

Missouri 2010 Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) Policies

This is a summary of the conservation practices and options available for 2010 Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) financial assistance at this time. This FY10 WHIP Policy is based on the Interim Final Rule (IFR) for WHIP, published 1/16/09 in Vol. 74, No. 11 of the Federal Register, under 7 CFR Part 636.

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Planned conservation practices must be maintained for the lifespan of the practice, as indicated on the NRCS-CPA-1155 or -1156. All practices must also meet the minimum Criteria in the Conservation Practice Standard (CPS; see the Missouri eFOTG) and the criteria listed below. Extents above the minimum necessary to meet the CPS Criteria and applicable FY10 WHIP Policy are not eligible for payment. Note: Payment for some practices is only authorized when used in conjunction with another practice, as detailed in the Conservation Plan of Operation.

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327	Acre	Conservation Cover (S)			\$ 5,000.00		\$ 6,250.00	5 Years			
		Cool Season Grasses &/or Legumes	Acre	\$ 75.30		\$ 90.30					
		Warm Season Grasses &/or Legumes	Acre	\$ 144.20		\$ 173.00					
		Native Forbs for Quail Habitat	pound	\$ 25.19		\$ 30.22					
		1. Payment is for the use of native forbs as either (A) addition to a 'Warm Season Grasses &/or Legumes' option above OR (B) to interseed into an existing native grass stand.									
		Forbs for Pollinator Habitat Using Missouri Source Identified	Acre	\$ 198.80		\$ 238.50					
		1. Payment is for the use of MO Source Identified Forbs to provide pollinator habitat by either (A) adding to a 'Warm Season Grasses &/or Legumes' option above OR (B) interseeding into an existing native grass stand.									
		Forbs for Quail Habitat Using Missouri Source Identified	pound	\$ 36.38		\$ 43.65					
		1. Payment is for the use of MO Source Identified Forbs by either (A) adding to a 'Warm Season Grasses &/or Legumes' option above OR (B) interseeding into an existing native grass stand.									
		Fertilizer - Nitrogen	pound	\$ 0.37		\$ 0.56					
		Fertilizer - Phosphorus	pound	\$ 0.34		\$ 0.50					
		Fertilizer - Potash	pound	\$ 0.34		\$ 0.51					
Lime - ENM	per 100#	\$ 1.66		\$ 2.49							
1. Payment is authorized for fertilizer & lime when applied according to soil test recommendation and used in conjunction with a Conservation Cover seeding option above.											
1. Payment (not to exceed the Maximum Amount) is authorized for the establishment and maintenance of permanent vegetative cover on land being retired from agricultural use.											
2. This practice will also enhance wildlife habitat, in accordance with the <u>Additional Criteria to Enhance Wildlife Habitat</u> of the CPS.											
3. See the "Conservation Cover" conservation practice standard.											
342	Acre	Critical Area Planting (S)						10 Years			
		Cool Season Grasses (CSG) With Mulching	Acre	\$ 462.10		\$ 554.60					
		Warm Season Grasses (WSG) With Mulching	Acre	\$ 530.70		\$ 636.80					
		CSG With Companion Crop or Into Existing Residue	Acre	\$ 258.50		\$ 310.20					
		WSG With Companion Crop or Into Existing Residue	Acre	\$ 327.10		\$ 392.50					
1. See the "Critical Area Planting" conservation practice standard.											

