



BIG SIOUX RIVER PROJECT
Riparian Area Management (RAM)
Project Application

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Legal Description _____ Estimated Acres _____

By signing this form, I understand that:

- This application is subject to the approval of the Big Sioux River Project (BSRP) Watershed Coordinator and the Minnehaha Conservation District (MCD) based on project priorities. **You must obtain prior approval for any work planned to be eligible for cost-share.**
- Marginal pastureland located on or within a maximum distance of 2 miles from a priority 303(d) impaired water body within the Big Sioux River Project (BSRP) watershed will be eligible for the RAM program. Eligible streams will be determined by the Project Coordinator and South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (SD DANR). **Enrolled acres shall not be grazed but will be allowed to hay.**
- Buffers shall be immediately adjacent and parallel to a perennial, intermittent, seasonal, or permanent stream or permanent water body and will be designed using BSRP and SD DANR guidelines for the RAM program. A minimum of 30-foot and maximum of 120-foot distance from the water body will be followed. The maximum buffer distance may be increased to 180 feet if a minimum of 3 rows of trees are established within suitable acres of the riparian area. A maximum of \$10,000 cost-share for trees and fabric is allowed.
- On Cropland the rental rate based on soil type is established for the year by the county United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency (USDA FSA) office for Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) practices will be used as the basis for payment. On marginal pastureland \$70/acre will be used as the basis for payment.
- Management of the enrolled acres is required to create plant diversity for the benefit of wildlife and enhancement of the permanent cover. The management options are clipping, haying, mowing, raking, and removal. Clipping, haying, or mowing shall be completed only once during the summer after June 15 through August 31 with bales removed within 30 days.
- The MCD, BSRP Watershed Coordinator, and associated partners will be granted access and allowed to inspect the RAM acres enrolled on the property listed above throughout the lifespan of the program. Vegetative spot checks to verify program compliance will be conducted at various times during the contract term on land enrolled in the program.

- All invoices and receipts must be submitted to the MCD to be eligible for cost-share reimbursement. If applicable, 75% of actual cost for grass planting and trees/fabric will be funded.
- All final RAM contracting should be completed by March 1 of any given year to be considered for enrollment into the program beginning April 1 of the year. Once a contract is signed, I will be responsible for the maintenance of the enrolled acres (10 or 15 years) and will follow the contract and associated Management Plan for the lifespan of the program.

Participant

Date

**** Any questions can be directed to BSRP (605) 651-0191 ****
Please mail paper applications to 2408 E. Benson Rd Sioux Falls, SD 57104.

Practice Certification:

GPS Certified Acres _____ 10 or 15 years at \$70/acre _____

Grass Seeding: Acres _____ Cost _____ Cost-Share (75% of total) _____

Rock Crossing: Ft² _____ Cost _____ Cost-Share (75% of total) _____

Trees: # of Trees _____ Cost _____ Cost-Share (75% of total) _____

Fabric: Linear Feet _____ Cost _____ Cost-Share (75% of total) _____

Certified By: _____ Total Cost \$ _____ SRF \$ _____ Match \$ _____
(Initial/Date)

Estimated Cost Worksheet:

Grass Seeding: Acres _____ Cost _____ Cost-Share (75% of total) _____

Rock Crossing: Ft² _____ Cost _____ Cost-Share (75% of total) _____

Trees: # of Trees _____ Cost _____ Cost-Share (75% of total) _____

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