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<b>ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>TECHNICAL</b>	<b>FINANCIAL</b>	<b>INFORMATION</b>
<p><b>CRP (Conservation Reserve Program)</b>                      A voluntary USDA program that offers annual rental and incentive payments for certain activities, as well as cost-share assistance for 10 to 15 year contracts. The program encourages farmers to plant long-term resource-conserving covers on highly erodible cropland or environmentally sensitive land to improve soil, water and wildlife resources. Acceptance of CRP contract offers is competitive. Sign-up periods for the general CRP are announced by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.</p> <p>CRP Continuous Sign-up: Eligible acreage devoted to certain special conservation practices such as riparian buffers, filter strips, contour grass strips, and shallow water areas for wildlife may be enrolled at any time under the Continuous CRP sign-up and are not subject to competitive review.</p>	<b>NRCS</b>	<b>FSA</b>	<b>NRCS FSA SWCD MDC-PLS</b>
<p><b>DNR 40-Percent Construction Wastewater Grant Program</b>                      Grants to communities and public sewer districts for wastewater treatment or collection facilities. Sixty-percent of project cost must be local matching funds.</p>	<b>DNR-WPCP</b>	<b>DNR-WPCP</b>	<b>DNR-TAP DNR-WPCP</b>
<p><b>DNR Air Pollution Control Grants</b>                      Grants to government agencies to implement the Missouri Conservation law and also grants to metropolitan planning and non-profit organizations to help reduce air pollution. Government agencies are required to match local funds.</p>	<b>DNR-APCP</b>	<b>DNR-APCP</b>	<b>DNR-TAP DNR-APCP</b>
<p><b>DNR Aquaculture</b>                      Assistance with the regulation and management of aquaculture operations.</p>	<b>DNR-TAP</b>		<b>DNR-TAP</b>
<p><b>DNR Constructed Wetlands</b>                      Assistance in developing wetlands as a treatment component of sewage or livestock waste treatment.</p>	<b>MU-O&amp;E DNR-WPCP</b>	<b>DNR-WPCP</b>	<b>MU-O&amp;E DNR-WPCP</b>
<p><b>DNR Cooperative Remonumentation Program</b>                      To remonument corners of the U.S. Public Land Survey System. Involves a contract with county commissions for a set amount per corner surveyed by a county surveyor.</p>	<b>DNR-DGLS</b>	<b>DNR-DGLS</b>	<b>DNR-DGLS</b>

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<p><b>DNR County Boundary Resurvey Program</b> To remonument county boundary lines where the location of the line is indefinite. Involves a contract with county commissioners. DNR contracts for and pays the costs of surveying and monummentation.</p>	<b>DNR-DGLS</b>	<b>DNR-DGLS</b>	<b>DNR-DGLS</b>
<p><b>DNR Cultural Resource Research and Protection Grants</b> Matching grants to identify, evaluate, register, and protect cultural resources such as archaeologic and historic sites.</p>	<b>DNR-DSP</b>	<b>DNR-DSP</b>	<b>DNR-DSP</b>
<p><b>DNR Energy Efficiency Revolving Loans</b> Loans to schools and local government interested in increasing the energy efficiency of a facility and saving on utility costs, including energy-use analysis, project labor, and materials.</p>	<b>DNR-EC</b>	<b>DNR-EC</b>	<b>DNR-EC</b>
<p><b>DNR Geodetic Control Densification Project</b> To establish horizontal and vertical control monuments used for mapping and the development of land survey information system. DNR contracts with county and city government and provides all work for a fixed amount per monument.</p>	<b>DNR-DGLS</b>	<b>DNR-DGLS</b>	<b>DNR-DGLS</b>
<p><b>DNR Hazardous Substance Emergency Fund</b> Loans to political subdivisions or volunteer fire protection associations for reimbursement of costs incurred responding to a hazardous substance emergency.</p>	<b>DNR-TAP</b> <b>DNR-HWP</b>	<b>DNR-HWP</b>	<b>DNR-TAP</b> <b>DNR-HWP</b>
<p><b>DNR Historic Building Rehab. Tax Incentives</b> Tax credit for rehabilitating historic buildings for income-producing use. Can include project certification by the National Park Service</p>	<b>DNR-DSP</b>	<b>DNR-DSP</b>	<b>DNR-DSP</b>

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<p><b>DNR Industrial Competitiveness through Energy, Environment and Economics</b></p> <p>Matching grants to industries and government agencies for the design, testing, demonstration, and assessment of new processes and equipment with the potential to increase energy efficiency, reduce pollution and improve economics.</p>	<b>DNR-EC</b>	<b>DNR-EC</b>	<b>DNR-EC</b>
<p><b>DNR Land Reclamation Program</b></p> <p>Regulates and provides help in reclamation of mined lands.</p>	<b>DNR-LRP</b>		<b>DNR-LRP DNR-TAP</b>
<p><b>DNR Leaking Under-ground Storage Tank Clean-up Assistance</b></p> <p>Supplemental funds for cleanup costs of leaking underground storage tanks. Requires pre-approved plans and costs.</p>	<b>DNR-TAP DNR-HWP</b>	<b>DNR-HWP</b>	<b>DNR-TAP DNR-HWP</b>
<p><b>DNR Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Grants</b></p> <p>Helps implement long-lasting energy-efficiency home improvements for the elderly, handicapped, or low-income resident.</p>	<b>DNR-EC</b>	<b>DNR-EC</b>	<b>DNR-EC</b>
<p><b>DNR Market Development Financial Assistance Program</b></p> <p>Financial assistance for the purchase of equipment for processing or manufacturing marketable goods with recycled materials.</p>	<b>DNR</b>	<b>DNR</b>	<b>DNR DNR-TAP</b>
<p><b>DNR Nonpoint Source Minigrants</b></p> <p>Grants to governments and institutions of higher education to provide information, education, or technical assistance relating to nonpoint source water pollution demonstrating alternative pollution prevention practices which may occur on private land.</p>	<b>DNR-WPCP</b>	<b>DNR-WPCP</b>	<b>DNR-TAP DNR-WPCP</b>
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<p><b>DNR Private Activity Bond Financing</b></p> <p>Tax-exempt and taxable revenue bonds for private and public companies for facilities and improvements with positive environmental impact.</p>	<b>DNR</b>	<b>DNR</b>	<b>DNR</b>

