

Local Water and Soil Protection Program Application

The purpose of this program is to help Warren County landowners with the necessary means to implement a best management practice (BMP) including a cover crop, gateways and barn access, or a farm clean up to reduce degradation, soil erosion, and improve water quality.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Cover crop:	July 1, 2023 - November 30, 2023
Heavy use area:	July 1, 2023 - May 31, 2024
Farm cleanup:	July 1, 2023 - September 1, 2023

Call/text 270-202-3667, 270-846-4506 or email penny.wccdky@outlook.com with any questions.

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Applicant Name: _____ FSN: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____
May we text you? YES NO

Email: _____

Which practice are you applying for (select only one)?

COVER CROP ☐

If you selected cover crop: Maximum number of acres to be planted _____

GATEWAYS & BARN ACCESS (Heavy Use Area) ☐

FARM CLEANUP ☐

I have completed subsequent application. YES NO

I agree to the terms outlined above:

Applicant Signature

Date

To apply by email: Return completed application via email with subject *SEC Application* to penny.wccdky@outlook.com

To apply by mail: Return completed application to: WCCD, 925 Lovers Lane, Bowling Green, KY 42103

WCCD Cover Crop BMP Guidelines

The purpose of this program is to help Warren County landowners with the necessary means to plant a cover crop to reduce degradation and soil erosion.

You may email photos to penny.wccdky@outlook.com.

For in person correspondence, please schedule an appointment by calling or texting 270-202-3667 or 270-846-4506.

Eligibility

Cover crop applications will be accepted July 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023.

- 50/50 Cost Share Rate not to exceed \$3,000.00 (Reimbursed 50% of expenses, up to \$3,000)
- One application per farm number/landowner
- Cost share available for seed cost only up to \$30 per acre
- Wheat as a single species is not eligible
- Deadline to turn in bills for payment is November 30, 2024
- Applicants are subject to a random spot check

Warren County Conservation District Cover Crop Program <i>Producer Guidelines and Responsibilities</i>		
1	Approval will be based on a first come first serve basis until funds have been depleted.	
2	Funding available for cost of seed only up to \$30 dollars per acre based on a 50% cost share rate.	
3	Maximum cost share per applicant is \$3,000.00	
4	Wheat as a single species is not eligible. Mixed species may include the following:	
	Tillage Radishes	Crimson Clover
	Cereal Rye	Wheat
	Winter Pea	Hairy Vetch
	Rye Grass	Turnips
	SEEDING DATES: Tillage radishes shall be planted before September 15th, all other seeds shall be planted by November 30.	
	Must follow NRCS recommended seeding dates based on their seed mix.	
5	Deadline to turn in bills for payment is November 30, 2024.	
6	All applicants will be subject to random spot check.	

WCCD Gateway & Barn Access Erosion Control BMP Guidelines

The purpose of this program is to help Warren County landowners with the necessary means to repair gateways/barn entrances to reduce degradation, soil erosion and pollution.

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Eligibility

Heavy use area applications will have from July 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024 or until funds are depleted.

- 50/50 Cost Share Rate not to exceed \$1,000.00 (Reimbursed 50% of expenses, up to \$1,000)
- One application per farm number/landowner
- Cost share available for gravel and woven wire geotextile fabric
- Must have an updated Ag Water Quality Plan
- Only gateways and barn access points eligible, does NOT apply to driveways
- Deadline to turn in bills is 90 days (based on application date), not to exceed May 31.
- Applicants are subject to spot-check.

Specifications

- Project must be completed in 90 days (based on application date), not to exceed May 31.
- Must use non-woven filter fabric
- Must install at least 6 inches of stone to secure fabric
- Ensure full coverage of filter fabric by the rock
- Submit receipts, pad measurement and photos for a payment request
- Maintenance must be provided for 5 years
- Max of 30' length for gateways
- Max of 15' length for barns
- Width depends on gate size or barn door
- Rock size should be DGA, #610, #57 or #8

To Figure Estimated Quantities Per Gate or Barn
 $(L+1) \times (W+1) \times (0.11) = \text{Sq. yards of non-woven filter fabric}$
 $L \times W \times .028 = \text{tons of rock}$

Example: To figure quantities needed for 18' wide gate with 30' length
 $(30+1) \times (18+1) \times (0.111) = \text{square yards}$
 $31 \times 19 \times .111 = \mathbf{65.4 \text{ square yard of filter fabric}}$
 $30 \times 18 \times .028 = \mathbf{15.1 \text{ tons of rock}}$

Farm Cleanup Assistance

The purpose of this program is to help Warren County landowners with the necessary means to remove heavy materials at a farm dump site. In turn, the cleanup will better water and soil quality in Warren County.

