



## Livestock Exclusion Cost-Share Program (Clean Water Act Section 319 Grant)

**Purpose of the Program:** The Loramie Valley Alliance is offering cost-share to farmers within the Loramie Creek Watershed for redesign of feedlot or pasture systems in order to remove livestock holding areas from proximity to water courses.

**Monetary Offer:**

- 50% cost of fence not to exceed \$1.10/linear foot
- 50% of critical area seeding not to exceed \$91/acre
- 50% cost of alternative watering system not to exceed \$500/system

**Qualifying Criteria:**

- Operation must be within the Loramie Creek Watershed
- A current Manure Nutrient Management Plan must be on file for the operation.
- Operator must be certified as having completed the Livestock Environmental Assurance Program.
- Landowner and operator must be in compliance with all agreements, and state and local mandates relative to the establishment and maintenance of access strips along county maintained ditches.

**Applicant Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Linear Feet of Fence: \_\_\_\_\_ Total cost of Fence: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Acres of Critical Area Seeding: \_\_\_\_\_ Total cost of Critical Area Seeding: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Cost of Alternative Watering System: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Total Compensation: \$\_\_\_\_\_

*I the undersigned have reviewed, understand, and agree to the terms of this program described above.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **Loramie Valley Alliance Program Requirements**

1. Participant must farm within the Loramie Creek Watershed as determined by the United States Geologic Survey (Shelby, Darke, Mercer, and Auglaize counties).
  2. Participant (and landowner if separate) must be in compliance with all local, state, and Federal mandates and agreements relative the installation and maintenance of access strips along county maintained ditches.
  3. Participant (and landowner if separate) must be in compliance with all local, state, and Federal laws, and regulations relative to the discharge of pollutants into the waters of the United States.
  4. Participant must have a current soil & water conservation plan on file and be in compliance with all state cost-share assistance requirements prior to receiving LVA funds.
  5. Participant must have a current manure nutrient management plan on file and have been certified as having completed the Livestock Environmental Assurance Program (LEAP) when applying for manure management incentives or cost-share.
  6. United States Department of Agriculture – Natural Resource Conservation Service specifications shall be adopted for design of all cost-share practices.
  7. Participant must maintain ownership of any equipment purchased with LVA funds for a period of not less than 3 years.
  8. In order to receive a buy-down payment the participant must provide a bill of sale to include purchase price, equipment description, and serial numbers (if applicable).
  9. Programs of the LVA are currently being offered on a “first come first serve” basis. However, should demand exceed the availability of funds, the LVA Advisory Board reserves the right to prioritize applications based on objective criteria such as but not limited to:
    - existence of filter strips along streams and ditches
    - proximity of operation to water courses
    - number and variety of livestock
  10. The Loramie Valley Alliance Advisory Board has the authority to accept or reject any or all applications.
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