

Guidance on Funding for Nonstructural Land Management Practices 9/2021



- Nonstructural land management practices – incentive payments to encourage practice implementation:
 - cover crop practice (340)
 - residue & tillage management no-till, strip-till (329)
- To ensure the benefits of soil health can be observed, the producer would be required to do the same non-structural management practice for 3 consecutive years on the same piece of ground, regardless of funding offered. There may or may not be funding for all three years; dependent on the funding sources.
- Flat rates funding is proposed to be used, based on the current Minnesota NRCS Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) flat rates for both the 340 & 329 practice standards. The following are examples, funding will vary based on the specific practice type and current EQIP payment rates.
 - Cover Crops - \$35 / acre
 - Tillage Management (No-till, strip-till) - \$11 / acre
- Cap on Soil Health Incentive Payments per year - \$3,000 per producer
- Eligibility: Fields that have or will receive non-structural management practice incentive funding through other cost share programs (ex: SWCD, NRCS) for the same practice are not eligible for funding through the Kanabec SWCD State Cost Share funding program. As an incentive, if the producer has used this soil health practice for 10 years or greater, then they would not be eligible. SWCD staff will determine eligibility with approval by the SWCD Board.
- Once a producer is found to be in non-compliance (within their control, not including justifiable weather-related causes) with a soil health practice; they will no longer be eligible for any future SWCD non-structural management practice incentive payments.
- Focus Area: From the Snake River Watershed WRAPS priority watershed map (p. 26); we will target soil health practices to the restoration areas, both moderate and high. This will also include all the Rum watershed area along the Kanabec southern border.

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