

# Environmental Quality Incentives Program

## 2013 EQIP Signup

Minnesota Supplement for:  
Practice Standard 342 – Critical Area Planting

### Supplemental Criteria

1. Critical Area Planting (342) must be completed following an approved establishment and management plan. Payment includes site preparation, seed, seeding, soil amendments and weed control as appropriate based on an approved plan.
2. Introduced grasses with moderate and heavy grading payment includes earthwork, grading, shaping, etc. as needed when the grading is not part of a structural practice.
3. Introduced grasses with moderate and heavy grading is not to be used on the same acres as Streambank and Shoreline Protection, Bank Shaping.
4. **Consult General Provision 15 for Ag Waste System payment cap information.**
5. Consult General Provision 16 for establishment weed control information.

### Scenarios

#### **Grass/legume mix-normal tillage**

Establishment of permanent vegetation on a site that is void or nearly void of vegetation due to a natural occurrence or a newly constructed conservation practice. Costs include seedbed preparation with typical tillage implements, grass/legume seed, companion crop, and fertilizer and lime with application.

#### **Organic Grass/legume mix-normal tillage**

Establishment of permanent vegetation on a site that is void or nearly void of vegetation due to a natural occurrence or a newly constructed conservation practice. Costs include seedbed preparation with typical tillage implements, grass/legume seed, companion crop, and fertilizer and lime with application. Certified organic seed and fertilizer based upon NOP approved fertilizer inputs will be used where available.

#### **Native seeding - normal tillage**

Establishment of permanent vegetation on a site that is void or nearly void of vegetation due to a natural occurrence or a newly constructed conservation practice. Costs include seedbed preparation with typical tillage implements, native grass seed, and fertilizer and lime with application.

#### **Grass/legume mix-moderate grading**

Establishment of permanent vegetation on a site that is void or nearly void of vegetation due to a natural or human disturbance. Costs include a dozer for grading and shaping of small gullies,

slope stabilization, and channel banks less than 4feet in height, seedbed preparation with typical tillage implements, grass/legume seed, companion crop, and fertilizer and lime with application.

### **Native seeding-moderate grading**

Establishment of permanent vegetation on a site that is void or nearly void of vegetation due to a natural or human disturbance. Costs include a dozer for grading and shaping of small gullies, slope stabilization, and channel banks less than 4feet in height, seedbed preparation with typical tillage implements, native grass seed, companion crop, and fertilizer and lime with application.

### **Grass/legume mix-heavy grading**

Establishment of permanent vegetation on a site that is void or nearly void of vegetation due to a natural or human disturbance. Costs include a dozer for grading and shaping of moderate to severe gullies, slope stabilization, and channel banks greater than 4feet in height. Cost include seedbed preparation with typical tillage implements, grass/legume seed, companion crop, and fertilizer and lime with application.

### **Native seeding-heavy grading**

Establishment of permanent vegetation on a site that is void or nearly void of vegetation due to a natural or human disturbance. Costs include a dozer for grading and shaping of moderate to severe gullies, slope stabilization, and channel banks greater than 4feet in height and seedbed preparation with typical tillage implements, grass/legume seed, companion crop, and fertilizer and lime with application.

### **Hydroseeding**

Establishment of permanent vegetation on a site that is void or nearly void of vegetation due to a natural occurrence or a newly constructed conservation practice. Costs include hydroseeding seed onto sloped site. Generally used on small sites and planned and installed on a sq ft basis.

### **Grass Plugs**

Dune and Lakeshore stabilization of critical areas with planting of beach grass plugs on 18" x 18" spacing. Used to stabilize sandy sites prone to wind and water erosion. Normally planned and installed on a per sq ft basis.