

# Conservation Programs and Financial Incentives

## State Cost Share Program

Provides up to 75% cost-share for many popular conservation practices including rotational grazing systems, streamside fencing, cropland to permanent pasture conversion, cover crops, split applications of nitrogen on corn and small grain, grassed waterways, and many more.

## State Tax-Credit Program

A state income tax credit is available for farmers and landowners implementing conservation practices on their properties. The tax credit rate is 25% of the landowners cost to install the practice or not to exceed \$17,500. Most cost share practices are also eligible for the tax credit program. Several popular conservation practices including alternative watering troughs and sacrifice areas are eligible for the tax credit program only.



Riparian buffer establishment is just one of many conservation practices the District offers financial assistance with  
**Federal Conservation Programs**

**The Conservation District works closely with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and The Farm Service Agency both part of the U.S Department of Agriculture. These federal agencies have many financial incentive and conservation programs for farmers and landowners interested in farmland protection, wetland restoration, wildlife habitat improvement, riparian buffer establishment and other natural resources conservation concerns. For more information on specific federal conservation programs visit [www.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov) and [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).**

**Contact the Prince William Soil and Water Conservation District for an evaluation of your property to see if you qualify to receive these financial incentives.**