



West Virginia
Conservation Agency

FY27 Agricultural Enhancement Program
Heavy Use Area Protection Application

Application Period: May 2026- April 2027

Information below **MUST** match that of the W9.

Name:		Conservation District: Guyan		
Mailing Address:		County:		
		Farm Name:		
Telephone:		Farm #:		
Email Address:		Tract #:		
Application Date:		Field # or #s:		
What is your preferred method to receive written notification?			Email	Letter
What is the best way to contact you?			Call	Text
Do you own or lease the land associated with this application?			Own	Lease
Are the fields associated with this application part of another financial incentive program?			Yes	No
Is the land associated with this application part of a farming operation?			Yes	No
Do you have a financial interest in a farming entity with a district supervisor?			Yes	No
Are you a relative of a district supervisor, WVCA Employee, or district employee?			Yes	No
Have you attended a conservation related event or workshop within the past 12 months?			Yes	No

Best Management Practice

BMP	Limits	Cost-Share Rate	Material Requested
Heavy Use Area Protection	Not to Exceed <u>2,000</u> sq. ft.	\$ <u>1.00</u> /sq. ft.	_____Stone

Program Eligibility

Definition:

The stabilization of area is frequently and intensively used by animals and/or vehicles by surfacing with suitable materials. The base shall be either gravel, crushed stone, or geotextile to provide the site with a need for increased load bearing strength, drainage, separation of material, or soil reinforcement.

Purpose:

To create a stable, non-eroding surface around livestock feeding/watering areas, heavy traffic paths, or farm machinery lanes.

Policies for Practice:

1. Applicant must be a district cooperator.
2. **Total maximum cost share payment of \$3,000.00 per fiscal year per cooperator.**
3. 1 application per household is permitted.
4. W-9 tax form is required with application for district tax purposes.
5. Cost Share is available to owner and/or lessee.
6. Applicants are ineligible for practice reimbursement if he/she starts project before district approval.
7. Applicants must provide a map identifying fields and acreage.
8. WVCA standards and specs must be followed.
9. Cooperators may sign up for Heavy Use Area practice one time per fiscal year.
10. Pending board approval, practice time will begin **10 days** following board meeting date and extend to **60 days**.
11. Application approvals will be based on ranking form and availability of funds.
12. After approval, applicant must follow job sheet provided at the time of signing contract.
13. **All invoices must be submitted prior to the 60-day deadline as identified in Approval Letter and Agreement.**

Payment rates & limits:

1. The maximum cost-share for this practice shall be **\$1.00/sq. ft.** rate up to **\$2,000.00.**
2. The payment will be made after paid invoices are received, cooperator completes W9, and a verification site visit has been completed.
3. No duplication of federal and state cost share shall be allowed.

By signing this, I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions stated in this document.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Date Received	
Time Received	
Ranking Score	
If Approved	
Date Approved	
Contract Expiration Date	
Application Number	
Verification Number	