

Gulf of Mexico Initiative (GoMI)

Initiative Description/Summary: The purpose of GoMI is to improve water quality, increase water conservation and enhance wildlife habitat within selected watersheds draining into the Gulf of Mexico. The initiative provides assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP), and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) as described in this guidance. Funding may also be provided through easement programs.

Approved or Participating States:

GoMI funds will be allocated to States and Counties for use in priority watersheds within identified focus areas identified below:

State	Focus Area River/Basin	Priority Watershed	12-digit HUC
Mississippi	Jourdan River	Rotten Bayou	031700091002
		Bayou LaTerre	031700091001

Eligible Counties in MS are as follows: Hancock and Harrison Counties

Approved Land Types – The following land uses are eligible for this initiative: crop, pasture, grazed range, headquarters, and wildlife.

Approved Conservation Practices:

Contracts developed under GoMI must include at least one of the applicable core practices, or must be completing a conservation system that supports core practices that are documented as already applied on the land under contract.

Core Practices for this initiative:

Practice Code	<u>Core Practices</u> Practice Name
328	Conservation Crop Rotation
340	Cover Crop
342	Critical Area Planting
554	Drainage Water Management
393	Filter Strip
410	Grade Stabilization Structure
595	Integrated Pest Management
449	Irrigation Water Management
590	Nutrient Management
528	Prescribed Grazing
329	Residue & Tillage Management, No-Till/Strip Till/Direct Seed
391	Riparian Forest Buffer
350	Sediment Basin
580	Streambank and Shoreline Protection
600	Terrace
644	Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management

Conservation Practices Eligible For Payment listed on next page:

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<u>Practice Code</u>	<u>Practice</u>
102	Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan
313	Waste Storage Facility
314	Brush Management
315	Herbaceous Weed Control
327	Conservation Cover
328	Conservation Crop Rotation
329	Residue Management-No-Till/Strip Till/Direct Seed
338	Prescribed Burning
340	Cover Crop
342	Critical Area Stabilization
350	Sediment Basin
356	Dike
362	Diversion
378	Pond
381	Silvopasture Establishment
382	Fence
386	Field Border
391	Riparian Forest Buffer
393	Filter Strip
394	Firebreak
410	Grade Stabilization Structure
412	Grassed Waterway
422	Hedgerow Planting
430	Irrigation Water Conveyance, Pipeline
441	Irrigation System, Microirrigation
442	Irrigation System, Sprinkler
443	Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface
449	Irrigation Water Management
460	Land Clearing
464	Irrigation Land Leveling
468	Lined Waterway or Outlet
484	Mulching
490	Tree/Shrub Site Preparation
511	Forage Harvest Management
512	Forage and Biomass Planting
516	Pipeline
528	Prescribed Grazing
533	Pumping Plant
554	Drainage Water Management
561	Heavy Use Area Protection
578	Stream Crossing
580	Streambank and Shoreline Protection
587	Structure for Water Control
590	Nutrient Management
600	Terrace
612	Tree/Shrub Establishment
614	Watering Facility
620	Underground Outlet
642	Water Well
644	Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management
655	Forest Trails and Landings
666	Forest Stand Improvement
717	Livestock Shade Structure