

**2015 COST-SHARE PROGRAM
YAHARA WINs ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT
(Yahara River Watershed Area)**

Purpose: To provide cost-share funds for practices to support conservation systems that have a maximum water quality benefit. Practices eligible to receive cost-share funds are those that have an increased probability in reducing both nutrient and sediment transport to nearby streams over extended periods and varying climactic conditions. The program will be reviewed and updated on an annual basis.

Practices Eligible: Diversion, grassed waterway, terrace, grade stabilization structure, agricultural sediment basin, water and sediment control basin, wetland restoration, roof runoff management, roofs and covers, manure storage, animal lot relocation, and additional best management practices as approved by the Land Conservation Committee (LCC) based on phosphorous (P) reduction & cost efficiency as identified in a conservation plan.

Program Requirements:

- Follow Dane County Land & Water Conservation Department average cost/cost containment procedures.
- Lands within the entire Yahara Watershed are eligible as funds are available.
- The cost share recipient agrees to maintain the practice for 10 years.
- If payments exceed \$25,000, the maintenance agreement between Dane County and the land owner will be recorded on the deed for 10 years following receipt of cost share payment.
- Conservation practices will be cost-shared at 70% of actual cost, not to exceed Dane County Average Costs. If landowner/producer receives cost share funds from other programs, WINs funds maybe used to increase cost share rate to 90% of actual costs, not to exceed Dane County Average Costs.
- Wetland Restoration and Water and Sediment Control Structures structures designed to trap water and sediment (examples include Agricultural Sediment Basin, Water and Sediment Basin and Grade Stabilization Structures) may receive up to 90% of the total cost to implement the practice not to exceed of Dane County average costs. If a landowner/ producer receives cost share funds from other programs, WINS funds maybe used to increase cost share to 100% of actual costs, not to exceed Dane County Average Costs.
- Water and Sediment Control Structures and Wetland Restorations and structures designed to trap water and sediment (examples include Agricultural Sediment Basin, Water and Sediment Basin and Grade Stabilization Structures) may receive a one-time payment of \$2,500.00 per acre for land taken out of agricultural production.
- Maximum cost share will be \$100,000 per conservation practice with a maximum total cost share amount of \$300,000 per contract.
- Manure storage and management will be in accordance with Dane County Code of Ordinances Ch. 14. Minimum design volume will be 6 month storage with additional 2 months capacity to account for variable weather conditions. Producers receiving cost-share funds for manure storage will not land apply liquid manure between December 1st and March 31st of each calendar year, without prior approval in writing from the Director of the Dane County Land and Water Resources Department.

Application process:

- Signup period is effective immediately and will continue until all funds are allocated.

- Land Conservation Committee approves individual cost-share agreements and payments.
- All decisions of the Land Conservation Committee are to be considered final.