Increased Financial Assistance for Source Water Protection

Working lands can be key to protecting clean drinking water We can help!

Agriculture is a vital part of our infrastructure and so is our drinking water. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is working to prioritize land and water conservation practices on private working lands. These practices provide many benefits, including protecting public and private drinking water supplies.

Farmers and landowners in any of the priority watersheds shown on the map may be eligible to receive increased financial assistance from the following Farm Bill conservation programs:

United States Department of Agriculture

- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
- Regional Conservation
 Partnership Program (RCPP)

NRCS NJ is providing 10 percent of Farm Bill program funding for this initiative and is now accepting SWP applications.

Eligible conservation practices may address groundwater or surface water protection, or both. A list of eligible practices is shown to the right.

Farmers who implement these conservation practices within the priority watersheds can receive an additional 15% payment incentive rate.

NRCS field office staff can assist in determining if your application is eligible for SWP priority area financial assistance.

To view an interactive version of this map, use the following link, <u>https://bit.ly/3Bx3DJs</u>.





Financial and Technical Assistance

Core Practices

Access Control Agrichemical Handling Facility Alley Cropping Animal Mortality Facility Aquatic Organism Passage Composting Facility Conservation Cover **Conservation Crop Rotation** Contour Buffer Strips Contour Farming Contour Orchard and Other Perennial Crop **Critical Area Planting** Cross Wind Trap Strips Diversion Drainage Water Management Field Border Filter Strip Forest Stand Improvement Grade Stabilization Structure Grassed Waterway Heavy Use Area Protection Hedgerow Planting Herbaceous Wind Barrier Irrigation Tailwater Lined Waterway or Outlet Mulchina Nutrient Management On Farm Secondary Containment Pest Management Prescribed Burning Prescribed Grazing **Riparian Forest Buffer Riparian Herbaceous Cover** Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment Row Arrangement Sediment Basin Silvopasture Establishment Stream Crossing Streambank and Shoreline Protection Strip Cropping Structure for Water Control Terrace Trails and Walkways Tree/Shrub Establishment Vegetated Treatment Area Vegetative Barrier Waste Facility Closure Waste Recycling Waste Storage Facility Waste Treatment Water and Sediment Control Basin Well Decommissioning Wildlife Habitat Planting Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment and Renovation

(Supporting Practices listed on back)



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Supporting Practices

Access Road Fence Firebreak Pasture and Hay Planting Fuel Break Herbaceous Weed Livestock Pipeline Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Soil Treatment Pond Sealing or Lining -Geomembrane or Geosynthetic Clay l iner Roof Runoff Structure Roofs & Covers Spring Development Tree/Shrub Pruning Underground Outlet Water Well Watering Facility



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