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647	Acre	Early Successional Habitat Development/Mgmt (M)			\$ 3,500.00		\$ 5,200.00	1 Year
		Disking of perennial vegetation	Acre	\$ 22.70		\$ 34.00		
<p>1. Payment may be made up to two times per acre when needed to address the resource concern, not to exceed the Maximum Amount. 2. See MO NRCS "Early Successional Habitat Dev-Mgmt" Activity Sheet and JS-BIOL-24 Job Sheet. 3. See the "Early Successional Habitat Development/Management" conservation practice standard.</p>								
382	Feet	Fence (S)						20 Years
		Fence - Single Strand Hi-Tensile	Feet	\$ 0.62		\$ 0.75		
		1. One strand hi-tensile electric wire used as cross-fence or for exclusion barrier (temporary fence not eligible).						
		Fence - Multi Strand Permanent	Feet	\$ 1.51		\$ 1.81		
		1. Permanent, multi-strand wire (barbed or woven or hi-tensile electric or hi-tensile non-electric) used as a barrier to contain, exclude, or control livestock, wildlife, or humans.						
<p>1. This practice is only authorized when needed to exclude livestock from areas that need protection &/or control domestic livestock, while permitting wildlife movement. 2. See the "Fence" conservation practice standard.</p>								
386	Feet	Field Border (S)						10 Years
		Width - => 30 feet Using Wildlife Species	Feet	no \$				
<p>1. This practice will also provide wildlife food and cover, in accordance with the <u>Additional Criteria to Provide Wildlife Food and Cover</u> of the CPS. 2. See the MO NRCS "Field Border with Wildlife Friendly Grasses" Activity Sheet and "Field Border" conservation practice standard.</p>								
666	Acre	Forest Stand Improvement (S)			\$ 5,000.00		\$ 6,250.00	10 Years
		Forest Stand Improvement - Light	Acre	\$ 61.80		\$ 74.20		
		1. Light FSI reduces basal area by 20-29 square feet per acre, or eliminate or kill 100 to 199 (<4" diameter) trees per acre, or for woody vine control.						
		Forest Stand Improvement - Medium	Acre	\$ 71.60		\$ 85.90		
		1. Medium FSI reduces basal area by 30-40 square feet per acre, or eliminate or kill 200-400 trees per acre.						
		Forest Stand Improvement - Heavy	Acre	\$ 92.10		\$ 110.50		
		1. Heavy FSI reduces basal area by 41 or more square feet per acre, or eliminate or kill over 400 trees per acre.						
<p>1. Payment (not to exceed the Maximum Amount) is not authorized for FSI - Light/Medium/Heavy in forest stands if forest products may be removed commercially (timber, posts, or fuel wood) with forest stand improvement work. 2. This practice will also improve wildlife habitat, in accordance with the <u>Additional Criteria to Improve Wildlife Habitat</u> of the CPS. 3. See the "Forest Stand Improvement" conservation practice standard.</p>								
655	Acre	Forest Trails and Landings (S)						5 Years
		Average Slope 0 - 15 %	Acre	\$ 631.00		\$ 757.00		
		Average Slope >15%	Acre	\$ 1,037.00		\$ 1,244.00		
<p>1. Payment is authorized for the installation of forest trails and landings, and vegetated establishment using wildlife friendly grasses and legumes. 2. When only revegetating of existing forest trails and landings is needed, use 327 Conservation Cover or 342 Critical Area Planting. 3. See the "Forest Trails and Landings" conservation practice standard.</p>								
422	Feet	Hedgerow Planting (S)	Acre	no \$				15 Years
<p>1. Payment is authorized to establish wildlife travel lanes (linear plantings) that provide cover and food for wildlife and allow wildlife to move safely across a landscape. 2. This practice will also provide food, cover and corridors for wildlife, in accordance with the <u>Additional Criteria to Provide Wildlife Food and Cover</u> of the CPS. 3. See the "Hedgerow Planting" conservation practice standard.</p>								

