



# Lake Decatur RCPP



## Financial Assistance Opportunities

The Lake Decatur Regional Conservation Partnership Program aims to measurably reduce sediment and nutrient loading to Lake Decatur by implementing conservation practices in key areas of the watershed. Any farmer in the Lake Decatur Watershed is eligible to join and may receive funding to install conservation practices at the rates listed below. [Follow this link to see if your farm is in the watershed:](https://theswamm.com/catalogue/#/geostory/794)  
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Practice	Cost Share Rates
<b>Cover Crops</b>	Rates vary based on species number and type <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$57.10/ac for winter kill, one or more species</li> <li>• \$82.87/ac single species, spring terminated</li> <li>• \$103.44/ac more than one species, spring terminated</li> <li>• \$126.69/ac more than one species, spring terminated, certified organic seed</li> </ul>
<b>Harvestable Perennial Grasses</b>	Harvestable perennial grasses are considered a “structural practice” and include a 1-time payment for establishment of grasses, a minimum land rental payment of \$459/acre for the first 2 years and \$459- \$509/ac starting year 3 through an offtake agreement with FDC Enterprises. Offtake agreement rates may be higher depending on harvest tonnage. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Years 1 &amp; 2 - \$459/ac</li> <li>• Years 3, 4 &amp; 5 - \$459- \$509/ac</li> </ul>
<b>No- Till/Strip- Till</b>	All crops are planted with a no-till drill or no-till/strip-till planter. All residue must be maintained in a uniform distribution across the field <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$22.40/ac for no-till/strip-till</li> <li>• \$23.25/ac for Reduced Till (allows for minor tillage)</li> </ul>
<b>Nutrient Management</b>	Nutrient Management plans paid 100% if completed by Technical Service Provider (TSP) Nutrient Management prescription payments vary based on recommendations in a Nutrient Management Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$30.83 - \$87.74/ac</li> </ul>
<b>Saturated Buffer</b>	Saturated buffers and denitrifying bioreactors are considered “Structural Practices” and receive a 1-time payment. Bioreactor must remain for a minimum of 10 years and a saturated buffer for 15 years. The City of Decatur will be responsible for all design work and will assist with the selection of a qualified construction contractor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tile (up to 400ft) installed parallel to stream in existing filter strip with a water control structure.</li> <li>• Soil and site assessment is required to determine if feasible at site.</li> <li>• Practice will not interfere with farming operation.</li> <li>• \$5,288 for manual water control structure.</li> <li>• \$8,352 for automated water control structure.</li> </ul>

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<b>Denitrifying Bioreactor</b>	<p>Structure is a box installed underground with woodchips and tile water is diverted through the box with an overflow bypass for high flows and used as a water control structure. Soil and site assessment is required to determine if feasible at site. Practice will not interfere with farming operation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Up to \$29,094.33 with a manual water control structure.</li><li>• Up to \$35,442.59 with an automatic water control structure.</li></ul>
<b>Adaptive Management-Practice Field Trials</b>	<p>Available for Nutrient Management prescription, tillage, and cover crops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One-time payment of \$3,175.55- \$4,895.16</li></ul>
<b>Transition to Organic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Up to \$259/ac</li></ul>
<b>Hemp</b>	<p>All licensing and testing costs covered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Planting of hemp final rate TBD</li></ul>

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