

Who is CREP for?

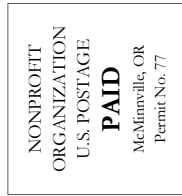
- Landowners who have a perennial or seasonal stream running through or bordering their property.
- Landowners with weed dominated stream banks and/or erosion concerns.
- Landowners who want to establish native trees and shrubs and improve the aesthetics of their property.
- Landowners who want to attract more wildlife and pollinators.

CREP will pay cropland and marginal pastureland owners 75% of the cost of the following conservation practices:

- Invasive weed removal & maintenance
- Riparian buffers - native tree and shrub planting
- Fencing off livestock from waterways
- Off-stream watering facilities

Rental rates up to \$343* per acre and other financial incentives are included.

** Rates vary by county*



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A Voluntary Program that pays you to Restore and Enhance your Streamside Land



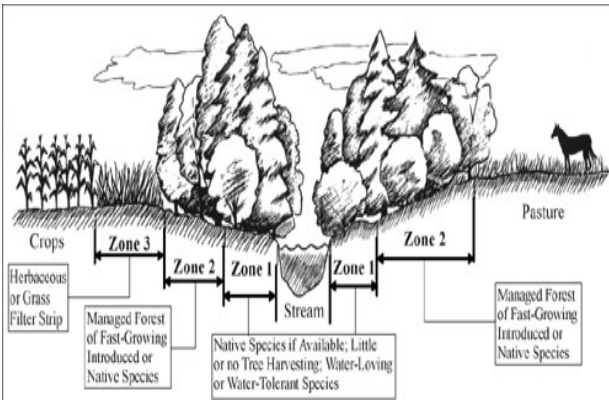
What is the purpose of CREP?

The **Oregon Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)** was created in 1998 by a unique partnership with the USDA and the state of Oregon. CREP's objective is to establish riparian buffers on agricultural land to enhance water quality and wildlife habitat, while reducing soil erosion.

Healthy Riparian Buffers:

- Create shade to keep streams cool for native fish
- Provide leaves, twigs, and logs for aquatic insects and fish habitat
- Provide habitat for wildlife species
- Stabilize and protect soil from scour erosion
- Reduce downstream flooding
- Protect water quality by filtering potential chemical contaminants

With contract terms of 10 to 15 years, CREP participants will receive financial incentives and technical assistance, in exchange for establishing and maintaining riparian buffers.



Program Flexibility

The CREP Technician will work with each participant to develop a conservation plan that identifies the minimum buffer necessary to meet your conservation needs. To be eligible for CREP, the minimum buffer width is 35 feet.

Financial Incentives *

Cost Share Reimbursement *

- Upon enrollment in the program, participants gain access to a cost share reimbursement up to 75% (50% from USDA, 25% from the State of Oregon) of the installed conservation practices' cost.
- Reimbursement is paid for removing blackberries or other invasive species, planting, installing wildlife structures, fencing, and off-stream watering facilities.

Annual Payments

- Participants enrolled in CREP receive annual rental payments based on the cropping history and soil type.

One-Time Incentive Payments

- Participants receive a *Signing Incentive Payment* (SIP) upon enrollment. SIP = \$100 x number of acres.
- Once conservation practices are completed, participants will receive a *Practice Incentive Payment* (PIP). PIP = total cost of conservation practices x 40%.

* Cost share payments are provided once the conservation practice has been installed, requiring the landowner to pay the up-front practice cost.

Example :

A participant enrolls 5 acres of marginal pastureland and will hire a contractor to remove weeds, but plans on planting himself.

Cost Share Payments

Invasive weed removal = $\$1000 \times 75\% = \750
Weed maintenance spray = $\$800 \times 75\% = \600
Cost of trees & shrubs = $\$1,600 \times 75\% = \1200
Total out of pocket costs (25%) = \$850

Annual Payment

5 acres x \$132 pasture rental rate = \$660 / year
\$9,900 over life of 15 yr contract

One-Time Payments

SIP = $\$100 \times 5 \text{ acres} = \500
PIP = total \$ of restoration practice
 $(\$1,000 + \$800 + \$1,600) = \$3,400 \times 40\% = \$1,360$

Summary

Out of pocket costs after cost share = \$850 but landowner receives \$11,760 over 15 year contract.



Are you Eligible?

- Eligible land for Oregon's CREP includes cropland and pastureland along a stream where a riparian buffer can be planted.
- Lands classified as forest or woodland are NOT eligible.
- To determine eligibility, please contact the Yamhill/Marion SWCD CREP Technician or your local FSA office.
- For additional information please contact:

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