

**Soil & Water Conservation District Policies and Procedures Manual**  
*Division of Soil Conservation and Water Quality-Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship*

**BUDGET & FINANCE (B & F)**

**REAP Forestry/Native Grasses**  
Eligible Practices (12/18)

**WATER PROTECTION PRACTICES--WATER PROTECTION FUND**  
(REAP Forestry/Native Grasses Fund)

**All practices twenty (20) year Maintenance/Performance Agreement**  
**except Prescribed Grazing (528) and Forest Stand Improvement**

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| Windbreak (380 or 650) <b>acre</b>   | * 75% of the eligible or estimated cost, whichever is less, not to exceed <b>\$1500/windbreak</b> for establishment or renovation  |
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| Field Windbreak (380 or 650) <b>feet</b>   | * 75% of the eligible or estimated cost, whichever is less, not to exceed <b>\$450/acre</b> for establishment or renovation  |
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| Forest Stand Improvement <b>acre</b><br>(Use DNR Forestry Tech Guide)                  | * Approved forest management plan required.<br>* 75% of the eligible or estimated cost, whichever is less, not to exceed <b>\$120/acre</b> for prescribed woodland burning, thinning, pruning crop trees, or releasing seedlings or young trees<br>* 5 acres minimum<br><b>Ten-year Maintenance Agreement.</b>   |
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| Tree Planting <b>acre</b><br>(Use DNR Forestry Tech Guide)                             | * Approved forest management plan required.<br>* 75% of the eligible or estimated cost, whichever is less, not to exceed <b>\$600/acre</b> (including establishing ground cover, trees, tree planting operations, weed and pest control and site prep)<br>* 75% of the eligible or estimated cost, whichever is less, not to exceed <b>\$150/acre</b> for woody plant competition control<br>* 3 acres minimum |
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| Site Preparation for natural regeneration <b>acre</b><br>(Use DNR Forestry Tech Guide) | * Approved forest management plan required.<br>* 75% of the eligible or estimated cost, whichever is less, not to exceed <b>\$120/acre</b> of site preparation<br>* 3 acres minimum  |
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| Riparian Forest Buffer (391) <b>acre</b>   | * 75% of eligible or estimated cost, whichever is less   |
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Rescue Treatment **acre**  
(Use DNR Forestry Tech Guide)

- \* Approved forest management plan required.
- \* 75% of eligible or estimated cost, whichever is less, not to exceed **\$60/acre** to establish alternate cover for competition control.
- \* One time payment of 75% of eligible or estimated cost, whichever is less, not to exceed **\$15/acre** to control damaging rodent population.
- \* 75% of the eligible or estimated cost, whichever is less, not to exceed **\$450/acre** for plantation replanting including establishing ground cover, trees, tree planting and weed control.
- \* 3 acres minimum

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Prescribed Grazing (528) **acre**

- \* 75% of the eligible or estimated cost, whichever is less. Does not include boundary fences, road fences or development of a water source. **At least 2 paddocks of native grasses.**
- Ten-year Maintenance/Performance Agreement.**

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Conservation Cover (327) **acre**

- \* 75% of eligible or estimated cost, whichever is less.  
(Can include preparation costs.)

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Fencing systems (382) **rod**

- \*Fencing systems used to implement or protect a conservation practice as described in rule 27-12.82 are eligible for 75% of the eligible or the estimated cost, whichever is less. The fencing costs cannot exceed **\$14 per rod** for permanent fencing or **\$5 per rod** for temporary electric fencing. Fences along roads or land boundaries are not eligible.

\* Districts have the option to use REAP-Practices funds for REAP-Forestry/Native Grass practices when all of the REAP-F/NG funds have been obligated.

**INELIGIBLE LAND:**

- **Privately owned land not used for agricultural production shall not qualify for water protection practices funds. Exception to this rule – Windbreaks are eligible whether or not the land is in agriculture production.**
- **REAP-F/NG funds shall not be used to reimburse other units of government for implementing soil and water conservation practices.**

**NOTE: Refer to “Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 12 Rules”**

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/law/administrativeRules/agencies> , the **“DNR Forestry Practices Manual Technical Guide”** [www.iowadnr.gov/Portals/idnr/uploads/forestry/ForestryTechguide.pdf](http://www.iowadnr.gov/Portals/idnr/uploads/forestry/ForestryTechguide.pdf) and the **“NRCS Technical Standards and Specifications”**

[https://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/efotg\\_locator.aspx?map=IA](https://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/efotg_locator.aspx?map=IA) for more information pertaining to the above practices.