



COST-SHARE DOLLARS NOW AVAILABLE

Filter Strip - \$400/ac

**Cover Crop
(Acres for Seed Production) - \$500/ac.**

No-Till - \$15/ac.

Corn Stalk Residue - \$15/ac.

Livestock Exclusion Fencing - 38¢/ft.

Pest Management - \$5.50/ac.

Nutrient Management – \$5.50/ac. non-manure or \$11.00/ac. manure

The Sebewaing River Watershed includes 66,000 acres situated in Huron and Tuscola Counties. The watershed drains 61,000 acres of prime agricultural land. The watershed is comprised of over 200 miles of agricultural drains, the State and Columbia Drains, and the Sebewaing River. All of which are located off Lake Huron's Saginaw Bay. Several extensive research studies have been done in the Saginaw Bay, many of which include the Sebewaing River Watershed. The Sebewaing River Watershed has been designated as an "Area of Concern" due to non-point source pollution. The primary pollutants identified within the watershed are excessive sediments and nutrients. Sediments are contributed through cropland and stream bank erosion. Nutrients are contributed through agricultural operations and failing septic systems. The purpose of the Sebewaing River Watershed project is to improve surface water quality through implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs)

Cost-Share dollars are now available to implement BMPs. To be eligible to apply for cost-share your proposed site must be located within the boundaries of the watershed. Producers should first consider USDA programs and only those not eligible or unable to score enough points will be considered for cost share using grant funding. **These practices cannot be used in combination with USDA programs.** *All requests for cost-share are subject to Technical Committee approval. Payments will not be made for a practice started or completed prior to Technical Committee approval.*

Producers receiving cost share are required to complete at least one of the following, Livestock*A*Syst, Farm*A*Syst or Crop*A*Syst. Those that have never gone through the process can receive 4 RUP credits for completing either a Farm*A*Syst or Crop*A*Syst. If 3 or more years have elapsed since going through the process you can repeat and earn 2 RUP credits. These risk assessments are confidential, completed on your farm with a District technician and all materials are left with you.

**Contact us today at the
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1460 S. Van Dyke
Bad Axe, MI 48413
(989) 269-9540 extension 3**

Filter Strip

A filter strip is a grassed strip that filters runoff and removes contaminants before they reach water bodies. Filter strips also provide habitat for wildlife and reduces the potential of streambank erosion by slowing the delivery of surface runoff before it reaches the waterway.

*Filter strip will be 10 ft. in width and must be maintained for 5 years. Can be harvested and may be used as a headland as long as the seeding is not damaged. This practice **cannot** be used in combination with USDA programs.*

A onetime payment of \$400/ac. x 5 years will be paid, regardless of soil type, once the practice is certified.

Cover Crop

A cover crop is a grass, forb or legume providing seasonal cover and soil conservation. The cover crop protects the soil from wind and water erosion when crop residues are not adequate. Cover crops reduce crop seedling blow out, suppress weed seedlings, and acts as a nitrogen trap.

*Producers will agree to grow their own seed for cover crop purposes. Seed must be used as cover on **your** own cropland acres. Examples of seed that can be used are Rye, Wheat and Oats.*

Cost share will be \$500/ac. planted for seed. Each acre of seed grown must be used to plant a minimum of 50 ac. of cover crop. Payment will be made after the technician has certified that the required cover crops acres have been planted.

No-Till Planting

The purpose of no-till is to seed directly into the previous crop's undisturbed residue. This reduces wind and water erosion, sediment and phosphorus deposition to surface water bodies.

Producer must not have previously adopted this practice as determined by the technical committee.

A \$15 per acre payment will be made after technician's verification of this practice.

Corn Stalk Residue

The purpose of the corn stalk residue is to leave the corn stalks undisturbed until April 1st the following spring. This reduces erosion, sediment and phosphorus deposition to surface water bodies.

A payment of \$15/ac. will be made after the technician has certified that the practice has remained in place until April 1st.

Livestock Exclusion Fencing

Livestock exclusion fencing will provide a means to control movement of animals along ditches, streams, water bodies or wetlands where animals have access to the water. This will reduce stream bank erosion and eliminate nutrient loading through animal waste. Type of livestock will determine fencing requirements per NRCS standards and specifications.

The fence must be a minimum of 10 ft from the edge of the ditch and maintained a minimum of 10 years.

Landowner will be required to sign an Operation and Maintenance Agreement. Adequate vegetative cover must be present. If cover is not adequate a 10 ft vegetative setback from the ditch edge will be established and can be cost shared as outlined in the Filter Strip Practice. Huron CD technician will visit each site to determine eligibility. Bills must be provided to calculate cost share. MDEQ engineers must review and approve all designs. This process could take 6 to 8 weeks.

Cost share will be 38¢ per foot.

Pest Management

A plan that is crop and land specific and that will prevent or mitigate pesticide risks to surface water quality. The plan will be developed with a HCD technician.

A payment of \$5.50/ac. will be paid after successful review of your pesticide records.

Nutrient Management

A plan developed with a HCD technician to manage the amount, source, placement, form and timing of the application of nutrients. The plan will minimize agricultural non-point source pollution of surface water.

A payment of \$5.50/ac. for non-manure acres and \$11.00/ac. for manure acres will be paid after successful review of your as-applied records.

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Technician signature

Date checked

Aerial Photo
Attached



**We reserve
the right to
limit cost
share for all
practices**

Sebewaing River Watershed Sediment Reduction Cost Share Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

Farm Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Signature: _____

Location of Proposed Site

Township: _____ Section: _____ Acreages: _____

Township: _____ Section: _____ Acreages: _____

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Practices

<input type="checkbox"/> Filter Strip	<input type="checkbox"/> No-Till	<input type="checkbox"/> Livestock Exclusion Fencing
<input type="checkbox"/> Cover Crop	<input type="checkbox"/> Corn Stalk Residue	<input type="checkbox"/> Pest Management
	<input type="checkbox"/> Nutrient Management	

Notes and additional comments:

As applications are reviewed, you will be notified of acceptance or denial.

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Paid To: _____ Tax ID # _____

Date: _____ Amount: _____ Check No. _____