

ATCP 50 Programs Outline and Links

Subchapter II — Soil and Water Conservation on Farms

1. Farm Conservation Standards (ATCP 50.04)
 - a. Factsheet on nutrient management with changes related to pasture, <http://datcp.wi.gov/uploads/Environment/pdf/ATCP50GuidanceNutrientManagementOnPastures.pdf>
 - b. Factsheet on 2014 standards including tillage setback, <http://datcp.wi.gov/uploads/Environment/pdf/ATCP50GuidanceFarmConservationStandards.pdf>
2. Required Cost-Sharing for Compliance (ATCP 50.08)
 - a. If non-DNR cost-sharing is provided, counties must follow DATCP requirements to make a bona fide offer covering costs beyond practice installation (e.g. maintenance costs)

Subchapter III — County Soil and Water Program

1. County Conservation Committee Responsibilities and Oversight (ATCP 50.10)
 - a. Planning and program implementation
 - b. Administration of DATCP grant funds
 - c. Accounting and reporting
2. Land and Water Resource Management Plan (ATCP 50.12)
 - a. Plans should cover a 10 year horizon either through 10 year approvals or 5 year extensions
 - b. Rule supports incorporation of elements that satisfy CWA s. 319 planning requirements
3. Farmland Preservation Conservation Compliance (ATCP 50.16)
 - a. Farmers may claim tax credits based on demonstrated progress toward meeting performance schedules that allow 5 years to achieve compliance
 - By 2105, farmers must complete soil testing to remain on schedule for completing NM plans
 - b. All participants must have certificates of compliance, which are issued based on full compliance
 - c. FPP conservation compliance guidance and factsheets, http://datcp.wi.gov/Environment/Working_Lands_Initiative/Soil_Water_Compliance/index.aspx

Subchapter IV — Grants to Counties

1. DATCP Annual Allocation: Staffing Grants (ATCP 50.32) and Landowner Cost-Sharing (ATCP 50.34)
 - a. Most recent grant applications and allocation plans can be found here, http://datcp.wi.gov/Environment/Land_and_Water_Conservation/SWRM_Grant_Program_Working_Manual/Allocation_and_Other_SWRM_Functions/index.aspx
 - b. Program guidance as well as DATCP forms are included as part of the SWRM Manual, http://datcp.wi.gov/Environment/Land_and_Water_Conservation/SWRM_Grant_Program_Working_Manual/index.aspx
 - a. Counties must download a new staffing grant reimbursement form, and are encouraged to submit only one request before the new deadline November 1st.
2. Grants for Other Services (ATCP 50.35)
 - a. Counties can receive funding for staff who provide nutrient management training if they maintain funds separately from their SWRM staffing grant
 - The most recent NMFE grant application can be found on [the website](#) with other grant applications

Subchapter V — Cost-Share Grants to Landowners

1. Landowner Cost-Sharing (ATCP 50.40)
 - a. Program guidance as well as latest DATCP forms (e.g. cost-share contracts, reimbursement requests,

- etc.) in [SWRM Grants Manual](#) (see above for website address)
- b. Newer additions include a cost-share contract form and guidance on [continuing compliance](#) and [other requirements](#) for cost-sharing cover crop and other cropping practices.
2. Maximum Cost-Share Rates ([ATCP 50.42](#))
 - a. Cap of 50% for cost-sharing projects on land owned by local governments
 - b. Cap of 50% cost-sharing for the following practices unless the practice is required to implement DNR standards: access roads, roof runoff systems, streambank and shoreline protection, cattle/stream crossing, and wetlands
 - c. No DATCP cost-sharing for state-owned land, practices to bring landowners into compliance with their WPDES permits, and state or local permit fees
 - d. “Economic hardship” cost-sharing applies only to farms

Subchapter VI — Soil and Water Professionals

1. Conservation Engineering Practitioners ([ATCP 50.46](#))
 - a. Certification form and requirements are found on this website, [http://datcp.wi.gov/Environment/Land and Water Conservation/Conservation Engineering/](http://datcp.wi.gov/Environment/Land%20and%20Water%20Conservation/Conservation%20Engineering/)
2. Nutrient Management Planners ([ATCP 50.48](#)) and soil and manure testing laboratories ([ATCP 50.50](#))
3. Training For County Staff ([ATCP 50.52](#))
 - a. SITCOM, <http://wisconsinlandwater.org/training/state-interagency-training-committee>

Subchapter VII — Local Regulation

1. Manure Storage Systems; Ordinances ([ATCP 50.56](#))
 - a. Counties should update ordinances to expand coverage to includes transfer systems for non-manure wastes (e.g. feed leachate), engineering certification requirements and other [ATCP 50](#) changes
 - b. County ordinances should allow 30-60 days for permit review to account for more complicated designs and allow coordination with DNR CAFO reviews
 - c. DATCP review of ordinances is optional, not mandatory
2. Livestock Operations; Local Regulation. ([ATCP 50.60](#))
 - a. Local water quality regulations must be approved by DATCP or DNR if they are more stringent than state standards, even if the regulations also meet the siting law requirements in [93.90\(3\)\(a\)6, Stats.](#)
 - b. A county cannot require a permit under its manure storage ordinance if it also requires a livestock facility to obtain a permit under a county siting ordinance

Subchapter VIII — Standards for Cost-Shared Practices

1. Cost-Sharing Guidance, <http://datcp.wi.gov/uploads/Environment/pdf/CostShareFundingSourceTable.pdf>
2. Newest Standards
 - a. A new standard ([ATCP 50.705](#)) for cost-sharing systems to control feed storage discharges
 - b. Cattle crossings removed from access roads as a cost-shareable practice and a new standard for “stream crossing” ([ATCP 50.885](#)) created.
 - c. Heavy use area protection eliminated as a separate cost-shareable practice, and may only be cost-shared as a component of other practices such as barnyard runoff control systems