



USDA-NRCS FORESTRY ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITIES

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Financial and Technical Assistance

- Financial Assistance
 - Environmental Quality Incentives Program(EQIP)
 - Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)
 - Wetland Reserve Program (WRP)
 - Farm and Ranchland Protection Program (FRPP)
 - Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

EQIP FY13 General Sign-up Results*

		NE	NW	SE	SW	Total	Avg.
Cropland	Initial Allocation	\$1,200,464.18	\$ 1,430,495	\$ 1,225,771	\$ 1,131,085	\$ 4,987,815	
	Final Allocation	\$ 1,274,346	\$ 1,430,497	\$ 1,219,960	\$ 1,421,991	\$ 5,346,794	
	% Appl Funded, No.	99.95%	100.0%	89.6%	73.4%		90.7%
	% Appl Funded, \$	99.97%	100.0%	89.2%	71.2%		90.1%
Pasture	Initial Allocation	\$357,340.10	\$ 586,600	\$ 303,268	\$ 546,251	\$ 1,793,459	
	Final Allocation	\$ 417,730	\$ 635,767	\$ 288,822	\$ 669,999	\$ 2,012,318	
	% Appl Funded, No.	70.0%	100.0%	90.0%	42.9%		75.7%
	% Appl Funded, \$	59.0%	100.0%	94.8%	52.8%		76.6%
Farmstead	Initial Allocation	\$ 4,961,050	\$ 3,142,118	\$ 1,797,978	\$ 1,964,562	\$ 11,865,708	
	Final Allocation	\$ 5,999,608	\$ 3,439,207	\$ 1,920,068	\$ 1,227,572	\$ 12,586,455	
	% Appl Funded, No.	56.0%	80.8%	61.9%	100.0%		74.7%
	% Appl Funded, \$	58.0%	60.1%	58.6%	100.0%		69.2%
Forestland	Initial Allocation	\$ 149,232	\$ 184,822	\$ 48,210	\$ 70,084	\$ 452,348	
	Final Allocation	\$ 160,551	\$ 301,028	\$ 179,237	\$ 211,647	\$ 852,463	
	% Appl Funded, No.	100.0%	100.0%	77.4%	48.2%		81.4%
	% Appl Funded, \$	100.0%	100.0%	82.5%	59.0%		85.4%
Specialty	Initial Allocation	\$ 89,958	\$ 89,958	\$ 95,000	\$ 89,958	\$ 364,874	
	Final Allocation	\$ 111,260	\$ 46,224	\$ -	\$ 98,316	\$ 255,800	
	% Appl Funded, No.	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		100.0%
	% Appl Funded, \$	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		100.0%
Socially Disadvantaged	Initial Allocation	\$ 158,619	\$ 158,619	\$ 112,921	\$ 112,921	\$ 543,080	
	Final Allocation	\$ 29,250	\$ 256,893	\$ 9,610	\$ 7,402	\$ 303,155	
	% Appl Funded, No.	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		100.0%
	% Appl Funded, \$	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		100.0%
Beginning Farmer**	Initial Allocation	\$ 276,984	\$ 276,984	\$ 222,921	\$ 276,984	\$ 1,053,873	
	Final Allocation	\$ 267,101	\$ 268,144	\$ 303,067	\$ 339,131	\$ 1,177,443	

*Includes applications that may have been funded in later initiatives (ex. DALCI, GLRI, etc)

**Beginning Farmer % not included as unfunded demand reflected in pools above.

EQIP

- Practices Applied in 2012
 - Firebreak – 20,837 ft
 - Tree and Shrub Site Preparation – 19 ac
 - Forest Stand Improvement – 3,058 ac
 - Prescribed Burn – 119 ac
 - Riparian Forest Buffer – 64 ac
 - Tree and Shrub Establishment – 3453 ac
 - Access Control (fence) – 432 ac
 - Tree and Shrub Pruning – 19 ac
 - Windbreak/Shelterbelt – 42,325 ft
 - Access Control – 458 ac
 - Windbreaks and Shelterbelts – 74,301 ft
 - Forestland Re-established or Improved – 6511 ac

