

## What is a Watershed?

A watershed is an area of land that is determined by topographic features where all the water above & below within that area drain to the same place.

We all live in a watershed! Watersheds come in various shapes and sizes. They cross county, state & national boundaries.

Cost-Share Programs tend to be watershed-focused because natural resource agencies like CCSWCD are required to develop a restoration strategy (watershed management plan) that utilizes historic & current environmental data to help prioritize areas that will recovery once conservation practices are implemented. By establishing restoration strategies natural resource agencies can effectively address local resource concerns while fully utilizing cost-share dollars.



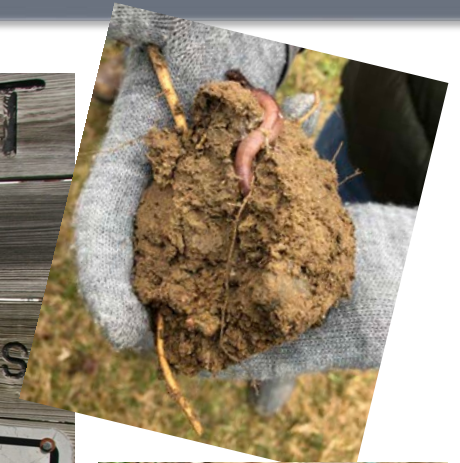
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The Clinton County Soil and Water Conservation District (CCSWCD) has been awarded a 319 Implementation Grant from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's (IDEM) Non-Point Source Management Program to continue implementing best management practices such as: Cover Crops, No-Till, Filter Strips, Conservation Cover, Grass Waterways, Livestock Exclusion (fencing), Blind Inlets, 2-Stage Ditches, and other approved practices that will benefit water quality in the South Fork Wildcat Creek Watershed. These grant dollars are passed down to the states from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to address the Federal Clean Water Act, which enables local stakeholders to voluntarily improve and protect water quality in ditches, streams, rivers, and lakes.



# KEEP IN MIND

## Permits



If any permit will be necessary to implement a project the applicant will be responsible for obtaining all appropriate permits & paying any fees associated with those permits prior to the project.

## Maintenance



Applicants are required to meet Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) practice standards & specifications. Applicants are responsible for maintenance & must maintain these standards for the practices cost-shared on for the established length of time varying from 1, 5 or 10 years.

## Important Notice



- Maximum amount of cost-share awarded to an individual is \$15,000
- Annual practices such as No-Till, Cover Crop, etc. have a 120-acreage cap
- Some practices may require special approval

# Cost-Share Program

## List of Eligible Practices

Eligible Practices			Cost-Share Rates	
BMPs	FOTG	YRS		
<b>Practices Targeting Bacteria and Pathogens (p.175)</b>				
Fencing (Edge-of-Field Practice)	382	10	\$2.50/foot	<b>Not to exceed 75% cost-share</b>
Heavy Use Protection Area (In-Field Practice)	561	5	\$2,000/site	
Pasture and Hayland Planting (In-Field Practice)	512	5	\$150/ac	
Prescribed Grazing (In-Field Practice)	528	5	\$50/ac	
*Waste Utilization (In-Field Practice)	624/ 629	10 5	\$15,000 facility \$0.02/gallon \$0.10/ft <sup>3</sup> \$3.00/ton	
*Waste Facility Closure (In-Field Practice)	360	10	\$3.00/yard <sup>3</sup>	
CNMP (Comprehensive Nutrient Mgt. Plan) (In-Field Practice)	102	5	\$1,500/plan	
Livestock Watering Facility	614	10	\$1,500/structure	
<b>Practices Targeting Nutrients (Sediment, Nitrogen &amp; Phosphorus) (pp. 173-174)</b>				
Underground Outlet (Blind Inlet) (Edge-of-Field Practice)	620	5	\$2,800/inlet	<b>Not to exceed 75% cost-share</b>
Open Channel (2-Stage Ditch) (In-Stream Practice)	582	10	\$20/linear foot	
Denitrification Bioreactor (In-Stream Practice)	747	10	\$50/yard <sup>3</sup>	
*Saturated Buffer (Edge-of-Field Practice)	604	10	\$7.00/linear foot	
Sediment Basin (Edge-of-Field Practice)	350	10	\$5.50/yard <sup>3</sup>	
Field Border (Edge-of-Field Practice)	386	5	\$450/ac	
Forage & Biomass Planting (In-Field Practice)	512	5	\$350/ac	
Grassed Waterway (In-Field Practice)	412	10	\$10/foot	
Vegetated Filter Strip (Edge-of-Field Practice)	393	5	\$550/ac	
Critical Area Planting (Edge-of-Field Practice)	342	5	\$450/ac	
Integrated Crop Management Plan (Nutrient/ Pest Management) (In-Field Practice)	590/ 595	5	\$20/ac	
Cover Crops (In-Field Practice)	340	1	\$35/ac	
Conservation Cover (Edge-of-Field Practice)	327	5	\$500/ac	
Residue & Tillage Management, No-Till (In-Field Practice)	329	1	\$20/ac	
Residue & Tillage Management, Strip Tillage (In-Field Practice)	329	1	\$20/ac	
Grassed Swale/ Bioswale [URBAN] (Structure for Water Control)	587	5	\$15/ft <sup>2</sup>	
Rain Garden [URBAN] (Stormwater Runoff Control)	570	10	\$15/ft <sup>2</sup>	
Pervious/Permeable Pavement [URBAN] (Structure for Water Control)	587	10	\$10/ft <sup>2</sup>	
Stormwater Runoff Control [URBAN]	570	5	-	
<b>Practices Targeting Environmental Quality Priority (p.176)</b>				
Riparian Forested Buffer (Edge-of-Field Practice)	391	10	\$750/ac	<b>Not to exceed 75% cost-share</b>
Riparian Herbaceous Cover (Edge-of-Field Practice)	390	5	\$650/ac	
Streambank Stabilization (In-Stream Practice)	580	10	\$50/foot	
Critical Area Planting (Edge-of-Field Practice)	342	5	\$450/ac	
Grade Stabilization Structure (In-Stream Practice)	410	10	\$8,000/structure	



## How Can I Receive Cost-Share?

Participation in this program is completely voluntary. Please be aware that this is a reimbursement process. Successful applicants will receive all necessary forms & a list of required documentation needed before the applicant can receive reimbursement. Applicants will be reimbursed based on the **ACTUAL COST** & will not exceed the approved amount determined by the CCSWCD Board.

