Soil Health Investment Program

Technical & Financial Assistance

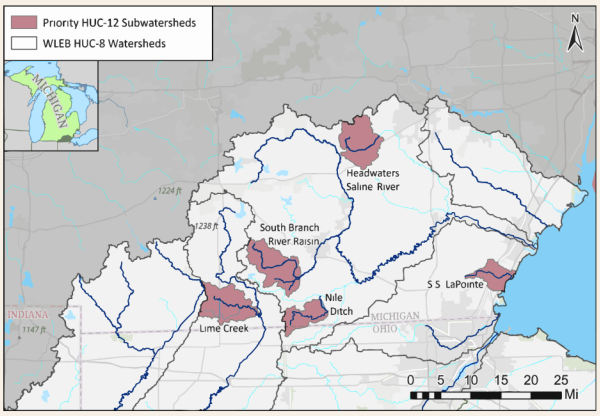
A one-stop-shop approach catered to your conservation needs

With a multi-million dollar investment in agricultural conservation, Michigan farmers in the Western Lake Erie Basin can access financial and technical assistance with ease through their local conservation district.

Available for cropland acreage in the Michigan portion of the Western Lake Erie Basin.

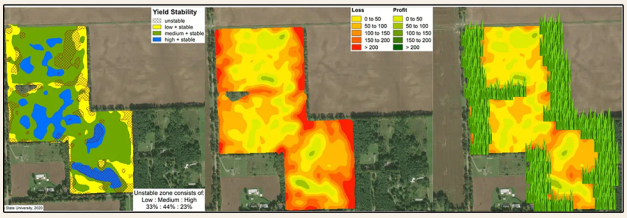
NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT

- Precision Nutrient Management (cap 500 ac)
- Custom applied: up to $12/ac
- NMP requirements
  - Adequate soil testing (grid/zone)
  - VRT fertilizer recommendations based on yield data and specific to samples
    - VRT Phosphorus Application
      - Fall application allowed if:
        - Subsurface applied: < 4% slope; requires lite incorporation **OR** a cover crop
        - Surface applied: ≥ 4% slope; requires lite incorporation **AND** a cover crop
- Equipment upgrades 50% up to $30,000



PHOSPHORUS REDUCTION

- Lower soil phosphorus threshold: $20/ac (cap 3 fields, 250 ac)
- Commericial fertilizer only
  - Phosphorus application if soil test levels ≤ 10ppm
  - Requirements
    - VRT application if phosphorus applied
    - At least 2 control test strips in field with previous phosphorus recommendation rate applied
    - Profit loss compensation payment made if profit loss due to yield hit which exceeds fertilizer savings occurs
  - Ineligible field characteristics: extremely compacted soils, poorly drained soils, soil tests ≤ 10ppm that are not historically fertilized



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