

## **APPENDIX S**

### **List of Funding Sources in Ohio**

**A. Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)**

**Type:** direct cost-share payments

**Source:** federal funds

**Administration:** USDA, Farm Service Agency (FSA) or Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)\*

**Eligibility:** agricultural landowners who bear part of the cost of an approved practice

**Availability:** statewide with 50% of funds to targeted areas and livestock enterprises

**Allowable uses:** installation of approved best management practices (water quality improvement is a special emphasis)

**Requires:** contact FSA or NRCS\*

**Description:** Financial assistance to control erosion and sedimentation, and promote nutrient management through voluntary activity, using technical assistance from the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

\*Undetermined at the time of printing

**B. Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)**

**Type:** 10- to 15-year contracts

**Source:** federal funds

**Administration:** USDA, Farm Service Agency (FSA)

**Eligibility:** highly environmental sensitive areas, such as riparian corridors

**Availability:** statewide, funds based upon appropriations

**Allowable uses:** create grassy or woody cover to protect sensitive areas

**Requires:** 10- to 15-year easement with right of access for inspection activities

**Description:** CRP is a voluntary program that offers landowners annual payments and cost-share assistance for protecting lands of high environmental value. NRCS provides technical assistance to landowners for installation of required practices. Landowners are offered annual payments based upon criteria of environmental factors and effects.

**C. State Cost Share Program (House Bill 88)**

**Type:** grants to individual farmers for erosion and animal waste BMPs

**Source:** state funds

**Administration:** ODNR, Division of Soil and Water Conservation, E-2 Fountain Square Ct., Columbus, OH 43224, (614) 265-6610

**Eligibility:** any landowner with an approved conservation plan from SWCD

**Availability:** ongoing

**Allowable uses:** cost sharing on specific BMPs to control pollution from animal wastes or erosion

**Requires:** application by SWCD to ODNR/DSWC

**Description:** Cost share limited to 75% of project cost, not to exceed \$15,000 per landowner per year.

**D. NatureWorks (State Bond Issue 1)**

**Type:** grant

**Source:** state funds

**Administration:** ODNR, Division of Soil and Water Conservation, 1932 Fountain Square Ct. E-2, Columbus, OH 43224, Blaine Gerdes @ (614)264-6610

**Eligibility:** funds passed through county soil and water conservation districts

**Availability:** funds allocated through 2001 from initial bond issue

**Allowable uses:** NPS practice demonstrations and watershed management, stream banking, livestock exclusion, precision farming, manure brokerages

**Requires:** matching funds

**Description:** \$8.5 million is dedicated for three categories of NPS activity between 1995 and 2000.

**E. Nonpoint Source Education Grant**

**Type:** grant

**Source:** state and federal funds

**Administration:** ODNR, Division of Soil and Water Conservation, 1932 Fountain Square Ct. E-2, Columbus, OH 43224, (614)264-6610 or Jeanne Russell @ (614)265-6682

**Eligibility:** nonprofit or tax-exempt organizations, educational institutions in collaboration with soil and water conservation districts

**Availability:** annual cycle

**Allowable uses:** nonpoint source education

**Requires:** (contact the Division of Soil and Water Conservation)

**Description:** The Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission has appropriated approximately \$120,000 per year for education projects since 1991.

**F. Nonpoint Source Watershed Grants Program (319 Grants)**

**Type:** small grants to SWCDs

**Source:** state funds

**Administration:** ODNR, Division of Soil and Water Conservation, 1932 Fountain Square Ct. E-2, Columbus, OH 43224, (614)265-6610 or Jill Diebel @ (614)265-6637

**Eligibility:** SWCDs and their local partners

**Availability:** ongoing

**Allowable uses:** cost sharing on BMPs, site inspections for erosion control, activities that result in direct implementation of NPS controls

**Requires:** application by SWCD to Ohio EPA Division of Surface Water

**Description:** Small (less than \$20,000), one-time grants for innovative NPS controls that are ineligible for other types of state funding.

#### **G. Ohio Environmental Education Fund (OEEF)**

**Type:** grant

**Source:** state funds

**Administration:** Ohio EPA, Ohio Environmental Education Fund, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, OH 43216-1049, Michelle Morrone @ (614)644-2873

**Eligibility:** nonprofit or tax-exempt organizations, educational institutions, government

**Availability:** semi-annual funding cycle

**Allowable uses:** environmental education for Ohio residents

**Requires:** (contact the Ohio Environmental Education Fund)

**Description:** Through 1993, the Ohio Environmental Education Fund provided \$225,000 for 21 NPS-related projects.

#### **H. Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF)**

**Type:** grant

**Source:** state funds

**Administration:** Ohio EPA, Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, OH 43216-1049, (614)644-2798 or Jerry Rouch @ (614)644-3660

**Eligibility:** municipalities or others having publicly-owned water or wastewater systems

**Availability:** Contact the Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance

**Allowable uses:** landfill closure, wellhead protection, upgrading on-site wastewater treatment systems, etc.

**Requires:** (contact the Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance)

**Description:** A portion of the WPCLF, originally established with federal money as financial assistance for constructing or upgrading public wastewater treatment plants and now self-maintaining, is directed toward nonpoint source pollution control.

