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FY26 Agricultural Enhancement Program Heavy Use Area Protection Application

Sign-Up: April 28, 2025 – May 9, 2025

Priority

First
Second

Applicant Information

Name:

**Mailing
Address:**

Telephone:

Email:

What is your preferred method to receive written notification? Email/Letter

Do you own or lease the land associated with this application? Own/Lease

Do you have a financial interest in a farming entity with a WVCA employee working within West Fork Conservation District? Yes/No

Are you a spouse or dependent family member of a WVCA employee working within West Fork Conservation District? Yes/No

Do you have a financial interest in a farming entity with a West Fork Conservation District Supervisor? Yes/No

Are you a spouse or dependent family member of a West Fork Conservation District Supervisor? Yes/No

Farm Information

WEST FORK CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Farm Location:

Harrison Doddridge Gilmer Lewis

Farm Name:

Farm #:

Tract #:

Field(s) #:

Is the land associated with this application part of a farming operation? Yes/No

If yes, does the operation have the potential for producing \$1,000 in value from its products per year? Yes/No

What was the name and/or topic of the last conservation related educational event you attended?

Name/topic of event:

Was the event attended prior to July 1, 2025?
Yes/No

Is the gravel area associated with this application part of another cost-share program for tymp and gravel? Yes/No

Have the HUAP materials been cost-shared by AgEP or another program in the past 10 years? Yes/No

Best Management Practice

Please complete the following information for the Best Management Practice you would like to apply for:

BMP	Limits	Cost Share Rate	Location Requested
Heavy Use Area Protection	Use of <u>gravel</u> (8") and <u>geotextile</u> . <u>NO</u> Livestock Feeding Areas	\$1.25/sq. ft. of completed area not to exceed 2,000 sq. ft. and \$2,500.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Watering Trough <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock Lane <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock Loading Areas <input type="checkbox"/> Gate Passageway <input type="checkbox"/> Hay Loading Areas

Program Eligibility

Definition:

The stabilization of areas frequently and intensively used by animals and/or vehicles by surfacing with suitable materials. Suitable construction materials include a combination of clean gravel, crushed stone, and geotextile

fabric to provide the area with increased load bearing strength, drainage, separation of material, and soil reinforcement.

Purpose:

Heavy Use Area Protection reduces soil erosion, improves water quantity and quality, and livestock health.

Program Policies

- Applicant must be a District Cooperator. (*Cooperator Agreement form is available upon request*)
- Applicants may be landowners or farm operators.
- Applicants that do not own the land associated with this application; additional paperwork is required. (*i.e. lease, Producer Information Form, FSA farm data report*).
- Property must be used as a farming operation to be eligible for the program: having the potential for producing at least \$1000 of farm products annually.
- When a farm extends across district boundaries, the district where the farm taxes are paid is the district in which you will apply.
- Applicant will not be eligible for program reimbursement if he/she starts project before District approval.
- The District cannot provide financial assistance when project funding will be provided by other government (*federal or state*) source.
- Applicant must provide an aerial map identifying proposed location at the time of application. (*Maps can be obtained through the Farm Service Agency or the Natural Resources Conservation Service*)
- Applicants are limited to two approved cost-share practices per fiscal year (*July-June*).
- Application approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and program ranking.
- All contract agreements must be completed, and receipts submitted by the deadline, or you may not be eligible to participate in AgEP the following year.

Practice Policies

- The District cannot cost-share to repair or replace a *Heavy Use Area Protection* when previously cost-shared by government funds within the lifespan of the practice (*10 years*).
- To be used at the following sites: ***livestock watering areas (troughs), livestock lanes, livestock loading and unloading areas, gate passageways, and post-harvest hay processing areas.***
- NOT to be used for livestock feeding areas.
- Following District approval and signed agreement receipt, the practice must be completed by **05/22/2026**.
- Receipts and any documented labor (*paid or unpaid*) must be submitted by **05/22/2026**.

Reimbursement rates & limits

- Cost-share covers the costs associated with the purchase of gravel/stone, geotextile fabric, and labor.
- Practice must be complete, and paid receipts must be sent to the District office by the project deadline (**05/22/2026**) otherwise payments may be delayed or even denied. (***No extensions will be given***).
- The reimbursement will be made after paid invoices are received, cooperator completes a W-9 form, and WFCD approves your reimbursement.

Practice Specifications

- USDA-NRCS standards and specifications must be followed.
- Please refer to job sheets provided at the time signing of contract for recommendations about thickness of the gravel area and other design specifications.
- Cooperator must use the correct construction materials and amounts recommended to receive reimbursement.

By signing this I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions stated in this document.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____