

Wasco County Soil and Water Conservation District
Local Conservation Cost Share Program
Adopted 2/2/05; Rev. 1/2/07; 10/3/07; 5/4/11; 6/7/21

Purposes:

1. To provide financial resources for local conservation education including workshops, demonstrations, and “hands-on” youth conservation education projects.
2. To provide financial and technical resources for implementation of conservation projects in Wasco County which benefit Wasco County residents, resources, and/or communities.
3. To assist with worthwhile projects that don’t fit traditional funding sources including small projects in urban settings

Limitations: Annual Budget \$75,000; Allocated for the Haul Road program \$50,000.

Program Concept:

1. Application Form; Cover Page - fill in the blanks

Description of project (1 page)

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| a. What will be done | d. Environmental or other benefits |
| b. Who will do it | e. Budget |
| c. Where will it be done | f. Schedule |

2. Eligible Applicants

- a. Wasco County Residents / landowners
- b. Educational and Resource Organizations in Wasco County

3. Eligible Projects

- a. Conservation Projects and Conservation Education Projects which meet one of the stated purposes for this program.
- b. Irrigation projects that upgrade to hand/wheel lines or more efficient systems and that improve water-use or energy-use efficiency by a minimum of 15% either separately or in combination.

4. Cost Share / Cost Share rates

- a. Conservation Projects
 - (1) Rate 50% cost share not to exceed \$7,500, unless board exception granted
 - (2) Cost limits per current EQIP cost list
 - (3) Labor rates for match not to exceed BOLI prevailing labor rates handbook
 - (4) The SWCD will not reimburse expenses incurred prior to the project award date

5. Agreement Upon approval, grantee must sign agreement for proposed work including:

- a. Follow NRCS technical standards
- b. Authorize access for inspection of completed project
- c. Provide summary report (use completion report template) on result of project and photographs
- d. Provide copy of all receipts and permit(s) if required
- e. Maintain practice for minimum of 10 years or per EQIP Lifespan.
- f. Complete project within 2 years of approval.

6. Due Date: Applications must be submitted 7 working days prior to the first Wednesday of the month.

7. Processing.

- a. District staff will review applications, verify type (conservation or education), completeness, applicant and project eligibility, assign a priority based on the nature of the project consistent with District Long Range Plan priorities, and prepare a summary list for the board meeting.
- c. Board will consider applications at the first board meeting of each month for approval within the amounts appropriated for the program in the district budget. The board may consider modifying the annual budget only by the amount needed to adequately fund the last approved project for the fiscal year (<\$7,500).

