

# Cascade Conservation District

## Cost-Share Application Guidelines

### INTRODUCTION

The Cascade Conservation District Board will set aside \$20,000 per year from its Cascade County mill-levy tax funding to sponsor conservation measures within Cascade County. Therefore, all projects have to be done within Cascade County and with private landowners only (no agencies will qualify).

### PROGRAM LIMITATIONS

The Cost-Share program is available to any private sector landowner with property within Cascade County. There is a limit of one project per person or group per year. All projects must be completed within one year of approval. Projects may be composed of multiple practices. Only on the ground projects are eligible. No studies or research projects will be funded.

### FUNDING

The District will fund up to 50% of a project to a maximum of \$2,500 which will be paid upon project completion verification.

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Fill out all questions completely including proposed costs. Incomplete applications will not be processed.
2. ***Enclose a good map with the location of each proposed practice clearly drawn out on the map.***
3. One application can have multiple practices on it. (EXAMPLE: Spring development, Fencing, revegetation and weed control)
4. Cost share amounts will be based upon NRCS 2011 EQIP cost share list.
5. Projects must be built to NRCS Standards and Practices.

### RANKING CRITERIA

All project applications are ranked on the merit of the project proposal and benefit to the resource.

### COST-SHARE CONTRACT

Upon acceptance of the project, the District and Landowner(s) will enter into a signed contract for the practices funded.

### PROJECT LIFE-SPAN

Projects must be maintained for the "life-span" of the practice. For example: Fencing 10 years, etc.

### PAYMENT

Only practices initiated and completed within the contract time frame will be reimbursed. The landowner must pay the up front costs of the project. When the project has been inspected upon completion, and the landowner has turned in the receipts, the landowner will then be reimbursed for 50% of the project up to \$2,500.