

FY 2022 PFC Sign-up (Updated 2/22/2022)

Name of Landowner _____ Phone Number of Landowner _____

Address of Landowner _____ Date of Application _____
_____ Email of Landowner _____

Name of Applicant if different than Landowner _____ Phone Number of Applicant _____

Address of Applicant _____ Email of Applicant _____

Farm # _____ Tract # _____ Section _____ Township _____

Tillage Practice _____ Residue Percentage if known _____% Tillage Equipment used _____

Crop Rotation _____ Do you utilize cover crops? Y N

If Yes to Cover Crops- what crop planted and when _____

Know Structural Remains or Artifacts that would suggest native American decent or cultural background? Y N

Do you currently have a conservation plan or nutrient management plan? Y N

Have you had a soil test within the last 2 years? Y N

If Yes can you provide results of that test? Y N

What Practice are you interested in applying for?

Waterway___ Dry Dam___ Terrace___ WASC0B___ Streambank___ CoverCrop___

Other _____

When do you plan to construct if approved? Spring or Fall

Who is your planned contractor? _____

By Signing below, you agree to be ranked for consideration to receive state cost share money in the PFC Program:

X _____ / Applicant

X _____ / Landowner

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

AT SITE VISIT:

Gully Dimensions; width _____ depth _____ Length _____

Residue _____%

Other Information and Notes _____

Each of undersigned individuals hereby agrees to participate in the State of Illinois Partners For Conservation Cost-Share Program for soil erosion control and water quality improvement and protection, and by this participation agrees to all of the provisions of this agreement and all of the regulations issued by the Illinois Department of Agriculture governing the program, which are hereby made a part of this agreement. The undersigned hereby agree to:

1. Carry out on the land unit as above (PFC-1), all land adjustments, conservation projects, and cropping or management projects in conformity with and as shown in the attached plan/schedule of operations, which is hereby made a part of this agreement, and according to the time schedule of conservation treatment outlined;
2. Plan, install, maintain the erosion control capabilities for all cost-shared and non-cost-shared land adjustments, conservation projects, and cropping or management projects and implement all other land adjustments, conservation projects, and cropping or management projects herein named in accordance with the technical specifications and in compliance with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service maintenance requirement for a period of (10) years, after the date of completing the program project;
3. Take no action by the undersigned, or successors, agents, assignees and transfers to remove, alter or modify land adjustments, soil conservation projects, and cropping or management projects for (10) years after the date of completing the program project unless prior written authorization is obtained from the SWCD and incorporated into this agreement;
4. Refund to the SWCD the entire cost-share payment amount if a soil conservation project agreed upon herein is not properly maintained if a land adjustment, soil conservation project, or cropping or management project agreed upon herein is not performed, or if any unauthorized removal, alteration or modification of a land adjustment, soil conservation project, or cropping or management project herein named occurs, in the event that this agreement is canceled, or in the event that the land is transferred without the new party assuming all obligations of this agreement and accepting the terms and conditions of this agreement within the entire (10) year period of this agreement after the date of completing the program project; and
5. Notify any prospective purchaser or assignee of the property herein described of the obligations and responsibilities agreed to by the undersigned, before legal or equitable title to any portion of the property is transferred;

This Agreement is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 20____, by and between the _____ County Soil and Water Conservation District, herein called District, and _____, herein called recipient. The District hereby agrees to provide up to \$_____ (the cost-share amount paid will be based on a percentage of the actual cost of installing the projects, not to exceed a percentage of the average cost established)* in Fiscal Year _____ to the recipient for sharing the cost of the soil conservation projects so indicated in this Agreement.

Land user agrees to allow free access to the property where they agreed to land adjustment, soil conservation project, or cropping or management project is to be constructed, installed or implemented for the purpose of planning, constructing, implementing, installing, monitoring, performing follow up and spot checking said works for the entire time period agreed to in paragraph 6 above. Neither the District or its representatives, nor the landowner or operator will be liable for any damage to the other's property in carrying out the provisions

IL STAR – 2021 Field Form

For office use:

Points: _____

STARs: _____



"If you can't measure it, you can't improve it." - Peter Drucker

Farmer/Owner Information:

1. Name: _____ Email: _____
 Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Street/City/Zip: _____
 2. Field name: _____ 3. 2021 Crop: _____ 4. Acres: _____
 5. County: _____ 6. Sec/Township/Range: _____
 7. Owner: _____ 8. Is this field tile-drained? Yes No

I understand this field may be randomly selected for verification. To the best of my knowledge, this information is correct. I also agree to the Terms of Use and Privacy Policy, as posted on the www.starfreetool.com website.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

IMPORTANT - Before proceeding, please review these instructions. Accurate responses will help ensure your field is awarded the correct point total and STAR Rating.

- This form documents field activities beginning immediately after harvest in 2020 and concluding with 2021 harvest.
- Read every item under each category. More than one selection is possible, but sometimes no items will be selected.
Example of multiple selections from the Cover Crops section- You planted a cover crop mix of cereal rye and tillage radish. You would select "Winter hardy- single species" and "Winter kill- single species."
- Completely read each statement. Several have more than one qualifier that needs to be met.
Example from the Spring Tillage section- "Any full width operation, limited to a single pass, where no fall tillage was performed."

First, tell us a little bit about the field you have selected.

9. Conservation and Management Practices- (check all that apply on this individual field):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturated Buffer | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Plan that reduces sheet/rill erosion to "T" |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bioreactor | <input type="checkbox"/> Nitrogen rate study conducted |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Constructed Wetland | <input type="checkbox"/> You attended a soil health or nutrient management meeting or field day within the last year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Terraces/Contours/WASCOBs | <input type="checkbox"/> Nutrient management plan and/or field is under CCA advisement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grass Filter Strip/Riparian Buffer | <input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled in Federal/State/Local Conservation Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grass Waterway | <input type="checkbox"/> Completed the 2020 STAR form for this field |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pollinator Planting (a ½ acre minimum) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Windbreak | |

Now let's establish a crop history for this field.

10. Crop Rotation- use an "X" to indicate the 5-year crop history on this field.

Crop	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Corn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soybean	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Small Grain: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hay/Forage: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Example: A field has been in corn/soybean rotation for over a decade. In 2021 it was planted to corn. Place an "X" adjacent to corn for the years 2021, 2019, 2017. Soybean would have an "X" for 2020, 2018. If your crop is not listed, i.e. Grain Sorghum, write your crop on the line and mark "X" in the year(s) planted. Do not record cover crops here.

11. Cover Crops (Summer 2020-Spring 2021)- Established with NRCS guidelines (must have some growth):

- Winter hardy- single species
- Winter hardy- 2 or more species
- Winter kill- single species
- Winter kill- 2 or more species
- Cover crop was terminated AFTER spring 2021 cash crop planting

Discussion: Time period varies slightly here. Any cover crops established in 2020 either prior to harvest or after a summer crop was harvested count. Examples: aerial application into standing corn or drilling after wheat harvest. Wheat is not considered to be a cover crop.

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**PARTNERS FOR CONSERVATION PROGRAM
PAYMENT TRANSFER AGREEMENT**

The WARREN County Soil and Water Conservation District is given my approval and authority to make direct payment to _____ of \$ _____, which is reimbursable to me for completing the required conservation projects agreed to under the Partners For Conservation Program.

I fully understand that all previous agreements are still binding and that no future attempt will be made to collect the money identified above once payment has been made.

Participant Signature

Date