

APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT FOR ARCF INCENTIVE PAYMENTS between the

_____ County Soil Conservation District (SCD) and

Name of Cooperator (please print)

CELL Phone

Mailing Address

Email Address

City, State, Zip Code

Farm and Tract Number of Project Location

Terms of Agreement

1. The Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA) provides funds through the Agricultural Resources Conservation Fund (ARCF) (TCA 67-4-409(l)) subject to ARCF Guidelines available at: <https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/agriculture/documents/landwaterstewardship/Final%20ARCF%20Guidance.pdf>
2. The Estimated Incentive Payment Amount offered by the SCD through this Agreement is indicated in Item 8 below. There is no guarantee of additional financial assistance for unforeseen conditions which may arise/are not accounted for in the cost estimate.
3. Upon completion, BMPs installed on sites that drain into a waterbody impaired by agriculture as listed on the most recent *List of Impaired and Threatened Waters in Tennessee* or TDEC's Online Assessment Tool (available at: <https://tdeconline.tn.gov/dwr/>), are eligible for an incentive payment of **up to 85%** of the actual cost of the practice; subject to specific practice limits and provisions included in the Guidance, or the NRCS Total Estimated Incentive, **whichever is less**. The incentive payment for BMPs in all other watersheds is **up to 75%** of the actual cost of the practice, subject to specific practice limits and provisions included in the Guidance, or the NRCS Total Estimated Incentive, **whichever is less**.
4. Approval of BMP(s) eligible for incentive payments will be based on a United States Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Conservation Plan and this Agreement. In accordance with the ARCF Guidelines, the cooperator/landowner agrees to maintain each BMP for its normal life expectancy as set forth in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (indicated below). If the land is sold, or if the land should pass to heirs before the end of the normal life expectancy of the BMP(s), I/we agree that the maintenance of the BMP(s) will be made a condition of the sale or transfer by securing the agreement of the new owners to the terms of this Agreement, or in the alternative I/we agree to reimburse the SCD a pro-rated amount for the shortened life of the practice.
5. All parties to this agreement warrant to hold harmless all other parties for any damages arising directly or indirectly from implementation of the BMPs listed below.
6. I agree that the Commissioner of TDA or their designee, the NRCS State Conservationist or their designee, or the SCD Supervisors or their employees may periodically enter my property for the purpose of determining compliance with this Agreement.
7. Based on the above, I hereby request approval of incentive payments for the following BMP(s):
Attach additional pages, if needed, to detail all the requested BMPs.

BMP Name	Quantity/Dimension	NRCS Incentive Estimate	Life Expectancy (years)	Cooperator's Initials

8. Total Estimated Incentive

Cooperator's Initials

Reimbursement Rate: _____ (i.e. 75% or 85%) or Local SCD Limits: Flat Rate (%) _____; Cap (\$) _____

I hereby agree to the Terms of Agreement listed above. Under penalty of perjury, I hereby affirm that I am either: _____ a United States citizen; or _____ a qualified alien as defined by 8 U.S.C. § 164(b). Persons claiming qualified alien status must present two (2) forms of documentation of identity and immigration status acceptable by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security. Any person who knowingly and willfully makes a false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or representation in this application may be liable under the False Claims Act, T. C. A. Title 18; or, any other applicable civil or criminal law or regulation.

Title VI Cooperator Self Identification (Optional): Please check as applicable: Black, Hispanic, Asian, Other

SEE PAYMENT COMPLETION FORM

Signature of Cooperator

Date

Cooperator Tax ID Number

Signature of Landowner (if Different than Cooperator)

Date

Approval is recommended of this application for ARCF Incentive Payment.

For TDA-Land and Water Stewardship

For NRCS

The Board of Supervisors of the _____ County SCD hereby approves this cost-share request.

_____, Chair

Date Approved: _____

**PRACTICE COMPLETION NOTICE AND
REQUEST FOR INCENTIVE PAYMENT**

_____ County Soil Conservation District (SCD)

Notice is hereby given that I have established the BMP(s) which were described in my application to the District on:

_____ and were approved for an incentive payment by the SCD Board on _____
Date

Costs incurred in establishing these BMP(s) are listed below. I am submitting appropriate bills.

Total establishment cost for these BMP(s): \$ _____

I have completed all work and hereby request an incentive payment.

Cooperator's Social Security Number

Name of Cooperator (please print)

Signature of Cooperator

Date

I certify that these BMP(s) have been completed and inspected, and that they meet the guidelines, criteria and standards established by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

For TDA-Land and Water Stewardship

For USDA-NRCS

The Board of Supervisors of the _____ County SCD

hereby approves an incentive payment of: \$ _____

_____, Chairman _____ Date

_____, Secretary-Treasurer _____ Date

Please enter below the amount of incentive funds for these BMP(s) received from other sources. If none, enter zero.

TDA incentive amount: \$ _____

Other incentive amount: \$ _____

Total \$ _____



AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA)
- Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)
- Tennessee State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)
- Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)
- Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA)
- Other _____

Persons receiving technical or financial assistance (TA/FA) through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to implement conservation projects are required to comply with all Federal, State, and local laws as well as obtain any required permits prior to implementation of the project. To ensure compliance, NRCS-TN may be required to consult with one or more of the above-listed agencies prior to planning and funding conservation practices. This document authorizes NRCS-TN to (1) provide technical information to and consult with these agencies, and (2) assist with project permitting when required.

I, _____ (participant name), hereby authorize NRCS-TN to provide indicated agencies above with the appropriate information, i.e. plan maps, conservation plans, designs, or contracts, from my NRCS-TN case file that may be needed for consultation regarding impacts to natural resources. Specifically, this authorization applies to my Case File _____.

NOTE: NRCS-TN may be unable to provide further assistance, including project planning and funding, should you decline authorization to provide the information to these agencies.

Program Participant's Signature

Date

NRCS-TN Representative's Signature

Date