

**LORAMIE VALLEY ALLIANCE / UPPER GREAT MIAMI RIVER WATERSHED
FILTER STRIP BONUS PROGRAM
RULES**

PROGRAM LOCATIONS: Farms within Loramie Creek and Upper Great Miami River Watersheds; Shelby, Darke, Auglaize, Mercer, Logan, Champaign, and Miami Counties.

PURPOSE: Refer to fact sheet, "Top Ten Reasons to Plant Filter Strips."

ASSISTANCE:

1. The relevant acreage must be enrolled in the USDA Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), and in compliance with the rules and requirements of CRP.
 - A. If a grass filter strip is established (20'-100') with a ten-year agreement under the CRP program, the bonus will be a one-time payment of \$90/acre in addition to CRP funds received.
 - B. If a wooded filter strip is established (50-150') with a fifteen-year agreement under the CRP program, the bonus will be a one-time payment of \$500/acre in addition to CRP funds received.
 - C. Total Federal funds received cannot exceed 75% of the total lifetime project cost.
2. Eligibility in this program is conditional upon **APPLICANT** (and LANDOWNER if separate from APPLICANT) compliance with all agreements, and state and local mandates relative to the establishment and maintenance of access strips along county maintained ditches.
3. The watershed bonus payment will be disbursed as one installment after confirmation of proper filter strip installation.
4. If the filter strip is altered, damaged, eliminated, or otherwise suffers a deliberate loss of functional value, the **APPLICANT** shall restore or fully reimburse the **FUNDING ORGANIZATION** all filter strip payments received.
5. Areas that are already being overtaken by naturally occurring vegetation, and were not cropped or pastured during the previous year, will NOT be considered for funding.
6. Haying or Grazing within the filter strip area will NOT be permitted.
7. If any wooded strip is established over a drainage tile that extends onto another person's property, the tile must be replaced by non-perforated tile of the same or greater diameter, or the distance from the tile to the nearest planted tree must be at least 50 feet.

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APPLICATION FORM**

All information on this application must be completed prior to consideration for participation in this program. Please print or type all requested information.

Please contact your local SWCD office with any questions

Please return the completed application to your local SWCD office.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

CRP Contract # _____ Sign Up # _____

Name: _____

Social Security # _____ Phone # _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION (Complete if the APPLICANT is a tenant)

Property Owner Name: _____

Property Owner Phone # _____

Filter strip(s) planned	# Acres	Bonus Payment
Grass		\$
Wooded/Trees		\$

FILTER STRIP LOCATION

County: _____ Township: _____

Section: _____ Tract # (s): _____

I, the undersigned, understand that acceptance into this filter strip program is contingent upon the official approval and funding availability. Please refer to the opposite side of this application for program rules.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Landowner Signature: _____ Date: _____

APPROVAL		
_____	_____	_____
Chair	Funding Organization	Date