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595	Acre	Pest Management (M) Herbaceous Species Control/Suppression	Acre	\$ 22.90	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 31.70	\$ 6,900.00	1 Year			
<p>1. Payment is available for control or suppression of herbaceous vegetation, not for site preparation activities planned for a new seeding. 2. Payment may be made up to two times per acre when needed to address the resource concern. 3. See the MO NRCS "Pest Management - Herbaceous Control/Suppression" Activity Sheet and "Pest Management" conservation practice standard.</p>											
516	Feet	Pipeline (S)						20 Years			
		Above-ground for seasonal water at point-of-use	Feet	\$ 0.64		\$ 0.77					
		Buried pipeline to convey water to point-of-use	Feet	\$ 1.81		\$ 2.17					
		Buried delivery pipe for Gravity Flow system	Feet	\$ 2.63		\$ 3.15					
		Pipeline Boring (must be used with 'Buried' option above)	Feet	\$ 63.47		\$ 76.17					
<p>1. Payment for 'Pipeline Boring' option is available for installation which includes casing, access pit & appurtenances, when directional pipeline boring under an obstruction such as roadway, stream, rock ledge, etc, is needed. 2. This option can only be used with a 'Buried' option above, where directional boring of some of the pipe length is necessary; NOT as a stand alone option.</p>											
<p>1. Payment for this practice is only available as a component of "Riparian Forest Buffer" to provide livestock water on grazing lands where an alternate water supply is being developed. 2. See the "Pipeline" conservation practice standard.</p>											
338	Acre	Prescribed Burning (M)			\$ 5,000.00		\$ 6,250.00	1 Year			
		Base Payment	Number	\$ 188.30		\$ 225.90					
		<p>1. An applicant is eligible for payment for only one Prescribed Burning 'Base Payment' rate, even if the burns are conducted at different times. 2. The 'Base Payment' is in addition to the applicable 'Grassland' per acre rate &/or the 'Woodland' per acre rate, not to exceed the Maximum Amount.</p>									
		Prescribed Burn - Grassland	Acre	\$ 16.60		\$ 19.90					
		Prescribed Burn - Woodland (>30% woody cover & >3" DBH)	Acre	\$ 43.10		\$ 51.80					
<p>1. The Prescribed Burning payment is a combination of the 'Base Payment' and the applicable Grassland &/or Woodland 'Per Acre Payment', not to exceed the Maximum Amount. 2. Payment may be made up to two times per acre when needed to address the resource concern, not to exceed the Maximum Amount.</p>											
		Patch Burning When Used with Prescribed Grazing	Acre	\$ 6.50	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 7.80	\$ 1,200.00				
<p>1. Payment is authorized only on the acres burned under this option ONLY IF the acres meet the minimum "Prescribed Grazing" standard; payment can not be combined with any other "Prescribed Burning" option on the same acres. 2. Payment may be made up to two times per acre when needed to address the resource concern, not to exceed the Maximum Amount.</p>											
<p>1. See the "Prescribed Burning" conservation practice standard.</p>											

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643	Acre	Restoration and Management of Rare or Declining Habitats (M)			\$ 5,000.00		\$ 6,250.00	5 Years		
		Prairie/Glade/Savanna Restoration Using MO Source Identified	Acre	\$ 314.60		\$ 377.50				
		1. One-time only payment is for establishing Missouri Source Identified native grasses and forbs, to restore prairie, glade or savannah herbaceous vegetation.								
		Prairie Cordgrass Restoration	Acre	\$ 149.90		\$ 179.90				
		1. One-time only payment is for the establishment of prairie cordgrass (plugs &/or rhizomes) to restore wetland prairie communities.								
		Giant Canebreak Restoration	Acre	\$ 679.20		\$ 815.10				
1. One-time only payment (includes site prep, rootballs, and backhoe planting) is for the establishment of 1-acre plots of giant cane rootballs in existing cropland, pasture or riparian areas. 2. Acres paid under the 'Giant Canebreak Restoration' option are not eligible for any "Tree/Shrub Site Preparation" payments.										
1. Practice payments for restoration &/or establishment activities can not be earned in the same fiscal year on the same acres as payment for the management activity (i.e., the habitat must be restored or established BEFORE it can be managed under any CPS). 2. See the "Restoration and Management of Rare or Declining Habitat" conservation practice standard.										
391	Acre	Riparian Forest Buffer (S)	Acre	no \$				15 Years		
1. See the "Riparian Forest Buffer" conservation practice standard.										
578	Number	Stream Crossing (S)			\$ 5,000.00		\$ 6,250.00	10 Years		
		Gravel/Stone/Rock	sq ft	\$ 1.91		\$ 2.29				
		Concrete	sq ft	\$ 4.64		\$ 5.57				
1. Payment (not to exceed the Maximum Amount) is only authorized as a component of the "Riparian Forest Buffer" conservation practice. 2. Payment is limited to fencing, gravel, crushed stone, rip-rap rock, concrete, wood materials, geotextiles, and earth work to construct and protect stream crossings, landings, and trails; financial assistance is not available for bridges. 3. Stream crossings will be constructed at the same elevation as the channel bed. 4. Applicant will acquire all COE permits and wetland determinations before practice commencement. 5. See the "Stream Crossing" conservation practice standard.										
587	Number	Structure for Water Control (S)			\$ 10,000.00		\$ 12,500.00	20 Years		
		Weir Box Structure - Pipe Diameter 15" or less	Number	\$ 1,745.00		\$ 2,094.00				
		Weir Box Structure - Pipe Diameter greater than 15"	Number	\$ 3,302.00		\$ 3,962.00				
		Stoplog Structure - Pipe Diameter 15" or less	Number	\$ 2,601.00		\$ 3,121.00				
		Stoplog Structure - Pipe Diameter greater than 15"	Number	\$ 4,606.00		\$ 5,527.00				
		Flap/Side Gate Structure - Pipe Diameter 15" or less	Number	\$ 1,485.00		\$ 1,782.00				
		Flap/Side Gate - Pipe Diameter greater than 15"	Number	\$ 3,017.00		\$ 3,620.00				
1. Payment (not to exceed the Maximum Amount) is authorized for water control structures for the purpose of management of water in a wetland unit to restore wetland values, functions and habitat, as required by the approved Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management Plan. 2. See the "Structure for Water Control" conservation practice standard.										
612	Acre	Tree/Shrub Establishment (S)			\$ 5,000.00		\$ 6,250.00	15 Years		
		Bare Root Stock (trees &/or shrubs)	number	\$ 2.08		\$ 2.49				
		Container Stock (trees)	number	\$ 15.14		\$ 18.16				
		1. The above options will include chemical, mechanical or mulch for weed control.								
		Bare Root Stock (trees &/or shrubs) Using Weed Mat & Pins	number	\$ 1.51		\$ 1.81				
		Container Stock (trees) Using Weed Mat & Pins	number	\$ 14.57		\$ 17.48				
		1. The above two options will include weed mat & landscape pins for weed control.								
		Tree/Shrub Seeds	Acre	\$ 221.50		\$ 265.80				
1. Bare Root and Container options require a minimum of three years weed control. 2. Container shrubs are eligible for payment at the 'Container Stock' Payment Rate only if used for (A) farmstead shelterbelt/windbreaks or (B) covey headquarters. 3. See the "Tree/Shrub Establishment" conservation practice standard.										

