

Stream Exclusion Continuing Conservation Initiative

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The Shenandoah Valley Soil and Water Conservation District (SVSWCD) can 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
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 project components

What will be expected of me?

- If staff determines that existing components require maintenance, these items must be addressed before the practice can be certified and paid
 - Example: The addition of gravel around trough pads may be needed
- By accepting payment, 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 5 year lifespan

For More Information Contact the Shenandoah Valley SWCD
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Animal Waste Continuing Conservation Initiative

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The Shenandoah Valley Soil and Water Conservation District (SVSWCD) can pay for animal waste storage that was done voluntarily or is being maintained after a programmatic lifespan ends.

To be eligible for funding:

- Practice cannot be under lifespan through another program
- Practice must be effectively storing on-site generated animal waste
- Producer must agree to maintain the practice for a 5 year lifespan

Practice Name	Base Payment Rate	Manure Treated Payment Rate
Waste Storage Facility – Poultry	\$5,000 per Facility	+ \$1.50/Animal Unit* – based on annual manure production for current operation's flock size
Waste Storage Facility – Non-Poultry	\$5,000 per Facility	+ \$10-\$25/Animal Unit* – based on use of facility and current operation's herd size for manure treated/produced
Mortality Composting Facility (Bins or Drums)	\$250/bin or bin equivalent	

*An animal unit is equal to 1,000 lbs

How do I sign up?

- Contact the SVSWCD to schedule an appointment for staff to collect information regarding your operation and visit your site to determine eligibility.

What will be expected?

- If staff determines that maintenance is needed, these items must be addressed before the structure can be certified and paid
 - Example: Wall or roofing panel needs to be replaced or refastened
- By accepting payment, the participant agrees to maintain a functional waste storage/composting facility for a 5 year lifespan beginning January 1st of the year following payment
- Waste from the operation must be effectively stored in the waste storage facility and not in a manner that impacts water quality
- A current Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) on all agricultural production acres receiving manure from the associated storage structure is required

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