

# Farmers of the Sugar River

## Application for cost sharing conservation practices for 2023

Farmers of the Sugar River encourage and challenge farmers **to try a new conservation practice or to improve it the next year (more species, more acres, less tillage, ect).**

The following practices are being offered:

**\*Incentive payment of \$15/acre** (with a maximum of \$1000/ farm or 66.6 ac) per practice (can be stacked with other practices):

1. First time no-till planting of small grains, alfalfa, corn or soybeans- especially includes planting green
2. Low disturbance manure injection
3. Cover crops (by drilling, aerial, or broadcast)
4. Roller crimper to terminate cover crops

**\*Soil Testing-** We'll pay for soil health tests, soil nitrate tests and/or biomass sampling of your fields to help you make better fertilization decisions. Samples sent in for analysis at AgSource.

**\*Pollinator plantings-** We'll pay \$150/ac to plant an annual pollinator planting for honey bees and other pollinators (lasts 1 year) and \$500/ac to plant a perennial pollinator habitat for monarchs (lasts many years). Site prep recommendations will be given.

### **Honey bee mix (possible)**

Buckwheat  
Phacelia  
Berseem Clover  
Crimson Clover  
Annual Sunflower  
Red Clover  
Oats  
Pearl Millet

### **Monarch mix (possible)**

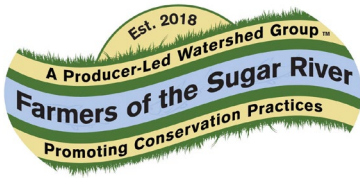
Purple Prairie Clover  
Stiff Goldenrod  
Ox-eye Sunflower  
Golden Alexanders  
Black-Eyed Susan  
Bergamot  
Common Milkweed  
Yellow Coneflower  
Butterfly Milkweed  
Hoary Vervain

Cupplant  
Rattlesnake Master  
Purple Coneflower  
New England Aster  
Culver's Root  
Big Bluestem  
Little Bluestem  
Indiangrass  
Sideoats Grama  
Switchgrass

Farmers of the Sugar River are invested in learning and growing of information through practices as provided above. We encourage recipients of cost share monies, as well as those interested and doing their own conservation practices *without cost share monies*, to provide feedback and insight into their practices, results (good/bad/no change), and future changes from practices tried. Please use [Tonya.Gratz@wi.nacdnet.net](mailto:Tonya.Gratz@wi.nacdnet.net) as a contact for practice payment availability, sharing of information, and mentor opportunities.

**All incentive/cost share payments will be dependent on available funds.**

For a lot more information check out the webpage: <https://greencountylwcd.com/farmers-of-the-sugar-river/>



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Optional Farm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best phone number- landline or cell (circle which): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want to be added to our email list? Yes or no Text list? Yes or No

Operation type: Dairy / Grain / Beef / other

How many total cropland acres do you manage? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a current Nutrient Management Plan? \_\_\_\_\_ if not, would you like to learn how to write one for your farm? \_\_\_\_\_

Current crop rotation and tillage to plant each crop- applies to the acres that would receive the incentive payment: (example: corn grain and soybeans- no till corn, field finisher soybeans)

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\_\_\_\_\_

Practice you'd like to receive an incentive payment for/ change to your system: (example: cover crop after soybeans) \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ acres (payment caps at 66.6ac, but you can report more)

If you're planting pollinator habitat, what was the cover on the space you're converting? \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres are you planting to pollinator habitat? \_\_\_\_\_

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