

Great Lakes Restoration Initiative GLRI – EQIP Invasive Species Sign-Up Plan of Operations

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:

Eligible watersheds include the Great Lakes watershed basin of Wisconsin.

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

Payment Rates:

Practice payment rates are posted in the [NRCS Payment Schedule website](#). Applicants that 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 Invasive Species sign-up period deadlines are posted on the [Wisconsin NRCS GLRI 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 NRCS 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 pool will be established for the GLRI-EQIP 19/20 Invasive Species sign-up:

FY20 GLRI-Invasive Species 19/20

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.

Resource Concerns:

Eligible resource concern categories include:

- Degraded plant condition
- Fire management
- Pest pressure

Eligible Practices

GLRI Invasive Species Core Practices	
Practice Code	Practice Name
314	Brush Management*
315	Herbaceous Weed Control*
338	Prescribed Burning
528	Prescribed Grazing**
595	Integrated Pest Management
657	Wetland Restoration
666	Forest Stand Improvement
GLRI Invasive Species Supporting Practices	
Practice Code	Practice Name
327	Conservation Cover
342	Critical Area Planting
338	Prescribed Burning
382	Fence
384	Woody Residue Treatment
394	Firebreak
472	Access Control
484	Mulching
490	Tree/Shrub Site Preparation
500	Obstruction Removal
572	Spoil Spreading
587	Structure for Water Control
612	Tree/Shrub Establishment
620	Underground Outlet
655	Forest Trails and Landings

*Under Brush Management (314) and Herbaceous Weed Control (315), the following species are eligible for up to 3 years of treatment:

- Autumn Olive (314)
- Buckthorn (314)
- Garlic Mustard (315)
- Honeysuckle (314)
- Multiflora Rose (314)
- Phragmites (315)

**Prescribed grazing and associated practices only eligible as a tool for the control of invasive species in planned treatment areas. A grazing plan based on addressing the site's invasive species is required.

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 Invasive Species 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.

Contract Length

Contracts obligated with GLRI-Invasive Species 19/20 may not be written with an expiration date later than November 30, 2025.