

# WASHINGTON COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## Conservation Rewards



The District would like you to know,  
The Conservation Reserve Enhancement  
Program (CREP), Environmental Quality  
Incentive Program (EQIP), and  
The Conservation Stewardship Program  
(CSP) are offering attractive incentives.

Read to find out more!



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## THE "NEW" CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Are you a landowner looking for a steady, dependable land rental income? In need of livestock fencing or streamside buffers?

The new Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) has helped thousands of Maryland landowners with its new simplified program and increased land rental rates.

This voluntary program offers a one-time signing bonus, annual rental and incentive payments, and cost-share assistance. Common practices include: streamside buffers, wetland protection, and livestock fencing.



Cost-shared stream buffer planting.

Although CREP has been revised to simplify the program, the goals are still the same: providing cleaner, healthier waterways. CREP ground throughout the state has provided countless acres of habitat for wildlife, fish and game.

There is real opportunity to make some of your marginal land profitable while conserving natural resources.

Recent CREP Proposal for a Washington County	
Eligible Land	9.4 acres Pasture
Rental Rate Based on 3 Dominate Soil Types + 200% Incentive payment = Annual Payment to Landowner	\$63.53 per acre/per year <b>+ 200% = \$190.60 per acre/per year</b>
One-time Signing Bonus Payment	\$200.00 X 9.4ac. = <b>\$1,880.00</b>
Practices— Cost-shared by Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Maryland's Agricultural Water Quality Cost-Share Program (MACS) - Up to 87.5% of Installation Cost <b>Estimated Total Installation Cost</b>	1 Trough, Pipeline, Fence, Trees, Shrubs, Tree Shelters, and Stream Crossing <b>\$50,897.50</b>
Additional Practice Incentive Payment - 40% of practice cost (paid upon completion of practice installation)	\$50,897.50 x 40% <b>\$20,359.00</b>
<b>Summary -</b>	
<b>Total in One-time Payments =</b> <small>(Signing Bonus + Practice Incentive)</small>	<b>\$22,239.00</b>
<b>Total Annual Payment =</b> <small>(over 15 year contract)</small>	<b>\$26,874.60</b>
<b>Estimated Total Cost-share Pmt. for Practice Installation =</b> <small>(over 15 year contract)</small>	<b>\$44,535.31</b>
<b>Estimated Landowner Profit =</b> <small>(One-time pmt. + Annual pmt. + Cost-share pmt. - Practice cost)</small>	<b>\$42,751.41</b>

Contact one of our Conservation Planners:  
Neil Rotruck, Ginger Noble, or Jessica Brewer  
for more information at (301) 797-6821, Ext. 3

## ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) provides financial and technical assistance to farmers that promote agricultural production and environmental excellence.

EQIP offers assistance to eligible participants for installation and/or implementation of conservation practices. Common practices include: pasture plantings, watering troughs, waste storage facilities, heavy use areas, chemical handling facilities, stream crossing, and fencing.



Cost-shared watering trough and pad.

The program provides payments up to 75% of the implementation costs. Often EQIP is combined with Maryland State Cost Share programs to increase the percentage of cost-share to 87.5%.

## THE "NEW" CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM



The USDA's Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) provides monetary and technical support to conserve natural resources on agricultural and forestry lands. CSP provides monetary support to excellent stewards. This support is for both conservation practices already installed and for landowners interested in new conservation practices.

The purpose of the Conservation Stewardship Program is to reward conservation leaders who are demonstrating the benefits of conservation already and give them incentives to continue.

### Why enroll in CSP?

- *CSP is a flexible contract for annual payments.*
- *Payments are based on existing and new best management practices.*
- *Rewards good stewards for practices already installed.*

Contact Hans Kefauver, Soil Conservationist  
for more information at (301) 797-6821, Ext. 3

## LET US KNOW IF WE CAN HELP!

If you would like more information on these or other conservation practices, please contact us.

The Soil Conservation District can assist in obtaining cost-share for the implementation of these practices for qualified landowners: (Please indicate practices of interest)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Storage             | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Cover Crop      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Riparian Buffer           | <input type="checkbox"/> Filter Strip           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diversion                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Stream Fencing         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy Use Area Protection | <input type="checkbox"/> Strip Cropping         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roof Runoff Management    | <input type="checkbox"/> Stream Crossing        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trough or Tank            | <input type="checkbox"/> Critical Area Planting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grassed Waterway          | <input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed Grazing     |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Ag. Chemical Facility  |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pasture Plantings      |

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