



Spring Partner Meetings

Bureau of Land and Water Resources

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS



BUREAU OF LAND AND WATER RESOURCES

Mission: Cultivate healthy soil, water, farms, and communities through partnerships, outreach, and delivery of financial and technical assistance to support conservation and sustainable agriculture.

Vision: To be a trusted partner in conservation, delivering effective programs and services that ensure healthy land and water, productive farms, and sustainable agriculture across Wisconsin.



STAFFING UPDATES IN LAST YEAR

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- LWRM Plan Meeting: For Counties with 2025 and 2026 Updates
- Ordinance Office Hours – TBD in May



ATCP 50 – CHANGES

WITH Q&A



OVERVIEW OF CHANGES

- Silurian bedrock performance standard
- Conservation practices: additions and updates
- Grants and cost-sharing



SILURIAN BEDROCK PERFORMANCE STANDARD

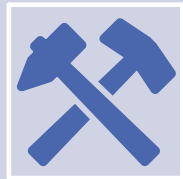




Add to farm conservation practices



Establish steps for implementation



Identify and add tools to meet Silurian bedrock standard

Implement the Silurian Bedrock Performance Standard



FARM CONSERVATION PRACTICES

Update

Require implementation of performance standards and prohibitions as of June 1, 2018 (from May 1, 2014) (will affect some FP participants)

Add

Add to ATCP 50.04 as farm conservation practice



IMPLEMENTATION STEPS

Determine

Determine which, IF ANY, restrictions and prohibitions in the Silurian bedrock area apply.

Develop or update

Develop or update a nutrient management plan written to meet ATCP 50.04 (3).

Comply

Comply with nutrient management plan.

Consult

Consult a tool to predict weather and precipitation to determine the appropriate timing of manure application.





Add technical standard for voluntary use by farmer to verify depth to bedrock



Allow cost-sharing



Establish delayed implementation (4/1/27)

Tools to help producers meet Silurian bedrock performance standard



QUESTIONS?



CONSERVATION PRACTICES

NEW AND EXISTING



DEFINITIONS

Contaminated runoff

Cover crop (formerly cropland cover)

Diversion

Nutrient management plan

Roof

Streambank or shoreline restoration

Stream crossing

Waste transfer system

Wastewater treatment strip

Wetland development or restoration

ELIGIBLE AND/OR
INELIGIBLE
COSTS

Cover crop

Grazing

Residue management

Roof

Streambank or shoreline protection

Subsurface drains

CHANGES TO
DESIGN,
CONSTRUCTION,
AND
MAINTENANCE

Manure storage systems

Roofs

Streambank or shoreline protection

Subsurface drains

NEW CONSERVATION PRACTICES

Conservation
crop rotation

Conservation
cover

Habitat
diversification

Harvestable
buffers

Hydrologic
restoration

Stream
restoration

Nutrient
treatment
system

Verification of
depth to
bedrock



CONSIDERATIONS: NEW CROPPING PRACTICES

- Understand the benefits of the practice AND potential workload
- Practices require nutrient management plan and/or other practices in combination
- Maintenance requirements are higher as the practices require ongoing maintenance
- Currently no state certification for cropping practices
- Harvestable buffers – not available if the site is eligible for CREP



CONSIDERATIONS: HYDROLOGIC RESTORATION

- Requires use of a “system” of stacked practices eligible under 50.74
- Cost-share is 70%. If a 50% practice is a part of a hydrologic restoration – it is 70%
- Requires training for design and implementation – which will be available



CONSIDERATIONS: VERIFICATION OF DEPTH TO BEDROCK

- Voluntary tool
- Can be used in areas other than Silurian
- Cost-share allowed IF use of technical standard needed to update a nutrient management plan to comply with the Silurian bedrock performance standard
- Data collected must be submitted to DATCP



WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE?
WHAT RESOURCES ARE NEEDED?



GRANTS AND COST-SHARE

TO COUNTIES.TO LANDOWNERS.



ADDS PROVISIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

“Financial assistance” means funding to landowner for conservation as a

- cost-share grant.
- Incentive.
- performance payment.

WHY?

- Current practice
- Ensure flexibility



COMBINED FUNDING

- Use of financial assistance from other non-state sources, not limited by the rule
 - includes other sources that are authorized under state law but are not considered state funds
- Clarifies that financial assistance from government sources cannot exceed 100% of the project costs



MAXIMUM RATES (NO LONGER “COST-SHARE RATES”)

- Nutrient management (related to Silurian)
 - \$5 per acre for one-time plan update
- Conservation crop rotation
 - \$10 per acre per year
- Harvestable buffers
 - annual per acre - not to exceed soil rental rates
- Cover crops
 - \$60 per acre per year for single species where termination is required
 - \$35 per acre per year for single species where termination is not required
 - \$75 per acre per year for multi-species with two or more species



QUESTIONS?





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