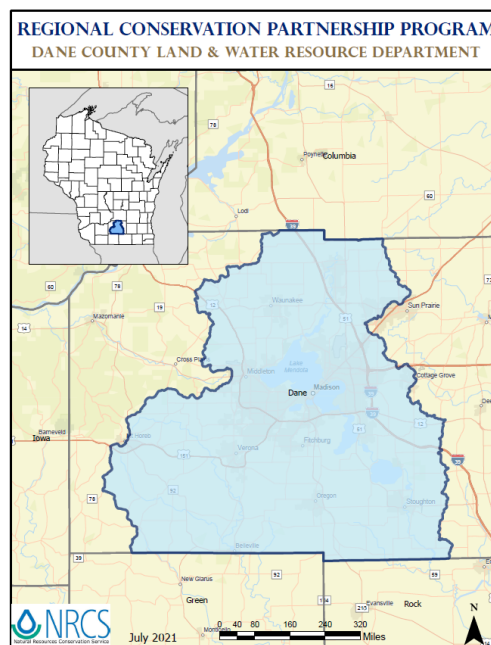


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Project Description/Summary:

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. This project focuses on the Yahara and Upper Sugar Rivers in Dane County, Wisconsin. The goal is to reduce phosphorus loss from cropland, especially during late winter and early spring, and improve soil health. The project is also expected to increase the organizational effectiveness of the three producer-led watershed groups in the project area.

Approved project scope, Yahara and Sugar Rivers in Dane County:



Eligible Land Management Producer Contract Land Uses:

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

Eligible Resource Concern Categories:

Aquatic Habitat, Field sediment, Nutrient, and Pathogen Loss, Terrestrial Habitat, and Weather Resilience

Eligible Land Management Practices:

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

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Code	Practice Name	Priority Practice
329	Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till	Priority
340	Cover Crops	Priority
512	Pasture and Hayland Planting	Priority
528	Prescribed Grazing	Priority
311	Alley Cropping	
313	Waste Storage Structure	
317	Composting Facility	
327	Conservation Cover	
328	Conservation Crop Rotation	
330	Contour Farming	
332	Contour Buffer strips	
342	Critical Area Planting	
350	Sediment Basin	
360	Waste Storage Closure	
362	Diversion	
367	Roofs and Covers	
381	Silvopasture	
382	Fence	
386	Field Border	
391	Riparian Forested Buffer	
393	Filter Strips	
410	Grade Stabilization Structure	
412	Grassed Waterway	
468	Lined Waterway or Outlet	
472	Access Control	
484	Mulching	
490	Tree/Shrub Site Preparation	
500	Obstruction Removal	
516	Livestock Pipeline	
520	Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Soil Treatment	
521	Pond Sealing or Lining, Geomembrane or Geosynthetic Clay Liner	
522	Pond Sealing or Lining, Concreate	
533	Pumping Plant	
558	Roof Runoff Structure	
560	Access Road	
561	Heavy Use Protection	
572	Spoil Spreading	
575	Animal Trails and Walkways	
576	Livestock Shelter Structure	
578	Stream Crossing	
580	Streambank and Shoreline Protections	
582	Open Channel	
585	Stripcropping	

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587	Structure for Water Control	
590	Nutrient Management	
600	Terrace	
606	Subsurface Drain	
612	Tree/Shrub Establishment	
614	Watering Facility	
620	Underground Outlet	
632	Waste Separation Facility	
634	Waste Storage Transfer	
635	Vegetated Treatment Area	
638	Water and Sediment Control Basin	
642	Water Well	
657	Wetland Restoration	
782	Phosphorus Removal System	

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 “2512 LM” will be hand written near the RCPP checked box.

2. This is an application to participate in the:

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA)
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<input type="checkbox"/> CSP Renewal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)
<input type="checkbox"/> EQIP 2512 LM
<input type="checkbox"/> CSP

For NRCS-CPA-1200s version 10/2021 follow NB 300-22-8 write in box 2a “2512 Dane County LWRD RCPP”

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

2512 Dane County LWRD RCPP

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.

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Workload Prioritization:

The project will use a workload prioritization tool to quickly identify applications that will receive a high-ranking score. In general, High priority applications will address the project’s resource concerns by using the core and priority practices.

Partner Responsibilities:

Dane County LWRD is responsible for project promotion, outreach, and education. A Supplemental Agreement provides Dane County LWRD with funds to carry out conservation planning, design, and project check-out. The NRCS will assist as needed, especially performing ranking, approving NEPA, managing contracts, and completing contract payments.

Ranking Criteria:

The ranking criteria will be written to favor applications meeting project objectives, such as soil health, phosphorus reduction in surface water, and soil loss improvements.

Survey: Program Questions

Section: Program - WI - 2512 Dane LWRD RCPP v22		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
PQ1: This application includes at least one priority practice (see hover text).	YES	75
	NO	0
PQ2: The applicant has worked with a conservation planner through the conservation process to the extent that;	all implementation requirements or designs for all activities included in the application are complete and final.	75
	at least 1 practice in the application has an implementation requirement or design that is complete and final.	50
	no implementation requirements or designs are complete and final.	0
Where is the participant's progress in obtaining permits to complete the project?	The project does not require permits.	12
	The project requires permits and the participant has all final permits in hand.	12
	The project requires permits and the participant has applied for all required permits.	6
	The project requires permits and the participant has not applied for all required permits.	0

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Survey: Resource Questions

Section: Resource - WI - 2512 Dane LWRD - RCPP v22		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
RQ1: What percentage of the land being addressed by practices is internally drained?	0-25% internally drained	75
	26-50% internally drained	50
	51-75% internally drained	25
	76-100% internally drained	10

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