



# 2020 Conservation Funding for Farmers

Practice	Payment Rate	Maximum Amount	Guidelines	Projected Budget
<b>No-Till &amp; Residue Mgt.</b>	\$12.50/Ac.	\$500 / farmer (40 Ac.)	For <u>previous CCF participants</u> on new no-tilled ground.	400 Ac. \$5,000
<b>No-Till &amp; Residue Mgt.</b>	\$25.00/Ac.	\$1,000 / farmer (40 Ac.)	For <u>beginner no-tillers</u> ; converting conventional ground to no-till.	200 Ac. \$5,000
<b>No-Till &amp; Residue Mgt.</b>	\$50.00/Ac.	\$2,000 / farmer (40 Ac.)	Long term no-till same ground (3+ years no disturbance)	80 Ac. \$4,000
<b>Fall Cover Crops Establishment</b>	\$25.00/Ac.	\$1,000 / farmer (40 Ac.)	Fall cover crop left in place overwinter; soil should not be disturbed, if possible, in spring.	400 Ac. \$10,000
<b>Fall Cover Crops Establishment &amp; No-Till Drill</b>	\$50.00/Ac.	\$2,000 / farmer (40 Ac.)	Fall cover crop left in place overwinter; soil should not be disturbed, if possible, in spring. No-till drill rental included in payment rate.	200 Ac. \$10,000
<b>Conservation Farm Recognition</b>	\$1.00/Ac.	\$500 / farmer (500 Ac.)	Cedar Creek Farmers Producer-Led Group and Conservation Staff certify that the operation fully incorporates all of the above practices and is generally considered a good local conservation farm.	\$500

*Conservation practice budget based on awarded 2020 DATCP grant and Fund for Lake Michigan/MMSD dollars. (\$45,000)*

## **Important Notes:**

- The majority of the land enrolled for practice payment (>50%) must be located within the Cedar Creek Watershed.
- Practices and incentive payments other than those listed above may be considered and approved by the Cedar Creek Farmers provided the practice improves water quality and/or soil health and is within the ability of the Producer-Led Group program rules.
- Funding is contingent upon inspection by members of the Cedar Creek Farmers and County Land and Water Conservation staff. Our review is to ensure successful implementation of the practice and that the practice meets the goals of the project.
- Soil health and long term no-till are two major focus areas for this group.
- The Cedar Creek Farmers Producer-Led Watershed Group reserves the right to deny payment and participation into the program. Rev. (1/17/2020)

Producers will be selected on a first come, first served basis until the funding has been used up. Applications not selected based on lack of funds will receive priority for future funding.

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