



HURON CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
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989-269-9540 EXTENSION 3

# **HOW MUCH MONEY DO YOU NEED TO TRY A BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE ON YOUR FARM?**

**PRODUCERS IN THE PINNEBOG RIVER  
WATERSHED HAVE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY  
TO BID ON BMPs DECIDING HOW MUCH  
MONEY YOU NEED TO TRY A PRACTICE**

BMPs TO BE OFFERED FOR BID ARE:

- COVER CROPS
- NO-TILL
- FILTER STRIPS-RIPARIAN BUFFER  
(Filterstrip options may include width, selective cover, length of contract, haying or grazing, using as headland).
- STRIP-TILL
- MINIMUM-TILL

Application form and additional information are attached.

**APPLICATION FOR SECOND ROUND  
BMP AUCTION ENDS FEB.15 2012**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE HURON  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT AT 989-269-9540 ext. 3**

*It is the mission of the Pinnebog River Watershed Project to work with stakeholders, bringing resources to the table, to develop a Watershed Management Plan that encourages and educates people to become better stewards of their water resources. This will involve a fact-based process to identify and prioritize the impairments, their causes, and systems of best management practices to address them. The Project shall provide opportunities to participate in the development of a plan for the protection, remediation, use and enjoyment of the watershed for this and future generations.*



**Pinnebog River Watershed  
BMP auction  
2<sup>nd</sup> Round**

Field Sign-up Sheet (complete one sheet per field) additional forms available at [www.huroncd.org](http://www.huroncd.org) under Programs

The Best Management Practice (BMP) Auction project is sponsored by the Huron Conservation District (HCD). Funding for this project has been provided by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development through a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant from the Great Lakes Commission.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Field Location, Twp.-Sec. \_\_\_\_\_ Field Size \_\_\_\_\_

2011 Crop \_\_\_\_\_ 2012 Crop \_\_\_\_\_ Crop to be grown in 2013 \_\_\_\_\_

FSA aerial photos with field outlined have to be attached. Photos can be obtained from FSA Office or an authorization (available from Huron CD) can be signed allowing Huron CD to obtain photos for your field(s)

2011 tillage system (circle): conventional (0-15% residue) reduced (15-30% residue) no-till (> 30% residue) strip-tillage

2012 tillage system – if applicable (circle): conventional reduced no-till strip-till

2013 tillage system-- if applicable (circle): conventional reduced no-till strip-till

Row Width: 2011 \_\_\_\_\_ 2012 \_\_\_\_\_ 2013 \_\_\_\_\_

Harvest Procedure (example: beans-direct harvest, pull, etc. corn-silage, grain, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

- Which of the following soil erosion reduction BMP's (in addition to the ones being currently used) are you bidding on to be used in 2012 on this field? *–below for BMP definitions*
- How many field acres will the selected BMP treat?
- What is the amount of single payment you would need to implement the selected BMP(s)?-*these funds cannot be piggy-backed on top of other funds you may be receiving (through other conservation programs)*

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>BMP –see below for definitions</b>	<b>Treated Field Acres</b>	<b>Total Bid Price</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	No-tillage		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reduced tillage		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strip tillage		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cover Crop Type _____		
	Filter Strip Width _____ Cover to be used _____ Contract Length _____		

You may sign up multiple fields, but each field requires its own bid sheet.

**BMP Definitions:**

No-Tillage – Strip Tillage: Planting and drilling are the only operations which break the surface of the soil.

Reduced Tillage: There must be a minimum of 30% residue after planting.

Cover Crop: Must use NRCS specified rate and planting dates.

Filter Strip: Options may include width, selective cover, length of contract, haying or grazing, using as a headland, etc.

**Next Steps:**

A current baseline sediment loading rate (tons/acre/year) will be estimated for your field. The BMP(s) you have selected will be evaluated to determine beneficial effects on reducing sedimentation and improve water quality in the Pinnebog River Watershed. All of the bids received throughout the Pinnebog River Watershed will be ranked by the amount of sediment reduction generated per dollar. Whoever can reduce sedimentation at the lowest price will be contracted with first. Then, the next "best" bid will be identified and that bidder will be offered a contract. This process will be repeated until the funds are exhausted.

**Goals of Pinnebog River Watershed BMP Auction:**

With limited financial resources available for protecting our land and water resources, we are attempting to make the best use of funds. Our approach is intended to provide the greatest water quality improvements in the Pinnebog River Watershed per dollar spent. Producers and landowners also will benefit by keeping more soils on their fields and have the flexibility to choose which BMP(s) will work best for their operation.

They also will be allowed to indicate the exact amount of money needed before they adopt certain BMP's - something that isn't allowed in current conservation programs.

**Important Dates:**

- Submitted bids must be received by 4pm on Feb.15, 2012
- You will be notified if your bid was accepted by Sept.1, 2012
- Filter Strip BMP's to be installed by June 15, 2013
- Cover crops must be installed/planted by October 30, 2012

*Please return this sheet in a sealed envelope by Feb. 15 2012 to:*  
**Huron Conservation District**  
**c/o BMP Auction Bid**  
**1460 S. Van Dyke**  
**Bad Axe MI. 48413**

**For more information or questions:**

Charlie Error – Watershed Technician: 989-269-9540, ext.3

By signing this you agree to participate in the 2012 Pinnebog River Watershed BMP Auction. You will not be able to revise or change this bid. If you fail to comply with the terms of this contract, any funds that were distributed to you must be returned. The check will be made out to the name listed on the first page.

**Signatures (need both operator and landowner for share-cropped land):**

Producer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Landowner \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_