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490	Acre	Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (S)						1 Year		
		Tree/Shrub Site Prep - Chemical	Acre	\$ 16.50		\$ 19.80				
		Tree/Shrub Site Prep - Mechanical	Acre	\$ 38.70		\$ 46.40				
		Tree/Shrub Site Prep - Mechanical with Temporary Cover	Acre	\$ 72.50		\$ 87.00				
		Tree/Shrub Site Prep on Noncropland - Chemical	Acre	\$ 33.30		\$ 40.00				
<p>1. When needed, payment is authorized for one chemical and one mechanical treatment; payment is NOT authorized for more than one chemical or more than one mechanical treatment. 2. See the "Tree/Shrub Site Preparation" conservation practice standard.</p>										
660	Acre	Tree/Shrub Pruning (S)			\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,250.00	10 Years		
		Root Pruning - Stands Where Trees &/or Shrubs <15 feet tall	tree	\$ 0.51		\$ 0.61				
		Root Pruning - Stands Where Trees &/or Shrubs 15+ feet tall	tree	\$ 1.02		\$ 1.22				
<p>1. See the "Tree/Shrub Pruning" conservation practice standard.</p>										
645	Acre	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (M)			\$ 5,000.00		\$ 6,250.00	5 Years		
		Practice Bundle for Quail Habitat	Acre	\$ 1.20		\$ 1.80				
		<p>1. One-time payment is only on those acres, within each 40-acre block, that meet all the minimum habitat requirements in the crop or grass bundle, not each 40-acre block; payment may be made up to two times per acre when needed to address the resource concern.</p>								
		Perennial Food Plot	Acre	\$ 254.40		\$ 305.30				
		<p>1. One-time payment is for establishing perennial plants such as green browse or desmodium food plots to provide food & cover for wildlife, in existing cropland, grassland, or forest openings (annual grain crops are NOT eligible for this payment).</p>								
		Prairie or Old Field - Light (<30BA/ac or <200 stems/ac)	Acre	\$ 94.20		\$ 113.00				
		<p>1. One-time payment is authorized for removal of tree canopy and chemical treatment (except from non-sprouting woody species) where woody Basal Area (BA) is less than 30 BA or less than 200 stems, per acre of the field/area needing treatment.</p>								
		Prairie or Old Field - Heavy (>30BA/ac or >200 stems/ac)	Acre	\$ 381.00		\$ 457.20				
		<p>1. One-time payment is authorized for removal of tree canopy and chemical treatment (except from non-sprouting woody species) where woody BA that is greater than 30 BA or greater than 200 stems, per acre of the field/area needing treatment.</p>								
		Edgefeathering	Acre	\$ 598.00		\$ 717.60				
		<p>1. One-time payment is for cutting &/or clipping, to create &/or restore early successional shrubby cover for wildlife.</p>								
		Downed Tree Structure	Each	\$ 154.00		\$ 185.00				
		<p>1. One-time payment is to fell select trees and place in adjacent field in order to provide covey headquarters. 2. Each structure for payment must utilize well-branched trees, interlocked & placed to cover a 30' X 50' area, with sod killed prior to placement.</p>								
		Woody Cover Control - Light	Acre	\$ 63.90		\$ 76.60				
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		Woody Cover Control - Medium	Acre	\$ 73.69		\$ 88.30				
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Woody Cover Control - Heavy	Acre	\$ 168.70		\$ 202.40						
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Woody Cover Control - Very Heavy	Acre	\$ 381.00		\$ 457.20						
<p>1. Very Heavy FSI is for temporary forest openings &/or glade savanna restoration where more than 60 square feet per acre of basal area must be removed.</p>										
Permanent Forest Openings	Acre	\$ 1,172.30		\$ 1,406.80						
<p>1. One-time payment is authorized for going from an existing basal area of 70 or less, to a basal area of 0.</p>										
Loess Hills Prairie	Acre	\$ 378.70		\$ 454.40						
<p>1. One-time payment is for the removal of woody cover on river bluff landscape positions in Loess Hill Prairie acres located in Atchison, Holt, Andrew, Buchanan and Platte counties.</p>										
<p>1. Grazing may be allowed only if it improves wildlife habitat and is included in the Wildlife Habitat Management Plan. 2. See the "Upland Wildlife Habitat Management" conservation practice standard.</p>										

