

Elkhart River Watershed 319 Agriculture Cost-share Program Guidelines

Best Management Practices to be cost-shared:

- Exclusion Fencing/Stream Crossing
- Rotational Grazing
- Nutrient Management Plan
- Manure Management Plan
- Alternative Watering System
- No-till/Reduced Till (Conservation Tillage)
- Grassed Waterways
- Buffers/Filter Strips
- Grade-Stabilization Structures
- Cover Crop
- Wetland Restoration
- Water and Sediment Control Basin (WASCOB)

All practices may be cost-shared up to 75% with 319 funds, with a maximum of \$10,000 granted to a participant. Twenty-five percent of the total cost must be paid through non-federal funds. Up to 90% of the development of a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) will be cost-shared. Applications are available from the Elkhart River Alliance website: www.elkhartriveralliance.org or the Elkhart County SWCD: 17746-B CR 34, Goshen, IN 46528; 574-53-3630, ext. 3.

Requirements:

- All cost-share recipients—Conservation Plan
- AFOs—CNMP, unless manure/organic by-products are not generated, handled, stored, or applied to the land on which the BMP will be installed
- CFO—CNMP; cost-share available only on BMPs that go above and beyond IDEM requirements
- CAFO—ineligible
- Vegetative and land management practices will be maintained for 5 years (unless the land/operation is also enrolled in a USDA program that requires longer maintenance)
- Constructed practices will be maintained for 10 years (unless the land/operation is also enrolled in a USDA program that requires longer maintenance)
- The applicant agrees to adhere to applicable specifications and maintenance requirements of the installed BMPs. These will typically follow Natural Resources Conservation Service standards.

Eligible Areas:

*Maps are available from the Elkhart County SWCD or online at www.elkhartriveralliance.org

- Turkey Creek (Elkhart Co.)
- Upper Yellow Creek (Elkhart Co.)
- Lower Yellow Creek (Elkhart Co.)
- Upper Rock Run Creek (Elkhart Co.)
- Horn Ditch (Elkhart Co.)
- Papakeechee Subwatershed (Kosciusko, Noble Co.)
- Knapp Lake Chain (Kosciusko, Noble Co.)
- Stony Creek (Elkhart, LaGrange, Noble Co.)
- Jones Lake (Noble Co.)
- Elkhart River South Branch-Upper Reaches (York Township, Noble Co.)
- Upper Solomon Creek (Elkhart, Kosciusko, Noble Co.)
- Lower Solomon Creek (Elkhart, Noble Co.)
- LaGrange County Lakes (South Central LaGrange, Noble Co.)
- Wawasee Area (Kosciusko, Noble Co.)