



COST-SHARE OPPORTUNITIES

North Jersey RC&D has opportunities for farmers in certain watersheds and counties to receive funding for practices that support clean water and healthy soils. The AgAssist Cost-Share Program offers a 75%-95% reimbursement (dependent on practice and HU status*) up to \$15,000. Reimbursement can be applied towards supplies, contractor fees, and other expenses required to implement a variety of best management practices. Eligible counties include Hunterdon, Warren, Sussex, Morris, Somerset, and Union. Program eligibility is further broken down by priority watersheds. Visit our AgAssist Cost-Share webpage at the link below for more information, a map of funding areas, and application: <https://www.northjerseyrcd.org/agassist-cost-share>

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

Farmers within targeted watersheds and counties, regardless of the size or type of agricultural operation. Visit the link above for an interactive map.

WHAT IS FUNDED:

There are opportunities to receive up to \$15,000 for agricultural best management practices that support clean water and healthy soils. See the chart below for details.

HOW IT WORKS:

North Jersey RC&D will provide a partial reimbursement (see the chart below for reimbursement rates), contingent upon field verification and participants supplying appropriate receipts.

HOW TO APPLY:

Farmers complete an online application. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and batch processed on a monthly basis. NJRCD will conduct site visits with applicants to further assess need and eligibility.

SUMMARY OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND COST-SHARE RATES

AgAssist Cost-Share Opportunity	Reimbursement Rate		Not to Exceed	Eligible Expenses may include:
	Standard	*HU		
Exclusion Fence to exclude livestock from waterways.	90%	95%	\$15,000	Permanent fence that is <u>directly</u> adjacent to a waterway. Intended for existing paddocks that do not already exclude waterways. Water troughs incl. under eligible expenses.
Rotational Grazing Fence & Essential Supplies to increase rest periods and improve pasture and soil health.	75%	90%	\$5,000	Temporary fence, energizers, troughs, and other supplies essential to rotational grazing.

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*HU Status: USDA defines Historically Underserved (HU) as: Beginning; Socially Disadvantaged; Veterans; and Limited Resource Farmers and Ranchers. You can visit this link for more information: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/getting-assistance/underserved-farmers-ranchers>

SUMMARY OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND COST-SHARE RATES (continued)

AgAssist Cost-Share Opportunity	Reimbursement Rate		Not to Exceed	Eligible Expenses May Include
	Standard	*HU		
Roof Run-Off Structures that divert water away from animal waste concentration areas to improve water quality.	75%	90%	\$15,000	Gutters, downspouts, and outlets.
Waterways & Diversions for moving water away from ag. waste systems, farmsteads, and other improvements.	75%	90%	\$15,000	Construction, vegetative establishments, and outlets.
Vegetated Treatment Areas to improve water quality by reducing loading of nutrients, pathogens, and other contaminants associated with manure and other wastes.	75%	90%	\$15,000	Construction, vegetative establishments, and outlets.
Composting or Small Manure Storage to store manure and organic material, reduce water pollution potential, and allow the material to decompose into a final product to be spread at optimal times as a soil amendment	75%	90%	\$15,000	Construction, site prep, pad, push walls, bins, supplies for an Aerated Static Pile (ASP) system.
Cover Crop Single Species Multi-Species Organic Seed	\$35/acre \$45/acre \$50/acre	\$40/acre \$50/acre \$55/acre	100 acres	Cover crop seed that is planted by the specified planting date and not terminated before the specified date, dependent on the season and cover crop type.
Soil Tests for Biological Assessments	75%	90%	\$3,000	Soil tests that emphasize biological assessments and properties. Look for labs that run Haney Tests, Solvita, or CASH.
Windbreak/Riparian Buffer Establishment or Renovation	75%	90%	\$5,000	Vegetation and tree protection for riparian buffers or windbreaks. No assistance for removal of vegetation.

For more information & to apply, visit: <https://www.northjerseyrcd.org/agassist-cost-share>
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