

Funding for cost share practices in the Shenandoah Valley with RC&D Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative Funds

Who is Eligible? Farmers in Rockbridge, Augusta, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Page, Warren, Frederick and Clarke Counties.

What Conservation Practices are Priorities?

- 1. (340) Cover Crop –Basic and Advanced
- 2. (590) Nutrient Management Multi Tier
- 3. (329 & 345) Conservation Tillage- No-till/Strip Till and Mulch till
- 4. (328) Rotation to Perennials
- 5. (528) Prescribed Grazing, including exclusion fencing and alternative water
- 6. (472) Access Control

*Conservation practices that support the above practices are also eligible for funding.

Special Considerations? If you are in the Smith Creek Watershed in Shenandoah and/or Rockingham County(ies), plus you are putting in at least one priority practice listed above that is new to you, you will be competitive for this funding. If you are in any of the counties listed, outside the Smith Creek Watershed, and put in at least two of the priority practices listed above, you will also be competitive for this funding. If you are a beginning farmer or rancher, a socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher, and/or a limited resource farmer or ranchers or a member of an Indian tribe, you will also be competitive for funding.

When? Please sign up by August 15, 2010

Where? Come to your local NRCS office in: Strasburg, Harrisonburg, Verona, or Lexington. Your District Conservationist or an NRCS technician will help you fill out the application forms.

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