

2023 SSWIG Cost Share Agreement

The Sauk Soil and Water Improvement Group (SSWIG) Conservation Practice Cost Share Program is intended to encourage local farms to test and adopt new conservation practices on their operations. These funds are available on a first-come, first-serve basis until all fund pools have been allocated. Practice cost share funds will only be disbursed after program participants provide proof of implementation (e.g. photos), receipts, field maps, and seed tags (if applicable), and the SSWIG advisory committee has reviewed and approved payments.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicant must be current registered SSWIG members
- Applicant must complete current annual farm practice survey (see page 3)
- Field(s) in application must be within the SSWIG watershed boundaries (see **Figure 1.**)
- Field(s) in application shall not be enrolled in additional cost share programs for the same practice(s)
- Field(s) included in application must meet WI State Agricultural Performance Standards and Prohibitions

Applicant Agrees to:

- Allow SSWIG to post a sign by the field promoting the practice
- Attend a minimum of one SSWIG field day, pasture walk, workshop, meeting or other event during 2023
- Provide proof of practice implementation (e.g., actively growing cover crop) and supporting documents (e.g., maps, receipts, seed tags or Pure Live Seed (PLS) verification) to SSWIG no later than December 1st.
- Not to harvest crops planted as a cover crop and cost shared by SSWIG for grain
- Not to terminate winter-hardy cover crops cost shared by SSWIG prior to April 15th, 2024
- To share information with SSWIG that will be reported to the DATCP Producer-Led Watershed Protection Program (information will only ever be reported as aggregate data)

I have read, fully understand, and agree to comply with the terms of participation listed above for the 2023 SSWIG Cost Share Application.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application Submittal Deadline: October 1, 2023.

Please mail applications to SSWIG at S4515 Scenic Rd., Baraboo, WI 53913

See Page 2 for Conservation Practice Application

2023 SSWIG Conservation Practice Application

Please indicate which practices and number of acres you would like to apply for:

No Till, Cover Crop System:

Sequentially implement no-till and cover crops on field(s) applied for within the same growing season (e.g., no-till soybeans followed by cereal rye cover crop).

1. What crop(s) would you like to no-till and what cover crop(s) do you intend to utilize?
Crop(s) _____ Cover Crop(s) _____
2. How many acres (**20 acre maximum per application**) would you like to apply to implement these practices on?
Acres applied for cost share: _____ acres x \$70.00 per acre = \$ _____
Total acres of no till, cover crop (including cost share acres applied for): _____

Planting Green System:

Plant cash crop into living cover crop prior to terminating them. Please note that the cover crop being planted into must either be cereal rye planted at ≥ 60 lbs./acre or custom mix approved by SSWIG.

1. What crop(s) would you like to plant green and what cover crop(s) will they be planted into?
Crop(s) _____ Cover Crop(s) _____
Cover Crop(s) Planting Date and Method (e.g. no-till, broadcast) _____
2. How many acres (**40 acre maximum per application**) would you like to apply to implement this practice on?
Acres applied for cost share: _____ acres x \$20.00 per acre = \$ _____
Total acres of planting green (including cost share acres applied for): _____

Grazing Cover Crops:

Integrate livestock back onto your croplands by grazing cover crops.

1. What cover crop(s) will you be grazing?

2. How many acres (**25 acre maximum per application**) would you like to apply to implement this practice on?
Acres applied for cost share: _____ acres x \$80.00 per acre = \$ _____
Total acres of grazing cover crops (including cost share acres applied for): _____

Grazing Management and Planning:

Implement a grazing management plan approved by SSWIG and track pasture rotations over the course of a grazing season.

1. How many acres (20 acre maximum per application) would you like to apply to implement this practice on?
_____ acres x \$10.00 per acre = \$ _____

See Page 3 for Farmer Survey

2023 SSWIG Farmer Survey

Contact Information:

Name: _____ Farm Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Survey Questions:

1. What is the primary goal you seek to achieve by implementing the practice(s) included in your Conservation Practice Application?

