

Kankakee County Farm Funding Directory

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Local Conservation Incentive Programs						
<p>The Partners for Conservation Program (PFC) provides cost-share for conservation practices including cover crops, strip & no-till, pollinator habitat, and well sealing.</p>	<p>Facilitated by the Kankakee County SWCD</p> <p>A state program funded by the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-Field Conservation • Well Sealing • Habitat 	<p>Flexible 1 to 3 years, depending on the practice</p>	<p>75% cost-share</p> <p><i>See website for details.</i></p>	<p>CLICK HERE</p>	<p>Application period ongoing with limited annual funding. Ranking and approval usually occurs in spring. Visit local SWCD website or call Kankakee County SWCD office at (815) 937-8940 x 3 to learn more.</p>
<p>The Fall Covers for Spring Savings (FCSS) program is offered for cover crop acres outside of state and federal incentives. Eligible applicants will receive a \$5/acre insurance premium discount on the following year's crop insurance for every acre enrolled and verified.</p>	<p>State funded by IDOA</p>	<p>Cover Crops</p>	<p>1 year</p>	<p>\$5/acre discount applied to crop insurance premium</p>	<p>CLICK HERE</p>	<p>Sign-up period opens in December and is first come, first served via an online application. Must certify cover crop acres via FSA Form 578.</p>
<p>The Illinois Cover Crop Initiative (ICCI) provides a \$10/acre incentive for cover crops planted before Dec. 1, 2022. If farmers deliver to certain ADM locations, they may be eligible for incentive payments for no-till and nutrient management.</p>	<p>American Farmland Trust, National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, and ADM</p>	<p>Cover Crops</p>	<p>1, 2, 3, or 4-year options</p>	<p>\$10/acre for cover crops planted by Dec. 1, 2022</p>	<p>CLICK HERE</p>	<p>This flexible program allows farmers to enroll acres where practices have previously been used. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis - first come, first served. Carbon assets generated from participation in this program are being claimed by ADM.</p>
<p>The Illinois Corn Cover Crop Coupon provides money towards the purchase of cover crop seed from partner retailers.</p>	<p>Illinois Corn Growers Association and PepsiCo</p>	<p>Cover Crops</p>	<p>No Contract</p>	<p>Up to \$200 towards cover crop seed from select retailers</p>	<p>CLICK HERE</p>	<p>Visit www.ilcorn.org/covercrops to view participating retailers and activate your coupon.</p>

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<p>The PepsiCo Cover Crop Incentive Program is an annual program open to any farmer in IL and includes 1 year of IL Corn membership. Eligible to use with the IL Corn Cover Crop Coupon.</p>	<p>Illinois Corn Growers Association and PepsiCo</p>	<p>Cover Crops</p>	<p>No Contract</p>	<p>\$15/acre new cover crops, \$7/acre existing cover crops</p>	<p>CLICK HERE</p>	<p>Complete W9. Must enter County, Acres, 2022 and 2023 crop. For PCM farmers, years field has been covercropped, tillage used is required. ~10% of fields will be verified. Cannot combine with other ecosystem markets for that season.</p>
<p>The Soil and Water Outcomes Fund (SWOF) is an ecosystem service market outcomes-based payments through carbon and water quality credits for new conservation practice implementation.</p>	<p>Carbon Credits: Pepsi, Nutrien, Ingredion Water Quality Credits: NRCS</p>	<p>Ecosystem Markets</p>	<p>1 year</p>	<p>Up to \$40/acre based on environmental outcomes</p>	<p>CLICK HERE</p>	<p>An annual program open to select counties in Illinois. Contact Kevin Schabacker for assistance with enrollment or visit the SWOF website.</p>
<p>Regional Conservation Partnership Programs (RCPP)</p>						
<p>The Kankakee River Basin Bi-State Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) is an upcoming RCPP providing EQIP-style cost-share and easement funding to improve water quality and quantity in the Kankakee River Watershed.</p>	<p>Indiana State Department of Agriculture Local NRCS Office Farm Bill</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation Practices • Habitat • Easements 	<p>Varies</p>	<p>Based on conservation practices</p>		<p>Project funding will be available from 2023-2027. Funding will be delivered through NRCS. Information will become available in 2023, so check with the Kankakee County SWCD to stay up-to-date.</p>
<p>The Illinois Working Lands, Water, and Wildlife Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) formed to accelerate the pace of working land conservation and address water quality goals.</p>	<p>The Conservation Fund Local NRCS Office Farm Bill</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation Practices • Easements 	<p>Varies</p>	<p>Based on conservation practices</p>		<p>Applications are accepted year-round. Complete an application at your local NRCS office. Special consideration given to black farmers in Pembroke Township.</p>

