

Soil Health Stewards Grant Application Questions

April 2024

(* indicates required)

Demographic information:

- *Organization or agency name
 - Open field
- *Primary contact first name
 - Open field
- *Primary contact last name
 - Open field
- *Primary contact phone number
 - Open field
- *Primary contact email
 - Open field
- *Organization/agency address: Street
 - Open field
- *Organization/agency address: City
 - Open field
- *Organization/agency address: County
 - Open field
- *Organization/agency address: State
 - Open field
- *Organization/agency address: ZIP
 - Open field
- *Organization/agency website
 - Open field

Please describe your organization:

- *When were you established?
 - Open field
- *How many staff do you currently employ?
 - Open field

How many easements do you hold?

- *How many easements in total?
 - Open field
- *How many agricultural conservation easements?
 - Open field
- *Total acres of agricultural conservation easements?
 - Open field
- *How many easements do you hold that were funded in part through USDA's Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP)?

- Open field
 - *How many easements do you hold that have been funded in part through USDA's Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)?
 - Open field
- *Does your organization own agricultural land in fee?
 - Yes/No
 - If yes, how many acres are owned in fee?
 - Open field
- *Of the farms on which your organization holds easements, which is the most common farm type (check all that apply)?
 - Specialty crops (vegetables, fruits, tree nuts, nursery)
 - Corn/soybeans
 - Wheat
 - Hay or hay/corn silage
 - Beef cattle
 - Hogs
 - Dairy
 - Poultry
 - Other livestock
 - No one dominant farm type
- *If you answered Beef cattle, Dairy, or Other livestock, please indicate whether the majority of land grazed is primarily:
 - Rangeland
 - Pastureland
 - Some of both

Describe your methods of monitoring:

- *How often do you monitor easements?
 - Open field
- *What is your method of monitoring?
 - Site visit
 - Satellite
 - Aerial
 - Combination
 - Other
 - If you selected other, please elaborate
 - Open field

Landowner demographics:

- Do any of the landowners who own eased land on which you hold the easement identify as historically underserved or as women?
 - Yes

- No
- Don't know

When engaging with landowners who own eased land on which you hold the easement (or their tenants or farm/ranch managers) do you discuss soil health practices on their land?

- *We often talk about the importance of implementing soil health practices
 - Yes/No
- *We do not talk at all about incorporating soil health practices
 - Yes/No
- *We routinely refer landowners to agencies with soil health expertise
 - Yes/No
- *We sometimes refer landowners to agencies with soil health expertise
 - Yes/No
 - Other – please specify
 - Open field

Current promotion of soil health practices:

- *We do not currently promote soil health practices
 - Yes/No
- *We publish information in our newsletter
 - Yes/No
- *We hold events for farmers/landowners that showcase soil health
 - Yes/No
- *We have information on our website
 - Yes/No
- *We use our stewardship leader to engage
 - Yes/No
- *We bring it up during our site visits
 - Yes/No
 - Other – please specify
 - Open field

***Please provide a brief project narrative. Please see below for additional information requested and write your answer in this space.**

- Open field

Narrative Guidelines: Organizational Benefit and Key Staff

Please provide below: (a) a brief narrative (not to exceed 350 words) of how you see this training and grant informing and furthering your organization or agency's engagement with landowners and farmers around soil health, including those who own or manage land on which your organization or agency holds an easement; and (b) the names and roles of the two staff you would plan to send to this virtual training.