

February 1, 2025

Dear Lower Chippewa River Watershed Ag-Producer,

The Chippewa Valley Producer Led Watershed Council has once again received DATCP funding for 2025 watershed programming, and present the following incentive/cost-share programs:

- Cover Crop planting with stackable practice options (up to a total of 50 acres in this practice):
  1. Single species/plant for \$10/acre
  2. Add an additional \$5/acre if planting multi-species of any variety (ex: rye plus clover, etc)
  3. Add an additional \$10/acre if inter-seeding (into standing crop - no limits on mode of application)
  4. Add an additional \$10/acre if no-tilling into cover crop
- Haney Testing: Cost sharing 1 test per farm, includes the test and a consultation on the results. We would appreciate you sign up for this before May 1st to be sure it is properly taken before nutrient applications. We will work with you on that process.
- Cover Crop Bio-Mass Testing: Cost sharing 1 test per farm, to see how your cover crops are improving and sustaining your soils. Apply early, this test will happen prior to termination in late April/early May.

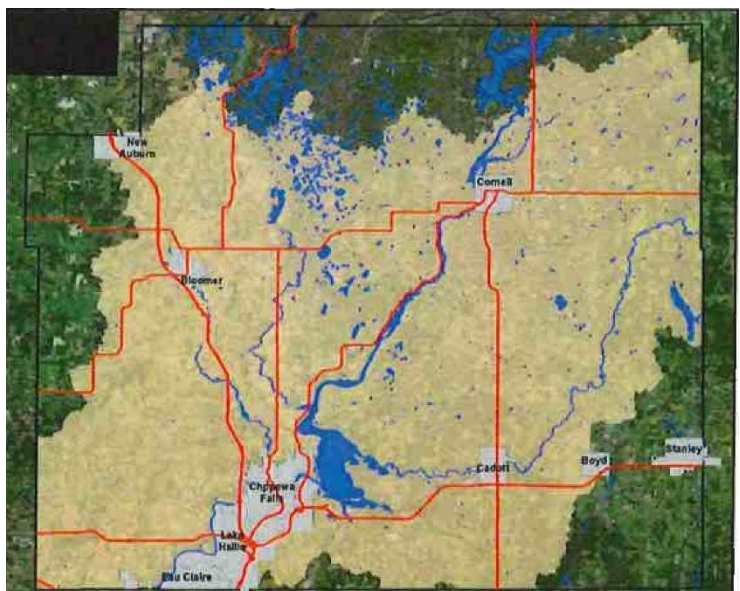
The next page is your application. The first application deadline is March 31, 2025. If funds remain available, we will hold another application approval meeting. We assess applications on a first-come-first-serve basis, and once all funding is granted, the programs will be closed.

If you have questions or need assistance with these programs, contact our coordinator, Becky Brathal 715-492-8967, email [bbrathal@wisconsinfarmersunion.com](mailto:bbrathal@wisconsinfarmersunion.com).

Also, if you'd like to participate in the decision-making process of the Chippewa Valley Producer Led Watershed Council, any farmers in or adjacent to the Chippewa County Lower Chippewa River watershed are welcome to come to meetings and have an equal say at the table as all farmers present. To learn about our next meeting, contact Ilisa Ailts.

We look forward to meeting you!

Chippewa Valley Producer Led Watershed Council



2025 CHIPPEWA VALLEY PRODUCER LED INCENTIVE PROGRAM APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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**Eligibility:**

- Agricultural Producer
- Landowner in the Lower Chippewa River Watershed (See Map on pg. 1 for boundaries)
- \$50 bonus if you attend a Chippewa Valley Producer Led Watershed Meeting.
- Please identify your interests below.

1. \_\_\_\_ Cover Crops: stackable program, up to 50 acres (\$10/acre for single species, additional \$5/acre for multi-species, additional \$10/acre if inter-seeding, additional \$10/acre for no-till into cover crops)
  - a) Total number of acres for summer or fall-seeded cover crops: \_\_\_\_ (incentive up to 50 acres, *additional acres can count toward our in-kind/matching funds requirement*)
  - b) Please id cover crop(s) species to plant \_\_\_\_\_ multi species? Yes/ No
  - c) Check here \_\_\_\_ if you are inter-seeding your cover crop into a standing field. Method? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d) Check here \_\_\_\_ if you agree to no-till into your cover crops.
  - e) Please ID seeding rate \_\_\_\_\_ & planting method \_\_\_\_\_  
Any other cover crop info? \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_ Haney Testing (covering 1 test and results consultation per farm)  
Total number of Haney tests on your farm in 2025 \_\_\_\_\_ (*additional tests can count towards our in-kind/matching funds requirements*)
3. \_\_\_\_ Cover Crop Bio-Mass Test (1 test per farm)  
Total number of CC Bio-Mass Tests on your farm in 2025 \_\_\_\_\_ (*additional tests can count towards our in-kind/matching funds requirements*)
4. Optional: Would you be willing to host a field day showcasing your incentive project? Yes / No (circle one)
5. For 2025 DATCP Grant Reporting purposes, please provide the following:  
What is your current crop rotation (ex: Corn grain-SB, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
What is your Operation Type (grain, dairy, beef, veg, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

By applying for incentive payment for these activities you are agreeing that you are not receiving incentive payments for the same activity on the same acres from another program (e.g., NRCS, LCD). This program is developed to assist in adoption of new conservation practices and reduce risk to farmers.

This cost sharing will be a reimbursement process. Please plan to pay for your service or practice, then turn in paid receipts to Becky Brathal for the defined cost share reimbursement(s). W9s will be required for qualifying payments, Becky will work with you on this if needed.

This form can be filled out and emailed/text to bbrathal@wisconsinfarmersunion.com, 715-492-8967 or mailed to:  
Becky Brathal: C/O Chippewa Valley Producer Led Watershed Council (128 West River Street, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729)

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_