



# Culpeper Soil & Water Conservation District

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## Highlighted Programs for 2019-2020

The Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost Share Program currently has available funding through Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District for the following conservation practices.

Program Eligibility requires: minimum 5 contiguous acres, minimum \$1,000 gross receipts per year from the sale of agricultural or forestry products for those acres for the most recent 5 years. Call us for further details.

- **Grazing Land Management with Stream Exclusion, SL-6W**
  - Stream exclusion fencing and water development
  - Includes fence, well, water troughs, pipe, stream crossings, rotational fence, etc.
  - Covers 85% of *estimated* cost with 35' buffer & 100% with 50' buffer
  - Buffer payment rate of \$80/acre/year paid upon installation of all practices
  - 10 and 15 year contracts available
- **Stream Exclusion with Narrow Width Buffer, SL-6N**
  - Stream exclusion fencing and water development with reduced setback
  - Includes fence, well, water troughs, pipe, stream crossings, rotational fence, etc.
  - Covers 60% of *estimated* cost with 10' buffer & 70% with 25' buffer
- **Grazing Land Management, SL-10**
  - Requires stream exclusion fencing
  - Designed to improve forage quality & quantity through prescribed grazing practices
  - \$75 per acre for a 3 year commitment
- **Reforestation of Erodible Crop and Pastureland, FR-1**
  - 75% of eligible cost for planting trees (hardwoods or conifers)
  - Additional \$100/acre for 10 year incentive and additional \$150/acre for 15 year incentive
- **Woodland Buffer Filter Area, FR-3**
  - Planting trees in riparian areas
  - 95% of estimated costs for planting conifers or hardwoods
  - Conifer buffers: additional \$100 per acre for a 10-year lifespan, OR \$150 per acre for a 15 year lifespan
  - Hardwood buffers: additional \$100 per acre for a 10 year lifespan, OR \$250 per acre for a 15 year lifespan.
- **Cover Crops, SL8B, SL8H, WQ4**
  - October 10<sup>th</sup>, cut off for harvestable cover crop and early planting date for cover crops to be killed in the spring
  - November 1<sup>st</sup>, cut off planting date for kill down crops
  - RATES: \$20/acre to harvest, up to \$48/acre to kill, and \$30/acre for legumes

- **Nutrient Management Planning, NM1A**
  - \$2 to \$4/acre to have a nutrient management plan written for your farm
  - Precision agriculture nitrogen and phosphorus application payments available
  - A great way to save money on input costs!
- **No-Till and Cropland Conversion, SL15A, SL15B, SL1**
  - Up to \$70/acre to convert from conventional tillage to a no-till system for 5 year lifespan.
  - Up to \$340/acre to convert cropland to permanent hay or pasture for 10 year lifespan.
- **Grassed Waterway, Grass Filter Strips, and Critical Area Seeding, WP-3, WQ-1, SL-11**
  - Up to 75% of estimated costs to grade and seed gully erosion
  - Up to 75% of estimated costs to establish grass filter strips along waterways adjacent to crops, hayland, or animal holding areas
  - Up to 75% of estimated costs to grade, fill, and seed critically eroding areas
- **Streambank Stabilization, WP2A**
  - Up to 75% of estimated costs to grade, slope and revegetate stream banks to stop and prevent bank erosion.
  - Can include stabilized livestock access to water or stream crossing
  - 5 year lifespan
- **Continuing Conservation Initiative**
  - For existing fence, water systems, stream crossings and riparian buffer which are not under contract
  - \$0.50-\$1.25/linear foot of stream bank protected with fencing
  - \$250-\$1,000 per water system, water trough or stream crossing
  - \$50-\$200 per acre of existing buffer
  - New practice for this program year!

**Contact for more information on these programs, plus many more:**

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