

Lake Erie Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)



OVERVIEW

What is the Lake Erie Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program?

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program is a federal and state conservation partnership designed to address agriculture-related environmental concerns. Participants receive financial incentives from USDA to voluntarily enroll environmentally-sensitive cropland or pastureland in contracts for a period of 15 years. In return for annual rental payments that average approximately \$154 per acre, participants can convert the land to native grasses, trees and other conservation vegetation.



Eligible Practices:

- Grass Filter Strips
- Riparian Forest Buffers
- Hardwood Tree Planting
- Permanent Wildlife Habitat

Benefits:

- * Buffers provide another line of defense to filter surface water before it enters streams and water sources that contribute to nutrient loading to Lake Erie
- * Streambanks with buffers are more stable and have lower erosion rates
- * Conservation buffers are a visual demonstration of your commitment to land stewardship
- * New enrollees can get one time bonus payment of \$200 per acre

How to Apply?

If interested, contact your local soil and water conservation district:

Lake Erie CREP is a partnership between:

