

2015
LAND AND WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
COST-SHARE PROGRAM

Purpose: To provide cost-share funds to implement the LWRM plan. The program will be reviewed and updated on an annual basis.

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. Additional practices may be added with Land Conservation Committee (LCC) approval.

Funds Available: For calendar year 2015, the preliminary allocation is \$ 42,500.00. Permanent seeding required by August 29th for establishment. After August 29th deadline, additional erosion control measures may be required. Practices must be completed by December 31st, 2015, or the landowner may request a one year extension.

Program Requirements:

- Cost-share offer shall cover at least 70% of landowner's cost for practice installation.
- 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.

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 2014 and not contracted due to lack of available funds.
 - Landowners who completed a practice the previous year as part of an overall conservation system to achieve compliance with State performance standards.
- Conservation plan:
 - Cropland to tolerable soil loss levels.
 - Develop plan for all land under applicant's ownership.
- Availability of other cost-share programs:
 - County, State and Federal cost-share programs will be considered.

Application process:

- Signup period: January 27th, 2015 until funds are depleted.
- LCC approves individual cost-share contracts and payments.