

Forage Seed Assistance Program Criteria

Objective: **To assist land owners in protecting marginal or erosion-prone areas by way of establishing a permanent forage cover.** The program will ultimately enhance agricultural productivity and encourage efficient land management.

Eligibility and Conditions:

1. Project land must be within the West Interlake Watershed Conservation District (WIWCD).
2. Application must be made in the name of the **registered land owner**.
Note: Only one application per landowner (and per farm) will be accepted. Jointly owned properties will be considered an application by both registered owners.
3. Crown land projects are eligible if the lease holder is eligible.
4. Landowners must be in good financial standing with the WIWCD.
5. **Applicant should purchase a minimum of 10lbs of seed per acre as per recommended seeding rates.**
6. Applicants are eligible to receive assistance every year.
7. Payment of **\$1.25 per lb** to a maximum of **40 acres** (400 lbs) per eligible land owner.
8. **Applications will be accepted at the WIWCD office by Mail, Fax or E-mail by the deadline date May 31, 2012. No late applications will be accepted.**

The Land Owner Shall:

1. **Provide all receipts by September 30, 2012 in order to receive assistance.**
2. Be responsible for the purchase of their seed supplies.
3. **Sow seed on the land specified in the application in the year of delivery**, or report the circumstances to the West Interlake Watershed Conservation District
4. Not sell, trade, or exchange seed received under the program.
5. Not rip up during year of establishment without the consent of the WIWCD Board.
6. **Keep the forage in production for a minimum of 4 years, or replace at 100% WIWCD cost and/or forfeit future participation.**
7. Provide access for inspection or evaluation by the Board and/or WIWCD staff at any reasonable time.
8. Consent to signage indicating the landowner's participation in the program.
9. Failure of landowner to meet Landowner Responsibilities may negate him/her from other Conservation District programs.

The Conservation District Shall:

1. Not be held responsible for seed germination and/or quality of the forage stand
2. Reserve the right to reasonable access to project areas for tours or to inspect the condition of forage stands.
3. Will adjust reimbursement if landowner does not purchase the recommended rate of seed to establish the amount of acres applied for. (minimum of 10 lbs per acre)
4. Retain the option to erect signage promoting the Forage Seed Assistance Program.



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