

Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

Wisconsin GLRI-EQIP Nearshore Health Sign-Up

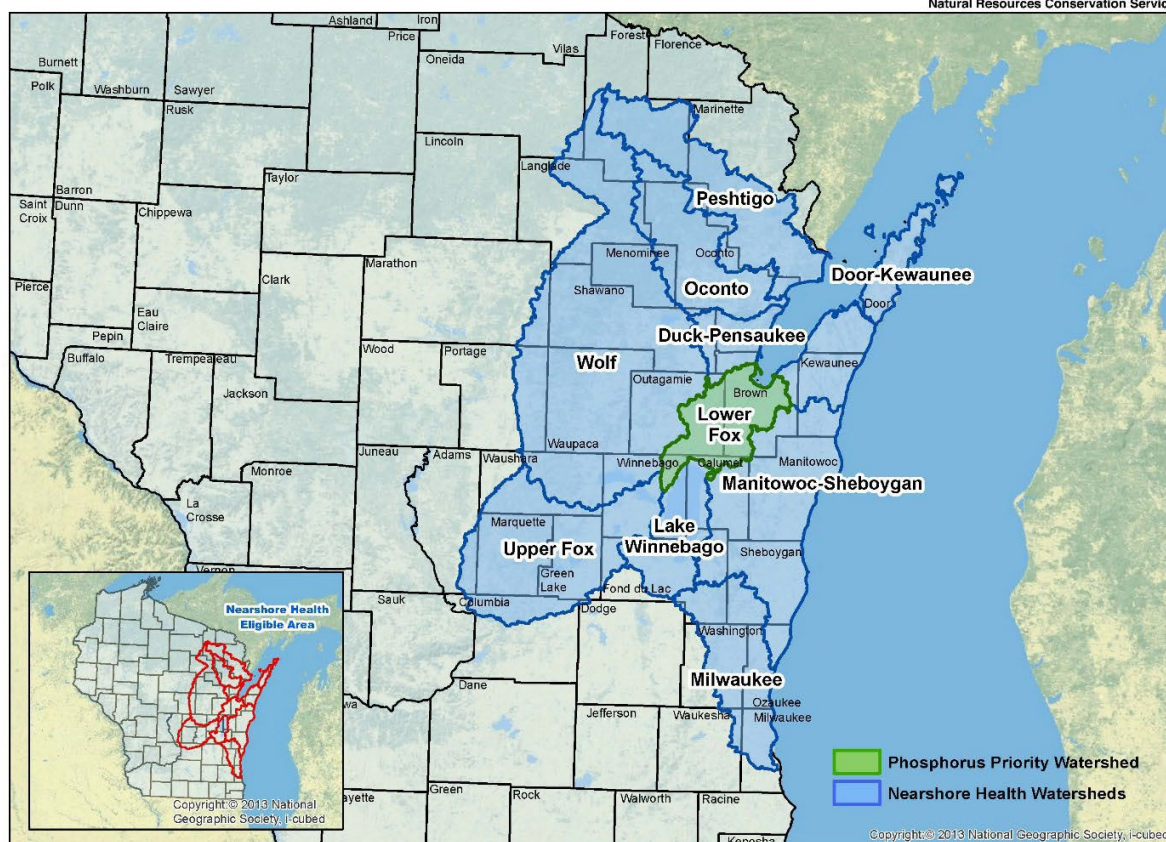
Plan of Operations

2023/2024

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 for conservation practices that will address the identified resource concerns.

Eligible Watershed Areas:

Wisconsin GLRI Nearshore Health Watersheds



Eligible watersheds include:

- Door-Kewaunee
- Lower Fox
- Manitowoc-Sheboygan
- Milwaukee
- Oconto
- Duck-Pensaukee
- Peshtigo
- Upper Fox
- Winnebago
- Wolf

The Lower Fox HUC12 is considered a GLRI Phosphorus Priority watershed.

The Watershed Boundary Dataset (WBD) is the delineation used to identify the watershed boundaries.

Eligible Practices and Payment Rates:

See the documents posted on the [Wisconsin NRCS GLRI website](#) for the list of eligible conservation practices. Practice payment rates are posted in the [NRCS Payment Schedule website](#). Applicants who certify they are a Beginning Farmer, Limited Resource Farmer or a Socially Disadvantaged Farmer are eligible to receive a higher practice payment rate.

Payment limits will be the same as those established for the Wisconsin EQIP General sign-up.

Application Period:

EQIP applications are accepted on a continuous basis throughout the year. The GLRI-EQIP Nearshore Health sign-up period deadlines are posted on the [Wisconsin NRCS EQIP website](#). All eligible applications received by the close of business of these dates will be evaluated for funding consideration. Interested agricultural producers may apply in person, by telephone, fax, email, or letter at the local USDA Service Center. The location and contact information for local NRCS Service Centers can be found on the [USDA Service Center Locator](#).

