

WESTERN LUCAS CONSERVATION PROJECT
AGRICULTURAL NUTRIENT REDUCTION
HEILMAN DITCH AND SWAN CREEK WATERSHEDS

PRODUCER AGREEMENT

PROJECT NAME _____
(ex.: WLC Project, Last name, First name, County: WLC Project, Smith, John, Lucas)

To: Chairman of the Lucas Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)

From: _____
(ENTITY or NAME of LEGAL ADULT)

_____, _____
(ADDRESS) (PHONE)

I (we) the undersigned producer(s)/owner(s) of the real property request a cost share payment for enrollment into the Lucas SWCD's WLC Project and agree to install the conservation Best Management Practice (BMP) as indicated below to assist the Lucas SWCD in attaining the goals and objectives of the WLC. I (we) understand and agree that:

1. The technical representative of the Lucas Soil and Water Conservation District, herein after referred to as the "District," must certify that the practice(s) is complete and meets the required technical specifications set forth in the USDA-NRCS Standard and Specification for Standards before any WLC cost share payment will be made by the district.
2. Producer agrees and certifies by signature that these acres under this contract are **NOT** enrolled in a current or existing USDA Farm Bill program for the following offered practices: Cover Crops and Water Control Structures.
3. WLC cost share payments are available only to producers who have completed this contract for participation in the WLC and agree to maintain the practice(s) as described in this contract. (**See BMP Criteria**)
4. Producers must receive approval for participation by the District. After the practice(s) is approved by the District, the District will keep a copy for its files and return a copy to the applicant(s).
5. When the contract is approved by the Lucas SWCD office, and the producer has installed the practice(s), and the technical staff responsible for approving practice(s) installation has verified completion, the SWCD office will request payment to the landowner.
6. The district must be notified if any substantial change is proposed for the practice(s) to be installed i.e. starting/completion dates. The technical representative of the district must certify such changes as proper and reasonable.
7. Water control structures will be cost shared at a flat rate i.e. based upon actual expenses billed for the practices not to exceed the maximum payment for the approved practices.

8. Landowners are encouraged to work with Lucas SWCD staff to generate a non-binding Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) or Nutrient Budget Worksheet. Information needed: Farm/Field, Recent Soil Tests, Crop Rotation, Avg. Yield, Source, Rate, Time, and Place (4R); other information may be needed depending on plan type.
9. The district shall monitor the maintenance of practice(s) established with the WLC funds. The technical representative of the District shall have the right of ingress and egress to the land enrolled in this agreement for the purpose of fulfilling this agreement.

I (we) understand that if I (we) destroy, alter, fail to operate and/or maintain the structural practice(s) for its designed life as per the BMP criteria, the District may recover the full amount of the WLC cost-share payment.

Hereby agreed to by:

_____ Date _____
 Signature(s) Owner of Real Property/Producer

 Federal Tax I.D. No. or Social Security No. For IRS 1099

 (ADDRESS)

_____, _____
 (PHONE)

This contract has been reviewed by the Lucas Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors on _____, 20____, and certified that the Landowner(s) is eligible for funding under the WLC.

_____ Date: _____
 Signature/Chairman Board of Supervisors

| Practice | Cost Share | Structures or Acres | Total Funds |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 1. Cover Crop – Single Species | \$20.00 / acre | | \$ |
| 2. Cover Crop – Multi Species | \$30.00 / acre | | \$ |
| 3. Water Control Structures | \$1,500 / structure | | \$ |
| Estimated Total | | | \$ |

1) **Cover Crops – Single-Species:**

- Flat rate of \$20 per acre will be used for this practice
- Cover must be over-wintering
- *Cereal Rye* must be seeded by November 1st and established and maintained until March 15th of the following year; other species will follow NRCS planting date ranges set forth in NRCS Appendix A - Cover Crop
- *Cereal Rye* must be Drilled or Broadcast (with immediate incorporation) at a minimum rate of 25 Lbs. Pure Live Seed per acre; rates for other cover crops will be determined according to NRCS Appendix A - Cover Crop
- Aerial or Broadcast Seeding (without incorporation) will require a 100% increase in the seeding rate to account for increased risk of poor emergence
- Cover crops to be paid after the March 15th verification check.
- Landowners must provide invoices and seed tags to the Lucas SWCD.
- Seed tag **or** Cleaning Invoice with Germination test are required

2) **Cover Crops – Multi-Species:**

- Flat rate of \$30 per acre will be used for this practice.
- Mix must contain at minimum 25 lbs Pure Live Seed per acre of Winter Cereal Rye.
- Cover must be seeded within the planting date range set in NRCS Appendix A (Cover Crop), and established and maintained until March 15th of the following year.
- Rates for the seed mix will be determined according to NRCS Appendix A (Cover Crop).
- Aerial or Broadcast Seeding (without incorporation) will require a 100% increase in the seeding rate for Cereal Rye and 20% increase in the seeding rate for other species, to account for increased risk of poor emergence
- A pre-winter verification check will be completed for winter-killed species on or before November 30th
- Cover crops to be paid after the March 15th verification check.
- Landowners must provide invoices and seed tags to the Lucas SWCD.
- Seed tag **or** Cleaning Invoice with Germination test are required

3) **Water Control Structures:**

- An installation will be eligible to receive a maximum payment of \$1,500 per structure.
- Structure will be located a minimum of 10 ft. from outlet ditch.
- Plan to be designed by Lucas SWCD or NRCS according to NRCS standards and specifications.

Having trouble finding a certain cover crop species? Try these Regional cover crop experts:

- Riker Farm Seed: 10492 E. Poe Rd., Bowling Green, OH 43402 [\(419\) 352-0068](tel:4193520068)
- Dean Farms Cover Crop Sales and Service : 2480 County Road 12C, Bryan, OH 43506 [\(419\) 636-5544](tel:4196365544)
- Center Seeds : 739 S. Vandemark Road, Sidney, OH 45365 [\(855\) 667-3943 ext. 0](tel:8556673943)
- Walnut Creek Seeds LLC. : 6100 Basil Western Road, Carroll, OH 43112 [\(330\) 475-6352](tel:3304756352)
- CISCO Seeds : 602 N. Shortridge Road, Indianapolis, IN 46219 <http://ciscoforage.com/>
- Buckeye Soil Solutions : 23800 County Road 12, Ada, OH 45810 [\(419\) 348-2896](tel:4193482896)