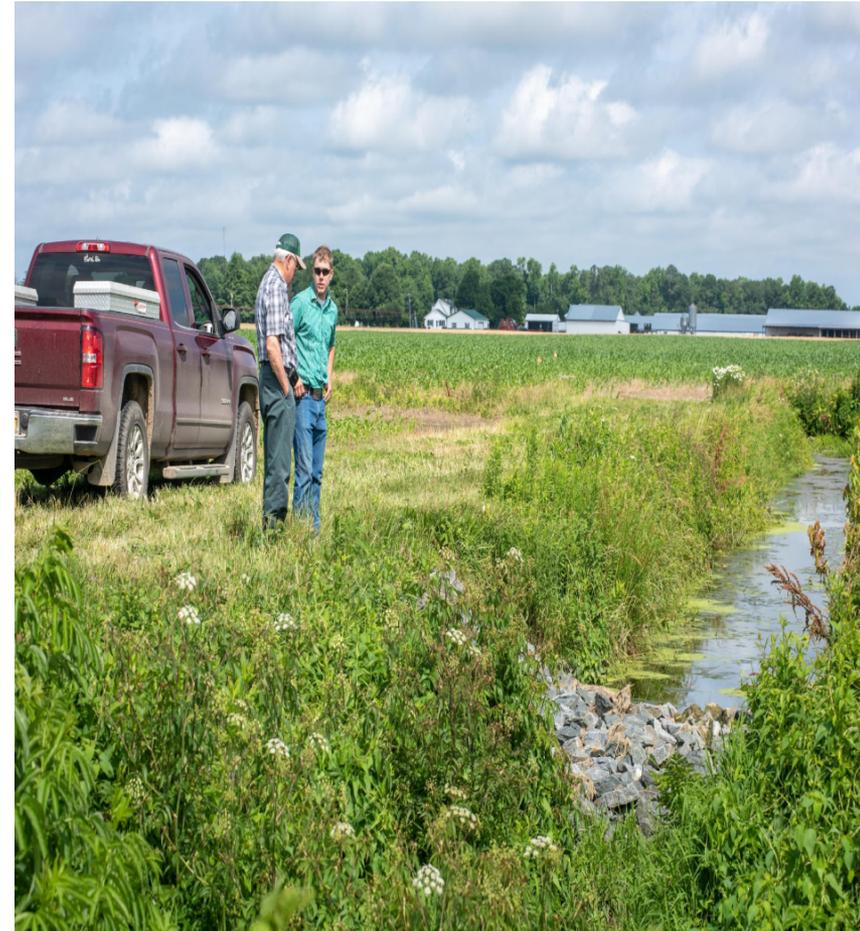


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- Why don't leased farms participate?
 - Lack of knowledge of practices/funding
 - Lack of communication
 - Lack of stability in leasing relationship



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- The Guide:
 - resource information
 - leasing strategies
 - sample lease language



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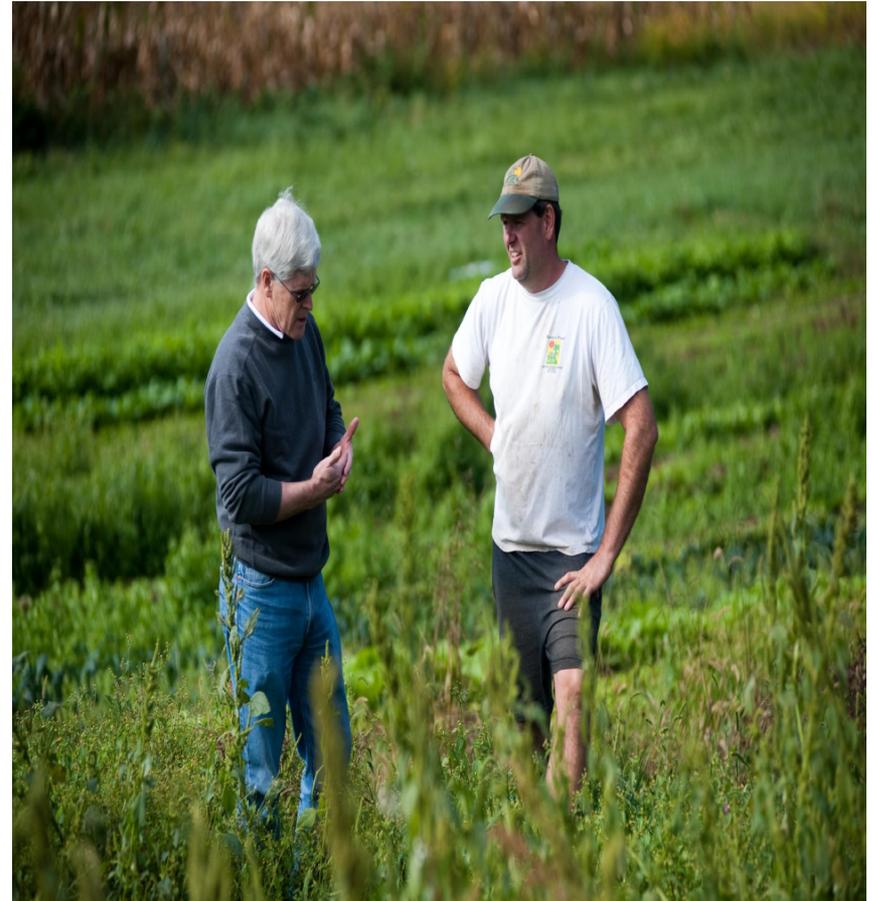
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- Landowners and farmers need to discuss:
 - farming
 - conservation goals