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<p><b>DNR Public Water Company Bond Financing</b> Bond financing for private water delivery systems and wastewater treatment facilities.</p>	<b>DNR-PDWP</b>	<b>DNR-PDWP</b>	<b>DNR-TAP DNR-PDWP</b>
<p><b>DNR Recreation and Park Grants</b> Matching grants to cities, counties and school districts for land acquisition and facilities dedicated to public outdoor recreation use.</p>	<b>DNR-DSP</b>	<b>DNR-DSP</b>	<b>DNR-DSP</b>
<p><b>DNR Revolving Fund Loan Program</b> Subsidized loans to any political subdivision of the state for construction of wastewater treatment facilities. Amounts are based on ability to repay debt.</p>	<b>DNR-WPCP</b>	<b>DNR-WPCP</b>	<b>DNR-TAP DNR-WPCP</b>
<p><b>DNR Revolving Loan Fund for Historical Properties</b> Funds to non-profits, government agencies, schools, individuals and businesses for acquisition and protection of historic property. Properties must be eligible for listing on National register of Historic Places.</p>	<b>DNR-DSP</b>	<b>DNR-DSP</b>	<b>DNR-DSP</b>
<p><b>DNR Rural Drinking Water Grant Program</b> Grants to cities with populations under 10,000 for treatment and distribution of drinking water.</p>	<b>DNR-PDWP</b>	<b>DNR-PDWP</b>	<b>DNR-TAP DNR-PDWP</b>
<p><b>DNR Rural Sewer Grant Program</b> Grants to rural communities and sewer districts for wastewater collection facilities. Grant must not exceed 50 percent of the project costs.</p>	<b>DNR-WPCP</b>	<b>DNR-WPCP</b>	<b>DNR-TAP DNR-WPCP</b>
<p><b>DNR Solid Waste Management Program</b> Financial assistance to individuals, businesses, government agencies, schools and non-profits for a variety of waste reduction and recycling activities. Matching funds requirements may vary.</p>	<b>DNR-SWMP</b>	<b>DNR-SWMP</b>	<b>DNR-TAP DNR-SWMP</b>
<p><b>DNR Southeastern Regional Biomass Energy Program Grants</b> Matching grants to individuals, businesses, and schools for expenses incurred as a direct result of biomass energy production, handling, use, or application</p>	<b>DNR-EC</b>	<b>DNR-EC</b>	<b>DNR-EC</b>

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<p><b>DNR Stormwater Grant Program</b> Grants to counties and communities for planning and construction of stormwater facilities.</p>	<b>DNR-WPCP</b>	<b>DNR-WPCP</b>	<b>DNR-TAP</b>
<p><b>DNR Sustainable Technology Energy Partnerships</b> Funding to individuals, businesses, government agencies, schools and non-profit organizations for industrial applications that promote pollution prevention and energy efficiency. Requires matching funds.</p>		<b>DNR-EC</b>	<b>DNR-EC</b>
<p><b>DNR-TAP (Technical Assistance Program)</b> Information, education and guidance about issues, requirements, and practices relating to the environment, including environmental quality, household hazardous wastes, recycling, and technical assistance.</p>	<b>DNR-TAP</b>		<b>DNR-TAP</b>
<p><b>DNR Tax Incentives for Air Pollution Control Equipment</b> Sales tax exemptions to businesses or operations for equipment designed to prevent, abate, or monitor air pollution.</p>	<b>DNR-APCP</b>	<b>DNR-APCP</b>	<b>DNR-TAP DNR-APCP</b>
<p><b>DNR Trail Grants</b> Matching grants to organizations and local governments for trail construction and maintenance.</p>	<b>DNR</b>	<b>DNR</b>	<b>DNR</b>
<p><b>DNR Water Pollution Equipment Sales Tax Exemption</b> Tax incentives to individuals, corporations or any public entity that purchases machinery, equipment, appliances and devices specifically for preventing, abating or monitoring water pollution. Qualifying equipment, devices, etc. are also exempt from sales tax.</p>	<b>DNR-WPCP</b>	<b>DNR-WPCP</b>	<b>DNR-TAP DNR-WPCP</b>
<p><b>DNR Well Head Protection</b> Proper closing of wells to protect the waters of the state.</p>	<b>DNR-DGLS</b>	<b>DNR-DGLS</b>	<b>DNR-TAP DNR-DGLS</b>
<p><b>DNR-SWCP (Soil and Water Conservation Program)</b> Financial assistance for a variety of conservation practices determined by Soil and Water Conservation Districts to address county priorities.</p>	<b>NRCS SWCD MDC-PLS</b>	<b>SWCD</b>	<b>NRCS SWCD MDC-PLS DNR-SWCP</b>

