Fall 2012

Illinois Buffer Partnership Requests Site Applications

The Illinois Buffer Partnership is a collaboration of private and public, agricultural and conservation organizations which promotes and showcases the voluntary efforts of farmers and landowners in the planting, maintenance, and enhancement of conservation buffers. The effort was initiated by the Illinois Council on Best Management Practices and is coordinated by Trees Forever. The Illinois Buffer Partnership's primary goals are to highlight the ongoing efforts to restore Illinois' floodplains and to increase the awareness of riparian buffer potential for improving water quality.

Twenty demonstration sites will be selected for the upcoming program year. Subsequently, field days will be conducted to bring producers, landowners, and communities together to showcase these efforts. Cost-share is available to select landowners for costs incurred. (Participants will be reimbursed, in an amount up to $2,000, for 50% of the expenses that remain after CRP or other federal, state or local funding has been applied to their project.) Landowners can also benefit from a seed cost-share program offered through FS/GROWMARK.

Currently, the Illinois Buffer Partnership is looking for sites for the year **2013**. Applications for individuals to host demonstration sites on their land will be accepted through **December 31, 2012**. We appreciate your assistance in locating the best sites in your area.

Ideally, Illinois Buffer Partnership demonstration sites exhibit many of the following characteristics:

- Highly visible and easily accessible sites.
- Landowners actively involved in their rural community/watershed and willing to allow field days and tours of site.
- Site plantings which were installed to address long-term economic needs, beyond CRP payments.
- Streams that are first, second or third order in size.
- Sites that are representative of local eco-regions.
- Site proximity to local water issues and/or local watershed programs.
- Landowners who show commitment to long-term whole farm management planning.
- Local community support such as FFA, schools, Pheasants Forever Chapter, etc.
- Sites enrolled in CRP or CREP for the riparian buffer, either forested or grass.

Site applications forms are due December 31, 2012.

Illinois Buffer Partnership site nomination forms can be mailed or faxed to:
Trees Forever Attn: Deb Roman
770 7th Avenue Marion, IA 52302
Phone: (800) 369-1269 ext. 110/ Fax: (319) 373-0528
droman@treesforver.org

Please call if you have any questions.
Debbie Fluegel, Trees Forever Field Coordinator at 309-925-9925 or 309-613-0095 – Tremont, IL
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Illinois Buffer Partnership

Site Application Form 2012/2013 (please print or type)

Date Filled Out: _____

*Site Information:

County:_____Section:_____Township:_____
Watershed:_____
Directions to site:_____
_____
_____
What is the status of the project site? ☐ planted ☐ partially planted ☐ new
If planted, when? (MM/YY):_____

*Contact Information:

Landowner/Primary Contact
Name:_____
Address:__home __work_____
City/State/Zip:_____
Day Phone:_____Evening Phone:_____
E-mail Address:_____

Site Application form prepared by (if different from landowner/primary contact)
Name:_____
Affiliation:_____
Address:_____
City/State/Zip:_____
Day Phone:_____Evening Phone:_____
E-mail Address:_____

*General Information Needed:

*If site application is awarded, the check should be made out to:*_____
*And sent to:*_____
*Also a 1099 form will be filled out by:*_____

*Please note the name you would like you project listed as for the Annual Report (i.e. John and Jane Doe, or GreenDye Farm)*_____

If site application is awarded a sign will be made a Illinois Buffer Partnership Sign will be provided it is to say:
_____
Size wanted, please choose one: 2' X 4'_____ or 12" X 18"_____
** Must be complete to be eligible for approval*

Funding Opportunities:

Are you enrolled or planning to enroll in CRP?_____
Are you enrolled or planning to enroll in CREP?_____

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Have you qualified for other cost share opportunities with the USDA/SWCD Field Office Staff? (for example, EQIP, SIP, WHIP):_____
Are local watershed program funds available?_____
Is there support from local conservation organizations? (Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, etc.)_____
Are there other local funding opportunities?_____

Landowner's Leadership Involvement

Landowner's involvement in agricultural/commodity groups (Farm Bureau, Corn Growers, Soybean Association, Pork Producers, Fertilizer and Chemical Association):_____
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Landowner's involvement in other Community/Youth Groups:_____
_____

Community Involvement:

Please list committees, memberships, awards, etc. (ex. Scout leader, Farm Bureau member, Service Clubs, etc.)
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Site Description:

Name of stream:_____
Average width of stream (feet):_____
Length of stream in buffer (feet):_____
Number of acres considered for buffer:_____

Current land use/farming practices on proposed buffer site:_____
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_____

Current land use/farming practices on adjacent fields:_____
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Landowner's objectives for site:_____
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Any specific problem areas (stream bank stabilization, etc.):_____
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Overall management system plan for the site:_____
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Additional Attachments:

Please include an aerial map or a hand sketch of the area showing the proposed work to be done. Also include any photos you may have of specific problem areas on the site.

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