



## Qualifying Agricultural Best Management Practices

Requests can be made to the Project Clarity Agricultural Committee requesting assistance with any of the following practices. In order to qualify, applicants must have a completed Project Clarity Agricultural Statement of Commitment submitted to the Project Clarity Agricultural Committee. Approval for funding and the amount of funding will be determined by the committee using the Project Clarity Cost-Benefit Analysis Ranking Tool which assesses the project location, cost, reduction of sediment and nutrient run-off, and overall benefit to the watershed. Projects may be fully or partially funded depending on the project cost benefit analysis and location. Projects will be reviewed with potential for funding as long as money is available. Funds used for projects will come from the Outdoor Discovery Center Macatawa Greenway – Project Clarity Initiative. This is a privately funded program and NOT part of any government program, grant or initiative. **The Project Clarity Goal is to: Reduce the Sediment and Phosphorus runoff in the Macatawa Watershed by 70%.**

### Qualifying Practices:

WASCOB Installation  
Drainage Management  
Wetland & Sediment Pond Development  
Two Stage Ditch Development  
Grassed Waterway Development

Vegetated Buffer Strip Implementation  
Cover Crop Implementation  
Slurry Seeding Cover Crops  
No-till Farming  
Gypsum Application

### Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm/Entity Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**What type of project are you interested in:**

**❖ Please attach map or location information of field(s) where you are interested in a project(s)**

### **Requests should be sent to:**

Outdoor Discovery Center Macatawa Greenway, c/o Project Clarity, 4214 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Holland, MI 49423  
For questions or additional information, please contact Dan Callam at 616-393-9453, or Rob Vink at 616-395-2688.



## Agricultural Statement of Commitment

As a supporter of Project Clarity, I/we pledge to follow these guidelines to the best of my/our ability to protect water quality and help restore Lake Macatawa:

- Schedule a site visit with an agricultural agent (see next page for a list of potential consultant options).\*
- Develop a Conservation Plan.\*
- Perform routine soil tests every 3 years.\*
- If applicable, properly maintain all existing grassed waterways, two-stage ditches, vegetated barriers, and other natural features that contribute to water quality protection
- Do not apply manure or fertilizer onto frozen ground
- When fall applying manure or fertilizer, all reasonable attempts shall be made to ensure that manure or fertilizer does not enter a stream or drain due to drift, slope, precipitation, or other forms of loss
- When applying manure or fertilizer, always maintain a 100-foot buffer zone between the applied area and any stream or drain or 30-foot in the instance of a vegetated barrier.
- Attempt to use alternative tillage practices to support water quality improvement
- Attempt to maintain a healthy soil cover, defined as 50% residue cover following corn and 30% after soybeans and oats. If residue targets cannot be met, consider planting cover crops.
- At all times follow the Michigan Department of Agricultural and Rural Development's Generally Acceptable Agricultural Management Practices

\*Provide documentation within 90 days of signing that these actions have occurred.

*My signature below affirms this commitment. By signing below I understand that compliance with this commitment is compulsory in order to receive financial assistance from Project Clarity and that additional conditions may also be required.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name and title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Farm name (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Project Clarity approval

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**Below are a list of potential consultants, and consulting entities that may be contacted for assistance.**

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