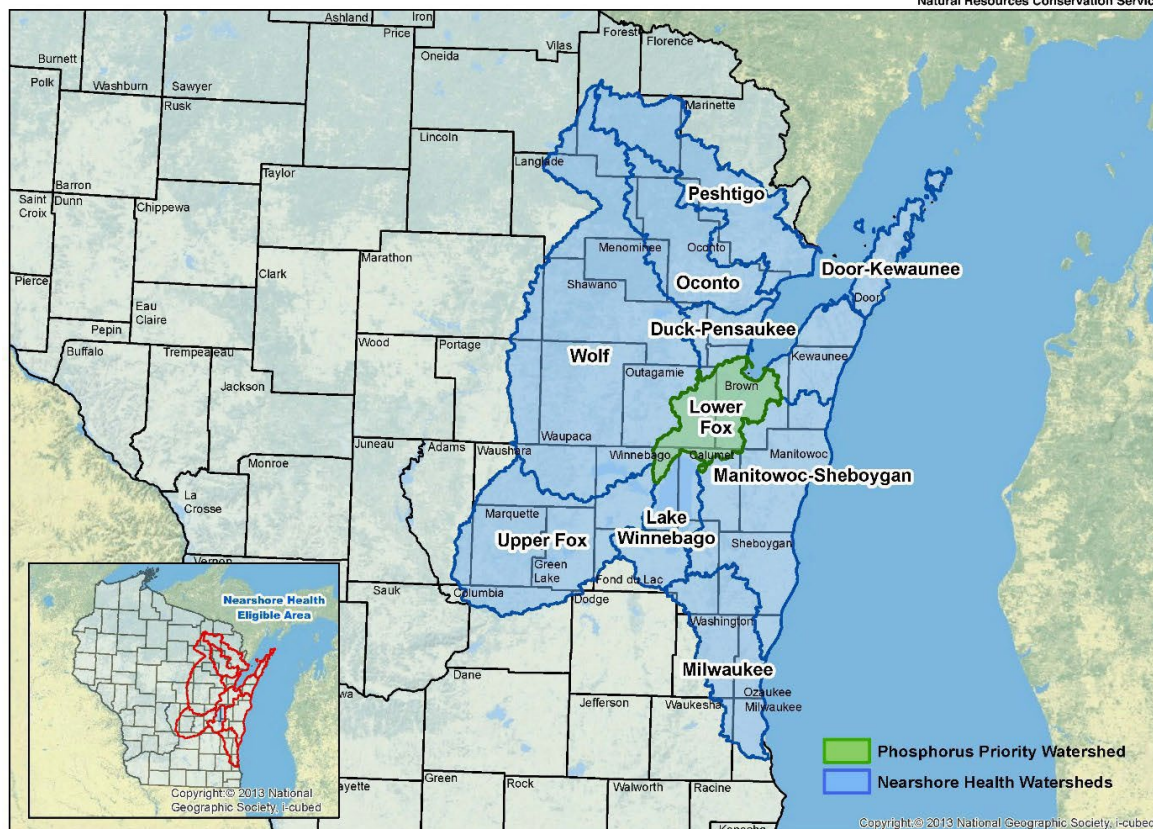


Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Wisconsin GLRI-EQIP Nearshore Health Sign-Up Plan of Operations FY 2026

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) offers financial assistance to agricultural producers to implement on-farm conservation practices. Eligible land is determined by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and is based on an identified resource concern. Eligible producers may apply for financial assistance for conservation practices that will address the identified resource concerns.

Eligible Watershed Area

Wisconsin GLRI Nearshore Health Watersheds



Eligible watersheds include:

- Door-Kewaunee
- Lower Fox
- Manitowoc-Sheboygan
- Milwaukee
- Oconto
- Duck-Pensaukee
- Peshtigo
- Upper Fox
- Winnebago
- Wolf

The Lower Fox HUC12 is considered a GLRI Phosphorus Priority watershed.

The Watershed Boundary Dataset (WBD) is the delineation used to identify the watershed boundaries.

Eligible Practices and Payment Rates:

See the documents posted on the [Wisconsin NRCS GLRI website](#) for the list of eligible conservation practices. Practice payment rates are posted in the [NRCS Payment Schedule website](#). Applicants who certify they are a Beginning Farmer, Limited Resource Farmer or a Socially Disadvantaged Farmer are eligible to receive a higher practice payment rate.

Payment limits will be the same as those established for the Wisconsin EQIP General sign-up.

