

# FY 2011 Cost-share

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For years the Livingston County SWCD had enough cost-share money to service just about everyone who walked through the door requesting assistance. Each spring the technicians were rushing to stake last minute practices to finish spending that last few dollars so we didn't have to send it back to Jefferson City. The Livingston County SWCD thanks all the landowners, operators, and contractors who helped us spend the money as well.

Unfortunately the good old days are over, at least for now. With the turn in the economy the State Sales Tax Revenues are down which funds our cost-share allocation. To make matters worse the cost of completing a practice have went up, so the money doesn't go as far as it used to. The addition of the water quality practices into the cost-share program also distributes more funding across the entire state leaving less available money for sheet and rill practices such as terraces, ponds, waterways, seedings, etc. It's nice to be able to offer the water quality practices in each county, but we have to give up some of the money that was available for sheet and rill practices to do that.

## CONSERVATION PRACTICE MAINTENANCE

The landowner is responsible for the maintenance of the cost-shared practice. Practices installed with state cost-share assistance must be maintained in good operating condition to assure continued and effective control of erosion. The maintenance life of the practice is stated on the cost-share application/contract. The landowner will be required to repay the cost-share if the practice is not maintained for the life of the practice.

In case you do not remember or have your application/contract handy, listed below are the practices and maintenance life span for each practice that the Livingston County SWCD offers to landowners/cooperators.

Type of Practice	Maintenance Life Span
<b>SHEET/RILL AND GULLY EROSION RESOURCE CONCERN</b>	
DSL-1: Permanent Vegetative Establishment	5 years
DSL-2: Permanent Vegetative Cover Improvement	5 years
DSL-4: Terrace Systems	10 years
DSL-44: Terrace Systems w/Tile	10 years
DSL-11: Permanent Vegetative Cover Critical Areas	5 years
DSL-111: Permanent Vegetative Cover – Confined Animal Feed Lots	10 years
DWC-1: Water Impoundment Reservoir	10 years
DWP-1: Sediment Retention, Erosion or Water Control Structure	10 years
DWP-3: Sod Waterways	10 years
DSL-5: Diversions	10 years
<b>GRAZING MANAGEMENT RESOURCE CONCERN</b>	
DSP-2: Permanent Vegetative Cover Enhancement	5 years
DSP-3.1: Planned Grazing System Water Development	10 years
DSP-3.2: Planned Grazing System Water Distribution	10 years
DSP-3.3: Planned Grazing System Fence	10 years
DSP-3.4: Planned Grazing System Lime	5 years
DSP-3.5: Planned Grazing System Seed	5 years
<b>IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT RESOURCE CONCERN</b>	
N574: Spring Development	10 years
N351: Well Decommissioning	10 years
N587: Structure for Water Control	10 years
N554: Drainage Water Management	10 years

In response to the recession the Livingston County SWCD Board of Supervisors have made the following changes:

- Terraces will be offered at \$500/acre up to a \$20,000 maximum per landowner approximately 50% cost-share.
- Pond evaluations have been cancelled until further notice as the board selected ten sites last year that have yet to be funded.
- If a landowner has received \$10,000 or more in a fiscal year for sheet and rill cost-share, they have to wait a year before receiving additional funding for a sheet and rill practice.
- Miscellaneous practices such as waterways, diversions, basins and dry structures will be the focus for FY 11 as these practices have been put aside the last few years in order to fund terraces and ponds.

On the other hand, some good news is that the Livingston County SWCD will be offering new practices such as nutrient and pest management, field borders, filter strips, well decommissioning, water control structures, drainage water management and several others. If you have an old well that needs closed or are interested in any of the practices mentioned above, stop by the office and sign up for cost-share assistance. The Livingston County SWCD Board and Staff welcome any comments or suggestions you may have so we can better service the landowners, operators, and contractors of Livingston County. Together we can "Save Our Soil."

## FY 2011 STATE COST-SHARE DOLLARS

The Missouri State Governor proposed a FY 2011 (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011) cost-share budget appropriation of \$24 million compared to a \$26 million appropriation in FY 2010, due to a significant revenue decline.

Prior to this proposal, Livingston County SWCD completed a Needs Assessment report reflecting the amount of cost-share dollars needed for Livingston County landowners/cooperators. This report was based on the number of requests received in the office.

Listed below is a chart showing what was requested and what we received.

Resource Concern	Requested	Received
Grazing Management	66,420.00	3,960.00
Irrigation Management	141,925.00	20,000.00
Nutrient Mgt	4,800.00	?
Pest Management	2,400.00	?
Sensitive Areas	44,712.00	16,413.60
Sheet/Rill & Gully	855,516.00	262,903.20
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,115,773.00</b>	<b>\$303,276.80</b>

**NOTE:** The policies are being rewritten for the Nutrient and Pest Management practices; therefore, no funds have been distributed at this time.

The Livingston County SWCD Board discussed numerous ways on how to distribute the cost-share funding for the Sheet/Rill and Gully practices. They agreed to offer assistance for four (4) terrace practices and three (3) structures. These terrace practices and structures had been selected PRIOR to the Governor's decision. The remaining Sheet/Rill and Gully funds would be utilized for dry structures, seedings, diversions and waterways. These practices will provide soil erosion control for those areas that have not been addressed in the past.

*The soil and water conservation district does not endorse nor recommend any of the vendors/contractors advertised in this newsletter; furthermore, any contractor/vendor that wishes to be added to the district's contractor/vendor list can be added upon request.*

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