

SPECIAL PROJECTS GUIDELINES

PURPOSE

A Special Project Fund has been created to be used for Districts with program requests that tend to be unique to a limited area or region of the state that would either provide for piloting new practices not on the state-wide docket or target specific practices or initiatives that are local priorities. Examples of potential pilot projects include, but are not limited to: stream crossings, shelterbelts, windbreaks, ecologically sensitive area protection – karst, urban gully restoration, retention pond buffers, rain gardens for storm water control, shoreline protection/restoration/stabilization, and heavy livestock use area protection. Examples of local priority initiatives include, but are not limited to: targeting a watershed or community with a well sealing program that would exceed the state-wide docket limit of **twelve** wells per district per year.

MAXIMUM EXPENDITURE LIMITS

In FY 2009, any SWCD may apply for a project up to \$10,000 of cost-share. A project may include one or more practices with more than one landowner and may involve more than one District for projects that extend into an adjoining District. However, one District will be responsible for administration of the project. Because of the nature of the projects to be funded, if no available average cost list exists to go by, the cost-share rate will be 60% of the actual cost of installation for the practices or 70% on land above 2 “T”. There must be 3 estimates obtained from area contractors, with the lowest bidder receiving the contract for construction of the project.

APPLICATION

A District who is interested in applying for a special project must apply to the IDOA on or before September 15 on form SP-1 (Application Form). Include a location map for each practice being installed. Projects will be reviewed by the Bureau and Districts will be notified of their status. Projects must be completed within 1 year of approval.