GENERAL PROVISIONS

APPLICATION PROCESS
Materials are available online and at the:

- Sullivan County SWCD Office
  2316 N Section Street
  Sullivan, IN 47882

Schedule an appointment with the Watershed Coordinator or other appropriate staff to confirm eligibility and 319 funding availability.

The MNBC Cost-Share Program uses a continuous sign-up system, though funds are finite within the timeline of the grant. Proposed practices must lie within a critical area of the watershed for the pollutant addressed and must be installed according to specifications and with pre-approval.

CONSERVATION PLANNING
The Watershed Coordinator works with local USDA offices and technical staff to develop conservation plans as required by the Section 319 program. These documents can also used as planning guidelines for other programs.

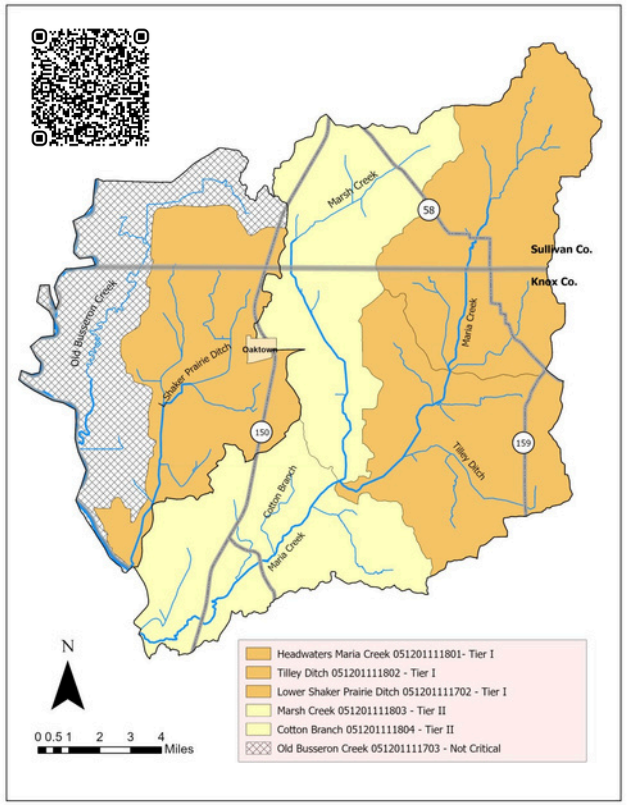
PRACTICE STANDARDS
All structures and vegetative practices must meet standards as defined by NRCS guidelines when available. Eligible practices must follow an approved engineering plan when applicable.

PAYMENTS
Payments are made as percentage reimbursements of practice implementation expenses. Participants must provide documentation of all costs, including cash or in-kind match. $30,000 cap per customer.

After staff has verified practice implementation, a submittal will be made for program approval and payment. ***Payments may take up to 8-12 weeks*** and will be issued as a check from Sullivan SWCD (no direct deposits). A 1099 will be issued for payments over $2,000.

WATERSHED INFO

The MNBC Watershed spans 89,061 acres in Sullivan and Knox counties. The purpose of this initiative is to improve regional water quality through the installation of conservation practices in critical areas as shown on the map/QR code below.



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Maria-No Business Creek Watershed

319 Cost-Share Program

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Guideline to Cost-Share Practices and Payment Rates

Short-Term Vegetative Practices

- **Cover Crops 60-75% cost-share**

75% for NEW customers *(no cover crops >5 yrs)*
60% for other applicants

Seed and labor costs reimbursed.
Fertilizer costs excluded.
Single-year commitment (3 yrs/field max cost-share).
Not to be used in conjunction with NRCS payments.

- **Critical Area Planting - 75%**
- **Forage and Biomass Planting - 75%**

Must be converting from row-crop farming.
Must maintain for 5 years (no annuals).

- **Pasture Seeding - 75%**

Must be associated with rotational grazing and/or exclusion efforts. Seed and labor only

10-Year Vegetative Practices

Practices must remain in place for 10 years minimum
No yearly incentive payments

- **Field Border**
- **Filter Strip**
- **Grassed Waterway *****
- **Wetland Construction* ****
- **Riparian Buffer Establishment**
- **Tree and Shrub Establishment**

**Primary purpose must be reduction of pollutants*
***Permits may be necessary*
****** Approved engineering plan necessary*

$30,000 MAX per customer per 319 grant (all combined practices)

Nutrient and Tillage Reduction *Equipment Cost-Share*

75% Cost-Share with $9,999.00 cap

Practices must remain in place for a minimum of 5 years.
Must be moving from a lower to higher residue systems.
Must demonstrate reduction in N, P, or sediment.
Technology must be new to the operation.
No replacements/repairs. No software subscriptions.
No incentive payments
Must be used to implement BMP prior to cost-share and must show proof of purchase/use

- **No-Till Planter Upgrades**
- **Reduced Tillage Mods (Chopping Heads)**
- **Guidance/AutoSteer**
- **Swath Control/Variable Rate for N**
- **Cover Crop Seeding Equipment**
  (*NEW* including drone attachments)

Livestock Practices

Practices must remain in place for 10 years minimum
Must possess livestock at the time of sign-up
Must provide proof of grazing plan upon request

- **Livestock Fence (interior/exclusion only)**
- ***NEW* Virtual Fencing**
- ***NEW* Bale unroller**
- **Animal Trails and Walkways**
- **Watering Facility**
- **Heavy Use Area Protection**
- **Roof & Stormwater Runoff Structures**

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Structural Practices

Practices must remain in place for 10 years minimum. Must follow approved engineering plan.
75% Cost-Share

- **Diversion**
- **WASCOB** *(Water & Sediment Control Basin)*
- **Terrace**
- **Grade Stabilization Structure**
- **Streambank/Shoreline Protection****

***Permits may be necessary*
****** No rip-rap only; vegetative measures*

May apply for redesign and reconstruction of structures that have outlived their useful lifespan.

Septic-Related Practices *NEW*

Repairs must be pre-approved by IDEM
All work must be completed by licensed, certified, and locally-approved contractor and must meet local Health Dept standards

75% Cost-Share
$2,500 max per system per grant

- **Inspections and pumping services**
- **Repairs (case-by-case approval)**

319 is Unable to Fund:

- Projects outside of designated critical areas
- Log Jam removal projects
- Purchase of land, easements, etc.
- Fertilizer or other soil amendments
- Purchase of large equipment
- Dredging or channelization
- Sales Tax
- Projects associated with mitigation or permit compliance
- Projects directed at water quantity rather than water quality