

Continuing Conservation Initiative

Get paid for conservation you have already done!

The Shenandoah Valley Soil and Water Conservation District (SVSWCD) has funding available to pay for stream exclusion that was done voluntarily or is being maintained after a programmatic lifespan ends.

To be eligible for funding:

- Existing components cannot be under lifespan through another program
- Stream exclusion must be adjacent to pasture land
- Producer must agree to maintain the practice components for a 5 year lifespan

Practice Name	Required Minimum Buffer Width	Cost Share Rate Per Component
Stream Exclusion	No minimum setback	•\$0.50/foot of streambank protected
Stream Exclusion with Narrow Setback	10 ft	•\$0.75/foot of streambank protected •\$250/trough •\$500/stream crossing •\$1,000/watering system
Stream Exclusion with Wide Setback	35 ft	•\$1.25/foot of streambank protected •\$250/trough •\$500/stream crossing •\$1,000/watering system
Stream Protection with Narrow Setback	10 ft	•\$0.75/foot of streambank protected •\$500/controlled hardened access
Stream Protection with Wide Setback	35 ft	•\$1.00/foot of streambank protected •\$500/controlled hardened access
Forested Riparian Buffer	35 ft	•\$200/acre
Herbaceous Riparian Buffer	35 ft	•\$50/acre

How do I sign up?

- Contact the SVSWCD to schedule an appointment for staff to visit your site and determine eligibility
- Staff will meet with you to collect information regarding setbacks and practice components

What will be expected of me?

- If staff determines during the site visit that existing components require maintenance, these items will need to be addressed before the practice can be certified and paid
 - Example: The addition of gravel around trough pads may be needed
- When accepting funds, the participant agrees to maintain all components receiving payment as part of the practice for a 5 year lifespan beginning January 1st of the year following payment
- Livestock must remain excluded from the buffer area for the lifespan

For More Information Contact the Shenandoah Valley SWCD
(540) 534-3105



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