

## Plan of Operations for the Baraboo River Watershed II Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) Project

Through RCPP, 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 on conservation practices that will address the identified resource concerns in the project area.

**Eligible Project Area:** Producers located within identified subwatersheds of the Baraboo River watershed are eligible to participate in the project’s EQIP sign-up. At least 50% of the application acres must be within the subwatershed boundaries in order to be eligible for financial assistance consideration through the RCPP-EQIP sign-up. A map of eligible areas can be viewed on the [NRCS-WI RCPP web site](#).

**Eligible Practices and Payment Rates:** Listed below are the practices eligible for the project. Practice payment rates are posted in the [NRCS Payment Schedule website](#).

### Eligible Conservation Practices

560	Access Road
309	Agrichemical Handling Facility
317	Composting Facility
327	Conservation Cover
328	Conservation Crop Rotation
656	Constructed Wetland
332	Contour Buffer Strips
330	Contour Farming
340	Cover Crop
342	Critical Area Planting
362	Diversion
130	Drainage Water Management Plan - Written (CAP)
382	Fence
386	Field Border
393	Filter Strip
512	Forage and Biomass Planting
666	Forest Stand Improvement
655	Forest Trails and Landings
410	Grade Stabilization Structure
412	Grassed Waterway
561	Heavy Use Area Protection

315	Herbaceous Weed Control
595	Integrated Pest Management
142	Integrated Pest Management Plan - Written (CAP)
430	Irrigation Pipeline
449	Irrigation Water Management
468	Lined Waterway or Outlet
516	Livestock Pipeline
484	Mulching
590	Nutrient Management
104	Nutrient Management Plan - Written (CAP)
500	Obstruction Removal
338	Prescribed Burning
528	Prescribed Grazing
533	Pumping Plant
329	Residue Mgmt-No-Till
391	Riparian Forest Buffer
654	Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment
558	Roof Runoff Structure
367	Roofs and Covers
350	Sediment Basin
572	Spoil Spreading
574	Spring Development
442	Sprinkler System
578	Stream Crossing
580	Streambank and Shoreline Protection
585	Stripcropping
587	Structure for Water Control
606	Subsurface Drain
600	Terrace
575	Trails and Walkways
612	Tree/Shrub Establishment
660	Tree/Shrub Pruning
490	Tree/Shrub Site Preparation
620	Underground Outlet
635	Vegetated Treatment Area
360	Waste Facility Closure
632	Waste Separation Facility

634	Waste Transfer
629	Waste Treatment
638	Water and Sediment Control Basin
351	Water Well Decommissioning
657	Wetland Restoration
384	Woody Residue Treatment

**Eligible Land Uses:** The following land uses are potentially eligible:

- Associated Ag Land
- Crop
- Farmstead
- Forest
- Pasture

**Eligible Resource Concern Categories:**

- Concentrated Erosion
- Field sediment, nutrient, and pathogen loss
- Soil quality limitations
- Water erosion- sheet and rill erosion

**Application Period:** Applications may be taken at any time and those received by announced NRCS-WI batching dates will be evaluated for funding consideration.

Interested applicants may apply in person at the local USDA Service Center. Applicants may also request EQIP assistance by telephone, FAX, e-mail, or letter. The location and contact information for local NRCS Service Centers can be found on the [USDA Service Center Locator](#).

**Funding Pools:** Applications will be placed in the Baraboo River Watershed II RCPP-EQIP Farmland Protection Program fund pool.

**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 RCPP-EQIP 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.