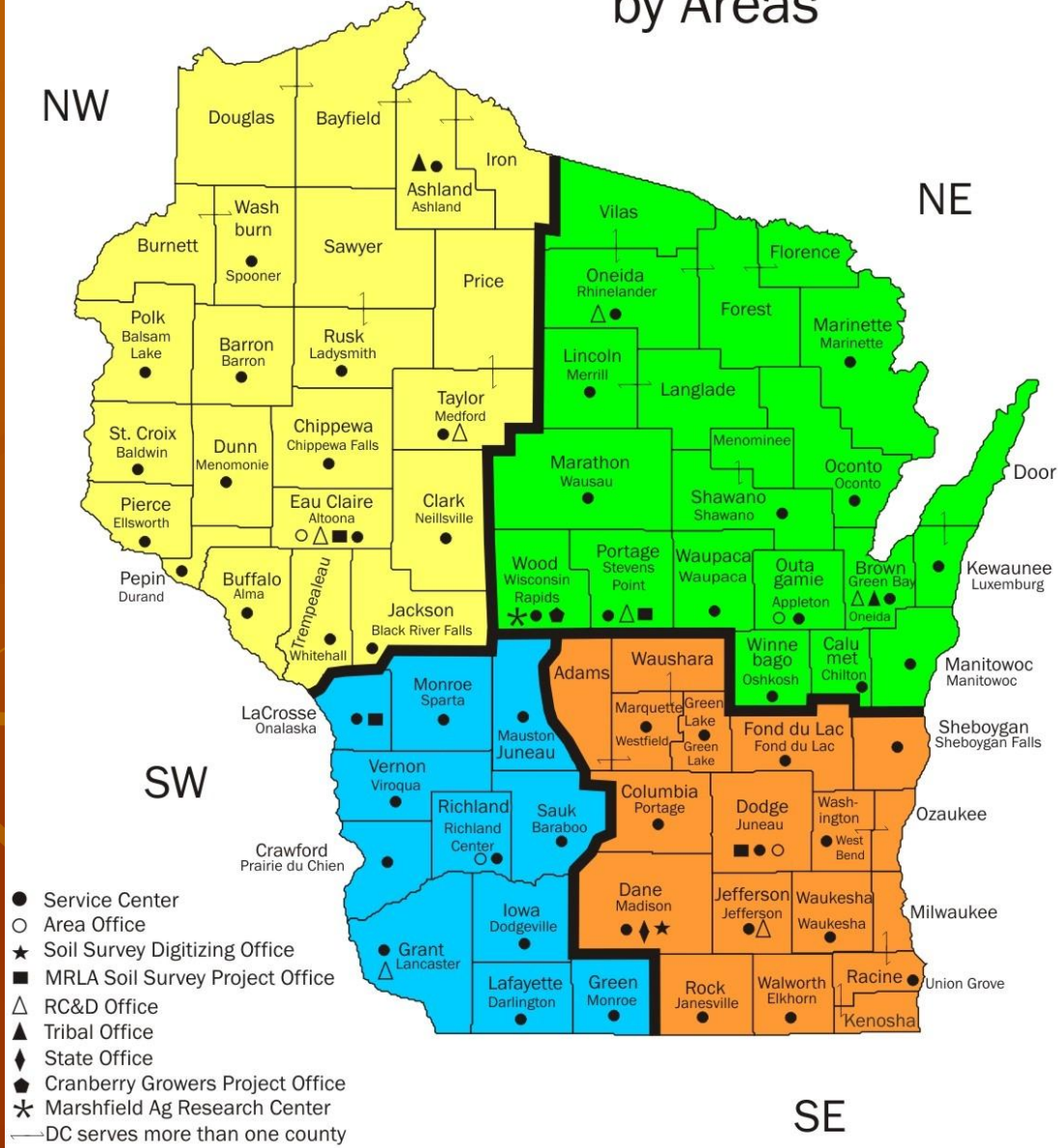
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- Practices Applied 2012 (continued)
 - Access Road – 3,858 ft
 - Forest Trails and Landings – 34,689 ft

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

- Cost sharing program to install conservation practices on private land
- Must address an identified resource concern
- Practice must be installed according to NRCS practice standards and specifications.
- Practice must be maintained for specific lifespan period.

NRCS Offices by Areas



FUNDING POOLS

- FIELD OFFICE

- PASTURE
- CROPLAND

- AREA OFFICE

- FARMSTEAD
- FORESTLAND
- SPECIALTY CROPS
- BEGINNING FARMER
- SOCIALLY
DISADVANTAGED

Conservation Stewardship Program

- CSP is designed to reward good land management and encourage adding additional conservation
- All areas of the state are able to apply
- Cropland/Pastureland and Forestland eligible
- Must be addressing one primary resource concern to a sustainable level
- Must be willing to address an additional resource concern to qualify

CSP 2012

ACCOUNT	ACRES	VALUE	CONTRACTS
State-Wide	162,395	\$ 3.06 Million	477
State-Wide NIPF	9,121	\$49,090	53

SELF ASSESSMENT

- Forest/Woodland is “green certified”: Tree Farm System, Green Tag, Smart Wood, FSC, SFI.
- One or more improvements have been made in the last 10 years according to a written forest management plan.
- No erosion on harvested areas, roads, skid trails and landings
- Tree stocking levels are appropriate and wildfire risk is minimized by fire breaks/fuel breaks

Wetland Reserve Program

- Restore and enhance drained/degraded wetlands.
- Forest Management Plans as a Compatible Use
 - Plan must meet Forest Stewardship Criteria
 - Wildlife Habitat Benefits complimentary to the wetland restoration

Technical Assistance

- Soil Survey
 - Land Use Interpretations
 - Relative Potential Productivity
 - Ecological Site Descriptions
 - State and Transition Models
- Practice Standards and Specifications
 - Tree/Shrub Establishment
 - Forest Trails and Landings
 - Firebreak
 - Forest Stand Improvement

Technical Assistance (continued)

- Landscape/Area-Wide/Watershed Planning
 - Soil/GIS Layers and Local Goals and Objectives
 - Driftless Area Landscape Conservation Initiative (DALCI)
 - Great Lakes Conservation Initiative (GLRI)
 - ? Forestry Initiative?
 - Mississippi River Basin Initiative (MRBI)
- Land Use Planning on NIPF Lands

Web Soil Survey for Foresters and Property Managers

Useful Soil Interpretations

- Construction Limitations for Haul Roads and Landings
- Erosion Hazard Off-road
- Erosion Hazard Road, Trail
- Harvest Equipment Operability
- Mechanical Site Preparation (Deep and Surface)
- Potential for Damage by Fire
- Potential for Seedling Mortality
- Soil Rutting Hazard
- Suitability for Hand Planting
- Suitability for Log Landings
- Suitability for Mechanical Planting
- Suitability for Natural Surface Roads

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