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Conservation Programming 2024

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Program	Description	NRWD Funding Support
Riparian Area Enhancement		
Riparian Area Fencing	Fencing to limit livestock access to waterways and dugouts. Does not cover perimeter fencing.	\$1.25 per foot; \$90 per corner; \$150 for solar electric fencer (75% of the cost of two-strand electric fence with 40 ft. post spacing). Max \$4,000 for waterway fencing Max \$1,000 for dugout fencing
Alternative Watering System	Renewable energy (solar, wind) pumping equipment for watering livestock for producers who have fenced off waterways and dugout.	75% NRWD: 25% landowner Max \$7,500 for alternate to waterway Max \$5,000 for alternate to dugout Max \$750 per trough
Livestock Crossings	Stream crossing for livestock intended for exclusion of livestock from waterways. Waterways must be fenced off prior to crossing installation.	75% NRWD: 25% landowner Max \$1,000
Surface Water Management		
Water Retention: Small dams	Small dam construction to reduce downstream flooding and erosion.	With direct project benefits to the landowner, the landowner will contribute 20%. With multiple benefits downstream, the NRWD may pay up to 100%. Incentive conservation agreement up to \$100 an acre.
Rain Gardens	Establishing a garden to capture water run-off from rooftops, lawns, driveways to reduce pollutants from stormwater and to restore natural infiltration.	75% NRWD: 25% landowner Max \$750
Habitat Conservation and Enhancement		
Wetland Restoration	Restoring drained or degraded wetlands on working lands by plugging surface drains.	75% NRWD: 25% landowner Incentive conservation agreement up to \$100 an acre.

Shelterbelts	Establishing shelterbelts in agricultural areas to capture moisture, provide wildlife habitat, sequester carbon, and protect soil from wind erosion.	\$100 application fee. Max \$3,000 at an average of \$5 per tree.
Buffer Zones & Grassed Waterways	Perennial grass buffers planted along fields and waterways to help stop erosion and control flooding.	NRWD will pay 100% seed cost. Incentive conservation agreement up to \$100 an acre.
Drinking Water Protection		
Abandoned Well Sealing	Sealing abandoned wells to reduce risk of groundwater contamination.	Landowner pays \$100 per well; certified proof of sealed well required for reimbursement. NRWD pays 100% of the well sealing cost up to a max of \$3,000.
Well Water Testing Program	Private well water testing for the presence of <i>E. coli</i> and coliform bacteria.	NRWD will cover the costs of pickup and delivery of samples to the lab. Cost of the sample is paid by landowner.
Prairie Watershed Climate Program (PWCP)		
Nitrogen Management	Use of Polymer Coated Urea (PCU) (increased cost only); combined nitrification and urease inhibitors or dual inhibitors; split fertilizer application; soil testing (max of \$2,500)	85% of cost
	Soil mapping; agronomic support for Nitrogen management plans	50% of cost – max of \$10,000
	Adding legumes to a crop rotation	\$35/acre
	Upgrading seeder equipment	\$200/foot – max of \$30,000
	Upgrading manure injection and incorporation equipment; offsetting high cost of synthetic fertilizer substitute (manure, compost, digestates)	Variable
Cover Cropping	Intercropping; full-season annual and/or perennial cover crops in rotation	\$35/acre
	Agronomic support for seeding	85%
Rotational Grazing	Rotational grazing infrastructure	\$18,000/quarter
	Seeding legumes	\$35/acre
	Agronomic support for a grazing management plan	50% of cost of the plan – max of \$400