

**Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP/EQIP)
Water Quality Improvement through the Implementation of Forestry Practices**

Approved Land Use

Crop, Forest, Range, Pasture, Farmstead

Primary Resource Concerns

Concentrated erosion, Bank erosion from streams, shorelines or water conveyance channels
Degraded plant condition, Plant productivity and health

Area of Applicability

Forestry Practices Project Area (GIS)

Additional Requirements for this Project

Participant will develop a Forest Stewardship/Management Plan and/or other Management, or Practice Plan with the Kansas Forest Service and a compatible conservation plan has been developed and signed with the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Each of the following requirements will be met for all streambank stabilization projects under this agreement:

- The project may not be in a location influenced by water releases from federal reservoirs.
- Forestry practices will be implemented to provide adequate vegetative buffer.
- Only first, second, and third order streams are eligible for financial assistance (FA).
- Livestock access will be controlled from the project area and areas immediately upstream and downstream of the project, in order to maintain adequate vegetative cover.
- Projects will address the whole area of instability. If the unstable site is on multiple parcels of land, all owners must be willing to take part in the project so the entire area of instability is addressed.
- For all eligible applications that include a streambank stabilization project, the supervisory district conservationist will contact the area forester. The area forester will schedule an interdisciplinary team for a site visit. The interdisciplinary team will assess resource concerns, develop alternatives, and complete preliminary designs. Applications will not be considered for funding if this assistance has not been provided by the interdisciplinary team.

Category (Applications compete by category)

All planned land units are in a RCPP/EQIP Forestry Project (GIS answered)

Eligible Conservation Practice

314 Brush Management

- Broadcast and aerial treatment will be eligible only where mechanical, or spot treatments are not practical. If broadcast or aerial treatment is planned, justification will be documented in the producer's case file.

315 Herbaceous Weed Control

- Broadcast and aerial treatment will be eligible only where mechanical, or spot treatments are not practical. If broadcast or aerial treatment is needed, justification will be documented in the producer's case file.
- 338 Prescribed Burning
- 340 Cover Crop
- Practice is eligible for tree planting site preparation and for creating cover in establishing tree plantings.
- 342 Critical Area Planting
- 380 Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment
- 381 Silvopasture Establishment
- 382 Fence
- 390 Riparian Herbaceous Cover
- 391 Riparian Forest Buffer
- 393 Filter Strip
- 394 Firebreak
- 395 Stream Habitat Improvement and Management
- Practice is only eligible to support a tree planting practice.
- 410 Grade Stabilization Structure
- Practice is only eligible to support a tree planting practice.
- 472 Access Control
- 484 Mulching
- 490 Tree/Shrub Site Preparation
- 512 Forage & Biomass Planting
- 516 Livestock Pipeline
- Practice is only eligible to facilitate removal of livestock from riparian forests and woodlands.
- 533 Pumping Plant
- Practice is only eligible to facilitate removal of livestock from riparian forests and woodlands.
- 550 Range Planting
- 578 Stream Crossing
- 580 Streambank and Shoreline Protection
- Practice is only eligible to support a tree planting practice.
- 582 Open Channel
- 584 Channel Bed Stabilization
- Practice is only eligible to support a tree planting practice.
- 595 Integrated Pest Management
- 612 Tree/Shrub Establishment
- 614 Watering Facility
- Practice is only eligible to facilitate removal of livestock from riparian forests and woodlands.
- 642 Water Well
- Practice is only eligible to facilitate removal of livestock from riparian forests and woodlands.
- 660 Tree/Shrub Pruning
- 666 Forest Stand Improvement

Ranking Component Weights

Vulnerabilities (from CART) – 40 %

Planned Practice Effects (from CART) – 20%

Program Questions – 15%

Resource Questions – 15%

Efficiencies – 10%

Program Ranking Questions

Select one the following responses:

- Existing total points are less than threshold AND planned total points are greater than threshold for one PRIORITY resource concern. (50 points)
- Existing total points are less than threshold AND planned total points are greater than threshold for two or more PRIORITY resource concerns. (100 points)
- Otherwise. (0 points)

Resource Ranking Questions

Answer ONE of the following related to the Kansas Forest Service potential for Forest Stewardship Program benefits (GIS answered):

- A HIGH forest stewardship potential exists for greater than or equal to 50 percent of the unit of concern. (75 points)
- A combination of MEDIUM and HIGH forest stewardship potential exists for greater than or equal to 50 percent of the unit of concern. (50 points)
- A combination of LOW and MEDIUM forest stewardship potential exists for greater than or equal to 50 percent of the unit of concern. (25 points)
- Otherwise. (0 Points)

Answer ONE of the following questions regarding planned treatments:

- The conservation plan includes vegetative establishment practices but does not include forest stand improvement practices. (25 points)
- The conservation plan includes a combination of vegetative establishment practices and forest stand improvement practices. (15 points)
- The conservation plan includes forest stand improvement practice but does not include vegetative establishment practices. (5 points)