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<p><b>DNR-SWCP Cropland Protective Cover</b> To establish vegetative cover to protect the soil and reduce the pollution of water, air, or land from agricultural or silvicultural nonpoint sources by controlling erosion.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>
<p><b>DNR-SWCP Diversions</b> Installing runoff control structures including diversions, ditches, dikes, subsurface drains, leveling, filling, and associated structures.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>
<p><b>DNR-SWCP Filter Strip</b> Installing filter strips of permanent vegetation at the lower end of sloping cropland, or to break long slopes of tilled fields, to reduce erosion and pollution. Can include grass species beneficial to wildlife.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>
<p><b>DNR-SWCP Forest Plantation</b> Forest establishment to reduce soil erosion and encourage the conversion of marginal soils to woodlands, especially riparian zones and uplands with slopes exceeding 10%. Can include exclusion fencing.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>
<p><b>DNR-SWCP Loan Interest-Share Program</b> Refunds a portion of the interest on loans used to fund soil conservation, animal waste management, pasture management, and certain conservation tillage equipment. It addresses more soil conservation practices than traditional cost-share programs, and can be used on land that does not currently have erosion problems.</p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b> <b>DNR-SWCP</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b> <b>DNR-SWCP</b></p>
<p><b>DNR-SWCP No-Till Systems</b> Developing no-till systems of farming with residue management to prevent erosion, nonpoint source pollution, and to conserve energy. Can include cost-sharing to establish the system on up to 40 acres per year for two years with the same participant.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>
<p><b>DNR-SWCP Permanent Vegetative Cover/Grass</b> Establishing perennial grass cover to protect soil and reduce erosion from agricultural or silvicultural nonpoint sources.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>

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<p><b>DNR-SWCP Permanent Vegetative Cover/Legumes</b> Establishing perennial legumes on areas subject to erosion due to agricultural or forestry practices.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>
<p><b>DNR-SWCP Permanent Vegetative Cover Enhancement</b> No-till interseeding of legumes to improve forage and wildlife value of existing pastureland in poor condition. Can include legume seed, lime, costs of using a no-till drill, and other seeding costs.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>
<p><b>DNR-SWCP Permanent Vegetative Cover on Critical Areas</b> Establishing permanent vegetation on eroding areas. Can include grading and shaping; grass, shrub and tree plantings; and mulching and fencing to protect new plantings.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>
<p><b>DNR-SWCP Planned Grazing System</b> Developing planned grazing systems that improve production and protect natural resources. Can include warm-season grass seed and drilling, but not seedbed preparation, lime, fertilizer, or chemicals. Can include interior fencing, but not boundary or right-of-way fence. Watering systems other than spring development and pond construction are excluded.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>
<p><b>DNR-SWCP Sediment Retention, Erosion, or Water Control Structures</b> Installing structures to control pollution from runoff containing sediment, nutrients, or pesticides. May provide wildlife watering as a secondary benefit.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b> <b>MU-O&amp;E</b></p>
<p><b>DNR-SWCP Sinkhole Improvement to Control Gully Erosion</b> Various practices to prevent runoff into sinkholes from causing gully erosion or groundwater pollution from pesticides, nutrients, and sediment. Limited to the karst areas of Perry, Ste. Genevieve, and Cape Girardeau counties. Can include earthwork, trash racks, seed, fertilizer and lime.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>

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<p><b>DNR-SWCP Sod Waterways</b> Establishing grass waterways to prevent or reduce existing erosion and nonpoint source pollution. Can include seeding of waterways in wildlife friendly grass/legume mix.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>
<p><b>DNR-SWCP Terrace Systems</b> Establishing terrace systems, including underground tile that conveys water into stable outlets.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>
<p><b>DNR-SWCP Water Impoundment Reservoirs</b> Developing ponds to control erosion, sedimentation, and nonpoint source pollution; with wildlife and livestock watering as secondary benefits.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>
<p><b>DNR-SWCP Woodland Protection Through Livestock Exclusion</b> Excluding livestock from woodlands to reduce erosion and protect understory vegetation, especially along streams and on upland sites with slopes exceeding 10%.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>
<p><b>DNR-SWCP AgNPS/SALT</b> Addresses agricultural non-point pollution sources (AgNPS) and special area land treatments (SALT) in priority watersheds by using Best Management Practices relating to nutrient and sediment runoff, pasture management, stream corridors, and animal waste management.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b> <b>DNR-SWCP</b></p>
<p><b>DNR-SWCP AgNPS/SALT Alternative Watering System</b> To encourage landowners to limit or exclude livestock from the stream and streamside management zone and improve water quality by providing an alternative water source.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>
<p><b>DNR-SWCP AgNPS/SALT Composting Facility</b> To treat waste organic material biologically by producing a humus-like material that can be recycled as a soil amendment and fertilizer substitute or otherwise utilized in compliance with all laws and regulations. Waste organic material for composting may include livestock and poultry manure, dead animal carcasses, and food processing wastes where food is processed as part of normal farming operations.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>

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<p><b>DNR-SWCP AgNPS/SALT Contour Buffer Strips</b> To reduce sheet and rill erosion and to reduce transport of sediment and other water-borne contaminants downslope, on-site or off-site.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>
<p><b>DNR-SWCP AgNPS/SALT Contour Farming</b> To establish a contour farming system on non-terraced land to prevent wind or water erosion and nonpoint source pollution.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>
<p><b>DNR-SWCP AgNPS/SALT Field Border</b> This practice may be applied as part of a conservation management system to protect soil and water quality by trapping sediment, chemical, and other pollutants and reduce erosion from wind and water.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>
<p><b>DNR-SWCP AgNPS/SALT Irrigation System, Sprinkler</b> To efficiently and uniformly apply irrigation water to maintain adequate soil moisture for optimum plant growth without causing excessive water loss, erosion, or a reduction in water quality.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>
<p><b>DNR-SWCP AgNPS/SALT Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface</b> To efficiently convey and distribute irrigation water to the point of application without causing excessive erosion, water losses, or reduction in water quality.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>
<p><b>DNR-SWCP AgNPS/SALT Irrigation System, Tailwater Recovery</b> To conserve farm irrigation water supplies and water quality by collecting the water that runs off the field surface for reuse on the farm.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>
<p><b>DNR-SWCP AgNPS/SALT Nutrient Management</b> To supply plant nutrients while minimizing entry of nutrients to surface and ground water.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>
<p><b>DNR-SWCP AgNPS/SALT Pest Management</b> This practice may be applied as part of a conservation management system to support the development of a pest management program that is environmentally acceptable and to assure the judicious, justifiable use of pesticides consistent with selected crop production goals.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>

