

# Nutrient Management Related Financial Support Opportunities and Programs

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection



## Soil and Water Resource Management Cost-Share Grants

Soil and Water Resource Management Grants are given to counties to help pay for conservation staff and cost-sharing for conservation practices. Counties are allowed to cost share nutrient management plans up to **\$40/acre**. If you are interested in receiving cost-share for a nutrient management plan, please reach out to your county land conservation department for more information (<https://wisconsinlandwater.org/members-hub/members>).

## Nutrient Management Farmer Education Grants

Nutrient Management Farmer Education Grants fund entities to educate farmers on nutrient management and enable farmers to write their own nutrient management plans. Applicants may include, but are not limited to: county, state, tribal and federal government, conservation districts, colleges, universities, University of Wisconsin – Division of Extension, nonprofit organizations, lake organizations, producer-led groups, and other organizations focused on land and agricultural resource management. Farmers who complete a nutrient management plan are eligible for up to **\$750** for soil sampling, **\$700** in participation stipend, and **\$100** in manure analysis. If you are interested in writing your own nutrient management plan, please reach out to your county land conservation department or contact DATCP Soil and Watershed Management Staff at [DATCPsoilandwatershedmanagement@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DATCPsoilandwatershedmanagement@wisconsin.gov).

## Wisconsin's Farmland Preservation Program

Wisconsin's Farmland Preservation Program helps farmers and local governments preserve farmland, protect soil and water, and minimize land use conflicts. The farmland preservation tax credit can be claimed by Wisconsin agricultural landowners who participate in the state's farmland preservation program. In exchange for the credit, landowners are required to keep the land in agricultural use and meet state soil and water conservation standards, including developing and implementing a nutrient management plan. Tax credit amounts are as follows: **\$5.00/acre** for landowners with a farmland preservation agreement located in an agricultural enterprise area; **\$7.50/acre** for landowners in an area with certified farmland preservation zoning; and **\$10.00/acre** for landowners in an area with certified farmland preservation zoning and a farmland preservation agreement located in an agricultural enterprise area. If you are interested in learning more, contact your county land conservation department to see if you are eligible.

## Wisconsin's Farmland Preservation Program-Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA)

AEAs are community-led efforts to designate areas important to Wisconsin's agricultural future. An AEA is a contiguous area of productive agricultural land that has received designation from the state at the request of the landowners and local governments. AEA's are a way for landowners to participate in the Farmland Preservation Program that does not require general zoning. Owning farmland within an AEA makes you eligible to sign a farmland preservation agreement and receive a tax credit. If you are interested in learning more about AEA's or have a question about starting an AEA petition, please call (608) 224-4611 or email [datcpworkinglands@wisconsin.gov](mailto:datcpworkinglands@wisconsin.gov).

**NOTE:** Some of these programs can be used together. Availability of these programs will vary from county to county, please contact your county land conservation department for more information.



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