

**Noller Herbert • Acting Regional Conservationist • Central Region**

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)



Noller Herbert, P.E., has served as the NRCS acting regional conservationist for the Central Region since July 2021.

He provides agency and natural resources leadership and support to state conservationists and partners and ensures states effectively manage an extensive portfolio of comprehensive conservation strategies—which includes implementing NRCS’s conservation technical assistance and financial assistance programs on private lands.

A registered professional engineer, Herbert was previously director of the Conservation Engineering Division (CED) within the NRCS Science and Technology Deputy Area in Washington, D.C. In this capacity, he served as the agency’s chief engineer and provided national technical leadership for engineering functions, policy guidance, and coordination of engineering technology development and training.

Herbert has 38 years of engineering experience in planning, designing, and constructing conservation practices and implementing watershed projects. Since 2007, he has provided executive leadership in developing engineering policy and technical documents that are science-based and field-friendly. During this time, he also supervised the NRCS National Design, Construction, and Soil Mechanics Center.

Between October 2010 and September 2018, Herbert led implementation of the NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection Program, Watershed Dam Rehabilitation Program, Watershed Operations Program, and Conservation Innovation Grants Program. He also provided leadership for partnerships between NRCS and other federal agencies and non-governmental organizations.

Herbert is a member of the Diné (Navajo) Nation. He graduated from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona, with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and holds a Master of Public Administration from the American University, Washington, D.C. He is an active member of the NRCS American Indian and Alaska Native Employee Association, American Indian Science and Engineering Society, and Society of American Indian Government Employees.

**Central Region States:** *Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wisconsin*