

Conservation Implementation Strategy Project

Minnehaha Sustainable Agriculture Initiative



This Project At-A-Glance

Partners

Minnehaha Conservation District (CD)

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The Conservation Implementation Strategy (CIS) is a new phased-in approach to deliver conservation programs to farmers and ranchers across South Dakota. Funding for CIS comes through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP). Funding and support from other agencies and groups can be leveraged and coordinated to focus on mutual issues of the highest priority.

Background

The Minnehaha Sustainable Agriculture Initiative (MSAI) seeks to aid producer success through the use of conservation practices that will extend the growing season, reduce weather strain, and address resource concerns (resource concerns and practices found on reverse).

Regular communication will be had with the participants to track plant and soil health progress, as well as provide information and guidance.

Targeted Area

The MSAI will focus on lands in Northeastern Minnehaha County (East of Interstate 29 and North of Highway 42) for the program years of 2022-2024. Soil quality, impact of urban expansion, and other factors were evaluated throughout the county. Due to its number of areas with multiple factors needing attention, this section was decided as a priority location to begin addressing.

Application Priorities

- Applicant is interested in implementing one or more conservation practices.

- Applicant is in the described target area.
- Applicant is within two miles of a waterway.
- Applicant is within four miles of urban development.

Application Requirements

- Conservation Program Application Form NRCS-CPA-1200.
- Obtained by contacting a listed individual.
- Meets eligibility requirements.
- Individuals will be contacted if more information is needed.

Application Deadline

- October 22, 2021

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Resource Concern(s): Degraded plant quality (plant productivity and health); soil quality limitations (organic matter depletion); wind and water erosion (sheet and rill, wind erosion); and pest pressure (plant pest pressure).

Core Practices	Supporting Practices
High Tunnel (325)	Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till (345)
Cover Crops (340)	Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till (329)
Filter Strips (393)	Pest Management Conservation System (595)
	Critical Area Planting (342)
	Nutrient Management (590)
	Conservation Cover (327)

Time Table of Project

- **October 22, 2021 - Batching Date Deadline**

