

State Cost-Share Program

Purpose

The purpose of this program is to help local landowners or land occupiers offset the costs of installing conservation practices that protect and improve water quality by controlling soil erosion and reducing sedimentation.

The program provides up to 75 percent of the total eligible costs of a practice.

The projects are selected by local SWCDs that identify high priority erosion and water quality problems.

Eligible projects

12 conservation practices are eligible for this program. Those practices include:

- Critical Area Stabilization
- Diversions
- Field Windbreaks (75%)
- Shelterbelts (75%)
- Grassed Waterway
- Wastewater and Feedlot Runoff Control
- Filter Strips
- Sediment Basins
- Streambank, Shoreland, and Roadside Protection
- Stripcropping
- Terraces
- Unused Well Sealing (50%)



Farmstead
Windbreak



Unused Well Sealing



Critical Area
Stabilization

Approved construction practices include activities that control nutrient runoff; stabilize critical eroding areas; divert runoff to protect and improve water quality; reduce wind erosion; control gully, rill, or sheet erosion; protect shoreland from erosion; control stormwater runoff; or protect surface water and ground water quality.

Other information

Conservation districts may cost share with land occupiers at the maximum rate of 75 percent of the eligible costs of a project or an SWCD board may set the rate lower than 75 percent. Primary practices must be designed to meet the purpose of the practice for an effective life of not less than 10 years from the date it is approved for final payment. For more information, landowners should contact their local SWCD office at 218-631-3195 ext. 3.