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<p><b>DNR-SWCP AgNPS/SALT Riparian Forest Buffer</b> To produce shade to lower water temperatures to improve habitat for aquatic organisms, provide a source of detritus and large woody debris for aquatic organisms, and reduce excess amounts of sediment, organic material, nutrients and pesticides in surface runoff and reduce excess nutrients and other chemicals in shallow ground water flow</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>
<p><b>DNR-SWCP AgNPS/SALT Sinkhole Treatment</b> Treatment of sinkholes or areas of internal drainage (sinkhole watersheds) which deliver runoff to groundwater systems and/or pose a threat to public safety. Practices include erosion control, buffers, filter strips, other practices that protect water quality, and use exclusion.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>
<p><b>DNR-SWCP AgNPS/SALT Streambank Stabilization</b> To provide financial assistance to landowners to stabilize streambanks with significant erosion problems on a watershed basis.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>
<p><b>DNR-SWCP AgNPS/SALT Stripcropping Systems</b> Establishing a contour or stripcropping system</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>
<p><b>DNR-SWCP AgNPS/SALT Structure for Water Control</b> To control the stage, discharge, distribution, delivery, or direction of flow of water in open channels or water use areas and to control water quality as a result of sediment reduction or temperature regulation.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>
<p><b>DNR-SWCP AgNPS/SALT Use Exclusion</b> To protect, maintain or improve the quantity and quality of the plant, animal, soil, air, water, and aesthetic resources and human health and safety.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>
<p><b>DNR-SWCP AgNPS/SALT Waste Management System</b> To manage waste in rural areas in a manner that prevents or minimizes degradation of air, soil, and water resources and protects public health and safety. Such systems are planned to preclude discharge of pollutants to surface or ground water and to recycle waste through soil and plants to the fullest extent practicable.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>

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<p><b>DNR-SWCP AgNPS/SALT Well Decommissioning</b>            To prevent entry of vermin, debris, fertilizer, pesticides, or other foreign substances into the well or well bore hole. Prevent entry of contaminated surface water into the well and the migration of contaminants into unsaturated (vadose) zone or saturated zone. Prevent the commingling of chemically or physically different ground waters between separate water bearing zones.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b> <b>MU-O&amp;E</b></p>
<p><b>DNR-SWCP AgNPS/SALT Windbreaks</b>            Establishing windbreaks to protect cropland from wind erosion. Can include trees and shrubs, tall growing perennial grasses, and exclusion fencing.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>
<p><b>ECP (Emergency Conservation Program)</b>            Helps restore conservation practices damaged by natural disasters. Available only in counties declared eligible disaster areas by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, and only to restore conservation practices that are part of an approved conservation plan.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>FSA</b></p>	<p><b>FSA</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>FSA</b></p>
<p><b>EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program)</b>            Helps with a variety of practices in combinations to create agricultural systems that protect the environment, especially those addressing water quality, waste management, pesticide and nutrient management, grazing land health, soil quality, and wildlife habitat. Emphasis is placed on targeted priority watersheds. Financial assistance is provided through 5 to 10-year contracts.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>	<p><b>FSA</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b> <b>MU-O&amp;E</b> <b>FSA</b></p>

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<p><b>EWP (Emergency Watershed Protection Program)</b>            Helps implement emergency watershed protection measures to reduce hazards to life and property from floods, drought, runoff, or erosion on any watershed impaired by a natural occurrence. Typical practices include levees, drainage ditches, log jams, scour and streambank erosion control.</p>	<b>NRCS</b>	<b>NRCS</b>	<b>NRCS</b>
<p><b>Earth Team Volunteer Program</b>            Enrolls and provides volunteers to implement natural resource conservation practices, conduct conservation activities and assist with natural resources conservation projects.</p>	<b>NRCS SWCD</b>		<b>NRCS SWCD</b>
<p><b>Equipment on Loan</b>            Equipment loaned or rented to complete conservation practices such as planting native warm season grasses, root plowing, tree planting, streambank stabilization, wildlife damage control, and prescribed burning. Subject to availability on a region by region basis.</p>	<b>SWCD MDC-PLS</b>	<b>SWCD MDC-PLS</b>	<b>NRCS SWCD MDC-PLS</b>
<p><b>FFA (Mo. FFA Association)</b>            FFA Chapters may assist in conservation practices by supplying labor, equipment, and supplies as part of training, or for donations to local chapters. Chapters can apply for special grants to assist with conservation projects (see Wildlife Conservation Grants).</p>	<b>MDC-PLS FFA</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS FFA</b>
<p><b>FIP (Forestry Incentive Program)</b>            Encourages forest establishment and management to benefit the environment while improving timber production. May include cost-share for practices such as tree planting, forest stand improvement and natural regeneration.</p>	<b>MDC-FOREST MDC-PLS</b>	<b>NRCS</b>	<b>NRCS MDC-FOREST MDC-PLS</b>
<p><b>Farm-A-Syst</b>            Voluntary and confidential evaluation of systems and resources on a farm to identify potential environmental hazards, develop solutions and reduce water quality and other environmental hazard risks.</p>	<b>NRCS MU-O&amp;E</b>		<b>NRCS MU-O&amp;E</b>
<p><b>Firebreak Construction</b>            Designing, installing, and maintaining permanent firebreaks for prescribed burns to manage natural resources and pasture, or for wildfire protection.</p>	<b>NRCS SWCD MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>NRCS SWCD MDC-PLS</b>

