

2016 Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Program

Purpose: To provide cost-share funds for the installation of conservation practices to implement Dane County's Land & Water Resources Plan.

Funding: Funding is part of a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP).

For calendar year 2016, the preliminary allocation is:

- Bonded (Structural) Practices: \$42,500
- SEG (Management) Practices: \$45,000

Practices Eligible: Streambank protection, diversions, terraces, grass waterways, grade stabilization structures, access road (channel crossings), water and sediment control structures, clean water for barnyards (eaves) and storage facility closure, barnyard runoff control systems and nutrient management. Additional practices may be added with Land Conservation Committee (LCC) approval.

Program Requirements:

Bonded (Structural) Practices:

- Cost-share rate not to exceed 70% of landowner's cost for practice installation from this program.
- Yearly maximum cost-share-\$6,000.00 per landowner. Maximum cost-share amount may be increased with LCC approval.
- Follow average cost/cost containment procedure.

SEG (Management) Practices:

- Cost-share rate not to exceed \$28/acre for nutrient management.
- Land required to remain in compliance with nutrient management standard as required by State Performance Standards.

Criteria for evaluating cost-share applications:

To prioritize individual project applications, the following criteria may be considered:

- Yahara Watershed Program Implementation.
- Dane County Ordinance Chapter 14 and NR 151 non-compliance issues.
- Landowners who applied during 2015 and not contracted due to lack of funds.
- Landowners who completed a practice the previous year as part of an overall conservation system to achieve compliance with State performance standards.
- Availability of other cost-share programs: (County, State and Federal)

Application process:

- Signup period: January 26th, 2016 until funds are depleted.
- LCC approves individual cost-share contracts and payments.