



Farm Service Agency

Expanded CLEAR30 Pilot

FACT SHEET
June 2021

The Clean Lakes, Estuaries, And Rivers initiative offers 30-year contracts through its CLEAR30 pilot. FSA introduced this pilot in 2020, originally focused on 12 states in the Great Lakes and Chesapeake Bay watershed. For 2021, CLEAR30 is now available nationwide.

CRP provides farmers and landowners with different signup types, practices and initiatives like this to achieve many farming and conservation goals.

Practices Offered in CLEAR30 Pilot

Certain water quality practices currently enrolled under continuous CRP or Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) contracts that are expiring on September 30, 2021 may be offered into CLEAR30. If re-enrolled, these practices will continue to reduce sediment loadings, nutrient loadings and harmful algal blooms.

Producers may reenroll these expiring CRP Practices in CLEAR30:

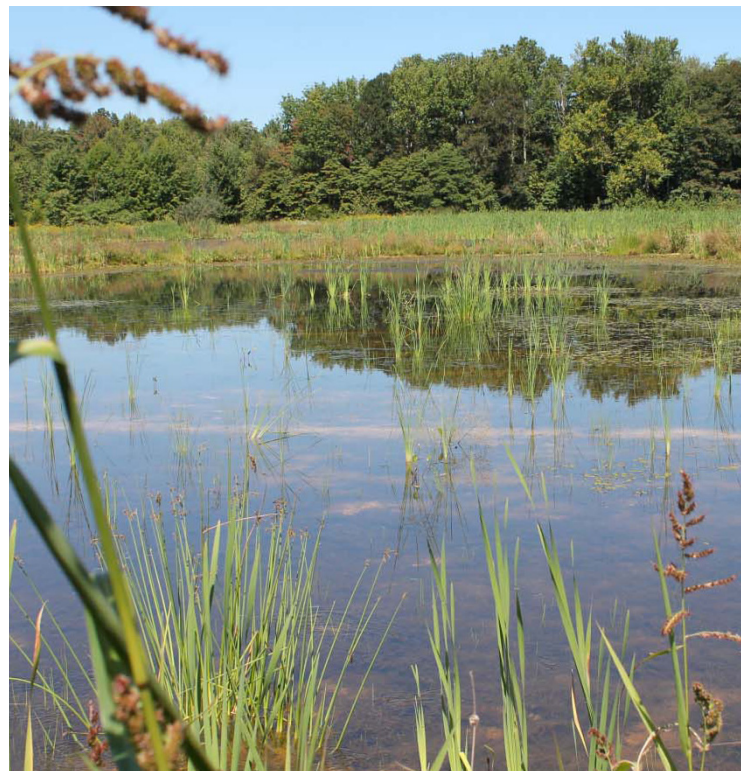
- CP-8A – Grass Waterways
- CP-15A – Contour Grass Strips
- CP-15B – Contour Grass Strips on Terraces
- CP-21 – Filter Strips
- CP21B – Denitrifying Bioreactor on Filter Strip
- CP21S – Saturated Filter Strips
- CP22 – Riparian Buffer
- CP22B – Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffers
- CP22S – Saturated Riparian Buffer
- CP23 – Wetland Restoration
- CP23A – Wetland Restoration, Non flood plain
- CP29 – Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer
- CP30 – Marginal Pastureland Wetland Buffer
- CP31 – Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands
- CP37 – Duck Nesting Habitat

CLEAR Continued Impacts

- Decreased Erosion
- Improved Water Quality
- Increase Wildlife Habitat
- Longer Term Conservation

Financial Benefits

- 30 years of annual rental payments.
- 27.5% Rental rate enhancement
- 20% Water Quality Incentive
- Practice Specific Climate-Smart Incentive
- Onsite monitoring and technical assistance throughout the contract term.
- Maintenance payments for all practices.
- Option to receive 75% maintenance incentive payment or resign maintenance responsibility and cost to FSA.





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Eligible Land

Eligible land includes cropland and certain marginal pastureland that is currently enrolled in a Continuous CRP or CREP contract, dedicated to an eligible water quality practice, and expiring on September 30, 2021.

Practice Maintenance

Land enrolled in CLEAR30 will have periodic, onsite monitoring performed by USDA. Recommendations for maintenance activities will be incorporated into the conservation plan throughout the 30-year contract term. Participants can opt to:

- perform maintenance activities and receive a 75% maintenance incentive payment, or
- resign maintenance responsibility to a third party who will perform any necessary maintenance activities at no cost to the participant.

Compatible Uses

Land enrolled in CLEAR30 may be used for the following activities provided the activity is consistent with the conservation plan and does not degrade water quality or conflict with other purposes of the practice:

- Hunting/Fishing
- Managed timber harvest
- Periodic haying and grazing.

Sign up Period

Producers may apply for CLEAR30 from **June 14 to August 6, 2021**. CLEAR30 contracts will be effective October 1, 2021.

More Information

For more information about FSA and its programs, visit fsa.usda.gov or your local FSA office. To find your local FSA office, visit farmers.gov/service-center-locator.

