MRBI

Mississippi River Basin Initiative

USDA NRCS
United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

Cedar Creek

Cedar Creek Watershed Project

Farmers in three subwatersheds within the Cedar Creek Watershed have the opportunity to receive **higher payment rates** on conservation practices and systems that avoid, control and trap nutrient runoff; improve wildlife habitat; and maintain agricultural productivity.

The Cedar Creek Watershed is located in the upper end of the North Raccoon River Watershed, mostly in Pocahontas County and small sections of Buena Vista, Palo Alto and Clay Counties.

The project is part of the Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watersheds Initiative (MRBI). The goal of MRBI is to reduce nutrient loading in the Mississippi River Basin, which contributes to both local water quality problems and the hypoxic zone in the Gulf of Mexico.

Approximately 86 percent of the Cedar Creek Watershed is row crop production. Runoff moves faster than ever from fields into drainage networks, increasing peak flows and reducing filtering opportunities.

Thus, the priority resource concern of the project is the loss and leaching of nitrogen and phosphorus from agricultural land. Other concerns include sheet and rill erosion and water quality.

This MRBI project will be offered now through fiscal year 2014. To enroll, applicants must meet the minimum eligibility requirements of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). **Eligible practices and payment rates are listed on the back page.**

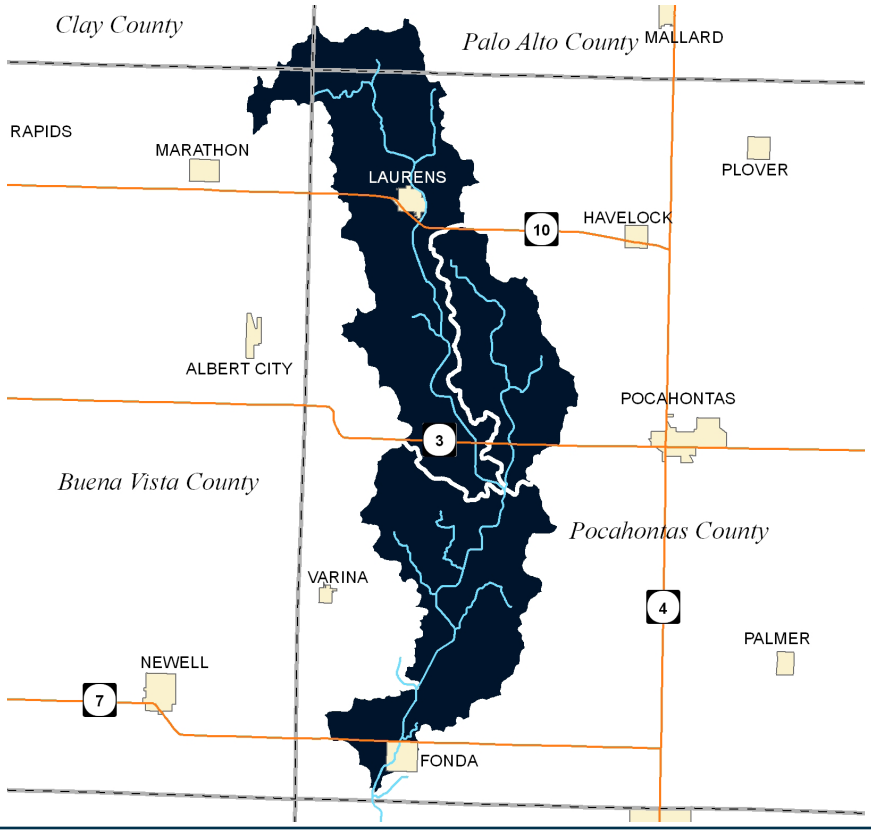
For more information about the Cedar Creek Watershed Project and MRBI, contact the Pocahontas Field Office:

600 W. Elm Ave.
Pocahontas, IA 50574
Phone: 712-335-4790

Farmers in the following Cedar Creek Subwatersheds may be eligible for MRBI funding:

- Headwaters Cedar Creek
- Drainage Ditch 21 - Cedar Creek
- Drainage Ditch 74 - Cedar Creek

Stop by the Pocahontas field office if you farm in this area!



MRBI
Mississippi River Basin Initiative

USDA NRCS
United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

Cedar Creek

Project Partners:
Pocahontas Soil and Water Conservation District
Buena Vista Soil and Water Conservation District
Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Prairie Partners Resource Conservation and Development
Agriculture's Clean Water Alliance
Iowa Soybean Association
Landowners and Producers

Cedar Creek Watershed Project
MRBI Core Conservation Practice and Payment List

Practice	**Payment Rate** (Additional technical and financial assistance may be available from the MRBI project partners.)
Cover Crop	$32 - $79/acre (up to three years)
Denitrifying Bioreactor	$5,999
Monitoring and Evaluation	$4,687 (annual payment)
Nutrient Management	$2.66 - $30/acre (up to three years)
Nutrient Management Plan Written	$1,800 - $3,840
Residue & Tillage Management, No-till/Strip-till	$22 - $45/acre (up to three years)

Cover Crops

No-till

Denitrifying Bioreactor

Nutrient Management

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.