

**Winona County
Soil & Water Conservation District**

**Cost-Share Financial Assistance Policy
Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA)**

**SWCD Board Approved
January 12, 2023**

Policy Intent

Provide cost-share financial assistance to landowner/occupier for removal of invasive species through an integrated pest management approach and the restoration/reconstruction of native plant communities through an ecosystem approach.

Funding Source

- BWSR Cooperative Weed Management Grant

Cost-Share Financial Assistance

Whichever is Less

- 75% of eligible project cost
- \$4,500 per project per landowner/occupier
- Combined financial assistance from SWCD and all other sources may not exceed 75%

Requirements

- Land within Winona County
- Project eligibility determined using MN Tactical Invasive Species Management Plan Flow Chart
- Utilize appropriate BWSR, USDA NRCS or other approved practices and design standards
- Follow approved Forest Management Plan and Operation and Maintenance Plan from a conservation technical representative (SWCD, MN DNR or TSP with prior approval from SWCD)

Conservation Practices

Primary Practices

314 Brush Management
315 Herbaceous Weed Treatment
338 Prescribed Burning
528 Prescribed Grazing

Secondary Practices

327 Conservation Cover
342 Critical Area Planting
340 Cover Crops

Priorities

- Applications considered on a first-come-first-serve basis
- Follow MN Tactical Invasive Species Management Plan and Prioritization Maps with high and medium priority management ratings

Additional

- In-kind services and materials provided by the landowner/occupier may be credited toward the land occupier's share of total eligible cost of the practice not to exceed rates listed in the most recent Iowa Farm Custom Rate Survey