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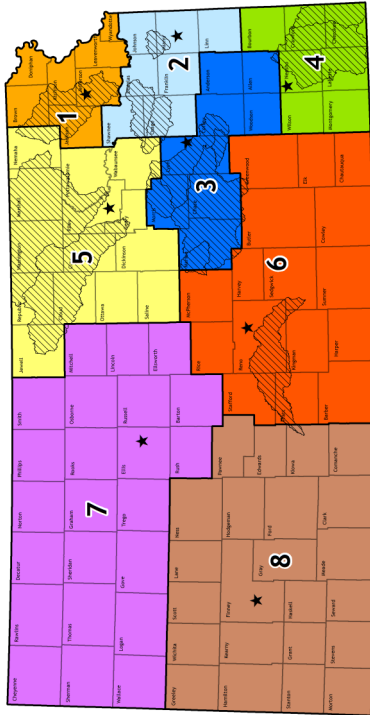
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Kansas Forest Service Districts



Cross-hatched watersheds qualify for RCPP/EQIP. Kansas Forest Service Districts 7 & 8 are not eligible for RCPP.

A Resource Concern



A photo of one of many Kansas streams that would likely qualify as a “resource concern” and be eligible for EQIP funding to establish a tree planting. The “red line” that surrounds the stream in the aerial photo is the area recommended for additional tree planting.

Some assessments of Kansas watersheds suggest many Kansas streams in the eastern third of the state lack adequate forest cover to provide bank stabilization and other water quality benefits. Lack of adequate tree cover contributes to sedimentation of Kansas reservoirs that provide water supplies to two-thirds of the people in our state.



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*Financial assistance for
managing woodlands
and planting trees to
improve water quality*

Trees for Clean Water



*Addressing water quality issues in
Kansas through the Regional
Conservation Partnership Program
(RCPP) and the Environmental
Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)*

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About the Program

The **Protecting Your Farmland Initiative** provides funding through the **Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)** and the **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)** to reduce farmland lost to streambank erosion and improve the health and productivity of woodlands in priority watersheds. The program seeks to improve water quality and reduce the sedimentation of federal reservoirs through tree planting and forest stand improvement. Forestland, cropland, and grassland all have the potential to qualify for the program if a “resource concern” is identified. Primary resource concerns for the program are water quality degradation from soil erosion and the health and condition of trees in woodlands and forests. Specific examples of resource concerns may include:

- ◆ Streambank and/or surface runoff erosion where additional tree planting can provide reduction in sediment, pesticide and nutrient entry into Kansas streams.
- ◆ Forest or woodlands that are over crowded (need thinning), are understocked and would benefit from additional tree planting; contain a high percentage of invasive or undesirable trees and shrubs.



Eligibility and Requirements

- ◆ The program is available in targeted watersheds shown as cross-hatched areas on the enclosed state map. If you are unsure if your land is in a targeted watershed call 785-532-3310 or e-mail atchison@ksu.edu.
- ◆ Applicants must be engaged in agricultural production, forest management or have interest in the agricultural or forestry operation associated with the land offered for enrollment in RCPP/EQIP.
- ◆ Tenants may apply with written support from landowners.
- ◆ Land must have a “resource concern” as determined by Kansas Forest Service district foresters and/or NRCS district conservationists.

How to Apply.....

Applications are accepted **continuously** at county NRCS offices located in USDA Service Centers. Locations and contact information are available on the Web at www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov by clicking on “Find a Service Center” under “Kansas Links”. Additional program information is also located at http://www.kansasforests.org/rural_forestry/financialincentiveprograms.html

NRCS will refer applicants to a Kansas Forest Service district forester who will visit the property and develop a management plan to guide the project. NRCS will then rank and prioritize the application based on criteria developed for the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)/Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)’s Water Quality Improvement through the Implementation of Forestry Practices grant.

Additional information about the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) that RCPP is delivered through may be found on the Web at: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ks/programs/financial/eqip/>

Eligible Practices and Rates*

A **partial listing** of practices and payment rates are listed below. These are the actual rates qualifying applicants receive.

Mechanical Mowing	\$11.50/AC
Herbicides (banding)	\$32.19/AC
Weed Barrier Fabric (squares)	\$1.87/EA
Tree/Shrub Site Prep (chemical)	\$149.73/AC
Tree/Shrub Site Prep (light)	\$55.23/AC
Tree/Shrub Site Prep (medium)	\$211.94/AC
Tree/Shrub Site Prep (heavy)	\$238.82/AC
Direct Seeding (Riparian Buffer)	\$714.75/AC
Tree Planting (Machine & Tubes)	\$7.16/EA
Tree Planting (Hand/Browse Protection)	\$4.04/EA
Tree Planting (Machine)	\$2.10/EA
Riparian Forest Buffer Tree Planting, Container & Machine	\$1,767.20/AC
Riparian Forest Buffer Tree Planting, Bare Root & Machine	\$1,094.03/AC
Barbed Wire Fence (multi strand)	\$1.30/LnFt
Forest Stand Improvement (single stem treatment)	\$260.51/AC

LnFt- linear feet; AC - acre ; EA - each

** Payment rates are the actual figures landowners receive based upon regional average costs. They are subject to change on a yearly basis.*

Additionally, up to **90%** of the total project cost can be covered by local Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS) groups.