



WISCONSIN FARMLAND PROTECTION PARTNERSHIP



Agriculture contributes nearly \$105 billion to Wisconsin's economy and over 11% of the state's employment. As agricultural land disappears, so do jobs and businesses that rely on that land. Farmland also provides a significant opportunity for improving the state's environmental resources and helping meet the increasing challenges of a changing climate.

The Wisconsin Farmland Protection Partnership, supported by the USDA-NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), supports farmers and landowners looking to protect their legacy by slowing the loss of vital agricultural land and accelerating permanent Wisconsin farmland protection. This RCPP also supports the implementation of soil health conservation practices on protected agricultural land, ensuring we're protecting Wisconsin's vital agricultural resources by the acre and the inch.

PROTECTING YOUR LAND



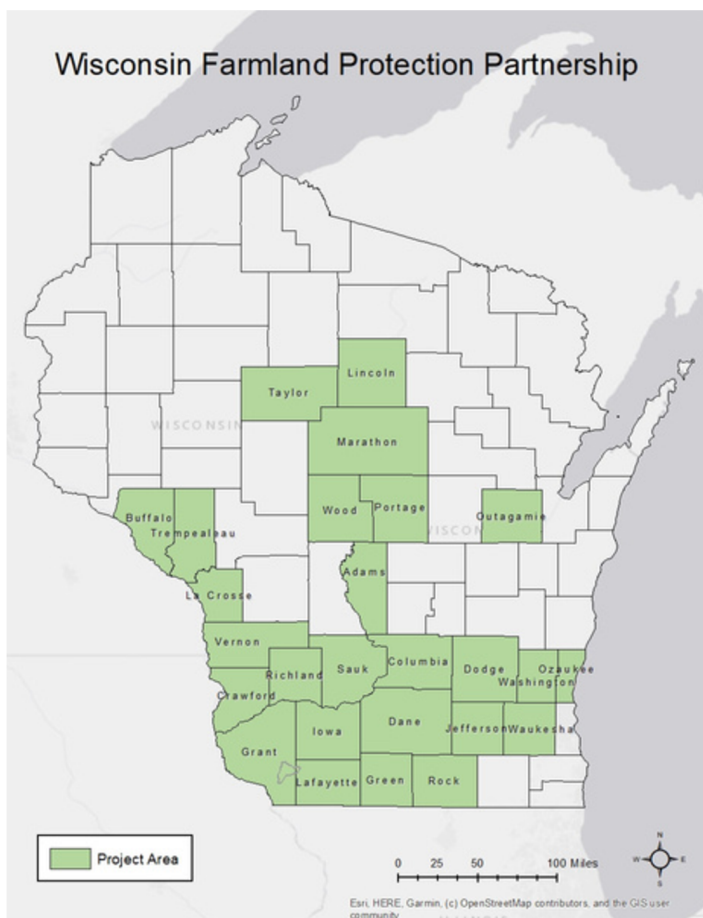
Landowners can receive assistance to permanently protect their farmland using an agricultural conservation easement through this RCPP. Landowners receive cash in hand from the sale of easement and retain private ownership and control of the land, while the easement limits non-agricultural development. A conservation easement is a voluntary legal agreement between a property owner and the easement holder (typically a municipality or land trust).

If you are an eligible landowner or producer, you can work with your local RCPP project partner to explore RCPP cost-share and technical assistance opportunities for agricultural land easements and land management.

For more information about Land Management cost-share, see reverse side.

SUPPORTING HEALTHY SOILS

RCPP LAND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES



- Grazing Mgt Plan CPA (159)
- Alley Cropping (311)
- Conservation Cover (327)
- Conservation Crop Rotation (328)
- Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till (329)
- Contour Buffer Strips (332)
- Cover Crops (340)
- Critical Area Planting (342)
- Windbreak and Shelterbelt Establishment (380)
- Silvopasture (381)
- Fence (382)
- Field Borders (386)
- Riparian Forested Buffer (391)
- Filter Strip (393)
- Wildlife Habitat (420)
- Mulching (484)
- Tree and Shrub Establishment (490)
- Pasture and Hayland Planting (512)
- Livestock Pipeline (516)
- Prescribed Grazing (528)
- Pumping Plant (533)
- Heavy Use Area Protection (561)
- Tree and Shrub Establishment (612)
- Watering Facility (614)
- Water Well (642)
- Raised Beds (812)

Similar to NRCS-EQIP, landowners and producers can receive financial assistance to implement soil health conservation practices on protected lands as part of this project's Land Management goals. Cost-share funding is available for practices on lands that are permanently protected or are planned to be permanently protected through an agricultural conservation easement, with priority for projects that benefit Historically Underserved* landowners and producers. To meet funding eligibility requirements, management practices must address a primary soil health resource concern.

**USDA's Historically Underserved definition can be viewed at nrcs.usda.gov*

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To get started, ask about RCPP #2329 program details and resources from your local NRCS staff or contact

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