

**Wasco County Soil and Water Conservation District
Local Conservation Cost Share Program
Adopted by Board February 2, 2005**

Start Date: July 1, 2005

Purposes:

1. To provide financial resources for local conservation education including workshops, demonstrations, and “hands-on” youth conservation education projects.
2. To provide financial and technical resources for implementation of conservation projects in Wasco County which benefit Wasco County residents, resources, and/or communities.
3. To assist with worthwhile projects that don’t fit traditional funding sources including small projects in urban settings

Program Concept:

1. Application Form:

Cover Page - fill in the blanks

Description of project (1 page)

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| a. What will be done | d. Environmental or other benefits |
| b. Who will do it | e. Budget |
| c. Where will it be done | f. Schedule |

2. Eligible Applicants

- a. Wasco County Residents / landowners
- b. Educational and Resource Organizations in Wasco County

3. Eligible Projects

- a. Conservation Projects and Conservation Education Projects which meet one of the stated purposes for this program.

4. Cost Share / Cost Share rates

- a. Conservation Projects
 - (1) Rate 50% cost share not to exceed \$5,000, unless board exception granted
 - (2) Cost limits per current EQIP cost list
 - (3) Labor rates for match not to exceed BOLI prevailing labor rates handbook

5. Agreement

Upon approval, grantee must sign agreement for proposed work including:

- a. Follow NRCS technical standards
- b. Authorize access for inspection of completed project
- c. Provide summary report (up to 1 page) on result of project and a before and after photograph.
- d. Provide copy of all receipts
- e. Provide copy of permit(s) if required
- f. Maintain practice for minimum of 10 years.

6. Due Date: Last Friday of the Month for consideration at next Board Meeting (1st Weds.)

7. Processing.

- a. District staff will review applications prior to the board meeting. Review will consist of verifying type of application (conservation or education) application is complete, applicant is eligible, project is eligible and meets criteria. Staff will also assign a priority number based on the nature of the project consistent with priorities established in the District Long Range Plan, and make a summary listing of proposals prior to the board meeting.
- b. Board will review applications at regularly scheduled board meetings and consider for approval, applications within the amount appropriated for the program within the district budget.

