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MRBI

Mississippi River Basin Initiative



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**Upper Roberts Creek
Silver Creek
Howard Creek**

Incentives for planting cover crops and no-till farming are available in the Upper Roberts, Silver, and Howard Creek Watersheds in northwest Clayton County. 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 reflects local water quality issues and contributes to the hypoxic zone in the Gulf of Mexico.

Cover crops and no-till are vital components of the system of conservation practices needed to control and reduce nutrient runoff. Incentives through MRBI are available to help farmers implement these practices. **Payment rates are shown on the back page of this flyer.** The cover crop and no-till incentives are available for multiple years.

The long-term goals of the MRBI project are consistent with Iowa's Nutrient Reduction Strategy:

- » To engage with landowners and operators in the project area.
- » To reduce in-stream sources of nitrogen and phosphorus.
- » To reduce soil loss and sediment delivery.
- » To monitor water quality trends.

To enroll, applicants must meet the minimum eligibility requirements of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

For more information about this project and MRBI, contact our local USDA Service Center in Elkader:

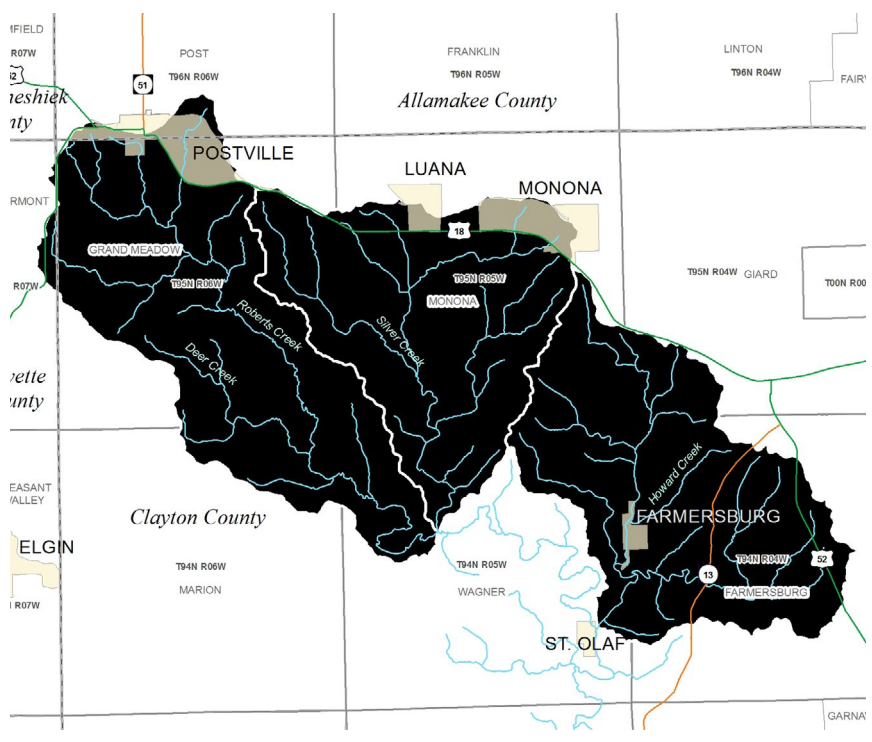
**Natural Resources Conservation Service
Clayton County (Elkader): 563-245-1048 x3**

More information is available on Iowa's MRBI web-page at <http://bit.ly/iowaMRBI>.

Farmers in the following Clayton County watersheds may be eligible for MRBI funding:

- Upper Roberts Creek
- Silver Creek
- Howard Creek

Stop by your NRCS Field Office in Elkader if you farm in this area!





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Project Partners:
 USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service
 Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
 Iowa Soybean Association
 Clayton Soil and Water Conservation District
 Iowa Department of Natural Resources

MRBI Core Conservation Practice and Payment List

Practice List	Fiscal Year 2019 Payment Rate
Cover Crop	\$28.10 - \$68.18/acre
No-Till	\$16.34 - \$19.61/acre

