

Been contemplating switching up practices in your operation? The Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership has a new program to provide technical and financial assistance for non-structural practices. Conservation staff will work one on one with you to create an individualized plan to integrate with your system. A variety of practices are available with built in flexibility to allow the opportunity to try them on your land. You can choose to implement one or more practices to suit your needs.



Included practices*:

Cover Crops

- 1-2 species \$50/acre/year
- 3+ species \$60/acre/year
- 100 acre maximum per year

Nutrient Management

- \$20/acre/year

Prescribed Grazing

- \$40/acre/year

Residue and Tillage Management - No-till and Strip Till

- \$20/acre/year

Residue and Tillage Management - Conservation Tillage

- \$10/acre/year
- Residue cover following a corn crop at the time of planting the subsequent crop must be 60% or greater.
- Residue cover following a soybean crop at the time of planting the subsequent crop must be 30% or greater.
- Residue cover following a small grain crop at the time of planting the subsequent crop must be 60% or greater.

*Maximum acreage per practice set by local partnering agencies

The fine print:

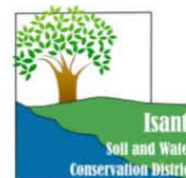
Contracts are 3 years in duration, offering payments based on practices planned and implemented. Certain practices will need to be implemented every year for the 3 years on the same acres (nutrient management and prescribed grazing).

The remaining practices (cover crops, residue and tillage management-no-till, strip till, and conservation tillage) have 3 options:

1. Implement the practice(s) annually on the same acres for the 3 year agreement.
2. Move the practice(s) with your rotation, implementing on different acres annually (ex. no-till soybeans in a corn/soybean rotation) for the 3 year agreement. The acres must be the same annually or increase from the first contract year.
3. Implement a systems approach by utilizing two or more practices to apply on the same acres for the 3 year agreement, allowing to alternate practices annually (ex. Plant cover crops after corn harvest and no-till soybeans in a corn/soybean rotation – corn year: cover crops, soybean year: no-till, corn year: cover crops).



Want to learn more?



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