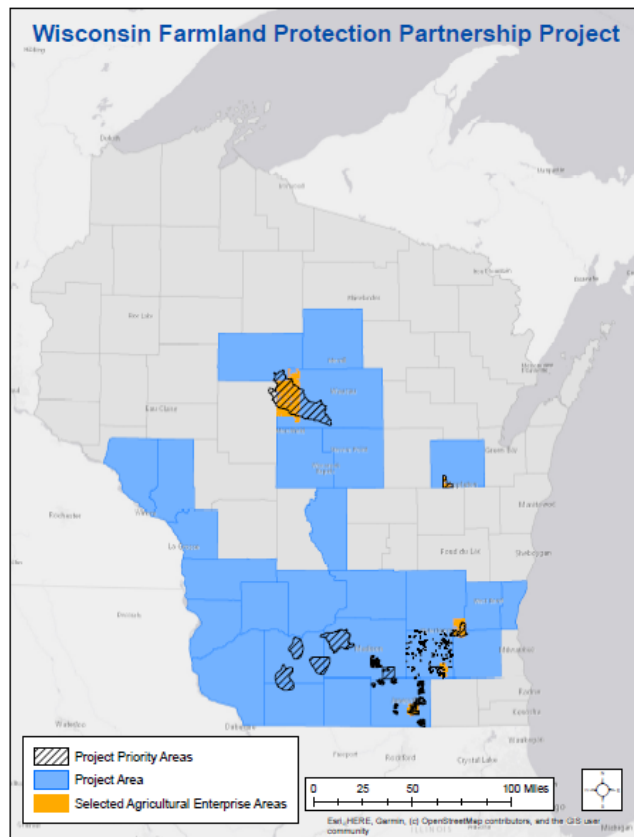


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Project Description/Summary:

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. The adoption of project eligible conservation practices will improve soil health on permanently protected land. Case studies of farms will be developed that quantify the beneficial environmental and economic outcomes, equipping farmland protection partners with metrics and tangible examples they can share with landowners to increase conservation practice adoption on land protected from conversion to non-agriculture uses.

Approved project scope:



Eligible Land Management and Rental Producer Contract Land Uses:

Crop, Pasture, Forested, Associated Ag Land

Eligible Resource Concern Categories:

Soil Quality Limitations

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Eligible Land Management and Rental Practices:

The Schedule of Operations must include at least one of the applicable practices.

Practice Code and Name
110 Grazing Management Conservation Plan Activity 1/
159 Grazing Management Design DIA
311 Alley Cropping
327 Conservation Cover
328 Conservation Crop Rotation
329 Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till
332 Contour Buffer Strips
340 Cover Crop
380 Windbreak and Shelterbelt Establishment
381 Silvopasture
382 Fence
386 Field Borders
391 Riparian Forested Buffer
393 Filter Strip
484 Mulching
490 Tree and Shrub Site Preparation
512 Pasture and Hayland Planting
516 Livestock Pipeline
528 Prescribed Grazing
533 Pumping Plant
561 Heavy Use Protection
612 Tree and Shrub Establishment
614 Watering Facility
642 Water Well

1/ CPA 110 is typically the only activity needed to have a grazing plan to qualify for implementation. CPA 159 should never be contracted alone without already having an equivalent 110 CPA Grazing Management Plan

Rental Activity Payments:

There is no Rental Activity eligible for this project.

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 10/2021 follow NB 300-22-8 write in box 2a "2329 LM"

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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:

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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:

Follow the approved Workload Prioritization Tool for the AFT RCPP #2329 project. All High Priority applications will be ranked. We will not rank applications that screen below a High.

Ranking Criteria:

Ranking Criteria will prioritize applications presented by the lead partner as a bundle, historically underserved participants, application of soil health practices on land that is already protected by easement or other permanent protection, and applications in project priority areas.

Survey: Program Questions

Section: Program - WI - 2329 AFT RCPP v23		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
PQ1: Is this application part of a Bundle provided to the agency by American Farmland Trust?	YES	50
	NO	0
PQ2: The applicant has marked on the NRCS-CPA-1200 that they are a Historically Underserved participant.	YES	20
	NO	0
PQ3: Is the land this schedule of operations will be implemented already protected through an easement or through land ownership by a conservation organization?	Land is already under permanent protection by an easement or other method (does not include CRP), or is in the process of being protected by an easement or purchase that would permanently protect the land.	94
	Land is not protected and there are no plans in the process to permanently protect the land.	0

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Survey: Resource Questions

Section: Resource - WI - 2329 AFT - RCPP v23		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
RQ1: A majority of the application area is the SE Wisconsin Fox River watershed or Lowery Creek in Iowa County. *	75% or greater of the project area is within a priority area	200
	Otherwise	0

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