Application Period:

EQIP applications are accepted on a continuous basis throughout the year. The GLRI-EQIP Nearshore Health sign-up period deadlines are posted on the [Wisconsin NRCS EQIP website](#). All eligible applications received by the close of business of these dates will be evaluated for funding consideration. Interested agricultural producers may apply in person, by telephone, fax, email, or letter at the local USDA Service Center. The location and contact information for local NRCS Service Centers can be found on the [USDA Service Center Locator](#).

Fund Pools:

The following fund pools will be established for the GLRI-EQIP 25/26 Nearshore Health sign-up:

- FY26 GLRI-Nearshore Health 25/26

Applications for Conservation Planning Activities (CPA), Design and Implementation Activities (DIA) and Conservation Evaluation and Monitoring Activities (CEMA) will follow Wisconsin EQIP contracting guidance for merging or separating activities in contracts.

A separate application form (i.e. NRCS-CPA-1200) does not need to be submitted if the applicant already has an existing unfunded, current-year application for EQIP.

Eligible Resource Concerns:

Addressing surface water quality resource concerns in the Great Lakes Restoration Area through the implementation of conservation systems utilizing core conservation practices is considered a priority for the GLRI-EQIP Nearshore Health sign-up and is reflected in the application ranking tool. Eligible resource concern categories include:

- Concentrated erosion
- Field sediment, nutrient, and pathogen loss
- Soil quality limitations
- Storage and handling of pollutants
- Wind and water erosion

Eligible Practices:

FY26 GLRI Nearshore Core Practice List

Practice Code	Conservation Planning Activities (CPA)
102	Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)
110	Grazing Management Plan
116	Soil Health Management Plan
199	Conservation Plan
	Design and Implementation Activities (DIA)
101	CNMP Design and Implementation Activity
157	Nutrient Management Design and Implementation Activity
164	Improved Management of Drainage Water Design
	Conservation Evaluation and Monitoring Activities (CEMA)
216	Soil Health Testing
217	Soil and Source Testing for Nutrient Management
226	Waste Facility Site Suitability and Feasibility Assessment
	Conservation Practice Name
311	Alley Cropping

313	Waste Storage Facility
316	Animal Mortality Facility
317	Composting Facility
327	Conservation Cover
328	Conservation Crop Rotation
329	Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till
330	Contour Farming
332	Contour Buffer Strips
340	Cover Crop
342	Critical Area Planting*
345	Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till
350	Sediment Basin
360	Waste Facility Closure
362	Diversion
367	Roofs and Covers
380	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment and Renovation
381	Silvopasture**
386	Field Border
391	Riparian Forest Buffer
393	Filter Strip
410	Grade Stabilization Structure
412	Grassed Waterway
472	Access Control
528	Grazing Management
554	Drainage Water Management
558	Roof Runoff Structure
561	Heavy Use Area Protection
578	Stream Crossing
580	Streambank and Shoreline Protection
582	Open Channel
584	Channel Bed Stabilization
585	Stripcropping
590	Nutrient Management
600	Terrace
605	Denitrifying Bioreactor

612	Tree/Shrub Establishment
624	Phosphorus Removal System
627	Wastewater Treatment – Milk House
638	Water and Sediment Control Basin
656	Constructed Wetland
657	Wetland Restoration

*Critical Area Planting (342) will only be considered a core practice if 342 will be the primary/ dominant practice used to address the resource concern. If 342 is used as the seeding component for another conservation practice (ex. 410, 350, 360, etc.), then 342 will not be considered a core practice, and would then be considered a supporting practice.

**Silvopasture (381) is only eligible for Nearshore Health funding in situations where it is included in a conservation plan to convert row crop acres to a managed grazing system. It is not eligible to add trees to an existing perennial pasture system.

Supporting Practices to GLRI Core Practices:

Supporting practices must facilitate a core conservation practice that treats a priority NH resource concern.

Ranking:

Scoring of all applications will be done according to the ranking established in the Conservation Assessment and Ranking Tool (CART).

Funding:

NRCS will allocate the available GLRI-EQIP Nearshore Health funds based on the numerical ranking system in CART. Applications will be selected for plan development and contracted in ranked order according to the ranking score, as funds allow. If there are insufficient funds available to fund an application, applications not selected for contracting will be deferred to the next EQIP application ranking period. GLRI funds shall not be combined with funds from any other fund pool within a contract.

Contract Length:

Contracts obligated with GLRI-Nearshore Health 25/26 may not be written with an expiration date later than December 31, 2031.