

## **Liberty County Soil Health Targeted Implementation Plan (TIP) Modification Summary**

**Background:** The Liberty County Soil Health TIP was developed late 2020 and early 2021. The TIP was a comprehensive approach to improve soil health using a full suite of practices. Such practices included (328) Conservation Crop Rotation, (329) No-till Residue and Tillage Management, (340) Cover Crop, (590) Nutrient Management, and (645) Upland Wildlife Management. The Upland Wildlife Management practice mandated harvest management of small grains in a manner that maintained 18” of stubble to benefit soil health as well as provide cover for wildlife. The TIP was approved for roll-out beginning fiscal year 2022.

**Problem:** Since the TIP was authored, an Interim Practice Standard (809) Conservation Harvest Management is now being piloted and clearly defines and outlines language related to the harvest of small grain crops with the purpose of improving soil health. This Interim Practice Standard is more directly tied to the primary purpose of the Liberty County Soil Health TIP than the 645 Practice Standard.

**Modification solution:** The Liberty County Soil Health TIP has been written to include this Interim Practice Standard in place of the 645 Upland Wildlife Management. The payment schedule for the 2022 practices have been released, and were used to update the costs for the example scenario of a contract funded through this TIP. The projected ask for the TIP has been modified to reflect 2022 practice payment amounts.