

Highlights

-All 97 SWCDs are eligible to receive an allocation of PFC Program monies. Contracts are signed between the SWCD and eligible cost-share recipients. Project approvals may not exceed the allocation earmarked for the SWCD each fiscal year.

-Erosion and sediment control projects, water well decommissioning, and soil health practices are eligible for cost-share assistance through the PFC Program.

-Cost-share or incentive payments for erosion control projects can be approved on land that is experiencing sheet and rill erosion exceeding "T" (tolerable soil loss) and/or ephemeral/gully erosion.

-Availability of cost-share payments on Class VI-VIII land that is exceeding "T" is limited to new permanent pasture and hay land establishment (not for reestablishment or maintenance), and well decommissioning.

- Practice scenario costs, or fixed per acre, or per unit payments are used to determine maximum cost-share payments for an approved PFC project.

Cost Share Overview

The PFC Program provides cost-share assistance and other financial incentives for the construction or adoption of projects that reduce soil erosion and improve water quality; Water Well Decommissioning Projects (WDP) to safely decommission inactive water wells and help reduce the potential for groundwater pollution; Soil Health Practices to encourage farm operators to utilize soil testing to increase efficiency of fertilizer use and reduce nutrient transport to water bodies; and special projects to address unique resource concerns to provide for piloting new practices not on the state-wide docket or target specific practices or initiatives that are local priorities.

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IDOA List of Eligible Conservation Projects

Objectives

-Assist land users with sheet and rill erosion exceeding "T" (tolerable soil loss level), or with ephemeral/gully erosion, in constructing conservation projects, which conserve soil, protect water quality, and reduce flooding.

-Provide incentives to eligible land users for the adoption soil health practices that minimize the transport of nutrients to surface water and groundwater.

-Provide incentives to owners of abandoned wells to properly decommission and seal the wells so the potential for groundwater pollution is reduced or eliminated.

-Address water quality issues related to sediment, nutrients, and other non-point source pollutants.

-Address resource concerns in targeted watersheds.

<u>Conservation Practices</u>	<u>Maximum Cost-Share Rates</u>	<u>Soil Health Practices</u>	<u>Maximum Cost-Share Rates</u>
No-till or Strip-till Planting System (acres)	\$30/acre	No-till or Strip-till Planting System (acres)	\$30/acre
Cover Crop (acres)	75%	Cover Crop (acres)	75%
Temporary Cover (acres)	not to exceed \$241.31/ac.	Temporary Cover (acres)	not to exceed \$241.31/ac.
Critical Area Planting (acres)	75%	Critical Area Planting (acres)	75%
Well Decommissioning (hand dug)	not to exceed \$500	Filter Strip (acres)	75%
Well Decommissioning (drilled)	not to exceed \$750	Diversion (feet)	75%
Filter Strip (acres)	75%	Grade Stabilization Structure (#)	75%
Diversion (feet)	75%	Grassed Waterway (acres)	75%
Grade Stabilization Structure (#)	75%	Pastureland and Hay land Planting (acres)	75%
Grassed Waterway (acres)	75%	not to exceed \$275.15/acre cost share	
Pastureland and Hay land Planting (acres)	75%	Terrace, Narrow or board base (feet)	75%
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Terrace, Narrow or board base (ft)	75%	Conservation Cover (pollinator)	75%
Water and Sediment Control Basin (# & feet)	75%		
Rain Garden	75%		
not to exceed \$1.31/square foot; \$1.99/sq ft for small scale			
Conservation Cover (pollinator)	75%		



Streambank Stabilization and Restoration Program

Streambank and Shoreline Protection (feet) 75%

- a) Stone Toe Protection
- b) Stream Barbs
- c) Bendway Weirs
- d) Rock Riffles
- e) Other

Cost-share Administration

- Administered locally through County Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs).
- Each SWCD receives an allocation with which to cost-share with landowners.
- Each SWCD will prioritize and select eligible projects. Provides up to 75% cost-share for PFC.
- SSRP (streambank) practices are cost-shared at up to 75%.
- Technical assistance provided at no cost for most practices.