Eligibility:

- The farm must be located in Warren County and have a farm serial number (FSN).
- One application per farm number/landowner
- A farm dump is defined by the KY EPA as "an area on a farm used to dispose of household garbage, junk furniture, appliances, farm chemicals, and anything else that is no longer usable".
- A KY AG Water Quality Plan is required.
- WCCD will fund up to four cleanups in the county per fiscal year (July 1 – June 30). All applications are due by September 1, 2023 and will be reviewed/by the WCCD board of Supervisors.

Responsibilities:

- If funded, applicant is responsible to cover all costs associated upfront. Reimbursement will be made after the cleanup is completed.
- Receipts and documents for any contracted work, recycling fees, proper disposal, etc., must be provided for a reimbursement.
- Only hired help/professionals/contractors are eligible; yourself or family members may *not* be paid.
- The cleanup should be completed by May 31, 2024.

Specifications:

- You may only haul waste to a permitted dump site.
- Only licensed contractors may be used for proper cleanup if a reimbursement for work is needed.
- WCCD is not liable for injury.
- Up to \$5,000 will be reimbursed to the applicant, receipt dependent, at a 50/50 cost share rate.
- A person engaged in agricultural or forestry production who has failed or refused to comply with agriculture water quality planning and has been deemed a "bad actor" under KRS 224.71-130 shall lose eligibility for further cost share assistance. Therefore, this program is not available to landowners who have been deemed a bad actor by the KY DEP.
- You are subject to field visits after the cleanup is complete and for maintenance checks.

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Farm Cleanup Assistance Application

Applicant Name: _____ FSN: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

May we text you? YES NO

_____ Email: _____

1. Do you own the farm where the dump is located? YES NO
2. Do you have an Ag Water Quality Plan for the farm? YES NO
3. To receive assistance, you are required to front all expenses. Please check what you are able to provide:

_____ Payment for labor, equipment, or trash disposal fees?

_____ Your own (non-reimbursable) labor or labor of family and friends?

_____ Farm or other equipment to help remove trash?

_____ Seed and equipment to replant the area after cleanup is complete?

_____ Other _____

4. Do you currently have a garbage collection service? YES NO

a. If yes, with which company? _____

b. If no, how do you dispose of garbage? _____

5. Is the dump close to a ditch, stream, river, pond, lake, or other body of water? YES NO

a. If yes, is this water used for drinking water for people or livestock? YES NO

b. If yes, how close is the dump to the water? _____

c. If yes, which water body is it close to? _____

6. Is the dump near a sinkhole? YES NO

a. If yes, how close is the dump to the sinkhole? _____

7. Where is the dump located? (I.e. open field, hillside, etc.) _____

8. About how many years has the dump been on the farm? _____

9. When was the last time things were placed in the dump? _____

10. What type of things have been placed in this dump? _____

11. Do you think there may be hazardous waste in the dump? YES NO

If yes, please explain: _____

12. Are there any tires in the dump? YES NO
 a. If yes, how many (approx.)? _____
13. What is the approximate size? _____
14. Are you willing to restore the site according to Natural Resources Conservation Service technical specifications for seeding and mulching? YES NO
15. Will you sign an agreement to maintain the area free of open dumps? YES NO
16. Are there circumstances that affect your ability to clean up the dump or provide the upfront cost? YES NO
 If yes, please explain: _____
17. Please attach photos to fully represent the cleanup site.

By applying for assistance under this program, you are showing a good faith effort to clean up the dump according to the specifications. To process your application, a representative of the Warren County Conservation District will visit your farm. Your application will not be shared with any other agency or organization.

To the best of my knowledge, the information in this application is correct.

Applicant Signature

Date