

**SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT  
WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT  
COST-SHARE PROGRAM POLICY**

**Nutrient Management**

Purpose:

To abate water pollution in Door County by providing monetary incentives to farm operators to properly apply crop nutrients in accordance with Door County Chapter 23.

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. SWCD maximum cost-share rates.
  - a) SWCD cost-sharing may be either a flat rate one time incentive payment of \$28/acre (equivalent to \$7.00 per acre per year for four years).
  - b) The SWCD will determine incentive payments on available funds.
  - c) All incentive payments will be in the form of a two party check between the vendor and applicant.
  - d) The Nutrient Management grant may exceed the annual County Cost-sharing limits if the applicant implements a Nutrient Management Plan in a year that coincides with construction of other water pollution abatement programs.
2. Applicants who choose to prepare their own nutrient management plans may receive cost-sharing if qualified as defined in ATCP 50.48(2)4.
3. Cost-sharing shall be processed following the implementation certification and proof of payment of the Water Pollution Abatement Plan by the SWCD. This includes the submittal of a Nutrient Management Plan by a qualified planner, and submittal of a vendor agreement between the qualified planner and farm operator.
4. Preliminary LCC approval authority is given to SWCD staff with activities being reported at the next LCC meeting.
5. Soil and manure sampling costs, which are essential for Nutrient Management Plan development, incurred prior to LCC approval of a cost-share application for Nutrient Management Plan development, are costs included in the flat rate cost share incentive payment.

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