

## PROGRAM PROCEDURE

### COST SHARE PROGRAM

Cost Share Funds are awarded to landowners as an incentive to make environmental improvements. These are grants available to citizens within designated watershed management areas of the Sauk River Watershed District. Cost Share Funds are currently available on a first-come, first-served basis or until funding is depleted. Cost Share Funds cover 50% of eligible project costs. The SRWD applies for and receives cost share funds through grant applications.

### THE STATE REVOLVING FUND PROGRAM (SRF)

The State Revolving Fund Program (SRF) allows us to provide low-interest loans to citizens within designated sub-watersheds for various types of environmental improvements such as septic systems, manure management systems and erosion control projects. This program is unique because the repayment on loans is through special assessment placed on property taxes. The SRWD applies for and receives SRF funds through grant/loan applications.

1. Contact the Sauk River Watershed District for an application or download from web site at [www.srwdmn.org](http://www.srwdmn.org).
2. The SRWD representative reviews the proposed project with the area Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).
3. Landowner works with the area SWCD to develop an approved design plan and cost estimate. Final plan and cost estimate is submitted to SRWD.
4. A contract agreement is generated between the SRWD and landowner. A signed and notarized contract agreement is required before the project can begin.
5. Project certification is completed by the area SWCD. Copy of certification is submitted to the SRWD.
6. Invoices are submitted to the SRWD for review. Payments are made directly to the contractor(s) for all eligible expenses.

There are many activities that qualify for cost share dollars and low interest loans. Call Lynn at the SRWD today to determine if your project qualifies.



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# Sauk River Watershed District



## Incentive Programs for Land Improvement Projects

## **EROSION CONTROL PROGRAM**

Erosion control focuses on reducing erosion by anchoring soil in place and slowing down the water moving across it. Soil erosion is a natural process, but development and agriculture may cause accelerated erosion. In areas like creeks and streams, sediment from erosion is harmful to habitat and has a significant effect on water quality. The Erosion Control Program was designed to reduce these harmful impacts.

*What Projects May Be Eligible?*

- Conservation Tillage
- Contour Farming
- Crop Rotation
- Drainage Diversions
- Stormwater Detention Basins

Grants and loans for erosion control structures such as shoreline stabilization may be available.



## **AG WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

Ag Waste Management is the practice of properly handling and storing animal waste products. Ag waste systems can be highly effective in removing sediment, nutrients, bacteria and oxygen demanding material. Ag Waste Management is important because feedlot runoff damages surface water by contributing to excessive algae growth, reducing oxygen in the water, and limiting recreational use.

*What Projects May Be Eligible?*

- Animal Waste Storage Ponds
- Waste Storage Structures
- Other Manure Storage Areas

## **LIVESTOCK EXCLUSION PROGRAM**

Livestock exclusion prevents livestock from entering waterways. Livestock that have access to lakes and streams can increase the amount of sediment and nutrients in surface water by the direct input of animal wastes and by erosion of the stream bank and channel bottom. By eliminating livestock access to watercourses, water quality can be improved.

*What Projects May Be Eligible?*

- Fencing Livestock to Prevent Waterway Entry
- Livestock Crossings
- Providing a Buffer Area Between the Fence and the Stream
- Stabilizing the Bank

## **SHORELINE AND RIPARIAN RESTORATION PROGRAM**

Shoreline and riparian restoration corrects erosion problems and improves water quality on lakes and rivers. The Shoreline and Riparian Restoration Program helps landowners create buffer strips along the shoreline. These buffer strips use native grasses and flowers with extensive root systems to hold the shoreline in place, protecting it from the impacts of waves and ice. The Shoreline Restoration Program was created to help reduce runoff and pollution while increasing habitat.

*What Projects May Be Eligible?*

- Conservation Buffers
- Shoreline Stabilization
- Protection of Shoreland Trees
- Preserve Wetlands
- Other Erosion Measures

Apply for management solutions for shoreline restorations

