

# Elkhart River Watershed 319 Agriculture Cost-share Program Guidelines

Applications must be submitted to the Elkhart County Soil and Water Conservation District by June 30, 2008 to be considered for the first round of the program.

## **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

All practices may be cost-shared up to 75% with 319 funds. Up to 90% of the development of a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) will be cost-shared. Applications are available from 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](http://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.)

# Elkhart River Alliance Agriculture Cost-Share Program Ranking Sheet

Date Received:  
Project Name:

Project Location:  
Address:  
Watershed:  
Critical Area:

**Proximity to surface waterbody**

0-50ft = 10  
> 1 mile = 0

0     1     2     3     4     5     6     7     8     9     10

**Slope of land where practice will be installed**

>10% = 10  
0% = 0

Percent Slope\_\_\_\_\_

0     1     2     3     4     5     6     7     8     9     10

**BMP Load reduction efficiency for pollutants of concern based on Table 50, p. 123 in Elkhart River WMP**

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

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**Practice installation is feasible within the timeline of the 319 grant**

Start summer 2008 = 10  
Start fall 2008 = 7  
Start summer 2009 = 4

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Total Score:\_\_\_\_\_

**Tiebreaker: Preference will be given to BMPs that the Agriculture subcommittee wants to promote.**

- Buffers/Filter Strips, Nutrient Mangt. Plan, Manure Mangt. Plan = 10
- Exclusion Fencing, Alternative Watering System = 8
- Cover Crop, No-till/Reduced Till (Conservation Tillage) = 5
- Grassed Waterway, Rotational Grazing = 3
- Grade-Stabilization Structures, Wetland Restoration = 1