



SUBJECT: Wisconsin RCPP-CSP: Milwaukee River Watershed Conservation Partnership

Background: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), in partnership with the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), has announced a multi-year project to improve water quality in the Milwaukee River. Through the RCPP-Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), NRCS Wisconsin will assist the effort by working with partners and clients to improve water quality by implementing conservation activities on private lands.

EXPLANATION:

Applications:

Eligible applications received by announced batching dates will be considered for RCPP-CSP funding. Applications will be loaded to ProTracts as soon as possible using the RCPP-CSP Milwaukee River Watershed Conservation Partnership account. Only one account, for Ag only, will be available for this project.

Please refer to the NRCS-WI RCPP web site and SharePoint calendar for program deadlines.

Eligible Land Uses:

Crop
Farmstead
Pasture
Associated Ag Land

Targeted Resource Concerns:

Water Quality Degradation
Soil Erosion
Soil Quality Degradation
Degraded Plant Condition
Fish and Wildlife Habitat

Required Activities:

While all NRCS-WI approved CSP practices, enhancements and bundles will be available for this project, **at least one** enhancement, practice, or bundle benefitting the the goals of the project will be required in the application to be eligible for this project. Practices, enhancements, or bundles that benefit Water Quality Degradation (Surface Water), Soil Erosion, or Soil Quality



Degradation may be used to meet this requirement. NRCS-WI planning criteria will be utilized as appropriate.

The RCPP-CSP CAET will be utilized and the Milwaukee River Evaluation Set should be chosen to assess these applications.

Ranking Criteria:

The ranking of applications will be done according to the application ranking document posted on the Wisconsin NRCS RCPP website for this project. All rankings will be conducted in ProTracts. In the event of application ranking score ties, the application that has the higher tracking code (i.e. random number generated in ProTracts) will receive funding priority. Tracking codes will only be assigned by the NRCS-WI state office.