

POLICIES REGARDING INCENTIVE PAYMENTS, FLAT RATE
PRACTICES, AND COST-SHARE PRACTICE RATES FOR
WATERSHED LAND TREATMENT PROJECT

**LAKE AND RIVER ENHANCEMENT (LARE) PROGRAM
IDNR DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

Lake and River Enhancement (LARE) is a stand-alone program for cost-share purposes. “Cost-share” or “flat-rate” practices will not be eligible to receive payments from LARE if they are combined with any local, state or federal program. “Incentive” payments are independent of “cost-share” or “flat-rate” payments and may be combined with non-state incentive or rental rate payments.

I. INCENTIVE PAYMENTS

<u>PRACTICE</u>	<u>INCENTIVE PAYMENT</u>
<u>Critical Area Planting</u>	\$450.00 per acre
<u>Tile Riser Grassed Buffer</u>	\$250.00 each
<u>Blind Tile Inlet</u>	\$500.00 each
<u>Watercourse Outlet Buffer</u>	\$125.00 each
<u>Filter Strip</u>	\$650.00 per acre (maximum of 60 feet wide)

Appropriate widths will be based on selected purpose(s) from NRCS standard - Filter Strip (393)

II. FLAT-RATE PRACTICES

Flat-rate payments will be authorized for the following practices within the watershed **and are not eligible for funding if cost-shared with any other local, state or federal program.**

Cost-sharing shall consist of the following flat-rate payments with a maximum of 300 acres/year and shall not be made available to any landuser for more than three years:

Eligible Practices	Flat-Rate payment (per acre) applied anywhere within the watershed.
Conservation Tillage No-Till	\$18.00
Cover Crop	\$20.00
Integrated Crop Management	\$15.00

III. COST-SHARE PRACTICES

Cost-share for tile installation in conjunction with all practices will be limited to an 8” diameter tile (or equivalent cost) unless prior approval is obtained. When practice installation requires tile(s) larger than 8”, prior approval of the IDNR LARE Program Specialist must be obtained. **Cost-share practices shall not be eligible for funding if cost-shared with any local, state or federal program.**

THE FOLLOWING PRACTICES WILL BE COST-SHARED AT 80% OF THE ACTUAL COST OF INSTALLATION WHICH SHALL NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM COST-SHARE AMOUNT

<u>PRACTICE</u>	<u>MAXIMUM COST-SHARE AMOUNT</u>
<u>Diversion</u>	\$4.50 per foot
<u>Fencing</u>	\$2.50 per foot
<u>Field Windbreak</u>	\$450.00 per acre
<u>Grade Stabilization Structure</u>	\$6,000.00 per structure
<u>Grassed Waterway</u>	\$6.00 per foot
<u>Heavy Use Area Protection</u>	\$1,500.00 per site
<u>Livestock Watering Facility</u>	\$1,500.00 per facility
<u>Livestock Watering Impoundment</u>	\$5,000.00 per facility
<u>Pasture and Hayland Planting</u>	\$150.00 per acre
<u>Sediment Basin</u>	\$3.00 per cubic yard
<u>Streambank Protection</u>	\$50.00 per foot
<u>Tree Planting</u>	\$450.00 per acre
<u>Waste Management System</u>	
Containment system	\$20,000.00 per facility
Waste utilization	\$0.01 per gallon \$0.075 per cubic ft. or \$2.50 per ton

<u>Closure of Waste Storage Facility</u>	\$10,000.00 per facility
<u>Water and Sediment Control Basin (WASCOB)</u>	\$1,700.00 per basin
<u>Wetland Development & Improvement</u>	\$1,000.00 per acre

IV. Cost-Share Partial Payment Policy

A cost-share construction project may receive partial payment if the project cannot be fully completed due to weather constraints and/or cropping conflicts. At the time of construction termination, the partial construction must be at a stable and sensible separation point for the practice, based on sound engineering and environmental principles. Temporary erosion control measures must be applied, if necessary, for project stabilization. Approval for partial payment must be made by the Lake and River Enhancement Program Manager or approved staff person before an agreement is made regarding partial payment with the cost-share participant. LARE will pay 90% of the earned cost-share, holding 10% until the project is fully completed.

For example:

1. A grassed waterway construction that is completed after standard seeding dates in the fall may be seeded with a temporary seeding mixture and approved for 90% payment of the earned cost-share. The withheld 10% of the earned cost-share, along with the remaining project cost-share, will be paid when a permanent seeding mixture is applied and the project is completed.
2. A tile installation that is completed for a WASCOB may receive payment for 90% of the earned cost-share; the withheld 10% of the earned cost-share, along with the project's remaining cost-share, will be paid after the WASCOB construction is complete.