Fund Pools:

The following fund pools will be established for the GLRI-EQIP 23/24 Nearshore Health sign-up:

- FY23 GLRI-Nearshore Health 23/24
- FY24 GLRI-Nearshore Health 23/24

Applications for Conservation Planning Activities (CPA), Design and Implementation Activities (DIA), and Conservation Evaluation and Monitoring Activities (CEMA) will follow Wisconsin EQIP contracting guidance for merging or separating activities in contracts.

A separate application form (i.e. NRCS-CPA-1200) does not need to be submitted if the applicant already has an existing unfunded, current-year application for EQIP.

Eligible Resource Concerns:

Addressing surface water quality resource concerns in the Great Lakes Restoration Area through the implementation of conservation systems utilizing core conservation practices is considered a priority for the GLRI-EQIP Nearshore Health sign-up and is reflected in the application ranking tool. Eligible resource concern categories include:

- Aquatic habitat
- Concentrated erosion
- Field pesticide loss
- Field sediment, nutrient, and pathogen loss
- Soil quality limitations
- Storage and handling of pollutants
- Wind and water erosion

Eligible Practices:

GLRI Nearshore Core Practices	
Practice Code	Practice Name
101	CNMP Design and Implementation Activity
102	Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan
110	Grazing Management Plan
116	Soil Health Management Plan
157	Nutrient Management Design and Implementation Activity
159	Grazing Management Design and Implementation Activity
161	Pest Management Conservation System Design and Implementation Activity
162	Soil Health Management Design and Implementation Activity
163	Irrigation Water Management Design
164	Improved Management of Drainage Water Design
199	Conservation Plan
216	Soil Health Testing
226	Waste Facility Site Suitability Feasibility Assessment

227	Evaluation of Existing Waste Storage Facility Components
313	Waste Storage Facility
327	Conservation Cover
328	Conservation Crop Rotation
329	Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till
330	Contour Farming
332	Contour Buffer Strips
340	Cover Crop
342	Critical Area Planting
345	Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till
350	Sediment Basin
362	Diversion
380	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment & Renovation
381	Silvopasture*
386	Field Border
391	Riparian Forest Buffer
393	Filter Strip
412	Grassed Waterway
528	Prescribed Grazing
554	Drainage Water Management
561	Heavy Use Area Protection
582	Open Channel
585	Strip-cropping
590	Nutrient Management
605	Denitrifying Bioreactor
612	Tree/Shrub Establishment
620	Underground Outlet
656	Constructed Wetland
657	Wetland Restoration
782	Phosphorous Removal System

GLRI Nearshore Supporting Practices	
Practice Code	Practice Name
309	Agrichemical Handling Facility
314	Brush Management
315	Herbaceous Weed Treatment
316	Animal Mortality Facility
317	Composting Facility
326	Clearing and Snagging
334	Controlled Traffic Farming
338	Prescribed Burning
351	Well Decommissioning

360	Waste Facility Closure
366	Anaerobic Digester
367	Roofs and Covers
382	Fence
394	Firebreak
396	Aquatic Organism Passage
410	Grade Stabilization Structure
430	Irrigation Pipeline
442	Sprinkler System
449	Irrigation Water Management
468	Lined Waterway or Outlet
472	Access Control
484	Mulching
490	Tree/Shrub Site Preparation
500	Obstruction Removal
512	Pasture and Hayland Planting
516	Livestock Pipeline
520	Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Soil Treatment
521	Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membrane
522	Pond Sealing or Lining, Concrete
527	Sinkhole Treatment
533	Pumping Plant
558	Roof Runoff Structure
560	Access Road
570	Stormwater Runoff Control
572	Spoil Disposal
574	Spring Development
575	Trails and Walkways
578	Stream Crossing
580	Streambank and Shoreline Protection
584	Channel Bed Stabilization
587	Structure for Water Control
595	Pest Management Conservation System
600	Terrace
603	Herbaceous Wind Barriers
606	Subsurface Drain
614	Watering Facility
632	Waste Separation Facility
634	Waste Transfer
635	Vegetated Treatment Area
638	Water and Sediment Control Basin
642	Water Well
666	Forest Stand Improvement

*Silvopasture (381) is only eligible for Nearshore Health funding in situations where it is included in a conservation plan to convert row crop acres to a managed grazing system. It is not eligible to add trees to an existing perennial pasture system.

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 GLRI-EQIP Nearshore Health 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. GLRI funds shall not be combined with funds from any other fund pool within a contract.

Contract Length:

Contracts obligated with GLRI-Nearshore Health 23/24 may not be written with an expiration date later than December 31, 2029.