



RCPP-EQIP Oconomowoc River Watershed Plan of Operations

Through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (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 for conservation practices that will address the identified resource concerns.

Eligible Watershed Area:

Producers located within the Oconomowoc River Watershed are eligible to participate in the Oconomowoc River RCPP-EQIP sign-up. The conservation practice(s) identified in the application must be located within the watershed to be eligible for financial assistance consideration through the RCPP-EQIP sign-up.

In order to be eligible for funding, 50% or more of a field, pasture, farmstead, woodland, or associated ag land must be within the boundaries of the watershed.

Eligible Practices and Payment Rates:

See the documents posted on the NRCS-WI RCPP website for the list of eligible practices for the Oconomowoc River RCPP-EQIP project. Practice payment rates are posted in the [NRCS Payment Schedule website](#).

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

Fund Pools:

The following table identifies the fund pools established for RCPP-EQIP applications.

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Producers applying for financial assistance available will be competing for funds within this fund pool.

Applications for Conservation Activity Plans, if applicable, will be single practice, stand-alone applications.

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 Oconomowoc River 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.