

HORSE CREEK AREA WATERSHED COUNCIL
CONSERVATION INCENTIVES 2019



Please check the incentive(s) you are interested in. Incentives only apply to land within the watershed. You may sign up for more than one. Funding is limited and will be first-come, first-served. We reserve the right to pro-rate payment amounts if sign-up exceeds funding availability. Deadline for sign-up is May 1. For soil sample incentives, a record of sampling and analysis must be submitted by December 1. Payments will be made by December 31. Payments for incentives will be administered by the Polk County Land and Water Resources Department staff.

Please return in the enclosed envelope or mail to:

Horse Creek Area Watersheds Council, c/o Brad Johnson, 480 200th St., Osceola, WI 54020

___ **\$4/acre for new soil samples**, taken in 5-acre increments or less, and review. You may take the samples yourself, use a consultant, or contact the county. You must provide proof of sampling and analysis to receive the incentive, and must be willing to share your sample results with the council – *the data will not be made public*.

Please indicate the number of acres you would like to sample for incentive payments - _____ acres

___ **\$1/acre payment for phosphorus indexing**. The phosphorus index is a number that indicates the potential for phosphorus loss from a field. It is calculated using soil sample results and other factors including distance to a water body, slope, soil type, tillage practices, etc. If you already have a nutrient management plan for your operation and you are actively updating this plan you would be eligible for this incentive.

Please indicate how many acres you have covered under a 590 approved nutrient management plan - _____ acres

___ **\$25/acre for planting a fall seeded cover crop** in a growing crop or following the crop harvest (**Maximum 150 ac**). Cover crops may include any species of small grain (winter rye is recommended). Multi-species mixes are eligible. Cover crop must be planted in a growing crop or after the harvest of the crop but no later than October 15th. Cover crop must be fall or spring terminated. Priority will be given to those who will be planting cover on highly erodible acres (HEL land). Eligible acreage for cover crop planting will be pro-rated according to available funding. Watershed council members can provide guidance in cover crop establishment. Council contact information can be found on the reverse side.

Please indicate number of HEL acres to be planted to cover crops - HEL acres _____ NHEL acres _____

___ **\$100/acre/year incentive for vegetative cover establishment on erodible field edges (5 acre maximum)**. This incentive is eligible for fields with high erosion potential in concentrated flow areas or field edges near surface water. Incentive is intended to offset costs of removing un-profitable highly erodible field areas from production and establishing vegetative cover for a minimum of two years. A site visit may be required to determine acreage of vegetative cover and seed recommendations. The area covered must remain in a grass based vegetative cover for no less than two years from establishment. Payments will be made on an annual basis and are dependent on funding availability beyond 2018.

___ **\$59.95 incentive for 1 year subscription to No Till Farmer premium** (1 digital + print subscription per household). This incentive is intended to be available for agriculture operators operating farmland within the Horse Creek and Squaw Lake watersheds who may not be practicing no-till but are interested in learning more about the practice. A short pre and post subscription survey will be required with this incentive. In addition, the applicant must provide a confirmation receipt for the subscription and complete the survey for incentive eligibility. The purpose of the survey is to evaluate if the information within the subscription influenced adoption of any conservation practices. Polk County LWRD staff will be contacting applicants regarding the short survey associated with this incentive.

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE INCENTIVE OPPORTUNITIES

INCENTIVES CONTINUED

___ **Monetary scholarship to attend one of the following meetings in 2019/2020.** This incentive is intended to offset costs associated with registration and travel costs to attend one educational event. Please make one choice. Payment will be made upon providing proof of attendance.

Please pick one (if interested)

___ \$150 to attend the annual Department of Soil Science/UW Extension Soil and Water Management meeting (December 2019)

___ \$250 per day to attend the 3 day Wisconsin Ag. Business Classic, Madison, WI (2nd week in January 2020). A maximum of \$750 would be available for attending all three days.

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

1. Scott Carlson – 715.417.0785
2. Brad Johnson – 715.410.1861
3. Andrew Johnson – 715-222-0491
4. Craig Gustafson – 763.286.2297
5. Neil Gustafson – 715.755.3913
6. Timm Johnson – 715.248.3277
7. Rick Nelson – 715.557.2327

OTHER RESOURCES

Northwest WI Farmer-Led Watershed Council Blog

<https://blogs.ces.uwex.edu/wflcp/>

NRCS Soil Health

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/soils/health/>

Green Cover Seed – Smartmix Calculator

<https://greencoverseed.com/>

Midwest Cover Crops Council

<http://www.mccc.msu.edu/>

Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Website

<http://www.sare.org/Learning-Center/Topic-Rooms/Cover-Crops>