These funds are administered by Ohio EPA and the Ohio Water Development Authority.

#### **I. Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) Linked Deposit Program**

**Type:** low-interest loan

**Source:** stated funds

**Administration:** Ohio EPA, Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, OH 43216-1049, Robert McDonald @ (614)644-2798

**Eligibility:** individuals and private organizations in participating watersheds

**Availability:** based on credit-worthiness, as determined by participating banks

**Allowable uses:** agricultural BMPs, other projects on private land

**Requires:** conformance with watershed action plan

**Description:** A portion of the WPCLF, originally established with federal money as financial assistance for constructing or upgrading public wastewater treatment plants and now self-maintaining, is directed toward nonpoint source pollution control. Five watershed projects (Black River, Indian Lake, Stillwater River, Big Darby Creek, and Killbuck Creek) have been supported by this program. These funds are administered by Ohio EPA and the Ohio Water Development Authority.

**J. Small Watershed Program (PL-566)**

**Type:** project grants/direct cost-share payment and technical assistance

**Source:** federal funds

**Administration:** Natural Resources Conservation Service, 200 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43215-2478, Scott Jerrome @ (614)469-6962

**Eligibility:** state agencies, and local governments

**Availability:** based on appropriation

**Allowable uses:** planning and carrying out works of improvement and to protect, develop, and utilize the land and water resources in small watersheds (<250,000 acres).

**Requires:** Demonstration of meeting statutory requirements; necessary authority by local sponsors; and favorable cost-benefit ratio. Local sponsors are responsible for obtaining all land rights. Individual land users in watershed protection projects are responsible for 35% of the cost for BMPs.

**Description:** NRCS works with local sponsors to plan and implement watershed protection and flood prevention-based projects in small watersheds.

**K. Research and Development Grant (R&D Grant)**

**Type:** grant

**Source:** stated funds

**Administration:** Ohio Water Development Authority, 88 East Broad Street, Suite 1300, Columbus, OH 43215-3516, (614)466-5822 or Steve Mack @ (614)466-0257

**Eligibility:** (contact the Authority)

**Availability:** continuous

**Allowable uses:** development of projects and concepts that otherwise might not be possible due to limited resources

**Requires:** (contact the Authority)

**Description:** The Research and Development Grant program funded manure brokerage projects in Darke (\$53,000) and Holmes (\$70,000) counties. Constructed wetlands projects have also received funding from this grant.

**L. Clean Water Act Section 319 Nonpoint Source**

**Type:** grant

**Source:** federal (Water Quality Act of 1987, the Clean Water Act)

**Administration:** Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, OH 43216-1049, (614) 644-2001 or Mike Smith @ (614) 644-2326

**Eligibility:** non-profit organization or agency

**Availability:** annual cycle based on federal fiscal year

**Allowable uses:** watershed-wide nonpoint source implementation projects

**Requires:** 40% local match

**Description:** Through federal fiscal year 1994, Ohio receive \$8,800,000 from Section 319 and supported 78 projects.

**M. Stewardship Incentives Program (SIP)**

**Type:** grant

**Source:** federal funds

**Administration:** jointly by Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, Fountain Square, Bldg. B-3, Columbus, OH 43224, (614)265-6694 and the Consolidated Farm Service Agency (CFSA, formerly ASCS) (county office)

**Eligibility:** land owners with riparian property or at least five acres of woodland

**Availability:** continuous

**Allowable uses:** tree planting for windbreaks, soil erosion control, riparian corridors and wildlife habitat

**Requires:** forest action plan (prepared by Division of Forestry service forester or consulting forester); 25% cost share by land owner

**Description:** Approximately \$450,000 available annually in Ohio.

**N. Wetland Reserve Program (WRP)**

**Type:** grant

**Source:** federal funds

**Administration:** NRCS

**Eligibility:** restorable or previously restored wetland areas, including riparian areas

**Availability:** based on appropriations

**Allowable uses:** hunting/fishing, non-intensive recreation, and some timber harvesting

**Requires:** permanent or 30 year easement with right of access for inspection activities.

**Description:** WRP is a voluntary program that offers landowners payments for restoring and protecting wetlands. It obtains conservation easements from landowners and cost-share payments for wetland restoration.

**O. Citizen Action Mini-Grant Program**

**Type:** Grant

**Source:** state funds

**Administration:** ODNR, Division of Soil and Water Conservation, 1932 Fountain Square Ct., E-2, Columbus, OH 43224, Dan Kush @ 614/265-6621

**Eligibility:** (contact ODNR/DSWC)

**Availability:** applications reviewed on a quarterly basis

**Allowable uses:** demonstration projects, stream monitoring and newsletter publications

**Requires:** (contact the Division of Soil and Water Conservation)

**Description:** Provides small grants to initiate local projects and activities that improve water quality and reduce nonpoint sources of pollution.

Source: Ohio EPA, 1997, pp. 54-58 and OSU Extension Factsheet.