

Kossuth County Soil Conservation District

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Iowa Cost-sharing Program Funded

The 65th General Assembly has provided \$1.5 million for each of the fiscal years in the biennium for cost-sharing with farmers on permanent soil and water conservation practices. The appropriation act stipulates that not more than 50 percent of the cost to the farmer may be paid from state funds except that five percent of the appropriated funds may be used to cost-share where nuisance complaints are filed.

The State Soil Conservation Committee has determined that the cost-share funds will be allotted to soil conservation districts and that the program will be administered by the commissioners. The Committee has approved an initial allotment plan for distribution of the 1973-74 fiscal year funds. The funds are being allocated on a needs basis reflecting on the need for permanent erosion control practices in the one hundred soil conservation districts.

The Committee has also determined that state cost-share funds may be used only in connection with initial establishment of needed permanent soil and water conservation practices. These are practices that will require some capital investment on the part of the farmer.

As indicated above, not more than 50 percent of the cost of the practice may be paid from state funds. The Committee has stipulated that applicants for cost-share assistance will be district cooperators or will agree to become district cooperators in order to participate in the program. There is an exception to the 50 percent limitation and also an exception to the requirement that the participant be a district cooperator. In cases where administrative orders are issued by the commissioners, the cost-share rate must be at least 75 percent of the cost to the farmer; and he may not be required to be a district cooperator.

Any farmer wishing to secure cost-share assistance must enter into an agreement which, among other things, requires that the practices installed will be maintained. The agreement provides that if the practice is not maintained, the cost-share funds may be reclaimed by the district.

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A brief description of the practices to be cost-shared are as follows:

CRITICAL AREA PLANTING is the planting of vegetation such as trees, shrubs, vines, grasses, or legumes on terrace backslopes, dams, roadsides, and gullied areas.

DAM, DIVERSION is a structure built to divert water from an unstable watercourse to a stable watercourse.

DIVERSION is a channel with a supporting ridge on the lower side constructed across the slope, e.i., land on the upper part of the slope is controlled by other ownership or cannot be terraced, thereby allowing the establishment of conservation practices on the lower slopes.

GRADE STABILIZATION is applicable where there is an active gully; such as outlets, gully control and overfalls adjacent to streams.

GRASSED WATERWAYS are used in natural drainage-ways.

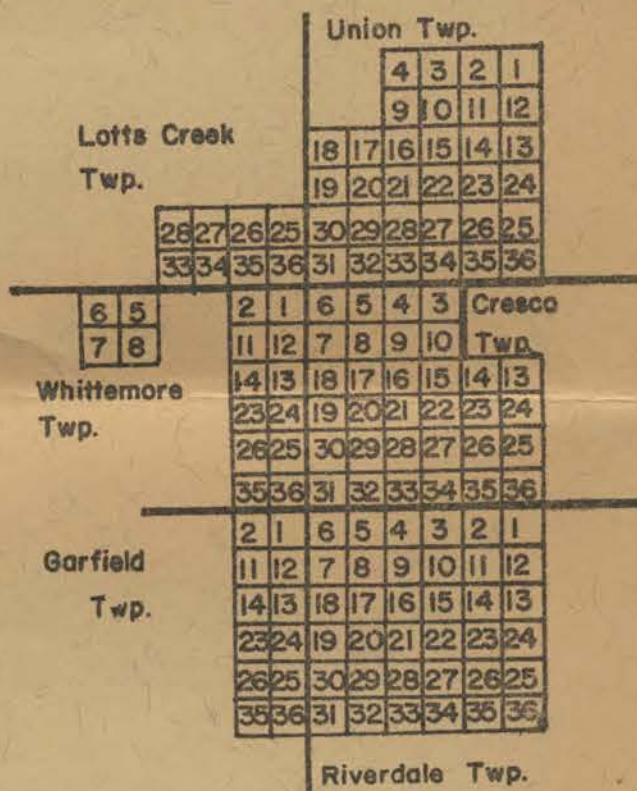
TERRACES are an earth embankment or a ridge and channels in parallel construction across the slope at a suitable spacing with an acceptable grade. The entire backslope is fertilized and seeded.

TREE PLANTING is the planting of tree seedlings or cuttings in open areas to establish a stand of forest trees.

PASTURE AND HAYLAND PLANTING is the establishment or reseeding of long-term stands of forage plants.

The complete Standards and Specifications are on file in the SCS office.

The Kossuth County Soil Conservation District has been allocated \$10,100 for the program year of July 1, 1973, to December 31, 1974.



STANDARD SOIL SURVEY

The map at the right shows the progress of the Standard Soil Survey in Kossuth County. The sections shown are either being mapped or have been mapped. The field sheets at the present time are advance copies, subject to change.

Those interested in having a soil survey map to help develop a conservation plan for your farm may sign-up for it at the SCS office.

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