

**Approved Land Uses, Resource Concerns, and Conservation Practices to Support the
Regional Conservation Partnership Program Project for
Water Quality Improvement through the Implementation of Forestry Practices**

Approved Program for Financial Assistance

- Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)

Approved Land Use

- Crop, Forest, Range, Farmstead, Pasture

Primary Resource Concerns

- Degraded Plant Condition-Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health
- Water Quality Degradation-Excessive Sediment in Surface Water

Additional Requirements

- Each of the following requirements will be met for all streambank stabilization projects under this agreement:
 - o The project may not be in a location influenced by water releases from federal reservoirs.
 - o Forestry practices will be implemented to provide adequate vegetative buffer.
 - o Only first, second, and third order streams are eligible for financial assistance (FA).
 - o Livestock access will be controlled from the project area and areas immediately upstream and downstream of the project, in order to maintain adequate vegetative cover.
 - o Projects will address the whole area of instability. If the unstable site is on multiple parcels of land, all owners must be willing to take part in the project so the entire area of instability is addressed.
 - o For all eligible applications that include a streambank stabilization project, the supervisory district conservationist will contact the area forester. The area forester will schedule an interdisciplinary team for a site visit. The interdisciplinary team will assess resource concerns, develop alternatives, and complete preliminary designs. Applications will not be considered for funding if this assistance has not been provided by the interdisciplinary team.

Approved Conservation Practices

- 314 – Brush Management
- 315 – Herbaceous Weed Control
- 338 – Prescribed Burning
- 340 – Cover Crop
- 342 – Critical Area Planting
- 380 – Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment
- 381 – Silvopasture Establishment
- 382 – Fence
- 390 – Riparian Herbaceous Cover

- 391 – Riparian Forest Buffer
- 393 – Filter Strip
- 394 – Firebreak
- 395 – Stream Habitat Improvement and Management
- 410 – Grade Stabilization Structure
- 472 – Access Control
- 484 – Mulching
- 490 – Tree/Shrub Site Preparation
- 512 – Forage & Biomass Planting
- 516 – Livestock Pipeline
- 533 – Pumping Plant
- 550 – Range Planting
- 580 – Streambank and Shoreline Protection
- 584 – Channel Bed Stabilization
- 595 – Integrated Pest Management
- 612 – Tree/Shrub Establishment
- 614 – Watering Facility
- 642 – Water Well
- 660 – Tree/Shrub Pruning
- 666 – Forest Stand Improvement

Application Priority

- High, Low
- Applications are considered HIGH priority when the participant has developed a Forest Stewardship/Management Plan and/or other Management or Practice Plan with the Kansas Forest Service and a compatible conservation plan has been developed and signed with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. All other applications will be considered LOW priority.

National Ranking Questions

All national priority ranking questions will be answered for each RCPP-EQIP application that is ranked. Guidance provided in Kansas Bulletin KS300-18-1, Attachment 18, and will be used to answer the national questions. Only practices receiving (FA) under the RCPP-EQIP application are to be considered for any question in the ranking tool.

State Ranking Questions

- If applicable, answer ONE of the following three questions related to the Kansas Forest Service Potential for Forest Stewardship Program Benefits. If none apply, leave the answers “NO.”
 - A HIGH forest stewardship potential exists for greater than or equal to 50 percent of the unit of concern. (400 Points)
 - A combination of MEDIUM and HIGH forest stewardship potential exists for greater than or equal to 50 percent of the unit of concern. (300 Points)

- A combination of LOW and MEDIUM forest stewardship potential exists for greater than or equal to 50 percent of the unit of concern. (200 Points)

Local Ranking Questions

- Answer ONE of the following three questions regarding conservation practices to be impended.
 - The conservation plan includes vegetative establishment practices but does not include forest stand improvement practices. (250 Points)
 - The conservation plan includes a combination of vegetative establishment practices and forest stand improvement practices. (200 Points)
 - The conservation plan includes forest stand improvement practice but does not include vegetative establishment practices. (150 Points)