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<p><b>FSA (Farm Service Agency)</b> An agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, FSA administers, and provides financial assistance and information on various conservation programs.</p>		<b>FSA</b>	<b>FSA</b>
<p><b>Grazing Schools</b> Workshops on grazing management, including prescribed grazing, forage choices, fencing, and watering</p>	<b>NRCS SWCD MU-O&amp;E</b>	<b>NRCS</b>	<b>NRCS SWCD MU-O&amp;E</b>
<p><b>Grow Native</b> Statewide network of nurseries supplying native plants of true Missouri origin, along with advice and information on landscaping with native plants (naturescaping).</p>	<b>MDC-PLS GROW NATIVE</b>		<b>MDC-PLS GROW NATIVE</b>
<p><b>MDA Agriculture Alternative Loan Program</b> Loans to finance alternative agriculture enterprises which cannot obtain comparable rates and terms with conventional lenders. Can assist with the production, processing, and marketing of products.</p>		<b>MDA-ADF</b>	
<p><b>MDA Agriculture Development Fund</b> Loans to finance the production, processing, and marketing needs to explore or establish an alternative agriculture enterprise unable to obtain credit at comparable rates and terms at conventional lenders.</p>	<b>MDA-ADF</b>	<b>MDA-ADF</b>	<b>MDA-ADF</b>
<p><b>MDA Animal Facilities Loan Guarantee</b> Guarantee to lenders on loans to independent livestock producers. Single-purpose confinement facilities and the poultry or livestock produced there receive priority.</p>		<b>MDA-MASBDA</b>	
<p><b>MDA Animal Waste Treatment System Loans</b> Financing animal waste treatment systems for independent livestock and poultry producers at below conventional rates.</p>	<b>DNR-TAP</b>	<b>MDA-MASBDA</b>	<b>DNR-TAP MDA-MASBDA</b>
<p><b>MDA Aquaculture</b> Information on establishing aquaculture as an enterprise.</p>			<b>MDA-SC</b>

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<p><b>MDA Beef Quality Assurance Program</b> Advice and technical assistance on Best Management Practices and related issues to maximize value and volume of beef production.</p>	<b>MDA-BEEF</b>		<b>MDA-BEEF</b>
<p><b>MDA Missouri Hay Directory</b> Helps locate, purchase, and sell forage products by listing producers according to the type of hay, size of bales, and quantity available. Listing is open to both Missouri and out-of-state producers.</p>			<b>MDA-Market Dev.</b>
<p><b>MDA Missouri Value-Added Program</b> Grants and loans for developing operations that add value to raw agricultural products by further refinement or processing, or development into finished consumer products.</p>		<b>MDA MASBDA</b>	<b>MDA MASBDA</b>
<p><b>MDA Specialty Crop Program</b> Helps operators investigate and develop new and non-traditional crops to increase and diversify farm production, including pricing, marketing, production and exporting.</p>	<b>MDA-SC</b>		<b>MDA-SC</b>
<p><b>MDA Sustainable Agriculture Grants</b> Grants for projects that identify, develop and demonstrate agricultural technologies and farm management which decrease dependency upon nonrenewable energy and chemicals.</p>	<b>MU-O&amp;E MU-CSA MU-MAC MU-CA</b>	<b>MDA-PI</b>	<b>MDA-PI</b>
<p><b>MDC (Missouri Department of Conservation)</b> A wide assortment of assistance relating to conservation and farm management, especially regarding forests, fish, wildlife, and native plants. Can include on-site visits and design of management plans that meet the owner's goals for production and conservation.</p>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>
<p><b>MDC 050 Alternative Watering System</b> Development of livestock watering facilities to protect natural resources while maintaining or improving livestock production.</p>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>
<p><b>MDC 100 Anchored Rootwad</b> Placement of rootwads in streams to improve fish habitat.</p>	<b>MDC-FISH</b>	<b>MDC-FISH</b>	<b>MDC-FISH</b>
<p><b>MDC 150 Cave Gate Construction</b> Construction of gates to control access for the protection of cave species and habitat.</p>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>

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<p><b>MDC 200 Critical Area Treatment</b> Establishment of perennial vegetation to stabilize erosion on critical areas such as dams, levees, waterways, logging roads, trails, firebreaks, gullies, etc.</p>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>
<p><b>MDC 250 Early Successional Management</b> To manage or create early successional plant communities for wildlife habitat by controlling undesirable vegetation, removing excess buildup of plant residue and litter, establishing desirable plant species, and encouraging desirable changes in plant composition and structure by disking, burning, herbicides, grazing, mowing, etc.</p>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>
<p><b>MDC 300 Fencing</b> Fencing to control livestock access to critical areas such as streams, stream corridors, critical habitats, erosive areas, sinkholes, or unique natural communities</p>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>
<p><b>MDC 350 Grade Stabilization Structure</b> Installation of a structure to control downcutting and erosion of streams and gullies.</p>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>
<p><b>MDC 400 Herbaceous Vegetation Control</b> Removal or reduction of undesirable herbaceous vegetation from natural communities.</p>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>
<p><b>MDC 450 Herbaceous Vegetation Establishment</b> Establishment of herbaceous vegetation such as wildlife-friendly legumes, perennial grasses, or native forbs for conservation purposes.</p>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>
<p><b>MDC 460 Landowners Assisting Wildlife Survival (LAWS)</b> Provides winter food for wildlife in cropfields adjacent to acceptable cover by leaving some unharvested rows standing over winter. Can include payments for unharvested crops such as corn, soybeans, and milo.</p>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>
<p><b>MDC 500 Levee Removal</b> Removal of a levee to assist in stream stabilization, reconnect a stream to its floodplain, or improve fish/wildlife habitat.</p>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>