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Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Farm Service Agency (FSA)						
The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers to help plan and implement conservation practices on ag land.	Local NRCS Office Farm Bill	Conservation Practices	Up to 10 years	Based on conservation practices	CLICK HERE	Applications are accepted year-round. Complete an application at your local NRCS office. Special consideration given to veterans, beginning farmers, socially disadvantaged farmers, and those transitioning to organic.
The Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) provides annual payments for installing new conservation activities and maintaining existing practices. Great for farmers who already implement conservation practices on their farm!	Local NRCS Office Farm Bill	Conservation Practices	Up to 5 years	Based on conservation practices	CLICK HERE	Applications are accepted year-round. Complete an application at your local NRCS office. Special consideration given to veterans, beginning farmers, socially disadvantaged farmers, and those transitioning to organic.
The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is a habitat and land conservation program. In exchange for a yearly rental payment, farmers enrolled in the program agree to remove environmentally sensitive land from production and plant species that will improve environmental health.	Farm Service Agency (FSA) Local NRCS Office Farm Bill	Habitat	10 to 15 years	Based on conservation practices	CLICK HERE	Continuous CRP sign up is ongoing. Dates for other CRP signups, such as General, Grassland, and CLEAR30 are forthcoming. Producers interested in enrolling in CRP should contact the FSA office at their local USDA Service Center.
The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is an enhanced version of CRP. Working with FSA and IDNR, landowners transform frequently flooded and environmentally sensitive cropland into conservation easements. Landowners can hunt and fish on their land, as well as pair the program with other complementary habitat initiatives!	FSA Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) USDA Farm Bill	Habitat	15-year and permanent options	Both Federal and State payments Fed payments are annual, while state payment is given as a lump sum at the start of the contract	CLICK HERE	Enrollment for producers is available year-round as signups are ongoing. Interested producers should contact their local USDA Service Center to learn more or visit the CREP website. Contact our local CREP Specialist, Anne Hughes, at annechw@illinois.edu .

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HABITAT PROGRAMS						
<p>Pheasants Forever works with a number of partners across the country to leverage public and private funding to create habitat that benefits all kinds of wildlife species.</p>	<p>Pheasants Forever NRCS USDA Farm Bill</p>	<p>Habitat</p>	<p>Varies</p>	<p>The full cost of a project can often be covered by stacking multiple habitat programs!</p>	<p>CLICK HERE</p>	<p>Contact our local Pheasants Forever Farm Bill Biologist, Dallas Glazik, at dglazik@pheasantsforever.org to learn more.</p>
<p>The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program provides free technical and financial assistance to landowners, corporations, schools and nonprofits to plan, design, supervise and monitor customized habitat restoration projects.</p>	<p>US Fish & Wildlife Service</p>	<p>Habitat</p>	<p>Minimum duration of 10 years</p>	<p>The full cost of a project can often be covered by stacking multiple habitat programs!</p>	<p>CLICK HERE</p>	<p>A phone call or email is all it takes to get started. Contact Jason Bleich at jason_bleich@fws.gov to schedule an initial site visit and learn more about the program. Participating landowners do not forfeit any property rights and are not required to allow public access.</p>
<p>The Wetlands Initiative (TWI) designs, restores, and creates wetlands. Through the Smart Wetlands program, TWI works with farmers and cropland owners to construct tile-treatment wetlands. These wetlands are sited along ditches or small streams to intercept tile drainage flow and remove nutrients.</p>	<p>The Wetlands Initiative</p>	<p>Wetlands</p>	<p>Varies</p>	<p>TWI assists landowners with the cost of implementing CRP CP-39 constructed wetlands.</p>	<p>CLICK HERE</p>	<p>Visit www.smartwetlands.farm/request-a-consultation to request a consultation and learn more!</p>
<p>The IDNR created the Illinois Recreational Access Program (IRAP), a public access program that leases private land for outdoor recreational activities. IRAP leases private land from landowners to provide access for youth and adult hunting and fishing. Qualifying landowners will have a habitat management plan written or updated, and receive technical and financial assistance to implement recommended habitat management practices in the plan.</p>	<p>IDNR NRCS</p>	<p>Habitat</p>	<p>4 years</p>	<p>Annual payments are based on location, # acres, and what activities the landowner is willing to allow on their land.</p>	<p>CLICK HERE</p>	<p>Any landowner who owns approximately 40 acres of qualifying is eligible. Interested landowners must complete an enrollment form and send it to IRAP. An IRAP coordinator will contact the landowner about their property, answer questions and complete a site visit to verify eligibility. Applications are accepted year-round.</p>

Kankakee County Farm Funding Stacking Matrix

Use the matrix below to determine if you can enroll the same acres in multiple programs to maximize conservation incentive payments.

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EQIP		X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X
CSP	X		X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X
RCPP	X	X		X	X	✓	✓	✓	X
Partners for Conservation (PFC)	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Fall Covers for Spring Savings (FCSS)	X	X	X	X		✓	✓	✓	✓
IL Cover Crop Initiative (ICCI)	✓	✓	✓	X	✓		X	X	X
IL Corn Cover Crop Coupon	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X		✓	X
PepsiCo Cover Crop Incentive	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓		X
Soil & Water Outcomes Fund (SWOF)	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	

Kankakee County Habitat Project Stacking Matrix

Use the matrix below to determine if you can enroll the same acres in multiple programs to maximize conservation incentive payments or fund a habitat project.

	Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)	Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)	Pheasants Forever	USFWS Partners for Fish & Wildlife	TWI Smart Wetlands	IL Recreational Access Program (IRAP)
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)		✓	✓	✗	<i>assistance with CRP CP-39</i>	✓
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Pheasants Forever	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
USFWS Partners for Fish & Wildlife	✗	✓	✓		✓	✓
TWI Smart Wetlands	<i>assistance with CRP CP-39</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓
IL Recreational Access Program (IRAP)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	