

## General Guidelines

All farmland under these contracts must be located within the St. Joseph River (Maumee) watershed.

Limit two cost-share contracts awarded to applicant under the St. Joseph River Sediment, Nutrient and Pesticide Reduction Project Phase I (completed) and Phase II (current); limit of one contract under any one program area.

All required documents must be completed by the applicant prior to receiving cost share monies. Among these are IDEM Form 319-A, Nutrient Management Program (NMP) checklist, Pesticide Management Program (PMP) checklist, and geo-referenced tract maps. Applicant must submit receipts for all work done under these contracts.

The listings of eligible equipment is not exhaustive. Situations not meeting the specified requirements may be submitted to the SJRWI cost-share committee for review and consideration.

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## Sediment, Nutrient and Pesticide Reduction Project Phase II

*Cost-share opportunities for agricultural producers in the St. Joseph River Watershed*



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# Three Cost-Shared Program Opportunities for Installation of Best Management Practices

## Program 1

### Conservation Tillage Practices

Goal: Reduce sediment in the St. Joseph River watershed through an increase in conservation tillage acreage

- Required commitment: 100 acres changed from conventional tillage to no-till or modified no-till (minimum 40% residue) for five years (2 years corn)
- 75% cost-share on attachments for planters, zone tillers, in-line rippers, conservation tillage harrows, chaff spreaders; GPS receivers, GPS guidance systems and yield monitors
- Maximum payment of \$3,000.



## Program 2

### Nutrient and Pest Management Practices

Goal: Reduce pesticide and nutrient runoff in the St. Joseph River watershed through an increase in precision application techniques and practices.

- Required commitment: 100 acres changed to or maintained in no-till or modified no-till (minimum 40% residue) for five years (2 years corn).
- 75% cost-share on variable rate controllers for sprayers, liquid/dry nutrient precision applicator attachments, GPS receivers and yield monitors
- Maximum payment of \$3,000.



## Program 3

### Crop Consulting Services

Goal: Develop management plans for efficient and effective tillage, planting and pesticide/nutrient application under the guidance of a certified crop advisor or certified agronomic consultant.

- Required commitment: 100 acres changed to or maintained in no-till or modified no-till (minimum 40% residue) for five years (2 years corn).
- 75% cost-share annually on services including soil testing, evaluation and fertility recommendations; production assessment; crop scouting for pest management and stand evaluation; yield assessment; PSNT and fertility recommendations for manure applicators.
- Maximum payment of \$3,000.
- Producers must follow management recommendations of consultants and document soil fertility, inputs and yields annually.