



Cost Share Program Policy

Purpose:

- The Lebanon County Conservation District (LCCD) recognizes the importance of installing Best Management Practices (BMP) to address water quality pollution reduction goals by offering a cost share program to eligible landowners and operators.

Eligibility:

- Eligible BMPs are listed in the [SCC Best Management Practices \(BMPs\)](#) and [Quick Reference Guide for Best Management Practices](#).
- BMP must address an existing manure or soil resource concern.
 - o A resource concern is defined as an expected degradation of the soil, water, air, plant, or animal resource base to an extent the sustainability or intended use of the resource is impaired.

Cost Share Amounts:

- Cost share payment will be based on the least-cost option and will be provided after the project is completed.
- The project must meet established design and construction standards to be considered complete.

Agricultural Improvements:

- Cost share payment for agricultural improvements shall be funded up to 90% of the actual project expenses.
- Agricultural improvements include, but are not limited to, the following practices:
 - o Composting Facility
 - o Fence- Perimeter & Paddock
 - o Heavy Use Area Protection
 - o Roof Runoff Structure
 - o Roofs and Covers
 - o Waste Storage Facility

Watershed Improvements:

- Cost share payment for watershed improvements shall be funded up to 100% of the actual project expenses.
- Watershed improvements include, but are not limited to, the following practices:
 - o Buffers- Forest & Grass
 - o Fence- Streambank (with forest or grass buffer)
 - o Stream Restoration – Agricultural, Urban & Non-urban

Cost Share Determination:

- A minimum of two contractor invoices or quotes of estimated project expenses must be submitted to LCCD to determine the eligible cost share amount.
- An updated invoice or quote from the selected contractor must be submitted to LCCD after the design has been completed and before the commencement of the project.

Prevailing Wage:

- Project expenses totaling \$25,000 or more are required to follow the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act.

Bidding:

- Projects are required to follow the [ACAP bidding requirements](#).

Disclaimer:

Project Modification or Termination:

- LCCD may determine at their discretion at any time whether the project should be modified or terminated.
- LCCD reserves the right to deny or approve an application for reasons not listed in this policy.