

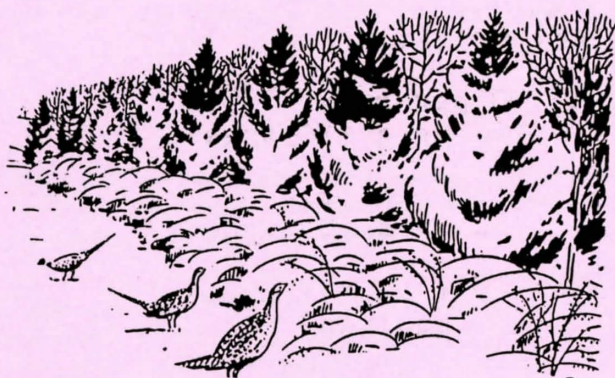
REAP

Resource Enhancement and Protection

Financial Incentive Program

for

WINDBREAKS



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Lee County landowners who install farmstead or field windbreaks are eligible for financial assistance through the State of Iowa's Resource Enhancement and Protection Program.

The R.E.A.P. Program:

- * Pays landowners 75% of the windbreak's actual cost.
- * Limits cost-share payments to a maximum of:
 - \$15.00 per tree
(75% of a \$20 tree)
 - \$2.25 per shrub
(75% of a \$3 shrub)
 - \$8.00 per rod-fencing
(if required)
- * Limits farmstead windbreaks to a maximum cost share payment of \$1,200.

All Lee SWCD programs and services are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status or handicap.

THROUGH THE R.E.A.P. PROGRAM:

THE LANDOWNER

- * Applies for REAP funding. In Lee District, applications are accepted during the winter months. The sign up period is announced annually.
- * Orders and pays for the required nursery stock and fencing materials.
- * Prepares the windbreak site and plants the trees and shrubs and installs fencing against livestock, if required.
- * Maintains the windbreak for 20 years.

THE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE:

- * Makes a field visit to the windbreak site to discuss the project with the landowner. The assistance is offered free of charge.
- * Writes a "Windbreak Plan" that outlines the number of trees and shrubs needed, indicates layout footages and spacings, shows fencing requirements (if any), and specifies planting dates and procedures.
- * Prepares a cost estimate for the windbreak project.

LEE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

- * Accepts windbreak applications from landowners.
- * Reviews applications and approves REAP funding for qualified projects.
- * Approves cost share payments and submits windbreak claims to the state for R.E.A.P. payment.

STEPS TO RECEIVE R.E.A.P. WINDBREAK FUNDING

- * Applicants file an application at the Lee Soil and Water Conservation District office.
- * District technical staff views project site and prepares a windbreak plan and cost estimate.
- * Lee Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioners review applications and approve funding for qualified applicants based on the district's priority system and available funds.
- * Upon approval, landowner installs the windbreak according to SCS technical specifications.
- * Landowner submits invoices for windbreak installation to the Lee Soil & Water Conservation District.
- * Technician certifies the completed windbreak for payment
- * Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioners approve certified windbreak for REAP cost-share payment.
- * REAP funds are issued to the applicant.
- * Landowner is bound by the terms of a 20 year maintenance agreement.

