

# SPIRIT FUNDS PROGRAM

The Spirit Funds Program provides cost-sharing to support the protection of surface water and groundwater, reduce soil erosion, and educate and/or demonstrate the importance of resource protection.

The Spirit Funds will be allocated in the following programs:

**STRUCTURAL BMP**

**SOIL HEALTH**

**CONSERVATION BUFFER**

These funds will be used on conservation projects with the primary focus being to improve water quality in Winnebago County ensuring future generations benefit from these investments.

# WORKING TO PROTECT, RESTORE, AND SUSTAIN THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF WINNEBAGO COUNTY



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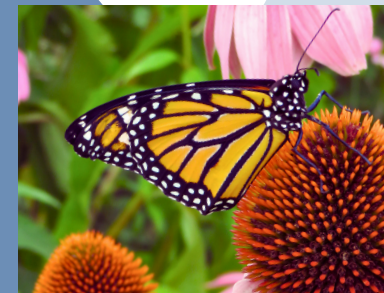
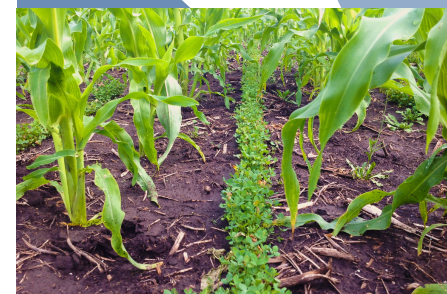
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# LWCD SPIRIT FUND PROGRAM



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# STRUCTURAL BMP PROGRAM

A structural Best Management Practice (BMP) is a conservation practice determined by the LWCD to reduce runoff of pollutants to surface water and groundwater.

The Spirit Fund Program will cost-share eligible individuals' structural BMPs **up to 90%** of the actual project cost.

Best Management Practices:

**Wetland Restoration**  
**Shoreline Protection**  
**Grassed Waterway**  
**& Many More!**

The landowner must install and maintain the structural BMP for a minimum of 10 years in accordance with the Operation & Maintenance Plan.



# SOIL HEALTH PROGRAM

Healthy soil is the foundation of productive sustainable agriculture. Managing soil allows producers to work with the land to reduce soil erosion, maximize water infiltration, improve nutrient cycling, save money on inputs, and improve the resiliency of their working lands.

The Spirit Fund Program will offer cost-sharing for the following soil health practices:

**No-Till (Strip-Till)**  
**No-Till (Strip-Till) & Cover Crops**  
**Cover Crops (No-Till already a practice)**



# CONSERVATION BUFFER PROGRAM

Conservation Buffers are areas or strips of land in permanent vegetation, designed to intercept pollutants and manage other environmental concerns.

The Spirit Funds Program offers cost-sharing on the following conservation buffers:

**Field-Road Buffer**  
**Streamside Harvestable Buffer**  
**Streamside Vegetative**  
**Out-of-Production Buffer**

All conservation buffers will receive 90% cost-sharing on the initial cost of establishment.

Additional **\$/acre/year** incentive will also be given for a 10 or 15 year period.