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614	Number	Watering Facility (S)	Number	\$ 478.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 574.00	\$ 3,000.00	20 Years
<p>1. Payment (not to exceed the Maximum Amount) is authorized when needed to provide adequate drinking water for wildlife during critical periods. 2. See the "Watering Facility" conservation practice standard.</p>								
351	Number	Well Decommissioning (S)	Number	\$ 375.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 3,000.00	20 Years
<p>1. See the "Well Decommissioning" conservation practice standard.</p>								
380	Feet	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (S)			\$ 1,500.00		\$ 2,100.00	15 Years
		Temporary Irrigation NOT Needed	Feet	\$ 0.05		\$ 0.07		
		When Temporary Irrigation IS Needed	Feet	\$ 0.74		\$ 1.12		
<p>1. Payment (not to exceed the Maximum Amount) is authorized when temporary drip-type irrigation is needed to assist in the establishment of the WHIP-assisted Windbreak at the time of planting. 2. See the MO NRCS "Windbreak Establishment with Drip Irrigation" Activity Sheet.</p>								
<p>1. Payment cannot be combined with any irrigation-related EQIP or WHIP financial assistance or any EQIP or WHIP financial assistance for water development, facilities, or pipeline (i.e., wells, tanks, hydrants, etc) if such is needed to bring water to the windbreak area. 2. Payment (not to exceed the Maximum Amount) calculation is based on the longest single row of trees established (example: a three-row planting with two rows at 250 feet each in length and a third row at 275 feet in length, uses the 275 foot length to calculate the payment amount, not the sum of all rows). 3. All plantings must be protected from grazing and destructive fire. 4. Only one Windbreak/Shelterbelt payment can be earned per calculated foot. 5. See the "Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment" conservation practice standard.</p>								
Footnotes and Acronym Information								
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CPS	<p>Conservation Practice Standard, as described in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide</p>							
M	<p>Conservation activities that generally require site-specific management techniques and/or methods and have a practice lifespan of one year; as noted in Policy for certain options, payment may be made up to two times per acre when needed to address the resource concern; otherwise this is a one-time only payment.</p>							
S	<p>Conservation practices that are either structural or vegetative, and have a multi-year lifespan. Structural practices involve the establishment, construction, or installation of site-specific measures. Vegetative practices involve the establishment or planting of site-specific vegetative measures. Payments are established as a one-time only payment, not multi-year payments.</p>							