

WLEB STRAND Application 2019

This funding opportunity is designated for the implementation of priority nutrient management practices in the Western Lake Erie Basin (WLEB) to achieve nutrient reduction goals outlined in the Michigan Domestic Action Plan. To qualify, acreage must be located within Michigan’s area of the WLEB. Participants with 50% or more farmed acres in the MI WLEB are eligible to apply for equipment (level 4). The applied conservation practices must be new or enhanced from the current practices on the proposed acres. Prior to payment, the applicant must have an approved nutrient management plan for the proposed acres and a MAEAP Cropping Assessment completed within the last 3 years. Funds will be dispersed on a first come first serve basis. The applicant may apply for multiple BMP levels.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Best Management Practices (BMP)

Check Practice(s) of Interest	BMP Level	Practice	Acres	Grant Funds
	1	Grid/zone soil sampling with nutrient management plan		\$7/acre
	2	Variable rate application or subsurface nutrient placement		\$10/acre
	3	Yield monitor calibration and evaluation of nutrient management with MSU extension		\$5/acre
	4	New or used equipment and upgrades that will assist with nutrient placement (Nitrogen and/or Phosphorus), subsurface placement, or yield monitoring. Approved equipment includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strip tiller - Variable rate spreader carts - In-season nitrogen application (e.g. side dress bar, Y drops, etc.) - Flow meters for manure - OptRx – N crop sensor (or comparable brand) - Optix – soil pH (or comparable brand) - Yield monitors/displays 		50%, up to \$15,000

**All practices will meet and follow NRCS standards and specifications, and must be maintained for the life of the practice.*

If applying for level 4, please include estimated total cost of equipment and describe the equipment you intend to purchase including manufacturer, model number, etc.

Where would you like to implement these Practice(s)?

County: _____

Township(s): _____

Section(s): _____

Total Number of Acres*: _____

**Please provide copies of your FSA field maps indicating BMP's to be implemented for all applicable acreage.*

Is your farm MAEAP Verified? Yes No

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Landowner (if renting)**: _____ Date: _____

*** Signature of landowner or proof of land control (e.g. copy of rental agreement) is required if implementing proposed practices on rented land.*

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION AND CONTRACT TO YOUR LOCAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT:

LENAWEE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

1100 Sutton Road
Adrian, MI 49221
Phone: 517.263.7400

WASHTENAW CONSERVATION DISTRICT

7203 Jackson Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
Phone: 734.205.1219

JACKSON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

211 West Ganson Street
Jackson, MI 49201
Phone: 517.395.2082

MONROE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

1137 South Telegraph Road
Monroe, MI 48161
Phone: 734.241.8540 ext. 5

HILLSDALE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

588 Olds Street - Building 2
Jonesville, MI 49250
Phone: 517.849.9890

WAYNE COUNTY

****Wayne County participants please contact the Monroe Conservation District**

For questions regarding level 3 with MSU Extension, please contact Ricardo Costa at 517-264-5300 ext. 5310 or costasil@msu.edu

WLEB STRAND Contract 2019

The Monroe Conservation District (MCD) administers the disbursement of funds for this grant. Participants enter into this contract with the MCD to implement specific conservation practices as set forth in the STRAND application. Participant(s) agree: A.) to implement and maintain conservation practices for the life of this agreement (1 year for BMP levels 1, 2, & 3; 3 years for BMP level 4) on the established acreage in compliance with NRCS specifications for the BMP and other special program criteria obtained from the MCD. B.) To forfeit further payments under this agreement and refund the MCD, in amounts determined by the MCD, if there has been violation of the material terms of this agreement. Payment adjustments could be considered as the MCD may deem appropriate.

Participant Signature	
Date	
SSN or TAX ID (if applicable)	

BMP Levels	1	2	3	4	Total
Contract Dollars					

PROVISIONS FOR RELEASE OF PAYMENTS

- The total amount of funds released will be based on the performance of implementation of proposed best management practice(s).
- No funds will be released until participant provides written proof of practice implementation and inspection by local Conservation District staff.
- Funds are dispersed on a quarterly basis after practice inspection, review of bills and receipts and approval by the Monroe Conservation District. Quarterly dates are October, January, April, July.
- It is important that inspections and review of bills and receipts be completed a minimum of two weeks prior to end of quarters.
- Before release of payment, participant must have an approved nutrient management plan for the proposed acres. Additionally, the participant must have completed a MAEAP Cropping Assessment within 3 years of payment date.
- The participant should not proceed with BMP implementation until receiving official contract approval from the Monroe Conservation District. The participant can expect to receive a copy of the signed contract and approval letter within 10 business days of MCD’s receipt of the STRAND application.

Monroe Conservation District Signature

Date