

## Warrick County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Cover Crop Program Agreement

**Program Deadlines:** Applications will be accepted until 4 pm on October 5, 2018. All cover crops must be sown by dates established in NRCS guidelines to be eligible for payment. See the attached sheet for planting deadlines.

### Operator Information

Remit payment to this person/entity upon completion.

Name		Street Address	
State	Zip	Phone	E-mail

### Landowner Information

Check if same as operator     Remit payment to this person/entity upon completion.

Name		Street Address	
State	Zip	Phone	E-mail

Have you been funded by a cover crop grant thru WCSWCD in the past (not including EQIP)?    Yes    No  
 Do you use manure as a fertilizer?    Yes    No  
 Have you used cover crops in the past?    Yes    No

Field Priority Ranking <sup>1</sup>	FSA <sup>2</sup> Farm #	FSA Tract #	FSA Field #	No-till will be practiced on this field	This field is considered HEL	Cover Crop Specie(s)	# Acres
				Yes    No	Yes    No		
				Yes    No	Yes    No		
				Yes    No	Yes    No		
				Yes    No	Yes    No		
				Yes    No	Yes    No		
				Yes    No	Yes    No		
				Yes    No	Yes    No		
				Yes    No	Yes    No		
				Yes    No	Yes    No		
				Yes    No	Yes    No		
<b>TOTAL ACRES</b>							

NOTES:

<sup>1</sup>Rank your fields by placing a number next to each field. Example: "1" should be placed next to the field with the highest cover crop priority. "2" would be the next highest priority and so on.

<sup>2</sup>Submit up-to-date (2018) FSA Map(s) with this application for each field.

## **PROGRAM RULES & PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT**

**By seeking eligibility for this cost-share program, the undersigned participant:**

1. Agrees to implement the practices described above within the required timeframe, and in the attached land restoration plan, if applicable;
2. certifies that he/she has control of the above tracts;
3. releases the SWCD or sponsor from any and all liability;
4. accepts any liability, financial or otherwise, in installing the practices above;
5. will submit an application prior to 4 pm on October 5, 2018 and understands all applications are subject to approval by the SWCD Board of Supervisors;
6. understands that priority may be given to new applicants and applicants with fields classified as HEL;
7. must submit **UPDATED** Farm/Tract/Field Maps from the Farm Service Agency for each field they intend to apply for the program;
8. all cover crops must be sown by dates and seeding rates established in NRCS guidelines (attached) to be eligible for payment;
9. will provide proof of completion through seed tags and/or analysis from bin-run seed;
10. will notify SWCD personnel upon completion of planting, who will then field-verify and document practice completion;
11. will allow a person from the SWCD or a partner to confirm completion of the project by entering the property. If the site is not readily accessible (i.e. locked gates, impassable roads, etc.), the site must be made accessible upon request;
12. payment will be made after seed tags are received and field checks are completed;
13. understands reimbursement will be set at \$15 per acre;
14. understands NRCS specifications must be followed when applying cover crops. Certain exceptions regarding NRCS practice standards may be made by the SWCD, but participants must first get signed approval from the executive director;
15. understands cover crops may be aerially-applied, broadcast, or drilled and must use a seed mix prescribed by the SWCD/NRCS;
16. understands a tract is only eligible for up to 3 consecutive years. Example: if a tract was included in the 2017 cover crop program, it is only eligible for payment in 2018 and 2019, but not 2020.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a landowner/operator in Warrick County, Indiana, have read and understand the **Program Rules & Participant Agreement**, and the relevant NRCS practice standard sheet(s). I hereby submit my application to the WCSWCD for financial assistance via grant funding made available through grants from Alcoa and Clean Water Indiana. I understand that failure to adhere to the **Program Rules & Participant Agreement**, and NRCS Practice specifications may disqualify me from participation in this program and/or receiving cost-share funds from it.

**Participant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**SWCD Employee Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>COVER CROP SEEDING RATES AND PLANTING DATES - 2018</b>			
Plant Species	Seeding Rate (lbs/AC of PLS)		Seeding Dates
	Drilled	Broadcast	
<b>Winter Cover Crops</b>			
Annual Ryegrass	12-16	13-20	8/15 to 10/10
<i>Cereal Grains</i>			
Cereal Rye	45-64	45-64	8/15 to 11/10
Winter Wheat	50-70	55-70	Fly Free Date to 10/31
Spring Oats	40-50	33-50	8/15 to 9/30
Winter Triticale	45-70	45-70	8/15 to 10/31
<i>Legumes</i>			
Hairy Vetch	30-40	30-40	8/1 to 9/30
Field Peas/Winter Peas	50-70	50-70	8/1 to 9/30
Cow Peas	40-60	45-70	7/1 to 8/15
Crimson Clover	8-10	8-10	7/1 to 9/15
<i>Other</i>			
Brassicas - Rapeseed/Canola/Turnips	2-4	6	8/1 to 9/30
Oil Seed Radish	8	10	8/1 to 9/30
<b>Summer Cover Crops</b>			
Spring Oats	40-60	40-60	3/1 to 5/15
Annual Ryegrass	12-16	13-20	3/1 to 5/31
Sudangrass & Sorghum-Sudangrass	17-20	17-20	5/1 to 5/31
Red Clover (spring seeded)	3-6	3-6	3/1 to 5/15
Red Clover (frost seeded)	4-6	4-6	12/15 to 2/15
Buckwheat	25-30	25-30	7/1 to 8/1
Millet	2-4	2-4	5/1 to 8/1

Other recommendations on mixes can be made. Call the SWCD Office at 812-897-2840 ext. 3, for more information.