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# Clean Lakes, Estuaries and Rivers (CLEAR) Initiative



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2004-2009 I worked as a conservation planner in NRCS/SWCD offices, 90% of my work was with CRP.

In 2009 went to work for FSA as a PT, later a CED and now in my current position at Chief Conservation Specialist

# What is CLEAR?

- CLEAR is part of the Continuous CRP
- CLEAR is a subset of water quality practices under CCRP, if enrolled, will help reduce sediment loadings, nutrient loadings, and harmful algal blooms.

# List of CLEAR Practices

## Cropland Only:

**CP8A – Grass Waterway**

**CP15A – Contour Grass Strips**

**CP15B – Contour Grass Strips, Terraces**

**CP21 – Filter Strips**

**CP21B – Bioreactor on Filter Strips**

**CP21S – Saturated Filter Strips**

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## **Cropland Only (continued):**

**CP23 – Wetland Restoration, Floodplain**

**CP23A – Wetland Restoration, Non-floodplain**

**CP31 – Bottomland Hardwood**

**CP37 – Duck Nesting Habitat**

**CP43 – Prairie Strips**

# List of CLEAR Practices

## **Cropland or Marginal Pastureland (MPL)**

**CP22 – Riparian Buffers**

**CP22B – Bioreactor on Riparian Buffers**

**CP22S – Saturated Riparian Buffer**

## **Marginal Pastureland (MPL) Only:**

**CP29 – Wildlife Habitat Buffer**

**CP30 – Wetland Buffers**

## Adding a Bioreactor or Saturated Buffer

- **When adding a Bioreactor or Saturated Buffer a current CRP contact.**
  1. Contact your local FSA PT that works with CRP.
  2. This will require a change to the contracted practice (CP21 to CP21S).
  3. Also, if Cost Share will be applied for this will require FSA action.
  4. This will also require a Conservation Plan modification to change the practice.

## Adding a Bioreactor or Saturated Buffer

### Questions we get often.

- Is there cost share for current CP21 to convert to CP21B or CP21S? **Yes, there is.**
- Is PIP available for these current CP21 contracts? **Yes, if Cost Share is earned then PIP is paid.**



# Notice CRP-929: Announcing CRP Changes

CRP CONTINUOUS	New Climate-Smart Practice Incentive to incentivize practices that sequester carbon, reduce emissions.	More land enrolled, using practices that maximize benefits for climate mitigation.
	Add a one-time, 10 percent “inflationary” adjustment for the life of the contract.	Increases program payments to encourage more land enrollment.
	Allow for the adjustment of county rental rates, upward or downward, using a soil productivity index range of 50-150 percent of the county rental rate.	Increases program payments to encourage more land enrollment
	Increase Water Quality Incentive from 10 to 20 percent for water quality benefiting practices	More land enrolled, using practices that maximize benefits for water quality.
	Move State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) Practices from the CRP general signup to the CRP continuous signup.	Improves attractiveness of wildlife practices, including extending the signup to year-round, thus more habitat.
	Make Highly Erodible Land Initiative (HELI) Practices available in both the CRP continuous and general signups.	Improves attractiveness of program by extending the signup to year-round, thus more land enrolled for natural resource benefits.

## Notice CRP-929: Announcing CRP Changes

State	County	NASS Rate	Map Unit Symbol	10 Percent Inflationary Incentive	Rate With Inflationary Incentive	Continuous CRP Signup - 90 Percent	SPI	SPI Adjusted SRR <u>1/</u>
Any State	Any County	\$100	ADC1	\$10	\$110	\$99	1.50	\$149
Any State	Any County	\$100	ADC2	\$10	\$110	\$99	1.25	\$124
Any State	Any County	\$100	CR1	\$10	\$110	\$99	1.00	\$99
Any State	Any County	\$100	PVa	\$10	\$110	\$99	.75	\$75
Any State	Any County	\$100	PVb	\$10	\$110	\$99	.50	\$50

1/ Rounded to whole dollars.

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## Continuous, Non-CREP PIP

All signup 55 non-CREP continuous practices listed in Exhibit 3, except CP12, are eligible for a PIP. PIP is an incentive payment made to an eligible CRP participant who certifies completion of the installation of a major component or CRP practice. The new signup 55 PIP rate will apply to all offers that have not been approved when the software changes are deployed.

<b>If the non-CREP continuous signup 55 CRP-1 is approved...</b>	<b>THEN the PIP rate is...</b>
before software enhancements	20 percent of actual cost of establishment, except when limited to the original amount obligated (20 percent multiplied by the approved C/S amount multiplied by 2).
after software enhancements	50 percent of actual cost of establishment, except when limited to the original amount obligated (50 percent multiplied by the approved C/S amount multiplied by 2).

# Questions