

Plan of Operations for the Village of Plover Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)-Little Plover River Watershed Project

Through RCPP, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) offers financial assistance to agricultural producers to implement on-farm conservation practices. Eligible land is determined by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and is based on an identified resource concern. Eligible producers may apply for financial assistance on conservation practices that will address the identified resource concerns in the project area.

Eligible Project Area: Producers located within the defined Little Plover River watershed project area are eligible to participate in the project’s EQIP sign-up. At least 50% of the application area must be within the project boundaries to be eligible for financial assistance consideration through the RCPP-EQIP sign-up.

Eligible Practices and Payment Rates: Listed below are the practices eligible for the project. Practice payment rates are posted in the [NRCS Payment Schedule website](#).

Core Conservation Practices

314	Brush Management
327	Conservation Cover
328	Conservation Crop Rotation
340	Cover Crop
647	Early Successional Habitat Development and Management
386	Field Border
512	Forage and Biomass Planting
666	Forest Stand Improvement
412	Grassed Waterway
315	Herbaceous Weed Control
595	Integrated Pest Management
449	Irrigation Water Management
590	Nutrient Management
528	Prescribed Grazing
329	Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till
580	Streambank and Shoreline Protection
395	Stream Habitat Improvement and Management
612	Tree/Shrub Establishment
351	Water Well Decommissioning
657	Wetland Restoration

Supporting Conservation Practices

326	Clearing and Snagging
342	Critical Area Planting
382	Fence
394	Firebreak

512	Forage and Biomass Planting
561	Heavy Use Area Protection
530	Irrigation Pipeline
516	Livestock Pipeline
484	Mulching
500	Obstruction Removal
338	Prescribed Burning
533	Pumping Plant
572	Spoil Spreading
442	Sprinkler System
578	Stream Crossing
570	Stormwater Runoff Control
587	Structure for Water Control
606	Subsurface Drain
575	Trails and Walkways
490	Tree/Shrub Site Preparation
620	Underground Outlet
614	Watering Facility
384	Woody Residue Treatment

Eligible Land Uses: The following land uses are potentially eligible:

- Crop
- Pasture
- Forest
- Associated Ag Land

Eligible Resource Concern Categories:

- Aquatic habitat
- Concentrated erosion
- Degraded plant condition
- Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss
- Soil quality limitations
- Source water depletion
- Terrestrial habitat
- Wind and water erosion

Application Period: Applications may be taken at any time and those received by announced NRCS-WI batching dates will be evaluated for funding consideration.

Interested applicants may apply in person at the Steven Point Service Center, 4949 Kirschling Ct, Stevens Point, WI 54481. Applicants may also request EQIP assistance by telephone, FAX, e-mail, letter, or Conservation Client Gateway.

Funding Pools: Applications will be placed in the Little Plover River Watershed Project fund pool.

Ranking: Scoring of all applications will be done according to the ranking established in the Conservation Assessment and Ranking Tool (CART).

Funding: NRCS will allocate the available RCPP-EQIP funds based on the numerical ranking system in CART. Applications will be selected for plan development and contracted in ranked order according to the ranking score, as funds allow. If there are insufficient funds available to fund an application, applications not selected for contracting will be deferred to the next EQIP application ranking period.