

**Return applications, soil test results and maps to:**

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# FY 23 of Agricultural Enhancement Program Heavy Use Protection Area Application

Sign up period: Wednesday, June 1 through Friday, July 29, 2022.

Applicant Information		Farm Information	
Name as it would appear on W9 Form:		Conservation District:	Eastern Panhandle
Mailing Address:		County:	
Telephone:		Farm #:	
Email Address:		Tract #:	
		Field # or #'s:	
		Application Date:	

**Best Management Practice**

Please complete the following information for the Best Management Practice you would like to apply for:

BMP	Limits	Cost-Share Rate	Amount applied for
<b>Heavy Use Area Protection</b>	Use of <u>gravel</u> and fabric only.  No concrete  or  Roadways or feeding pads	Flat rate of \$1.35/sq. foot  Maximum per producer \$1,500 per fiscal year (July – June)	_____ Sq. Ft.  <b>Circle use:</b> -Field entry point    -gate area -watering trough

**Program Eligibility**

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

**B. Purpose:** Reduce soil erosion. Improve water quantity and quality, aesthetics, and livestock health. Can be used for the following: Livestock watering areas, gate areas or field entry points.

**C. Policies for Practice**

1. Applicant must be a District Cooperator.
2. A W-9 tax form will be required with application for District tax purposes.
3. Cost share is available to owner or lessee.
4. Applicant must provide one of the following documents: Written lease for current time period, Current Farm Service Agency Farm Data Report or WVCA Operator Form. This will describe who is the owner and/or lessee.
5. Applicant must provide map identifying tract and field where the proposed installation will be.
6. Applications will be accepted from Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. through Friday July 29, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.
7. Approvals are final on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, and approvals are based upon availability of funds and based on the ranking form.
8. Practice must be completed, and receipts must be sent to the District Office by Friday, December 2, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. NO EXTENSIONS.

**D. Payment rates & limits:**

1. The maximum cost-share for this practice shall be at a flat rate of \$1.35 per sq. ft.
2. Maximum of \$1,500 per applicant per fiscal year (July – June).
3. The payment will be made after paid invoices are received and an AEP representative has made a site visit.
4. Payment will be received to producer within 45 days after CD has approved payment at the monthly board meeting.
5. No duplication of federal or state cost-share shall be allowed.

**E. Practice Specifications**

1. NRCS standards and design specifications must be followed.
2. After approval applicant must follow job sheets provided at the time of signing the contract.
3. Life span of this practice is a minimum of 10 years.

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

Applicants Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Revised: May 18, 2022

OFFICE USE ONLY:	
Date Received:	
Time Received:	
Ranking Score:	