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<p><b>MDC 550 Prescribed Burning</b>            Conducting prescribed burns to improve forage and wildlife habitat, control undesirable vegetation, or encourage desired plant communities. This MDC cost share cannot be used on CRP land - - inquire about CRP maintenance practices.</p>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>
<p><b>MDC 600 Reinforced Stream Crossing</b>            Armored stream crossings for livestock, vehicles, and light farm equipment, or limited access points for livestock watering, to provide access to streams that have become inaccessible due to downcutting, or to prevent stream damage due to improper access or overuse.</p>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>
<p><b>MDC 650 Stream Bank Restoration</b>            A collection of practices to protect streambanks from accelerated erosion, maintain streambank vegetation, protect water quality, and enhance fish and wildlife habitat; including tree revetments, rock blankets (riprap), rock or log barbs, and streambank plantings.</p>	<b>MDC-FISH</b>	<b>MDC-FISH</b>	<b>MDC-FISH</b>
<p><b>MDC 700 Tree/Shrub Establishment</b>            Establishing trees or shrubs where needed for conservation purposes such as reforestation, watershed protection, wildlife habitat, erosion control, filter or buffer strips, and energy conservation.</p>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>
<p><b>MDC 750 Well Plugging</b>            Closure of abandoned water wells or cisterns in areas of karst geography to protect groundwater quality.</p>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS MU-O&amp;E</b>
<p><b>MDC 800 Wetland Development</b>            Creation or restoration of areas as wetland habitat where beneficial for wildlife; water storage and control; or as filters for sediment, nutrients or pesticides.</p>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>
<p><b>MDC 850 Wildlife Watering Impoundment</b>            Small, fishless, shallow-water impoundments for wildlife drinking water and habitat for amphibians and reptiles.</p>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>

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<p><b>MDC 900 Woodland Improvement</b> Forestry practices to improve timber production, wildlife habitat, or forest health.</p>	<b>MDC-FOREST</b>	<b>MDC-FOREST</b>	<b>MDC-FOREST</b>
<p><b>MDC 950 Woody Edge Enhancement</b> Encouragement or maintenance of shrubby, woody cover along field edges and within woodlands to provide wildlife food and cover. Typically involves edge feathering, woodland openings, or thinning.</p>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>
<p><b>MDC 1000 Woody Vegetation Control</b> Control of woody plants where beneficial to establish, maintain or improve natural communities. May include prescribed burns, disking, plowing, bulldozing, chainsawing, thinning, herbicides, or planting. Grazing or haying may qualify if specifically called for by a management plan.</p>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>
<p><b>MDC Aquaculture</b> Assistance in developing and managing aquaculture operations, including problems with disease, wildlife damage, and nuisance vegetation.</p>	<b>MDC-FISH</b>		<b>MDC-FISH</b>
<p><b>MDC Aquatic Vegetation Control</b> Help in identifying, diagnosing, and controlling problems with aquatic vegetation.</p>	<b>MDC-FISH</b>		<b>MDC-FISH</b>
<p><b>MDC Community Assistance Program</b> Aids communities in developing local public fishing opportunities. May help in the development of lakes or ponds; improvement of facilities at lakes, ponds, streams, or rivers; and management of fisheries resources.</p>	<b>MDC-FISH</b>	<b>MDC-FISH</b>	<b>MDC-FISH</b>
<p><b>MDC Conservation Seedlings</b> Tree and shrub seedlings available for conservation plantings from MDC's State Forest Nursery.</p>	<b>MDC-PLS</b> <b>MDC-Nursery</b>		<b>MDC-PLS</b> <b>MDC-Nursery</b>
<p><b>MDC FFA Wildlife Conservation Grants</b> Grants up to \$500 to Future Farmers of America chapters (FFA) for wildlife habitat improvements. Projects must involve a Missouri FFA Chapter, but can occur on public or private land.</p>	<b>MDC-PLS</b> <b>FFA</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b> <b>FFA</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b> <b>FFA</b>

