

Great Lakes Restoration Initiative – Nutrient Reduction Program (GLRI-NRP) State Producer
Agreement

PROJECT NAME

(ex.: GLRI-NRP last name, first name, county: GLRI-NRP Smith, John, Defiance)

To: Chairman of the _____ 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 State's GLRI Nutrient Reduction Program (GLRI-NRP) and agree to install the conservation Best Management Practice (BMP) as indicated below, to assist the State of Ohio, through the Ohio Dept. of Agriculture in attaining the goals and objectives of the GLRI-NRP. I (we) understand and agree that:

1. The technical representative of the 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 GLRI-NRP 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: Soil Testing, Controlled Drainage Structures, Cover Crops, Precision Soil Sampling, Fertilizer Placement and Cover Crop System, and Manure Storage and Roofed Feedlots.
3. GLRI-NRP cost share payments are available only to producers who have completed this contract for participation in the GLRI-NRP 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 ODA and 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 local SWCD office, and the producer has installed the practice(s), and the technical agency responsible for approving practice(s) installation has verified completion, the SWCD office will then request reimbursement from ODA.
6. **All practices will be installed and completed within one year of District board approval.**
7. 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.
8. **BMP payments 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.**
9. The district shall monitor the maintenance of practice(s) established with the GLRI-NRP funds. The technical representative of the District and /or the Division of Soil and Water Conservation 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 State GLRI-NRP 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 _____ Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors on _____, 20____, and certified that the Landowner(s) is eligible for State funding under the ODA-Great Lakes Restoration Initiative - Nutrient Reduction Program.

_____ Date: _____

Signature/Chairman Board of Supervisors

SWCD State Producer Agreement Obligation Worksheet

Practice	Cost Share Payment	Number of Structures/Acres per Agreement	Total Funds encumbered (\$ per BMP X number/acre)
Agronomic System - Cover Crops, Nutrient Placement & Precision Soil Testing	\$65 Per Acre		
Nutrient Placement & Precision Soil Testing	\$35 Per Acre		
Cover Crops	\$25 Per Acre		
Precision Soil Testing	\$9 Per Acre		
Controlled Drainage Structure	\$1,500 Per Structure		
Manure Storage & Covered Feedlots	Per Engineer's Estimate		
Total Encumbered Funds:			

Best Management Practices Criteria

- 1) **Agronomic System: Precision Soil Sampling & Fertilizer Placement with Cover Crop:** Precision soil sampling with a maximum of a grid/zone size is 7.5 acres; soil testing will be reimbursed at rate of \$10/acre and will be used in a systems approach that include fertilizer placement below the surface along with a cover crop. All phosphorus fertilizer must be placed 1.5 inches below the surface and will be reimbursed at a rate of \$25/acre; cover crop must be established into the rotation at a reimbursement rate of \$30/acre. Total system will be reimbursed at a rate of \$65 per acre. Fertilizer application must be made at or below Tri-State Fertilizer Recommendations.
- 2) **Precision Soil Sampling & Fertilizer Placement:** precision soil sampling with a maximum of a grid/zone size is 7.5 acres; soil testing will be reimbursed at rate of \$10/acre and will be used in a systems approach that include fertilizer placement below the surface along with a cover crop. All phosphorus fertilizer must be placed 1.5 inches below the surface and will be reimbursed at a rate of \$25/acre. Total system will be reimbursed at a rate of \$35 per acre. Fertilizer application must be made at or below Tri-State Fertilizer Recommendations.
- 3) **Cover Crops:** a flat rate of \$25 per acre will be used for this practice. Cover must be established and maintained until March 15th of the following year. Cover must be an over-wintering variety or mix. Cover crops to be paid after the March 15th, verification check.
- 4) **Soil Testing** – soil sampling will be for acres that have a soil test that is greater than three years old. A maximum of a 7.5 acre grid/zone shall be paid at \$9 per acre. Soil test must include fertilizer recommendations that are based on the Tri-State Fertilizer Recommendations.
- 5) **Controlled Drainage Structures:** - an installation will be eligible to receive a maximum payment of **\$1,500** on a structure based upon the actual costs. The site needs to drain a minimum of 15 acres at 2.5 ft. elevation increase. Site needs at least a six (6) inch outlet pipe. Funds will cover installation, anti-seep collar, 40 feet of solid pipe and labor.
- 6) **Manure Storage & Roofing** – each storage system will be required to have a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP). Cost to be based upon Engineers approval.

