

SECTION 2

2.15 SEG for Structural Practice Funding

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Background and Introduction

SEG Funds are segregated fund dollars set aside for county cost sharing with a focus on nutrient management. While DATCP awards SEG funds primarily to cost-share nutrient management plans, a county may use their annual cost-share allocation for cropping practices in support of nutrient management plan implementation, unless otherwise allowed in the allocation plan for that year, if the following conditions are met:

- (1) The landowner agrees to remain in compliance with the soil erosion control standard (NR 151.02) and the nutrient management standard (NR 151.07) for as long as the land is farmed;
- (2) The landowner submits a nutrient management plan checklist covering the cropland where the soft practice is installed.

Counties may use their SEG allocation for cropping practices in support of nutrient management plan implementation without the need for preapproval from DATCP. Practices include cover crops, residue management, and strip cropping.

The use of SEG Funds for Select Structural Practices is discussed in the SWRM Grant application instructions on an ongoing basis. Some structural practices have been identified as eligible for SEG for Structural spending with pre-approval from DATCP. These practices are identified in [Section 2.2 Cost-Share Funding Source Table and NR 151 Coding](#) highlighted in green, and listed below:

Manure storage systems	50.62
Manure storage closure	50.63
Diversions	50.70
Field windbreaks	50.71
Filter strips	50.72
Prescribed Grazing; Fencing (permanent)	50.80(3)
Prescribed Grazing; Establish permanent pasture (seeding)	50.80(4)
Riparian buffers	50.83
Waterway systems	50.96

Requesting Approval

To secure DATCP approval to use SEG for a structural fund practice, a county must submit the following before signing the cost-share contract with a landowner or operator:

- A draft SWRM contract identifying the practice(s) to be installed and the DATCP cost-share dollars needed to cost-share the practices;
- Documentation in the form of a completed NM plan checklist establishing that the cost-shared practices will be installed on a farm that has a NM plan; and
- An explanation of why SEG funding is needed to cost-share the identified practices. The county should explain why other funds (including DATCP structural funds) are not available and the resource concern or priority the practice is designed to address.

Funds requested cannot exceed 50% of the requesting county's total SEG allocation.

Written DATCP approval must be submitted by the county with the reimbursement request after the practices have been installed.

Requesting Reimbursement

Reimbursement requests are handled like all other requests for reimbursement and require similar documentation. A PDF packet of the reimbursement request form, approved construction plan cover sheet or equivalent, signed Nutrient Management Checklist, contract (recorded if over \$14,000), approval from SWRM program staff, and associated change orders shall be submitted to your SWRM Program Manager (datcpswrn@wisconsin.gov) for their review and approval for reimbursement. Indicate in the subject line and/or body of the email that this is an approved SEG for Structural project.