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<p><b>MDC Forest Management Assistance</b> MDC foresters and conservationists provide forest evaluation, advice, technical assistance, timber sale assistance, forest management plans, urban forestry, and connection to other assistance programs.</p>	<p><b>MDC-FOREST</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>	<p><b>MDC-FOREST</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>	<p><b>MDC-FOREST</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>
<p><b>MDC Forest Pest Identification and Control</b> Identifying forest damage, disease, or insects, and determining appropriate control.</p>	<p><b>MDC-FOREST</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>		<p><b>MDC-FOREST</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>
<p><b>MDC Missouri Agroforestry Program</b> Aids in design, installation, and operation of agroforestry practices to add diversity, alternatives, and sustainability to agricultural operations.</p>	<p><b>MDC-FOREST</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>	<p><b>MDC-FOREST</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>	<p><b>MDC-FOREST</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>
<p><b>MDC Pond Management</b> Assistance in managing ponds for recreational use, managing fish populations, controlling vegetation problems, improving fish habitat, and other needs.</p>	<p><b>MDC-FISH</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>		<p><b>MDC-FISH</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>
<p><b>MDC Pond Stocking</b> Fish for stocking new or rehabilitated ponds where owner intends to use the pond resources for recreational fishing without charging a fee. Does not require opening the pond to the general public.</p>	<p><b>MDC-FISH</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>	<p><b>MDC-FISH</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>	<p><b>MDC-FISH</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>
<p><b>MDC Purple Loosestrife Control</b> Assistance in controlling infestations of purple loosestrife, which may include supplying crews, equipment, chemicals, and treatment.</p>	<p><b>MDC-PLS</b></p>	<p><b>MDC-PLS</b></p>	<p><b>MDC-PLS</b></p>
<p><b>MDC Stream Stewardship Trust Fund</b> Grants for stream and riparian restoration, improvement, or protection.</p>	<p><b>MDC-PLS</b></p>	<p><b>MDC-PLS</b></p>	<p><b>MDC-PLS</b></p>
<p><b>MDC Tree Resource Improvement &amp; Maintenance II (TRIM-2)</b> Cost-share for the management, improvement, or conservation of urban and community forests on publicly owned land in Missouri.</p>	<p><b>MDC-FOREST</b></p>	<p><b>MDC-FOREST</b></p>	<p><b>MDC-FOREST</b></p>

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<p><b>MDC Wildlife Damage Control</b> Information, advice, training, technical assistance, and equipment loan to assist landowners in controlling damage to crops, live-stock, or property by wildlife. Can include on-site visits and help planning effective controls.</p>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>		<b>MDC-PLS</b>
<p><b>MDC Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program</b> Free seed to plant odd areas or other parts of fields to food plots for wildlife</p>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>		<b>MDC-PLS</b>
<p><b>MDC Wildlife Management Assistance</b> MDC specialists provide evaluation, advice, technical assistance, management plans, and connection to financial assistance relating to wildlife management.</p>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>
<p><b>MOCREP Public Drinking Water (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program)</b> To protect public drinking water sources by retiring highly erodible and environmentally sensitive cropland along streams that supply designated public water supply reservoirs serving 36 counties. Includes land rental payments, cost-share conservation practices, and additional incentives.</p>	<b>NRCS SWCD MDC-PLS DNR-PDWP</b>	<b>FSA DNR-SWCP DNR-PDWP</b>	<b>NRCS FSA SWCD DNR-PDWP DNR-SWCP MU-O&amp;E</b>
<p><b>MU-O&amp;E (Univ. of Mo. Outreach &amp; Extension)</b> Information, publications, and technical assistance on nearly every aspect of agriculture and conservation</p>	<b>MU-O&amp;E</b>		<b>MU-O&amp;E</b>
<p><b>MU Agroforestry</b> Information, training and planning in designing productive agro-forestry operations.</p>	<b>MU-CA</b>		<b>MU-CA</b>
<p><b>MU Missouri AgrAbility Project</b> Assistance to farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural workers in dealing with medical and physical disabilities to promote their ability to continue farming.</p>	<b>MU-O&amp;E MU-MAC</b>		<b>MU-O&amp;E MU-MAC</b>
<p><b>MU Missouri Alternative Center</b> Features nontraditional and alternative agricultural products and methods, sustainable use of natural resources, and profitable operations for small farms.</p>	<b>MU-MAC</b>		<b>MU-MAC</b>

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<p><b>MU Sustainable Agriculture</b> Information and demonstration tours on farming operations that involve sustainable agriculture practices</p>	<b>MU-CSA</b>		<b>MU-CSA</b>
<p><b>Missouri Bootheel Partners Program</b> Ducks Unlimited cooperative program encouraging post-harvest flooding of fields as winter waterfowl habitat while improving soil fertility and natural weed control while providing income opportunities from recreational bird watching and hunting. Available only in Southeast Missouri.</p>	<b>NRCS MDC-PLS</b>	<b>NRCS MDC-PLS</b>	<b>NRCS MDC-PLS</b>
<p><b>Missouri Ecotype Program</b> Helps establish operations producing native plants of true Missouri origin as seed crops or planting stock, and assists in connecting growers to those needing native plant materials for conservation purposes.</p>	<b>NRCS MDC-PLS GROW NATIVE</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>NRCS MDC-PLS GROW NATIVE</b>
<p><b>MoWIN</b> MoWIN (Missouri Watershed Information Network) provides information and contacts relating to streams, watersheds, and water quality.</p>			<b>MU-O&amp;E</b>
<p><b>NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service)</b> An agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. NRCS offers a wide array of assistance, expertise and information for natural resource conservation and agriculture.</p>	<b>NRCS</b>	<b>NRCS</b>	<b>NRCS FSA SWCD</b>
<p><b>NWTF (National Wild Turkey Federation)</b> Turkey Federation chapters often sponsor conservation practices which may include funds, volunteer labor, supplies, seed, or equipment.</p>	<b>NWTF</b>	<b>NWTF</b>	
<p><b>PL-566 Small Watershed Program</b> Provides assistance for watershed protection, flood damage reduction and rural water supply on watersheds up to 250,000 acres through local governments. Additional benefits may include water quality improvement, recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, and land treatment.</p>	<b>NRCS MDC-PLS</b>	<b>NRCS</b>	<b>NRCS SWCD MDC-PLS</b>
<p><b>Pesticide Container Recycling</b> Recycling of used pesticide containers by returning empty triple-rinsed containers to participating dealers.</p>	<b>DNR-TAP MO-AG</b>		<b>DNR-TAP MO-AG MU-O&amp;E</b>