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- Standards:
 - Laws & NMP
 - Conservation plan
 - Right to take soil samples/monitor practices
- Question:
 - Maintenance?

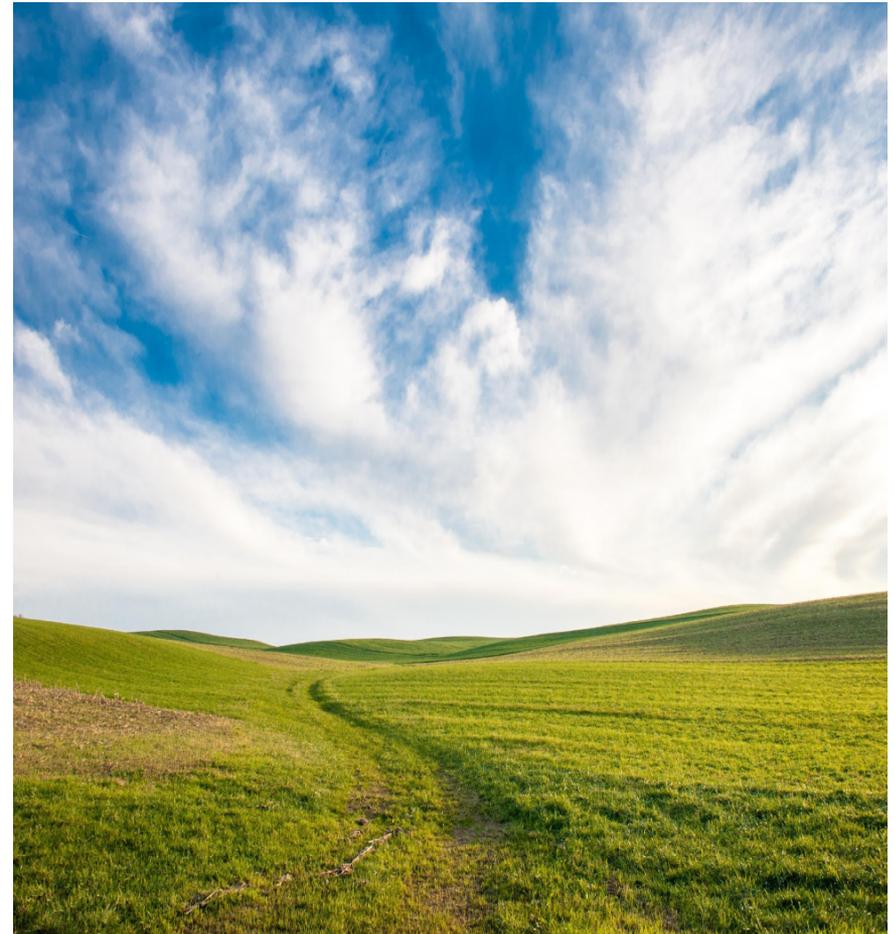


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- Lease Options:
 - Extended Lease Terms
 - Graduated Rent
 - Depreciation Schedule
 - Division of cost-share funding



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Sample riparian buffer provision:

- *Tenant shall not plant, harvest, plow, disc or use fertilizers or pesticides within the vegetative buffer area(s).*



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Sample riparian buffer provision:

- *Tenant shall maintain the vegetative buffer, in accordance with SCD and NRCS standards, by mowing and/ or applying recommended herbicides to control noxious weeds and/or invasive species.*



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Sample riparian buffer provision:

- *To compensate Tenant for the buffer maintenance, Tenant shall receive ___ % of the annual CRP rental payment received by Landlord.*



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Informational Webinar

11/15/18 12:00 -1:00 p.m.

Lower Shore Workshop

12/10/18 8:00 am -3:00 p.m.
Salisbury

Mid-Shore Workshop

1/8/19 8:00 am - 3:00 p.m.
Wye Mills

Southern MD Workshop

1/17/19, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Waldorf

Western MD Workshop

1/23/19 8:00 am -3:00 p.m.
Frederick

Central MD Workshop

1/28/2019 8:00 am-3:00 p.m.,
Cockeysville

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- ALEI provides two years of technical support to service providers
- Workshops and leasing education are approved for Nutrient Management credits!



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