2. How many farm acres do you operate? Owned _____ + Rented _____ = **Total Acres** _____

3. How many acres does your farm have of the following land use types?: Cropland _____
Pasture _____ Managed Grassland/CRP _____ Managed Forest _____

4. List the general crop rotation and tillage practices for your farm:

Crop (e.g., corn grain, soybean, wheat)	Tillage (e.g., no-till, fall chisel, spring VT)

5. Do you have a 590-compliant Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?

Yes _____ acres in NMP plan No

6. If you answered yes to question 5, is your nutrient management plan written...

by a qualified planner OR as part of a DATCP approved training course

7. Where do you get technical information about how to do your practices? _____

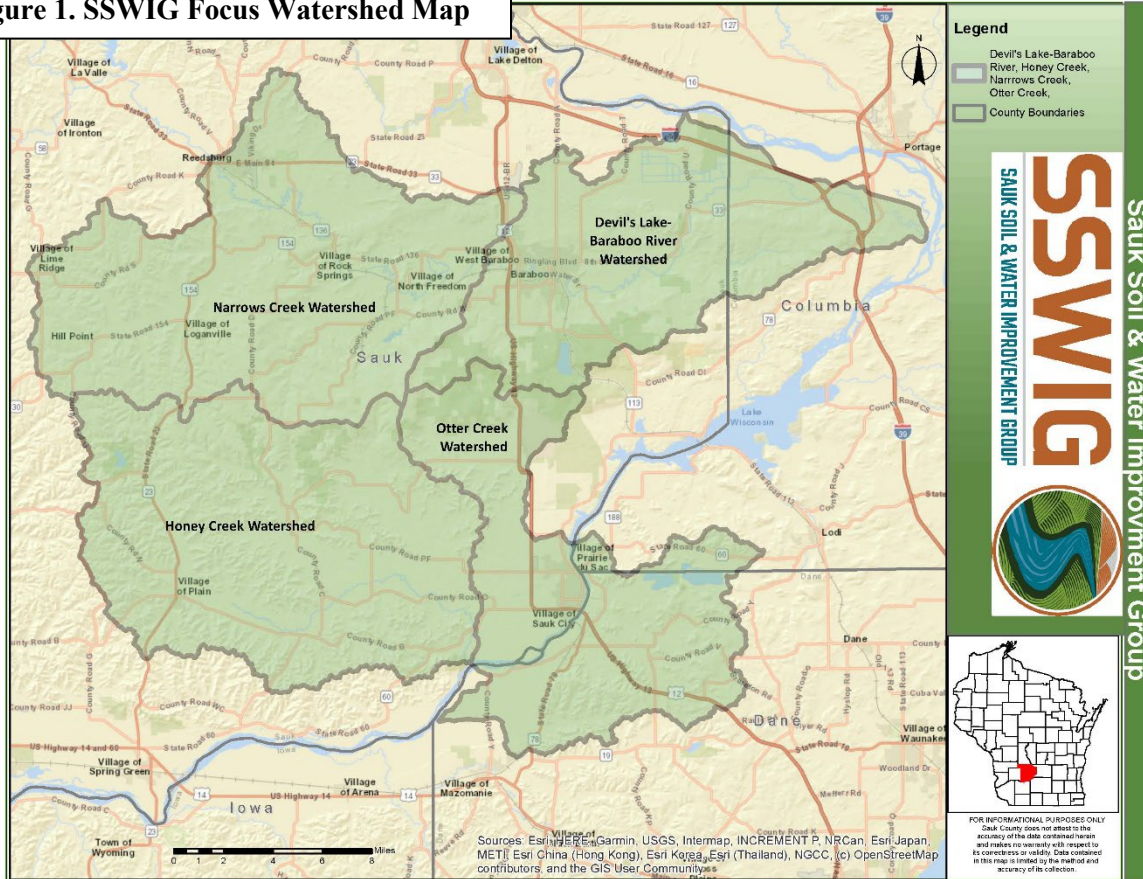
(We want to know what resources are the most helpful sources of information for you so that we can live up to the goal of providing our members with the best information available.)

Practice	Yes	If Yes, how many acres in 2023?	No, but interested
Cover Crops <i>(does not include Alfalfa)</i>		Acres	
No-Till		Acres	
Of the acres planted no-till, how many of these acres also had cover crops?		Acres	
Planting Green		Acres	
Rotational grazing		Acres	
Acres of cover crops that are also grazed		Acres	

8. Any additional practices, initiatives, or topics that you would like SSWIG to include in the future? _____

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Figure 1. SSWIG Focus Watershed Map



2023 Practice Certification Checklist (to be completed by SSWIG)

1. SSWIG membership paid
2. 2023 Farmer Survey completed
3. Map(s) submitted
4. Certification photos (at least 2) submitted
5. Seed Tags/Germination Test submitted (if required)
6. Planting Dates submitted (if required)
7. Additional supporting materials submitted (if required)
8. Payment approved by SSWIG Committee

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