



**Natural Resources
Conservation Service**

Room 3416, Federal Building
700 W. Capitol Ave.
Little Rock, AR 72201
Web: <http://www.ar.nrcs.usda.gov>

FACT SHEET

October 2018

2019 National Water Quality Initiative Greasy Creek-Strawberry River Watershed

Overview

The Greasy Creek-Strawberry River Watershed National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) Project is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers for addressing water quality concerns in this watershed in Fulton county. The project area is 17,984 acres.

Resource Concerns Addressed by the Project

- Water Quality Degradation - Excessive nutrients in surface and ground waters (primary)
- Water Quality Degradation - Excessive sediment in surface water (primary)
- Water Quality Degradation - Excessive pathogens in surface and ground waters (primary)
- Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife - Habitat degradation (secondary)

Project Goals

- Reduce soil loss in the watershed to improve water quality in a segment of the Strawberry River and tributaries to the Strawberry River.
- Voluntarily implement a systems approach of conservation practices to reduce nutrients, pathogens, and sediment by 2023 in target acres.

Conservation Practice Funding

Funding will be available to eligible landowners through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). NRCS will provide financial assistance for a systems approach using approved conservation practices for the purpose of addressing resource concerns. Land and producer eligibility, adjusted gross income, and all other program criteria for participation must be met to participate in this initiative. Agricultural lands and

Private Forestlands are eligible for enrollment in the initiative.

Approved Conservation Practices

Core Practices

- 327 – Conservation Cover
- 328 – Conservation Crop Rotation
- 329 – Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till
- 340 – Cover Crop
- 342 – Critical Area Planting
- 390 – Riparian Herbaceous Buffer
- 391 – Riparian Forest Buffer
- 393 – Filter Strip
- 472 – Access Control
- 512 – Forage and Biomass Planting
- 528 – Prescribed Grazing
- 590 – Nutrient Management
- 612 – Tree/Shrub Establishment
- 643 – Restoration & Management of Rare & Declining Habitats
- 645 – Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
- 657 – Wetland Restoration
- 658 – Wetland Creation
- 659 – Wetland Enhancement

Supporting Practices

- 314 – Brush Management
- 315 – Herbaceous Weed Control
- 338 – Prescribed Burning
- 345 – Residue & Tillage Management-Reduced Till
- 378 – Pond
- 381 – Silvopasture Establishment



2019 National Water Quality Initiative Greasy Creek-Strawberry River Watershed

- 382 – Fence
- 386 – Field Border
- 394 – Firebreak
- 484 – Mulching
- 490 – Tree/Shrub Site Preparation
- 511 – Forage Harvest Management
- 516 – Livestock Pipeline
- 533 – Pumping Plant
- 561 – Heavy Use Area Protection
- 574 – Spring Development
- 575 – Animal Trails and Walkways
- 578 – Stream Crossing
- 580 – Shoreline Protection
- 587 – Structure for Water Control
- 595 – Integrated Pest Management

- 614 – Watering Facility
- 666 – Forest Stand Improvement

How to Apply for NWQI

NRCS and associated conservation partners will deliver this program collaboratively. Applications may be obtained and filed with NRCS at:

Fulton County

*Salem Field Service Center
236 Byron Rd, PO Box 187
Salem, AR 72576
(870) 895-3201, ext. 3*

For More Information

If you need more information about NWQI, please contact one of the above offices or visit the NRCS Arkansas Web site at: www.ar.nrcs.usda.gov

