2026 Cost-Share Application – Due Nov. 15, 2026

SRPF is proud to offer members cost-share incentives for implementing various conservation practices. The following programs are available to members in 2026:

1. NEW! Cover crops: **Bin-run crop without a receipt will pay market price** Max of $40/acre, Max payout between all 3 programs $1,500/farm.

- ***a. Multispecies cover crop:*** Minimum of 3 species. Overwinter or winterkill allowed. Planting deadline August 31. $40/acre.
- ***b. Overwinter cover crop:*** Must overwinter. Planting deadline September 30. $30/acre.
- ***c. Late season overwinter cover crop***: Must overwinter. Planting deadline November 15. $20/acre.

2. No-till/reduced tillage: $20/acre up to 50 acres, increases in second and third year. Max of $1,500/farm.
3. Planting green: Spring planting into a living cover crop. Farmers can collect cost-share on cover crop in the fall, then collect an extra $20/acre for planting green into the cover crop the following spring. Max of 50 acres or $1,000/farm. Not to be combined with no-till or reduced-till program.
4. NEW! Variable rate nutrient application: A control plot and 2.5-acre soil sample grid required. $10/acre. Max of 100 acres or $1,000/farm.
5. Crop diversity 'growing season cover crop' interseeding program: Includes legume, grass, multiple species, beans planted into corn. $40/acre, max $1,500/farm.
6. Low disturbance manure injection: $15/acre, max 100 acres, max $1,500/farm.
7. NEW! Grazing management: Option A: $20/acre for completing a new written grazing plan. Option B: $10/acre for grazing cover crops only. Both programs: 5-acre min, max of $1,000.
8. Soil health testing: $50/sample, max $500

To participate, please indicate which program(s) you would like to enroll in and the number of acres/samples you are enrolling. Receipts or other appropriate documentation are required for all programs including cover crops, split nitrogen application, crop diversity 'growing season cover crop' interseeding program, and soil health testing; as is completion of the SRPF Member Conservation Practice Survey (can be found on our website). SRPF's cost share program is intended to be a learning opportunity for members, so we ask that members be willing to share lessons learned from trying a new practice with the group.

Maximum payout of $2,000 plus $500 bonus if participating in three or more programs. Final cost-share payments are dependent on available funds and will be distributed at the end of the year. If you are not a SRPF member, please fill out the membership form (available at srpfarmers.com) and pay membership dues. All data collected will remain confidential. See page 3 for program details.

To enroll, complete the form on the next page and return (with receipts) by Nov. 15.

Name: _____ Farm Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

Preferred phone: _____

Farm Type (circle): Dairy Beef Hog Crop Other (describe): _____

Current crop rotation: _____

Multispecies cover crop (min 3 species)	# acres enrolled	Total # cover crop acres	**Cover crop practices prior to 2026 (check box):** ☐ No cover crop ☐ Rye cover crop after corn/beans ☐ Multispecies cover crops after wheat
Pound/acre of bin-run		Planting rate	
Field ID and approximate location/crossroads for acres enrolled in cost share:			
Cover crop species planted, after what crop, and method of planting **(Required to answer all 3 questions):**			

Overwinter cover crop	# acres enrolled	Total # cover crop acres	**Cover crop practices prior to 2026 (check box):** ☐ No cover crop ☐ Rye cover crop after corn/beans ☐ Multispecies cover crops after wheat
Pound/acre of bin-run		Planting rate	
Field ID and approximate location/crossroads for acres enrolled in cost share:			
Cover crop species planted, after what crop, and method of planting **(Required to answer all 3 questions):**			

Late season overwinter cover crop	# acres enrolled	Total # cover crop acres	**Cover crop practices prior to 2026 (check box):** ☐ No cover crop ☐ Rye cover crop after corn/beans ☐ Multispecies cover crops after wheat
Pound/acre of bin-run		Planting rate	
Field ID and approximate location/crossroads for acres enrolled in cost share:			
Cover crop species planted, after what crop, and method of planting **(Required to answer all 3 questions):**			

☐ **No-till** ☐ **Reduced** ☐ **Vertical** ☐ **Strip-till** ***Check the box**	# acres enrolled	Total # no-till acres	**Tillage prior to 2026 (check box)** ☐ Fall chisel/disk/field cultivation ☐ Strip tillage ☐ Vertical tillage
Field ID and approximate location/crossroads for acres enrolled in cost share:			
For which crops in your rotation are you using this practice?			

