

**Working Lands Small Grains
Program
Producer Agreement**

Project Name: _____
example: (2020-WLSGP last name, first name, county)

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

From: _____
(Entity or Name of Legal Adult)

I (we) the undersigned producer(s)/owner(s) of the real property request a cost share payment for enrollment into the Working Lands Small Grains Program and agree to install the conservation Best Management Practice (BMP) as indicated below, to assist the State of Ohio, through the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) in attaining the goals and objectives of reducing phosphorus in the Western Lake Erie Basin. 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 Criteria for Working Lands Small Grains Program Seeding, Establishment, and Maintenance before any 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 any USDA Farm Bill program for the following offered practices.
3. Cost share payments are available only to producers who have completed this agreement for participation and agree to maintain the practice(s) as described. (See Criteria for Working Lands Small Grains Seeding, Establishment, and Maintenance)
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 of the approved agreement for its files and return a copy to the applicant(s).
5. When this agreement is approved by the local District office, and the producer has installed the practice(s), and the District representative has approved practice installation, the District office will then make a payment to the producer and request funding from ODA if needed.
6. All practices will be installed and completed within the crop year (Summer, 2020) 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. Payments will be made on a flat per acre rate of \$75/acre only if all parts of the practice are completed i.e. (harvest of small grain, manure application and cover crop/double crop planted).
9. The District shall monitor the maintenance of practice(s) established. The technical representative of the District and ODA shall have the right of ingress and egress to the land enrolled in this program.

Obligation Worksheet

| Practice | Cost Share Payment | Number of Acres | Total Payment (Cost share x acres) |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Working Lands Small Grain | \$75 Per Acre | | |

I (we) understand that if I (we) do not complete all the components of this practice or do not follow the design criteria for the small grains seeding, establishment and maintenance, we will forfeit our right to receive the full amount of the cost-share payment.

Hereby agreed to by:

Signature(s) Owner of Real Property/Producer

Date

Address

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

Phone

Email

This agreement has been reviewed by the _____ Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors on _____, and certified that the Landowner(s) is eligible for State funding under the Soil and Water Phosphorus Program for the Western Lake Erie Basin.

Signature/Chairman Board of Supervisors

Best Management Practices Criteria- Working Lands Small Grains: Only cropland acres will be considered eligible for this program. Cost-share funding is authorized at a rate of \$75 per acre. A small grain such as Wheat, Barley, Oats, Cereal Rye, Triticale, spelt must be planted and harvested. It is the intention of this program for the grain to be harvested, have a manure application followed by the planting of a cover crop or double crop. Practice size is limited to acres receiving a manure application following the harvest of grain. **(land planted to a small grain and not used for manure application will not receive payment)**. Manure applications should follow the setbacks and guidance in NRCS 590 Nutrient Management Practice Standard. No manure applications are allowed on fields within soil test above 50ppm Phosphorus (Bray). Manure source must come from the Western Lake Erie watershed **(No manure shall be imported outside the WLEB area)**. Manure application shall be based on the Manure Application Spreadsheet, not to be less than the minimum or amount recommended in the plan. The minimum will be at least one half of the removal rate P₂O₅ of the following crop or maximum of the next three crop removal rates following the planned rotation. Guidelines for manure application shall be created prior to the application of any manure. Manure applications must be applied under a Certified Livestock Manager or applicator must hold Fertilizer Certification if application is greater than 50 acres. Manure application must follow all rules and regulations and records must meet requirements of O.A.C. 901:5-4-04. Cover Crops See NRCS Appendix A, (Cover Crop) 3-1-17_ for seeding rates. Cover crops must be seeded by September 15th and must be drilled or planted. If broadcast seeded, immediate incorporation to ensure seed to soil contact is required. Cover crops residue must be maintained until March 1st. Producer must submit bills, provide seed tag for proof of germination and purity of seed along with planting records. Double Crops must follow the Agronomy Guide 15th Edition and can be harvested.

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