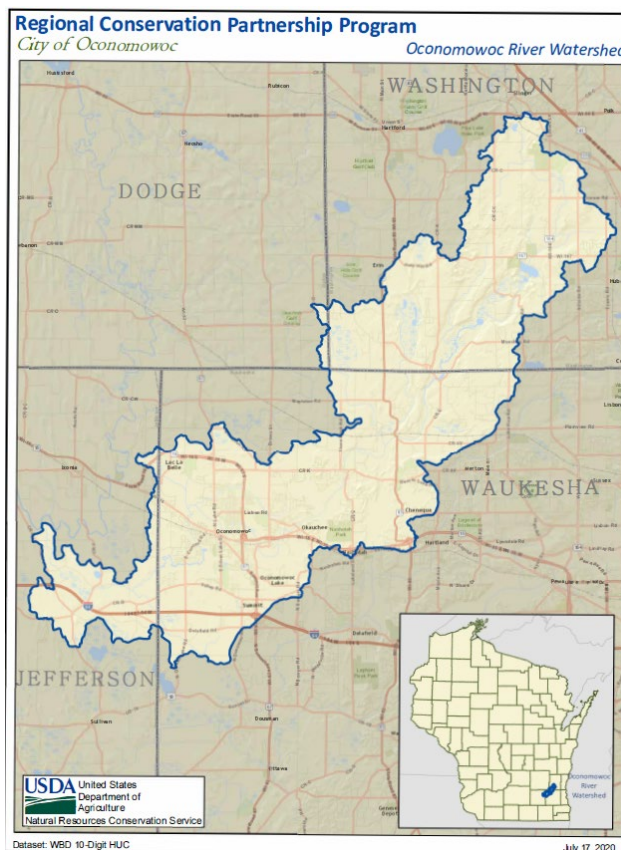


City of Oconomowoc: Oconomowoc River Watershed Water Quality and Soil Loss Improvements – 2018 FB RCPP Project #2131 (State/MS)

Project Description/Summary:

The Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) is a partnership that leverages capabilities and resources, targets assistance where it is most needed, cooperatively engages project partners, and works collaboratively with agriculture producers, forest land managers, and Tribes. The main goal of the project is to improve water quality within and downstream of the Oconomowoc River Watershed. The Oconomowoc River is a tributary of the Rock River which is impaired and identified on the EPA 303 (d) list for total suspended solids (TSS) and total phosphorus (TP). The Oconomowoc River Watershed also contains several surface waters which are impaired including Flynn, Battle and Mason Creeks. In addition, there are five 303(D) listed lakes: Friess, North, Okauchee, Oconomowoc, and Lac La Belle in the watershed. The City of Oconomowoc will be leading this project by working with producers and many other partners to improve water quality. A secondary objective is reduction of soil loss. Since TSS and TP improvements are related to solids in their fate and transport, a reduction in soil loss from producer fields will be necessary to improve the water quality in the watershed and in the Rock River. By achieving consistent reductions in phosphorus, the economic and social viability will be protected and sustained for the long term throughout the urban and suburban areas of the watershed. In particular, water quality throughout the watershed will be improved to allow for healthy fisheries, successful and sustainable agricultural operations, quality casual recreational uses of water and adjacent natural landscapes, sustained and improved property values, and the overall enhancements to quality of life.

Approved project scope (Oconomowoc River 10-digit HUC):



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Eligible Land Management and Rental Producer Contract Land Uses:

Crop, Farmstead, Forest, Pasture, and Associated Ag Land

Eligible Resource Concern Categories:

Aquatic Habitat, Concentrated Erosion, Field Sediment, Nutrient and Pathogen Loss, and Wind and Water Erosion

Eligible Land Management and Rental Practices:

The Schedule of Operations must include at least one of the applicable priority practices, or must be completing a conservation system that supports priority practices that are documented as already implemented on the land proposed in the application and identified in the CART assessment.

Practice Code and Name	Priority and Core, Core, or Supporting Practice
327 Conservation Cover	Priority
329 Residue Management, No-Till	Priority
330 Contour Farming	Priority
332 Contour Buffer Strips	Priority
340 Cover Crop	Priority
342 Critical Area Planting	Priority
362 Diversion	Priority
382 Fence	Priority
386 Field Borders	Priority
391 Riparian Forested Buffer	Priority
393 Filter Strips	Priority
412 Grassed Waterway	Priority
528 Prescribed Grazing	Priority
561 Heavy Use Protection	Priority
612 Tree/Shrub Planting	Priority

Supporting practices are eligible, as needed, so long as they benefit a project priority practice, as noted above, AND benefits one or more of the projects resource concern categories.

Application Processing:

RCPP is a stand-alone program and requires its own NRCS-1200 application separate from other NRCS FA programs. All 2018 Farm Bill (FB) RCPP applications will be continuously accepted and signup cut off dates will be publicly announced each year. For Land Management and Rental producer contracts the NRCS-1200 Application for Assistance will be marked "RCPP". For NRCS-CPA-1200s version 03/2019 the words "2131 LM" will be hand written near the RCPP checked box.

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2. This is an application to participate in the:

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA)
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) <input type="checkbox"/> CSP Renewal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) <input type="checkbox"/> EQIP 2131 LM <input type="checkbox"/> CSP

For NRCS-CPA-1200s version 10/2021 follow NB 300-22-8 write in box 2a "2131 LM"

2. Interested in participating in the following (select all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Conservation Easement Program-Wetland Reserve Easement (ACEP-WRE) | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) | |

a) Program enrollment type, activity type, and/or project name, as applicable:

2131 LM or Oconomowoc LM

2018 FB RCPP applications will be managed through Conservation Desktop, not ProTracts. Follow additional guidance and process step documents. USDA Financial Assistance Eligibility will need to be determined manually with the Farm Service Agency's Subsidiary Report.

Workload Prioritization:

There will not be a workload prioritization tool for the Oconomowoc project.

Ranking Criteria:

Improving the projects target resource concern criteria

Support conservation on protected Ag (e.g. ag land easements)

Reducing Phosphorus in the lower 1/3 of the watershed

- Lac La Belle
- North Lake to Lac La Belle Chain
- Upstream of North Lake

Proximity to the surface waters and water quality adaptive management point of compliance for the City of Oconomowoc

Priority Practice implementation

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