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Farmers in Pottawattamie County within the Slocum Creek Watershed have the opportunity to receive **higher payment rates** on conservation practices and systems that avoid, control and trap nutrient runoff; improve wildlife habitat; and maintain agricultural productivity.

It's part of the Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watersheds Initiative (MRBI). The goal of MRBI is to reduce nutrient loading in the Mississippi River Basin, which contributes to both local water quality problems and the hypoxic zone in the Gulf of Mexico.

Most farmland within the Slocum Creek Watershed has similar soils, slopes, and resource concerns which significantly impact the water quality of the West Nishnabotna River.

The primary resource issue in this area is degrading water quality due to excess nutrients in surface and groundwaters, and from excessive sediment in surface waters.

This MRBI project will directly align with the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy, along with regional and local priorities to reduce nutrient losses.

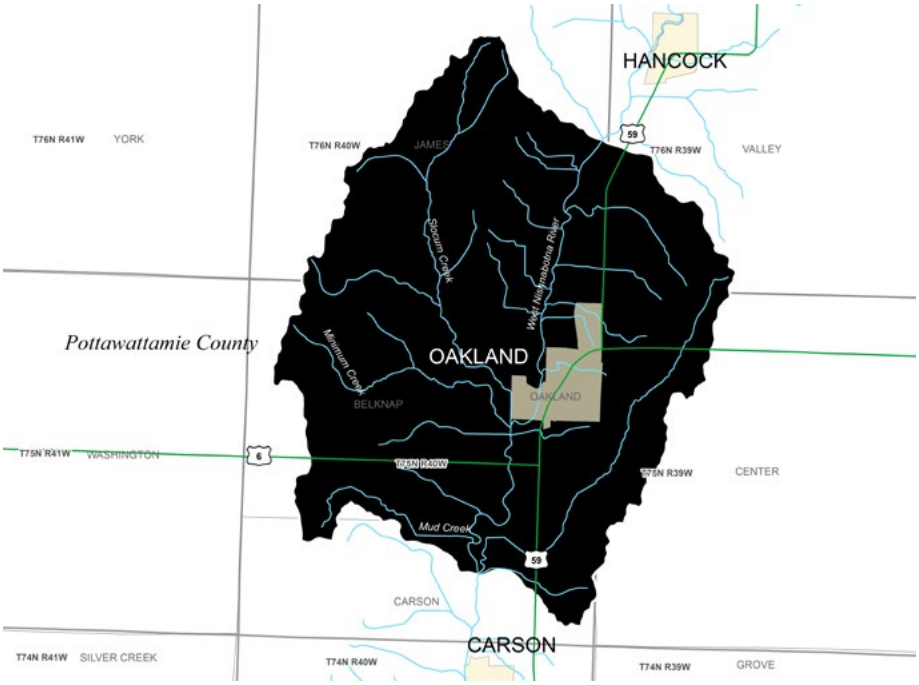
MRBI will be offered now through fiscal year 2018. To enroll, applicants must meet the minimum eligibility requirements of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). **Eligible practices and payment rates are listed on the back page.**

For more information about this project and MRBI, contact the NRCS office in Oakland:

321 Oakland Avenue
Oakland, IA 51560
Phone: 712-482-6408

More information is available on Iowa's MRBI webpage at http://1.usa.gov/1mjYhF6.

Stop by the Oakland field office if you farm in this area!



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Project Partners:
East Pottawattamie Soil and Water Conservation District
City of Oakland
Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
Iowa Soybean Association
Iowa State University Extension

MRBI Core Conservation Practice and Payment List

Partial Practice List (Visit the NRCS office in Oakland or the Iowa NRCS website at ia.nrcs.usda.gov for a complete practice list.)	**Payment Rate** (Additional technical and financial assistance may be available from the MRBI project partners.)
Cover Crop	$61 - $156/acre
Critical Area Planting	$220 - $555/acre
Denitrifying Bioreactor	$37.27 - 44.72/cubic yard
Drainage Water Management	$4.78 - $9.43/acre
Grassed Waterway	$2,065 - $5,103/acre
Heavy Use Protection Area	$0.64 - $7.06/sq. foot
Nutrient Management	$13 - $63/acre
Prescribed Grazing	$20 - $68/acre
Terrace	$3.14 - $5.92/foot
Water and Sediment Control Basin	$2.16 - $3.51/cubic yard

Cover Crops

Terraces

Grassed Waterway

Nutrient Management

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