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<p><b>Prescribed Burn Workshops</b> Landowner training in planning, preparation, and conducting prescribed burns for managing pasture, grassland, and other natural communities.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>		<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b></p>
<p><b>Public Service Commission Emergency Loan Fund</b> Emergency loans for small private water supply or sewer companies for construction or improvement of water delivery and wastewater treatment facilities.</p>		<p><b>PSC</b></p>	
<p><b>RC&amp;D (Resource Conservation and Development Program)</b> Local councils of residents and specialists that help initiate, sponsor, plan and implement projects promoting rural economic development through the conservation and development of natural resources</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b></p>		<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b> <b>MU-O&amp;E</b></p>
<p><b>SWCD (Soil &amp; Water Conservation Districts)</b> County agencies sponsored by DNR but led by locally elected officials to provide financial, technical, and educational assistance through the State's Soil and Water Conservation Program (SWCP) for a variety of conservation and agriculture practices.</p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>SWCD</b> <b>DNR-SWCP</b></p>
<p><b>Seed &amp; Plant Sources</b> Lists of suppliers for specialty seed and native plants needed in conservation practices.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b> <b>MU-O&amp;E</b> <b>LINC-O&amp;E</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b> <b>MU-O&amp;E</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b> <b>MU-O&amp;E</b> <b>LINC-O&amp;E</b></p>
<p><b>Small Farm Family Program</b> General assistance in planning, developing, and managing farm operations, investigating alternative farming opportunities, and connecting with resources and financial assistance.</p>	<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>LINC-O&amp;E</b></p>		<p><b>NRCS</b> <b>LINC-O&amp;E</b></p>

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<p><b>Small Farm Technical Outreach Program</b> A Southeast Missouri program offering assistance in general farm, land, and resource management to provide planning, technical assistance, and connections to sources of financial aid.</p>	<p><b>NRCS LINC-O&amp;E</b></p>		<p><b>NRCS LINC-O&amp;E</b></p>
<p><b>Soil Surveys</b> Soil manuals available for nearly every county in Missouri to assist in farm, conservation, and land-use planning. Aerial photos and valuable management information are included. DNR's Soil and Water Conservation Program offers financial assistance to develop or update Soil Surveys for counties.</p>	<p><b>NRCS SWCD</b></p>	<p><b>DNR-SWCP</b></p>	<p><b>NRCS SWCD MDC-PLS</b></p>
<p><b>Soil Testing</b> Chemical and structural analysis of soil samples to determine fertility, needed amendments, or detect contamination.</p>	<p><b>MU-O&amp;E DNR-TAP</b></p>		<p><b>MU-O&amp;E DNR-TAP</b></p>
<p><b>Timber Harvesting Course</b> Training in logging that includes felling, bucking, and Best Management Practices. Designed for professional loggers, but valuable to landowners and students interested in forestry or logging.</p>			<p><b>MDC-PLS</b></p>
<p><b>Tree Farm Program</b> A nationwide program encouraging private forest owners to grow trees as a crop and practice effective forest management. Certified Tree Farmers receive technical and planning assistance along with recognition of their efforts through signs identifying them as Tree Farm members, certificates, awards, and other items.</p>	<p><b>MDC-PLS</b></p>		<p><b>NRCS MDC-PLS MU-O&amp;E</b></p>
<p><b>USDA Wildlife Services</b> Assistance dealing with nuisance wildlife problems.</p>	<p><b>USDA-WS</b></p>		<p><b>USDA-WS</b></p>
<p><b>USF&amp;WS Candidate Conservation Program</b> Technical and possible financial assistance to landowners, organizations, and non-federal agencies to reduce threats and improve habitat for declining species to prevent them from becoming endangered, while maintaining land-use and development flexibility for the landowner. Practices vary depending on the needs of the species of concern.</p>	<p><b>USF&amp;WS</b></p>	<p><b>USF&amp;WS</b></p>	<p><b>USF&amp;WS</b></p>

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<p><b>USF&amp;WS Endangered Species Landowner Incentives</b></p> <p>Technical and financial assistance for landowners to reduce threats and improve habitat for listed endangered species. Practices vary depending on the needs of the species of concern.</p>	<b>USF&amp;WS</b>	<b>USF&amp;WS</b>	<b>USF&amp;WS</b>
<p><b>USF&amp;WS Invasive Species Program</b></p> <p>Matching grants through the Pulling Together Initiative for projects that address the control of invasive or noxious species to benefit native species and other natural resource concerns.</p>	<b>USF&amp;WS</b>	<b>USF&amp;WS</b>	<b>USF&amp;WS</b>
<p><b>USF&amp;WS Partners for Fish and Wildlife</b></p> <p>Financial assistance for a variety of practices to enhance habitat for species of concern; or to restore, create, or enhance declining native communities such as wetland, savanna, or loess hill prairie.</p>	<b>MDC-PLS</b> <b>USF&amp;WS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b> <b>USF&amp;WS</b>	<b>MDC-PLS</b> <b>USF&amp;WS</b>
<p><b>WHIP (Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program)</b></p> <p>Voluntary program to develop fish and wildlife habitat on private land providing technical and cost-share assistance through 5 or 10-year contracts with landowners. Provides for a variety of wildlife management and conservation practices, with a majority of funds directed toward state wildlife habitat priorities in designated priority areas.</p>	<b>NRCS</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>NRCS</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>NRCS</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b>
<p><b>WRP (Wetlands Reserve Program)</b></p> <p>A voluntary program to restore wetlands through permanent or 30-year conservation easements, or providing cost-share for 10-year (or more) restoration agreements. In all cases, landowners retain ownership and continue to control access to their land.</p>	<b>NRCS</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b>	<b>NRCS</b>	<b>NRCS</b> <b>SWCD</b> <b>MDC-PLS</b>