

DOOR COUNTY SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

Water Pollution Abatement Cost-Share Program Policy High Residue Management

PURPOSE

To abate water pollution in the County. To provide monetary incentives to landowners for maintaining substantial crop residue on the field surface after planting to reduce soil erosion caused by water or wind.

GENERAL POLICY

The eligibility and administration procedures included in the SWCD Water Pollution Abatement cost-sharing Program Policy, are applicable with the following exceptions:

1. Cost-share recipients shall maintain and operate the pollutant control practice High Residue management for the year in which the applicant is applying for cost-share assistance.
2. A minimum of 30% crop residue coverage shall remain on the soil surface after planting to remain eligible.
3. A nutrient management plan meeting Nutrient management (590) specifications will be prepared and implemented.
4. Cost-sharing shall be a flat rate of \$18.50 per acre for eligible fields.
5. Cost-share recipients shall be limited to a total of \$7,500 of cost-share funding over a maximum of six years with a yearly maximum of \$2,500. This limit will not include any prior High Residue cost-share funds prior to the adoption of this policy.
6. Fields will be considered eligible if one of the following conditions exist:
 - a. The applicants field(s) has been determined through the WIN–HUSLE sediment delivery model to have a sediment delivery of 0.35 tons per acre per year or greater, or have a soil loss greater than or equal to tolerable soil loss (T) levels.
 - b. The applicant’s field has been determined through USLE calculations to exceed “T” soil loss levels. (This method will only be used where the WIN–HUSLE inventory is unavailable).
 - c. The applicant’s field(s) is located in or contains a closed topographical depression with a principal rockhole outlet.

- d. The applicant's field(s) is bordered by, adjacent to or includes a stream or surface water body which is identified on a USGS 7.5 minute series topographical map.
7. Fields bordered by, adjacent to or includes streams or surface water bodies as identified in 6d shall have a buffer installed according to the Riparian Vegetative Buffer (393) standard. Sinkholes within or adjacent to eligible fields under the applicants control shall either be buffered or abandoned based on field and site conditions.
8. All wells no longer in use on property owned by the recipient if located on contiguous property must be properly abandoned.
9. The High Residue management grant may exceed the Annual County Cost-sharing limits if the applicant installs High Residue Management in a year that coincides with construction of other water pollution abatement programs.
10. Preliminary LCC approval authority is given to SWCD staff provided total cost-share costs do not exceed \$500.00 per applicant. SWCD activities will be reported at the next LCC meeting.

ADOPTED BY THE LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE 8/2/00