

**Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP/EQIP)
Middle and Lower Neosho River Water Quality**

Eligible Land Uses

Crop, Forest, Range, Pasture, Farmstead

Priority Resource Concerns

Concentrated erosion, Classic gully erosion
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 Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss, Nutrients transported to groundwater
 Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss, Nutrients transported to surface water
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 Storage and handling of pollutants, Nutrients transported to groundwater
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 Wind and water erosion, Sheet and rill erosion

Area of Applicability

The planned land unit intersects the Middle and Lower Neosho River project area by 50% or greater.

Additional Requirements

At a minimum at least one priority resource concern, per CART ranking pool, will be addressed to meet or exceed threshold in CART to be eligible for EQIP financial assistance.

Field offices (FOs) are responsible for the planning of core and supporting conservation practices (CPs) with the approved resource concerns in ProTracts Application Evaluation Ranking Tool (AERT) as indicated in the eligible practice list.

A “system approach” must be used in the conservation plan that incorporates selection of CPs which address the concept of “avoiding, controlling, or trapping” (ACT) pollutants.

Category (Applications compete by category)

Middle and Lower Neosho River

Core Conservation Practices	Code	Avoiding	Controlling	Trapping
Waste Storage Facility	313	X	X	
Animal Mortality Facility	316		X	
Compost Facility	317	X	X	
Conservation Crop Rotation	328	X		
Residue & Tillage Management, No Till/Strip Till/Direct Seed	329		X	X
Contour Buffer Strips	332			X
Cover Crop	340	X		X
Critical Area Planting	342		X	X
Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till	345		X	X
Groundwater Testing	355	X		
Waste Treatment Lagoon	359		X	
Waste Facility Closure	360	X		
Anaerobic Digester	366		X	
Field Border	386		X	X

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Riparian Forest Buffer	391			X
Core Conservation Practice	Code	Avoiding	Controlling	Trapping
Filter Strip	393		X	X
Grade Stabilization Structure	410		X	X
Grassed Waterway	412		X	
Access Control	472	X		
Prescribed Grazing	528	X		
Heavy Use Area Protection	561	X		
Trails and Walkways	575		X	
Nutrient Management	590	X		
Terrace	600		X	
Tree/Shrub Establishment	612	X		X
Waste Treatment	629		X	
Waste Transfer	634	X		
Vegetated Treatment Area	635			X
Water and Sediment Control Basin	638		X	X
Constructed Wetland	656			X

Supporting Conservation Practices	Code	Avoiding	Controlling	Trapping
Brush Management	314	X	X	
Herbaceous Weed Control	315	X		
Prescribed Burning	338	X		
Sediment Basin	350		X	
Dike	356		X	X
Diversion	362		X	
Roofs and Covers	367	X	X	
Pond	378			X
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment	380		X	X
Fence	382	X		
Lined Waterway or Outlet	468		X	
Mulching	484		X	X
Forage Harvest Management	511	X	X	
Forage and Biomass Planting	512	X		X
Livestock Pipeline	516	X	X	
Pumping Plant	533	X		
Range Planting	550			X
Roof Runoff Structure	558	X		
Access Road	560	X		
Spring Development	574	X		
Stream Crossing	578	X		
Structure for Water Control	587		X	X
Watering Facility	614	X		

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Supporting Conservation Practice	Code	Avoiding	Controlling	Trapping
Underground Outlet	620		X	
Waste Separation Facility	632		X	
Water Well	642	X		
Wetland Restoration	657		X	
Wetland Creation	658		X	
Wetland Enhancement	659		X	

Practice Limitations

Eligible practices in this ranking category are subject to practice limitations identified in the FY 2020 Kansas Practice Scenarios found in the subsequent link.

https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/PA_NRCSCconsumption/download?cid=nrcseprd1583034&ext=pdf

Ranking Component Weights

- Vulnerabilities (from CART) – 40%
- Planned Practice Effects (from CART) – 20%
- Program Questions – 15%
- Resource Questions – 15%
- Efficiencies – 10%

Program Ranking Questions

1. Answer ONE of the following questions regarding the ACT “systems approach” to conservation planning.
 - Program application includes conservation practices that cumulatively include all three concepts of avoiding, controlling, and trapping. (100 points)
 - Program application includes conservation practices that cumulatively include two of the three concepts of avoiding, controlling, and trapping. (50 points)

Resource Ranking Questions

1. Planned land units intersect a 300-foot buffer of U.S. Geological Survey streams and intermittent streams. (60 points)
2. Planned land units intersect a Kansas Geological Survey identified sensitive ground water area. (20 points)
3. The EQIP Schedule of Operations includes practices that will result in creation of buffer zones that will mitigate contaminants from entering the impaired water body. (20 points)