

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

2013 EQIP Signup

Minnesota Supplement for: Conservation Activity Plan
Practice 102 Comprehensive Management Plan
Practice 104 – Nutrient Management Plan – written
Practice 106 – Forest Management Plan
Practice 110 – Grazing Management Plan
Practice 114 – Integrated Pest Management Plan
Practice 118 – Irrigation Water Management Plan – written
Practice 122 – Agricultural Energy Management Plan, Headquarters – written
Practice 124 – Agricultural Energy Management Plan, Landscape – written
Practice 130 – Drainage Water Management Plan – Written
Practice 134 – Conservation Plan supporting Transition from Irrigation to Dry-land Farming Plan (only for AWEP project areas)
Practice 138 – Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition – Written
Practice 142 – Fish and Wildlife Habitat Management Plan
Practice 146 – Pollinator Habitat Enhancement Plan

Supplemental Criteria

Conservation Activity Plan:

A specialized conservation plan prepared for a conservation management unit by a certified Technical Service Provider (TSP) as authorized by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (FCEA). Financial assistance is used for eligible land of the producer to identify and record conservation treatment needs for the specialized plan. Payments to producers for EQIP conservation activity plans may not exceed 75 percent of the estimated cost incurred, except for Historically Underserved producer who can receive up to 90percent.

1. Each conservation activity plan will be supported by a single, stand-alone program contract with plan development scheduled during the first 12 months after obligation.
2. The contract expiration date in ProTracts will default to the second year of the contract (two year contract) and the expectation is that these agreements will be completed within the first year. Modification of program contracts for conservation activity plans to reschedule and allow completion of the conservation plan beyond the first year is strongly discouraged.
3. Ranking of EQIP applications associated with conservation activity plans is required.
4. Applications submitted by producers for development of conservation activity plans must be managed within a separate fund sub-account and must have the Planning “Application Type” selected in ProTracts.
5. Only one conservation activity plan contract is allowed at one time to be developed on eligible land. Eligible producers may submit applications for development of multiple conservation activity plans on differing land units.
6. **Only certified Technical Service Providers (TSPs) may be used to provide services for development of conservation activity plans.**

1. See [MN TSP Locator web site](#), Select “County” and “Category”:
7. **Under no circumstance should NRCS allow duplication of payments for the same planning services in program contracts** (i.e., contracts with both 100 series practice payments (FA) and 910 (TA) practice payments for the same planning services on the same land
8. Technical criteria and deliverables for each activity plan is found in the eFOTG, Section III.
9. Payments for Forest Management, Grazing Management, and Organic Transition should include both the Base rate and the Per acre rate.
10. Consult the **CAP Checklist** and **CAP Plan Development Criteria** located on the NRCS Technical Service Provider (TSP) webpage for specific CAP practice requirements.
 1. CAP [Checklist](#)
 2. CAP [Plan Development Criteria](#)