

## S.S.Lapointe Watershed Improvement Cost Share Application and Contract 2020

This funding opportunity is designated for the implementation of priority best management practices in the S.S. Lapointe Watershed Improvement area to achieve nutrient reduction goals. To qualify, acreage must be located within the project area (S.S. Lapointe, Wells, Wenrick & Cousino, Lakeside, Muddy, and Sulphur watersheds). 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. Fields identified as a priority during our agriculture inventory will be given preference and awarded as applications are received. All other fields will be considered for funding and awarded by February 1, 2020. The applicant may apply for multiple BMP levels at one time.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

BMP Level	Eligibility	Best Management Practices (BMP)	Acres	Years of payment	Cost-Share Rate
1	New/Enhanced	Grid/zone soil sampling		1	\$7/acre
2	New/Enhanced	Variable rate application or subsurface placement (N or P only)		1	\$35/acre
3	New/ 2 <sup>nd</sup> year	Reduced Tillage (>30% residue) or no-till			\$17/ac
4	New/ 2 <sup>nd</sup> year	Cover Crops			\$45/ac
5	New	Filter Strip (min. width 25ft, max 120ft)		x	\$390/ac
6	New	Drainage Water Management (plan & control structure)		x	\$1,500

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

Calculations for Filter Strip Implementation:

Tract Num.	Field Num.	Field Length (ft)	Filter Strip Width (ft)	Filter Strip Ac.

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Where will these practice(s) be implemented?

County: MONROE

Township(s): Erie LaSalle Ida (circle all that apply)

Total Number of Acres (owned/rented in operation): \_\_\_\_\_

Is your farm MAEAP Verified?    Yes    No

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Landowner (if renting)\*\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\* Signature of landowner and proof of land control for the life of the practice (e.g. copy of rental agreement) is required if implementing proposed practices on rented land and rental agreement is not on file with FSA.*

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION AND CONTRACT TO:

**MONROE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
1137 South Telegraph Road  
Monroe, MI 48161  
Phone: 734.241.8540 ext. 5

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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 S.S. Lapointe Watershed Improvement cost-share application. Participant(s) agree to:

- Implement and maintain conservation practices for 1 year for BMP levels 1, 2, 3, 4; 3 years for BMP level 5,6 on the established acreage in compliance with program specifications and other special program criteria obtained from the MCD,
- 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. Practices must be implemented, and all documentation required for verification submitted to MCD or a signed contract amendment approved by **August 1, 2022.**

<b>Participant Signature</b>	
<b>Date</b>	
<b>SSN or TAX ID (circle which)</b>	

BMP Levels	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
<b>*Contract Dollars</b>							

*\*Contract Dollar values to be completed by Monroe Conservation District*

### 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.
- Soil test results must be shared and will be aggregated with other results from the region by MCD for the purpose of showing the innovation and progress farmers are making towards increased water quality. Soil test results will remain anonymous.
- Funds are dispersed on a quarterly basis after practice inspection, review of bills and receipts, and approval by MCD. Quarterly dates for submission are June, September, December and March. Inspections and review of bills and receipts must be completed a minimum of two weeks prior to end of quarters.

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- Before release of payment, participant must have an approved nutrient management plan for the proposed acres or be MAEAP Cropping verified. Additionally, the participant must have completed a MAEAP Cropping Assessment within 3 years of payment date or be Cropping verified.
- 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 14 business days of MCD's receipt of the S.S. Lapointe Watershed Improvement cost share application.

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Monroe Conservation District Signature

Date