

Best Management Practices

- Riparian Buffer

Strips of grass, trees, or shrubs established along streams, ditches, or other bodies of water that filter runoff water of contaminants.

- Filter strip

A strip of grass that prevents runoff water contaminants from reaching water sources.

- Tree planting

Planting trees for reforestation, windbreaks, and/or erosion control.

- Wetland Restoration

Returning wet, depressed areas back to their native states by plugging or cutting field tile and planting native vegetation to create a wildlife habitat.

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Cedar Creek Best Management Practices Cost Share Program



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Overview

The Cedar Creek Watershed in Noble County has many rolling hills and consists mainly of cropland. It is located in the eastern part of the county.

A majority of the land in the Cedar Creek Watershed is used for agricultural purposes while also making claim to many forests, wetlands, and wildlife habitats.

Cedar Creek is the largest tributary of the St. Joseph River. The St. Joseph is the main source of drinking water for 250,000 persons in the Fort Wayne area.



Objective

Improve water quality thru implementation of conservation practices that will help control water runoff, sedimentation, nutrient loading, and water contamination.

Funding Available

- Up to 75% cost-share available through SJRWI for BMP's.
- At least 25% of the BMP cost must be provided by the landowner or other private, non-federal source.
- The total cost of the BMP shall not exceed the cost recommended by the Farm Service Agency's Conservation Reserve Program.
- No double-dipping with Federal CRP dollars, unless there are two separate practices such as planting trees on grass/hay CRP land and the CRP land must have been contracted before November 2005.

Requirements

1. Land has to be located in the Cedar Creek Watershed.
2. Private landowners, organizations, institutions or other entity; commercial developments cannot use this program to meet Rule 5, NPDES or other regulatory requirements.
3. Wetlands, forest lands, and buffer programs must include a conservation plan, which can be developed at the local SWCD office.
4. Reforestation projects must have installation and follow-up by a professional forester, unless it's less than 3 acres then SJRWI/SWCD can provide this service.
5. Land must be in the flood plain, and /or adjacent to waterway, within ½ mile of the open surface water.
6. A drainage board variance must be obtained by the landowner before approval of grant contract if a variance is needed to install the practice.