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Protect Your Resources

NRCS is offering new conservation practice funding for farmers in the Upper and Middle Apple Creek Watersheds!



NRCS Assistance Through MRBI

NRCS has financial assistance available to implement conservation practices that avoid, control and trap nutrient runoff; improve wildlife habitat; and maintain agricultural productivity through the **Mississippi River Basin Health Watersheds Initiative, or 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.

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

Eligible Practices

This project area is one of just a handful selected for MRBI in Missouri. A sampling of eligible practices include:

- **Cover Crops.** Plants and grasses such as cereal rye, clover and oats are planted temporarily to protect the ground from erosion and supply living roots to the soil during times when cropland is often not adequately protected.
- **Grazing Management.** Practices such as fencing, pipelines, wells and water tanks help improve the quality and quantity of grazing forages and improve water quality by excluding livestock from total access to nearby ponds and streams.
- **Water and Sediment Control Basins.** Earthen embankment or a combination ridge and channel constructed across the slope of minor watercourses to form a sediment trap and water detention basin with a stable outlet.

For a complete list of eligible practices, contact your local NRCS Field Office.

Watershed Location

If you are a landowner or farm operator in the watershed boundary in purple, you may be eligible for conservation initiative funds from NRCS or the local Soil and Water Conservation District. Contact your local Field Office for more information.