Planting green	# acres enrolled	Total # planting green acres
Crop planted into cover crop	Date crop was planted	
Field ID and approximate location/crossroads for acres enrolled in cost share:		

Variable rate application	# acres enrolled	Total # split nitrogen acres
Date of application(s)	Min. and Max. rate of N applied	
Who was your applicator?		
Field ID and approximate location/crossroads for acres enrolled in cost share:		

Crop diversity 'growing season cover crop' interseeding program	# acres enrolled	Total # crop diversity acres
Date main crop was planted	Main crop planted	
Date interseed crop was planted	Interseed crop planted	
Field ID and approximate location/crossroads for acres enrolled in cost share:		

Low disturbance manure injection	# acres enrolled	Total # Low disturbance manure injection acres
Field ID and approximate location/crossroads for acres enrolled in cost share:		

Grazing management	# acres for cost share	Total # pasture acres this year
Field ID and approximate location/crossroads for acres enrolled in cost share (include field map):		
Required for written grazing plans: Who is supporting the written plan? (Glacierland RC&D, NRCS, Land Conservation, Other)		

Soil health testing	# total samples	Date of sample
☐ **Haney Test** ☐ **Phospholipid Fatty Acid Test (PLFA)** ☐ **Total Nutrient Digestion analysis (TDN)** ***Check the box**	Would you like assistance interpreting the report?	

Questions? Please contact us at srpfarmers17@gmail.com or (920) 979-6800 (Derrik Sippel)

Sheboygan River Progressive Farmers Cost-Share Program Details

Goal – To research and promote on farm conservation practices that are beneficial for soil and water quality and overall farm sustainability. Also, to reduce economic risk associated with trying a new conservation practice.

Cover crops: Members interested in planting cover crops may be reimbursed for the cost of cover crop seed, planting, and spring herbicide application (if applicable), up to $40/acre with a maximum of $1,500/farm. If you bin-run crop without a receipt you will get paid market price. Receipts are required for this program. Handwritten receipts are okay if providing your own seed or purchasing from a neighbor, etc. Applicants may select the cover crop seed and seeding method of their choice. Harvesting the cover crop as forage is admissible. The three cost-share programs count as one practice.

No-till/reduced tillage: This is targeted for members who are open minded about trying no-till, vertical till and strip till rotations for multiple years to determine if soil health can be improved without reducing yields. Interested members should identify an area, up to 50 acres, and plan a three-year rotation using reduced tillage or no till. The area chosen will be the same area used for up to three years on this project. Participating members are eligible for $20/acre for the first year, $25/acre in the second year and $30/acre in the third year.

Planting green: Planting green refers to planting primary crops into actively growing cover crops in the spring. This practice can be used when planting a grain crop such as corn or soybeans into a cover crop terminated a week before or a week after planting green. Members can collect cost share on cover crops in the fall, then collect an extra $20 for planting green into the cover crop the following spring. Maximum of 50 acres up to $1,000/farm. Not to be combined with no-till or reduced-till programs.

Variable rate nutrient application: A precision farming technique that changes the amount of agriculture inputs across different zones of a single field based on local soil and crop needs. The goal is to find the minimum applied Nitrogen/Phosphorus/Potassium for maximum yield. A control plot is required; and 2.5-acre soil sample grid to evaluate data for variable rate. Participating members are eligible for $10/acre up to $1,000/farm.

Crop diversity 'growing season cover crop' interseeding program: Members interested in interseeding a 'growing season cover crop' in the summer. The goal is to plant more diverse species mix into a main crop. This may include legume, grass, multiple species, beans planted into corn. This program will help cover the cost at a rate of $40/acre up to $1,500/farm.

Low disturbance manure injection: Manure injection is a low-disturbance system which places the manure below the soil surface, offering the same benefits of incorporation, without tillage, leaving the soil surface minimally disturbed. LDMI can be practiced into alfalfa, cover crops, grass hay, wheat, or small grain fields that are actively growing or harvested wheat, soybean or corn fields. This program will cover the cost at a rate of $15/acre up to max $1,500/farm.

Grazing management: To support the implementation of a grazing management program. May include additional expenses focused on managed intensive grazing such as seed costs, conservation practices, etc. Identify who is writing the program such as Glacierland RC&D, NRCS, Land Conservation. Reimbursements of 5 acre minimum and $1,000 maximum per applicant. Members are eligible to enroll in this program once.

Soil health testing: Three options. The Haney Test provides an overall soil health score by assessing water-extractable nutrients, microbial activity, and organic matter. In contrast, the Phospholipid Fatty Acid (PLFA) test specifically analyzes the cell membranes of microbes to detail the structure of the microbial community, including fungal-to-bacterial ratios. Total Nutrient Digestion (TDN) analysis reveals a soil's total nutrient potential, including nutrients not readily available, by breaking down the entire soil matrix. Reimbursement of $50/sample up to $500.