

Policy and Procedures

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A. Introduction

Richland County Conservation District (RCCD) has created a cost share program with funds received from Richland County. This project is re-evaluated every year and may not be available year to year. Projects are limited to a maximum of \$4500.00 of cost share.

B. Goals and Objectives

Provide financial assistances for natural resource improvements within Richland County.

C. Policies and Procedures

The Richland County Conservation District's financial assistance will be guided by the following polices:

1. Available to any private sector landowner with property in Richland County
2. Practices that benefit the Natural Resources of Richland County are eligible
3. Only on the ground projects are eligible (studies or research projects will be considered at the conservation district boards discretion)
4. Design standards and Specifications will follow Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) where applicable. Cost Share assistance from the Conservation District would be 50% of the cost recommended on the NRCS cost list and limited to \$4500.00 per application.
5. Applications will be accepted from Jan 1–Feb 28 for each year. Applications will be ranked, and contracts awarded by March 31st each year. Applicants may be interviewed by committee prior to ranking. Additional signups may be conducted based on availability of funds.
6. Proposed practices must be completed by December 31 of the year approved. Payment will be issued upon completion of project. Projects will be inspected before cost share is allocated. A six-month extension maybe granted on a case by case basis with a written request prior to Dec 10 of the contracted year.
7. Projects started prior to a signed contract are not eligible for cost share.
8. RCCD Board of Supervisors will make all decisions on prioritizing and funding of applications
9. Funding is limited to \$10,000 per applicant in a 5-year period.
10. If you have received cost share funding from another public entity in the previous 5 years you are not eligible for this program.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Richland County Conservation District

Conservation Cost Share Application



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Richland County Conservation Cost Share Program Application

- Wells
- Pipelines
- Tanks
- Fences
- Grass seeding
- Erosion control
- Soil health
- Wind breaks
- Gated pipe
- Any other conservation practice that enhances the Natural Resources in Richland County



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COST-SHARE APPLICATION

Application Deadline: February 28 of each year

Please answer all questions completely, a complete application is important during the ranking process. Incomplete applications will not be processed. A sketch or plan map must accompany each application with the location of each proposed practice clearly indicated on it.

Name _____ Email _____

Mailing Address _____ City/Town _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Telephone _____

Contact Person _____

Address if different from applicant _____

Landowner and/or lessee name, address, telephone (if other than applicant)

PROJECT INFORMATION

Location:

____ 1/4 , ____ 1/4 , ____ 1/4 , Section _____, Township _____, Range _____ Nearest Town _____

of Acres project benefits _____ acres. (Total acres impacted by project)

***Brief Project Description** _____

***PROJECT BENEFITS:** Which natural resources will be benefited and how will they be benefited?

***List other conservation measures that will be employed to complement the project:**

Public Benefit: How does your project benefit the public?

*Describe the consequences to soil & water resources if this project is not funded.

Proposed Practices (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Streambank/shoreline protection | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire rehabilitation | <input type="checkbox"/> Pest mgmt/weed control |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stream channel stabilization | <input type="checkbox"/> Grass/forb seedings | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife habitat improvement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tree/shrub plantings | <input type="checkbox"/> spring development | <input type="checkbox"/> Fencing for livestock mgmt. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> rubber water diverters to minimize pasture and rangeland road erosion | | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland restoration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grassed waterways | <input type="checkbox"/> Stock water pipeline | <input type="checkbox"/> Trough or tank (stock water) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration and improvement of native plant communities | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Irrigation delivery ditch upgrade | <input type="checkbox"/> Wells | |

COST OF PROJECT (cost breakdown required per practice):

<u>Practice Description</u>	<u>Unit Amount</u>	<u>Cost per Unit</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
A) _____	_____	_____	_____
B) _____	_____	_____	_____
C) _____	_____	_____	_____
D) _____	_____	_____	_____
Total Project Cost \$			_____

Amount Requested from District \$ _____

(No more than 50% of total project cost allowed, with a maximum of \$4,500/project per year)

Have you received any other cost share funds in the last 5 years? Yes No (Circle)

Please explain _____

Contribution from other sources \$ _____

List other sources: _____

SIGNATURE:

I (we) hereby declare that the information, and all statements attached to this application are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my (our) knowledge.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Sponsor (if applicable) _____

Use extra paper if necessary. Be as detailed as possible. Include map with as details marked on map.

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