To be eligible for the South Fork Wildcat Creek Stewardship Initiative (SFW-SI) Cost-Share Program you must meet the following criteria:

- The land where the interested practice(s) is located falls in the targeted areas. Please reference map provide.
- The interested practice(s) is listed on the list of eligible practices.
- Application must be approved by the CCSWCD Board prior to implementing interested practice(s).

## Getting Started

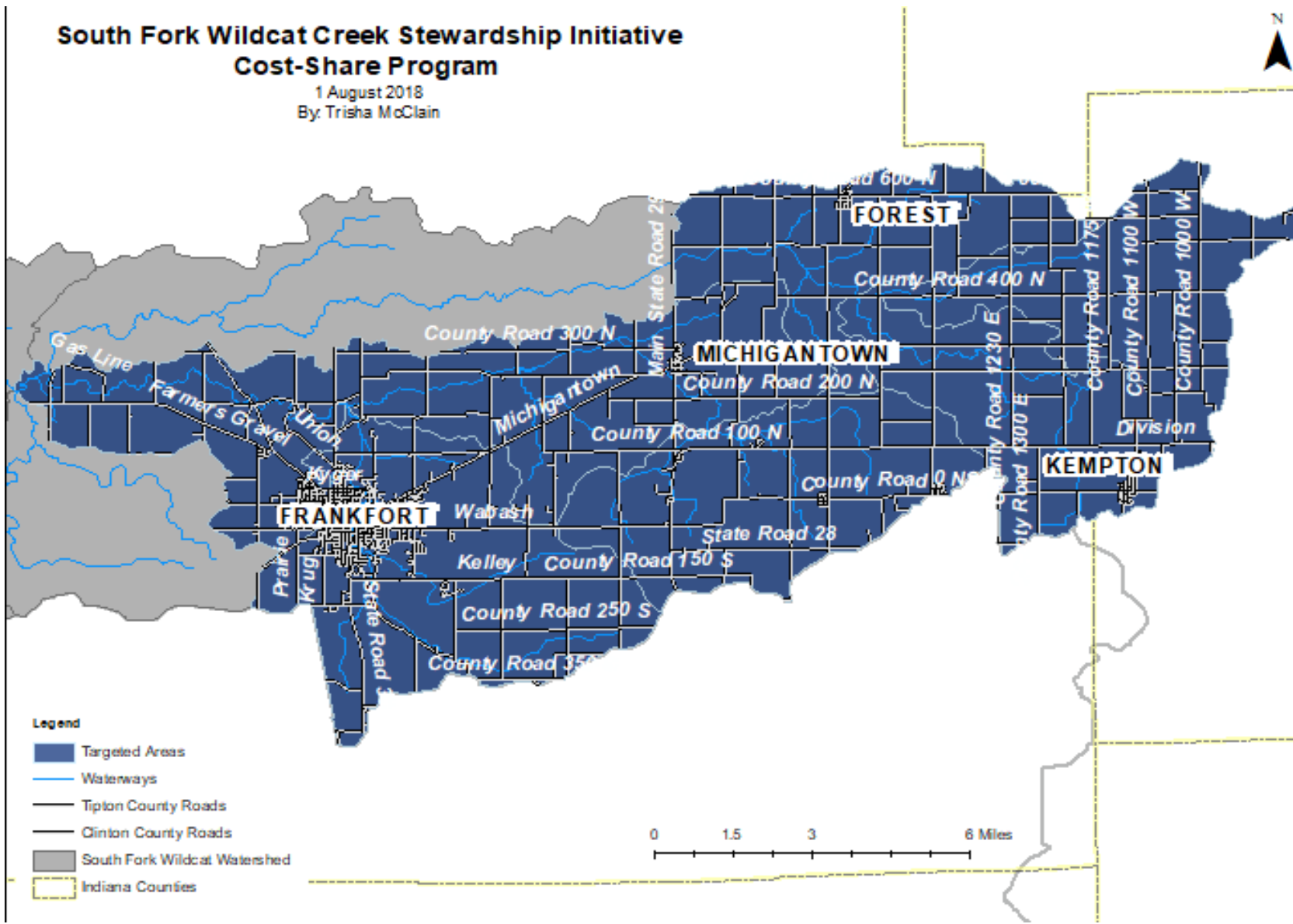
Once you have determined your eligible for the SFW-SI Cost-Share Program, please review these steps:

**STEP 1:** Contact our office to setup a field visit. Our technical staff will review your property and help determine which practice(s) will address your needs.

**STEP 2:** Fill-out a 319 application with the Project Coordinator. Applications can be submitted at any time. Applications will need to be reviewed & approved by CCSWCD Board prior to installation.

**STEP 3:** Once approved, the Project Coordinator will contact you to discuss the next course of actions & list the required documentations needed to request reimbursement for the approved practice(s).

# Targeted Areas for Cost-Share Program



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