

3209 Cover Crop and Water Quality Program



Conservation practices to reduce nutrient loss and improve water quality

What is RCPP?

The Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) promotes coordination of NRCS conservation activities with partners that offer value-added contributions to expand our collective ability to address on-farm, watershed, and regional natural resource concerns. Through RCPP, NRCS seeks to co-invest with partners to implement projects that demonstrate innovative solutions to conservation challenges and provide measurable improvements and outcomes tied to the resource concerns they seek to address.

Project

The Cover Crop and Water Quality Program aims to remove cover crop implementation barriers faced by growers. Growmark, Inc. and other partners will source the seed, plant, manage and terminate the cover crops on behalf of busy producers. The project will use proprietary satellite imagery and analytics monitor the crops from planting to harvest and identify

nitrogen deficiencies and other issues impacting cover crops implementation, as well as quantify carbon sequestration and nitrous oxide emissions reductions.

Eligible Practices

The project establishes an approach for private sector conservation planning support for practices such as:

- Cover Crops
- Nutrient Management

More Information

For more information about conservation planning and financial assistance, contact your local NRCS office.

Funding:

Duration:

Five years (2024-2029)

Federal Funds:

Financial Assistance:
\$3,750,000

Technical Assistance:
\$823,171

Partner Contributions:
\$6,507,695

Portions of the following Counties:

Adams, Clarke, Page, Union

Partnership:

Growmark, Inc.

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