

NEW in 2018 FARM BILL

Increased Financial Assistance for Source Water Protection (SWP)

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The 2018 Farm Bill provides a new opportunity for farmers and landowners to receive 75 percent financial assistance rates for key water quality practices located in source water protection (SWP) priority areas.

If you farm in any of the priority zones in the maps below, you may be eligible to receive increased financial assistance from the following Farm Bill conservation programs:

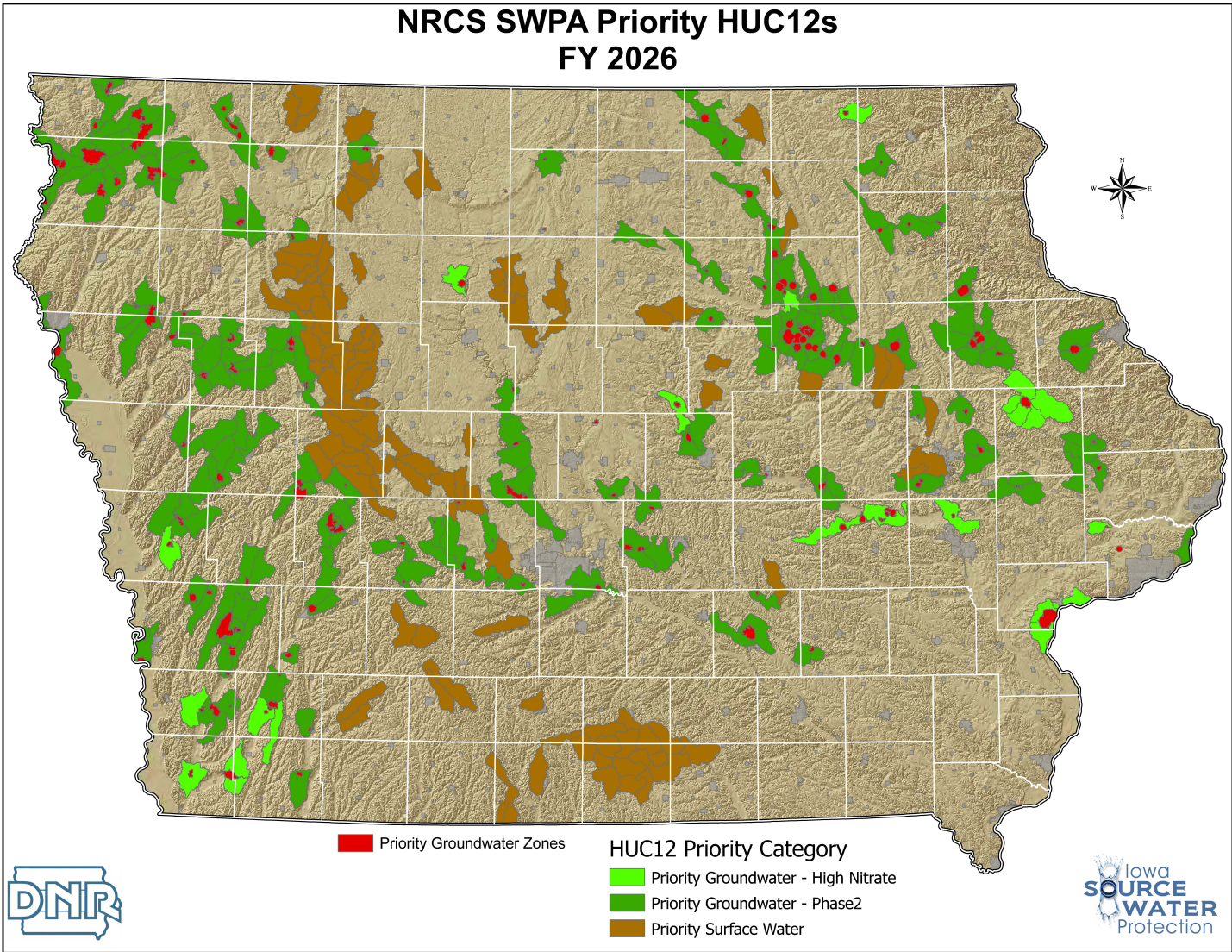
- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
- Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)
- Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)
- Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)

Iowa NRCS is providing 10 percent of Farm Bill program funding for this initiative and is now accepting SWP applications. On a statewide basis, funding will be split 55 percent for groundwater source protection/45 percent surface water source protection.

Eligible conservation practices may address groundwater or surface water protection, or both. A list of eligible practices for FY2026 is listed below.

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

Source Water Protection Priority Map



Source Water Protection Eligible Practices

Access Control
Agrichemical Handling Facility
Alley Cropping
Bedding
Conservation Cover
Conservation Crop Rotation
Constructed Wetland
Cover Crop
Critical Area Planting
Dam
Denitrifying Bioreactor
Filter Strip
Forage and Biomass Planting
Grade Stabilization Structure
Grassed Waterway
Integrated Pest Management
Irrigation Ditch Lining
Irrigation Land Leveling
Irrigation Reservoir

Irrigation Water Management
Livestock Shelter Structure
Mulching
Nutrient Management
On-Farm Secondary Containment Facility
Open Channel
Pond
Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membrane
Prescribed Grazing
Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till
Riparian Forest Buffer
Riparian Herbaceous Cover
Saturated Buffer
Sediment Basin
Short Term Storage of Animal Waste and By-products
Silvopasture Establishment
Sprinkler System
Stormwater Runoff Control

Streambank and Shoreline Protection
Subsurface Drain
Terrace
Tree/Shrub Establishment
Underground Outlet
Vegetated Treatment Area
Waste Facility Closure
Waste Storage Facility
Waste Transfer
Waste Treatment
Waste Treatment Lagoon
Water and Sediment Control Basin
Watering Facility
Well Decommissioning
Wetland Creation
Wetland Enhancement
Wetland Restoration
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation

