

The Mill Creek-Blue River Watershed project is a grant of the Washington County Soil & Water Conservation District.



MILL CREEK-BLUE RIVER WATERSHED PROJECT

COST-SHARE PROGRAM 2013-2016



Cost-Share Funds Available to Landowners in the Mill Creek-Blue River Watershed

- ⇒ Goal of the Project: Reduce non-point source pollution in the Mill Creek-Blue River Watershed
- ⇒ Up to 75% actual cost-share available
- ⇒ Practices eligible for funding:
 - Cover Crops
 - Fence
 - Filter Strips
 - Heavy Use Area Protection
 - Riparian Buffers
 - And other approved practices that improve water quality

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Up to 75% cost-share assistance to land owners in the Mill Creek-Blue River Watershed to implement Best Management Practices



Grassed Waterway installed to prevent erosion. Photo courtesy of USDA NRCS.



**VISION STATEMENT:
"A HEALTHY WATERSHED THAT IS SUSTAINABLE FOR ALL WASHINGTON COUNTY RESIDENTS"**

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MILL CREEK-BLUE RIVER WATERSHED COST-SHARE PROGRAM

MILL CREEK-BLUE RIVER WATERSHED CONTAINS OVER 99,000 ACRES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA

What is the Cost-Share Program?

The Mill Creek-Blue River Watershed voluntary cost-share program provides landowners with financial and technical assistance to install best management practices (BMPs) within the identified critical areas of the watershed. The BMPs must address water quality concerns.

The program will pay up to 75% of the actual total allowed cost with \$10,000 cap per participant. Reimbursement will follow the installation and approval of the projects installed by landowners.



Heavy Use Area Protection installed to provide a stable, non-erodible surface for livestock and to improve water quality. Photo courtesy of Georgia Soil & Water Conservation Commission.

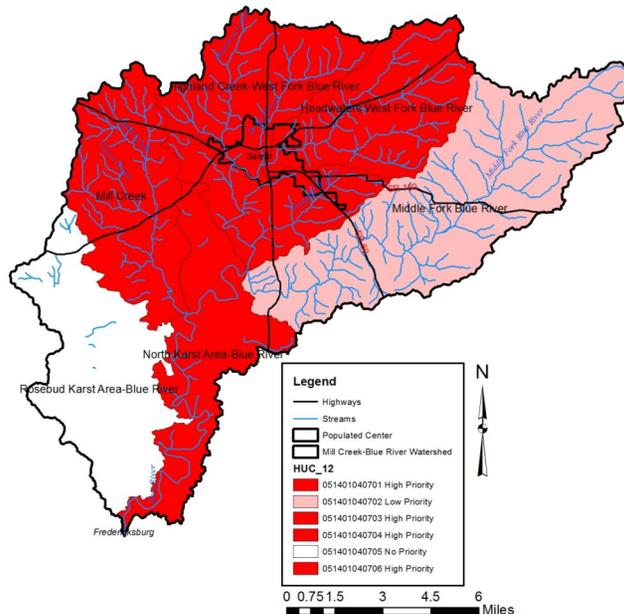
PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- Project must be in a critical area in the Mill Creek-Blue River Watershed
- Project must meet the Mill Creek-Blue River Watershed Program guidelines.
- Practice(s) must be installed with 12 months from the date of contract being signed.

Mill Creek-Blue River Watershed

Mill Creek-Blue River Watershed contains 99,854 acres. There is approximately 117 miles of creeks in the watershed. The water flowing through the watershed empties into the Ohio River.

A watershed management plan was recently developed for the Mill Creek-Blue River Watershed. Areas throughout the watershed were determined to be critical for *E.coli*, high nutrient content, sediment, and more.



| Best Management Practice | Maximum Cost (75% will be covered by cost-share) |
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| Access Road | \$8.00/sq. ft. |
| Animal Trails and Walkways | \$1.00/ sq. ft. |
| Composting Facility | \$0.50 per sq. ft. |
| Cover Crop | \$25 per acre |
| Critical Area Planting | \$622 per acre |
| Drainage Water Management | \$20 per acre |
| Fence | \$1.00 per linear ft. |
| Filter Strip | \$100 per acre – cool season; \$195 per acre – warm season |
| Forage and Biomass Planting | \$100-interseeding; \$150-renovation |
| Grade Stabilization | \$5,000/structure |
| Grassed Waterway | \$3,000/acre |
| Heavy Use Area Protection | \$1.00/sq. ft. gravel; \$2.00/sq. ft. concrete |
| Lined Waterway | \$40 per linear ft. |
| Mulching | \$225/ac natural material |
| No-Till (equipment modification or pre-emergent chemicals) | \$22 per acre |
| Nutrient Management | \$4 per acre basic; \$15 per acre precision; TSP pay at 90% cost |
| Pipeline | \$2.50 per linear ft. |
| Pumping Plant | \$2,600/pump |
| Residue Management | \$15 per acre |
| Riparian Buffer | \$399 per acre forest buffer or 75% of vegetative cover |
| Roof Runoff Management | \$7 per linear ft. |
| Spring Development | \$2,600 per each |
| Stream Crossing | \$2 per sq. ft. |
| Streambank Stabilization | \$150 per linear ft. |
| Subsurface Drainage | \$1.75 per linear ft. |
| Tree Planting | \$450 per acre |
| Waste Management | \$15 per acre |
| Waste Storage Facility | \$1.75 per cubic ft. |
| Watering Facility | Portable - \$100 each Ball or Fountain tank - \$700 each |