GENERAL PROVISIONS

APPLICATION PROCESS
Materials are available online and at the:

- Greene Co. SWCD Office
  104 County Rd 70E, Suite B
  Bloomfield, IN 47424

Contact the Watershed Coordinator to confirm eligibility and 319 funding availability.

The BCW 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 the local SWCD/USDA offices and technical staff to collect conservation planning documentation as required by the Section 319 program. In some cases, this information can also used for planning purposes in other programs.

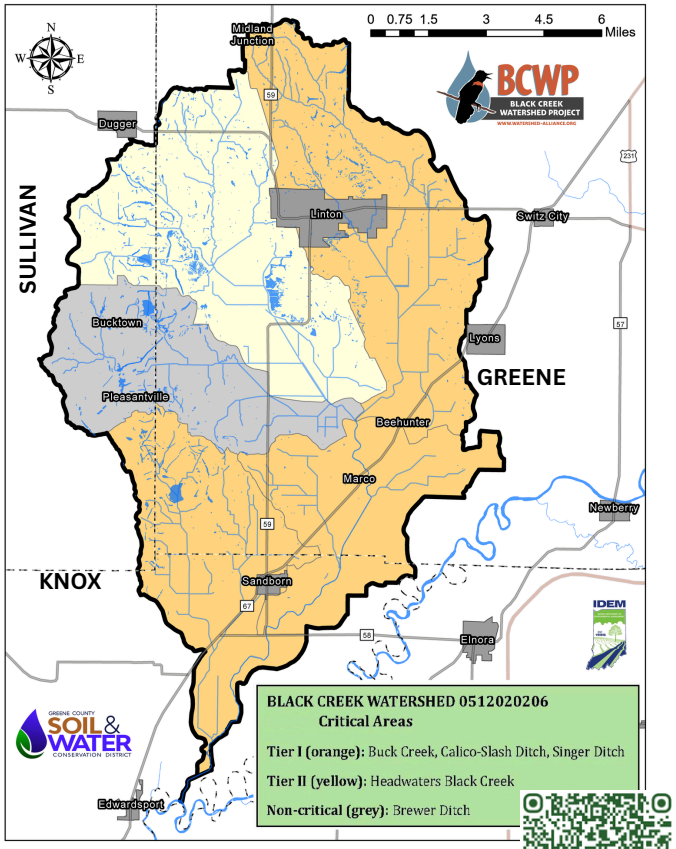
PRACTICE STANDARDS
All structures and vegetative practices must meet standards as defined by NRCS or other approved guidelines. Eligible practices must follow an approved engineering plan when applicable.

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 the Greene Co. SWCD (no direct deposits). A 1099 will be issued for payments over $2,000.

WATERSHED INFO

The Black Creek Watershed consists of 84,874 acres in Greene, Knox, and Sullivan 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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319 Cost-Share Program
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Guidelines to 319 Cost-Share Practices and Payment Rates

Short-Term Vegetative Practices

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

Seed and labor costs reimbursed.
Fertilizer, temination costs excluded.
Single-year commitment (3 yrs/field max cost-share).
Not to be used in conjunction with other payments.
Not intended for resale; grazing is allowed

- **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 grazing plan 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*

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

Nutrient and Tillage Reduction

Equipment Cost-Share

75% Cost-Share with $9,999.99 cap per item

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. No vertical tillage tools.
Must be used to implement BMP prior to cost-share and provide photo of equipment (fully assembled)

- **Sidedress tools**
- **No-Till Planter Upgrades**
- **Reduced Tillage Mods (Chopping Heads)**
- **Guidance/AutoSteer**
- **Swath Control/Variable Rate for Nitrogen**
- **Cover Crop Seeding Equipment**
  (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)**
- **Virtual Fencing components**
- **Bale Unroller**
- **Animal Trails & Walkways***
- **Watering Facility + Pipeline***
- **Spring Development***
- **Heavy Use Area Protection***
- **Roof & Stormwater Runoff Structures**

** Approved engineering plan necessary*

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

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. No new systems.
75% Cost-Share
$2,500 max per system repair per grant or combo of repairs + pump-outs per customer

- **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

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