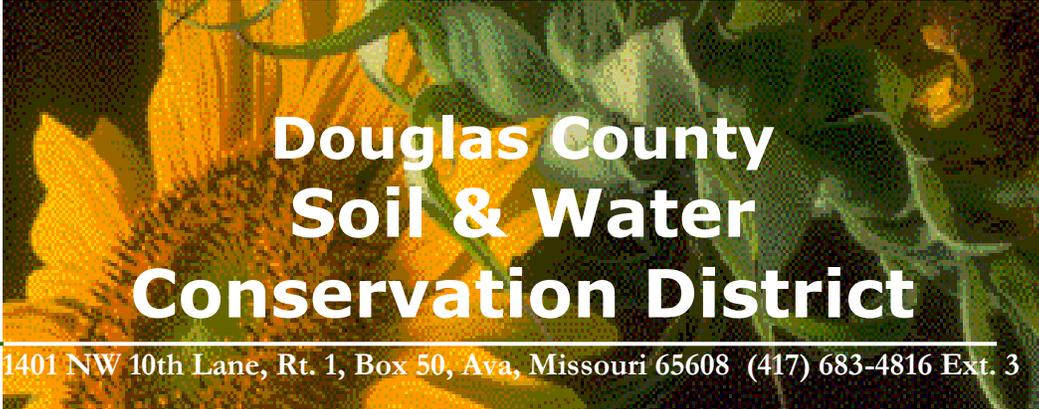


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**Douglas County
Soil & Water
Conservation District**

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Douglas County SWCD Cost-Share Program

The Douglas County SWCD Cost-Share Program will begin the new Fiscal Year July 1st. Due to limited funding, there will be a first-come, first-served sign up starting on the first business day of the new fiscal year. If you are interested in participating in the Cost-Share program, please contact Verna Willhaus-District Manager, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. (no answering machine messages please) and she will add your name to the list. You will need to be **specific** on what practice you are interested in.

Once a landowner visit is made by a Technician and if the landowner meets the qualifications by the Technician, it must then be approved by the Department of Natural Resources Staff. Once all of this is done, the applications will be entered in the order of the sign-up list until funding is depleted. If additional funding becomes available, the District will continue down the list of qualified landowners.

Any landowner who is requesting cost-share for the Grazing Systems Resource Concern, **must have attended** a Grazing School **prior** to the application request.

All paperwork for cost-share must be done in the District office by the landowner. A landowner is any person, firm, or corporation that holds title to any lands located within the soil and water conservation district. The board of supervisors may only provide cost-share assistance to the legal owner of the property on which the practice is to be installed for a majority of the practices. Because a Form 1099 will be issued for a practice, the actual individual who will receive the incentive payment must sign the cost-share forms and/or complete a Landowner Signature Authorization form.

If you have any questions, please call the office at 417-683-4816 Extension 3.

Soil & Water Conservation Cost-Share Practices

This is a brief description of the practices available.

DSP – 3 ~ Planned Grazing Systems

Purpose: To increase land management on pastureland by using rotational grazing. Environmental benefits include erosion control and/or prevention and water quality protection.

Criteria: Landowner must attend an approved grazing school prior to signing up for cost-share/ receiving approval to begin; a minimum of four paddocks will be used to rotate livestock. Acres served for each category are based on work implemented on or necessary to benefit those acres. Existing systems will be eligible for per acre maximums only to increase number of paddocks or to add additional acres to the system. No time limit for enhancement of system.

DSP 3.1 ~ Water Development (Well-Landowner must have 60 acres to receive cost-share funding)

Least cost alternative water source

Maximum: \$95/acre

DSP 3.2 ~ Water Distribution

Distribution of water to paddocks

Maximum: \$85/acre

DSP 3.3 ~ Fence

Interior cross fence

Maximum: \$60/acre

DSP 3.4 ~ Lime

One-time pH correction. Determined by soil test requirements

Maximum: \$50/acre

DSP 3.5 ~ Seed

One-time interseeding of legumes. Must meet minimum fertility according to soil test requirements

Maximum: \$40/acre

N472 – Use Exclusion

Purpose: To protect, maintain, or improve plant, soil and water resources in areas that are in need of protection.

Criteria: Area must be fenced off to exclude livestock; completed practice must meet NRCS Standards; all state and federal regulations must be followed, and area must be maintained for 10 years.

DSL-1 ~ Permanent Vegetative Cover Establishment

Purpose: To prepare seedbed and seed permanent ground cover.

Criteria: Land must show signs of erosion, all state and federal regulations must be followed, and vegetative cover must be maintained for five years.

DSL-2 ~ Permanent Vegetative Cover Improvement

Purpose: To improve the ground cover that is already established by seeding legumes into existing grass.

Criteria: Land must show signs of erosion, all state and federal regulations must be followed, and legumes must be maintained for five years.

WQ10 – Stream Protection

Purpose: To improve water quality of streams by providing an alternative water source for livestock.

Criteria: Streams must be protected from livestock by permanent fencing; maximum width for financial incentive is 150 feet; completed practice must meet NRCS Standards, all state and federal regulations must be maintained for 10 years.

Incentive: An incentive payment of \$500 per acre of excluded pasture, one time payment is paid on the area fenced out for livestock. Cost-Share is provided at 75 percent of the state average

N574 – Spring Development

Purpose: To protect and enhance water quality in areas where livestock has free access to a spring and provide a dependable supply of suitable water.

Criteria: Spring or seep collection area should be fenced, if needed, to prevent future damage to either vegetation or spring area; completed practice must meet NRCS Standards; all state and federal regulations must be followed, and development must be maintained for 10 years.

Incentive: Cost-Share is provided at 75 percent of state average cost.

N595 – Pest Management

Purpose: To minimize chemical entry of contaminants to ground and surface water by properly following a pest management plan.

Criteria: Landowner must follow a pest management plan and keep records showing that plant inventory has been done accordingly. Treatment of fence rows is not eligible. Incentive payments will be authorized for one complete growing season of the plan, which must include at a minimum the months of April through October. The completed practice must meet NRCS Standards; all state and federal regulations must be followed.

Incentive: An incentive of \$10 per acre per year. The lifetime maximum an operator can receive from this practice is \$5,000.



District Honors Hollis "Doc" Smith

The District was honored to present a plaque to the family of Hollis "Doc" Smith in appreciation of the many years of service Hollis served on the District Board of Supervisors.



Landowner Appreciation Day May 31, 2014

The District held a Landowner Appreciation Day on May 31, 2014. The District Supervisors and Staff served Hamburgers and Hot Dogs to area landowners. Music was provided by Supervisor Lynn Gray, Jim Stafford, Jerry Stafford, Larry Wallace and David Farmer. Door Prizes and Donations were provided by Town & Country Bank, Douglas County Livestock Auction, S&H Fish Farm-Mickey Sallee, S&H Farm Supply, Great Southern Bank, MDC, NRCS, Missouri Pork Association, Agri-Missouri and the Ava VFW. We would also like to say "Thank You" to Ted Storie who helped with the grilling.

