

# New Soil Health Cost Share Opportunity for Olmsted County Operators

**\$3 Million Available Over 3 Years**

## — Olmsted County Soil Health Initiative —

### Program Signup Timeline

Enrollment Feb 13th to April 11th

Online application & Certification

1 year contract lengths

Use the QR Code to find out more.



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### Why Participate in the Olmsted County Soil Health Initiative?

The goal of the Soil Health Initiative is to promote the use of beneficial management practices and crop rotations. These practices target reducing leaching of excess crop nutrients into groundwater, immobilizing unused nitrogen from the rooting zone, and reducing soil erosion. The practices will promote the improved soil health, farm sustainability and producer profitability.

### Enrollment Options:

**Cover Crops** - All cover crop stands must grow to a minimum height of 12 inches to be eligible for cost share payment.

**Alternative Crops and Small Grains** - Plant alternative crops and small grain species that are effective at reducing nitrogen use in the crop rotation.

**Haying and Grazing** - Increase the number of haying or grazing acres in operation by converting row crop acres.

### Enrollment Options:

**Cover Crops** - Acre enrollment limit 150 acres

Base Program Payment: cover crop grown to a min height of 12 inches - \$55/ac

Enhancement Option 1: Cover Crop growth height of 24" and above - Additional payment \$20/ac

Enhancement Option 2: Planting Green - Additional payment \$10/ac

Enhancement Option 3: 5- Species Cover Crop Mix - Additional payment \$10/ac

Enhancement Option 4: Grazing Cover Crops - Additional payment \$10/ac

\*\* Minimum cost share payment rate \$55/ac, up to \$105/ac if all four enhancement options are utilized\*\*

**Alternative Crops and Small Grains** - Acre enrollment limit 150 acres

Payment for Alternative Crops or Small Grains - \$75/ac

Alternative Crop followed by a legume cover crop for nitrogen credit - Additional payment \$25/ac

**Haying and Grazing** - Acre enrollment limit 150 acres

Conversion of row crop acres to New Hay acres - \$75/ac

Conversion of row crop acres New Pastureland acres - \$100/ac

Annual max share payment cap \$15,750/ year. Cost share payment cap is calculated based on all enrollment options and acres. Operators will need to enroll each year for the program.