

Steps towards Applying for Cost-Share for agricultural conservation practices

Virginia's Agricultural Cost-share Program provides financial assistance to "share the cost" of the construction of agricultural conservation practices to improve Virginia's Water Quality

Buckingham & Cumberland County Producers

1 Contact Peter Francisco Soil & Water Conservation District

Set up an appointment for District Staff to come out for a field visit to discuss your current and future management goals

2 Review program and available conservation practices

- Eligibility requirements (self-certifiable): "engaged in the production of agricultural, horticultural or forest products for market, minimum of 5 contiguous acres and verifiable gross receipts in excess of \$1,000 per year from the production of those products"

3 Fill out cost-share application and W-9 form

- Applications and Conservation Plans go before Board of Directors at a monthly meeting for review and approval

4 A project layout and cost-estimate will be drawn up by staff and reviewed by applicant prior to approval

- Cost-estimate is based on the District's adopted average cost-list for the year
- Payment rates vary per practice and a tax credit is offered on out-of-pocket expenses

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- Application are ranked for approval according to a conservation efficiency factor and adopted secondary considerations

6 Staff will review designs with applicant, then construction can begin

- Construction cannot begin until practice is approved for funding & designs provided
- Project components must be installed according to designs and specifications provided
- Cost-share payment is reimbursable after all components are installed and approved to meet specifications by District staff and invoices collected
- Applicants are encouraged to seek bids from multiple contractors to ensure actual cost is inline with approved cost-share amount to be reimbursed

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