COVER CROP DEMONSTRATION PLOT

The Keystone Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) is offering an exciting opportunity for you to further the goals of soil and water conservation through the promotion of cover crops. The Keystone Chapter will be sponsoring up to **five $250 cover crop demonstration plots** around the state. The purpose of this sponsorship will be to establish demonstration plots that highlight either common cover crops that need more emphasis in your area or new cover crops (such as mixtures) for your local area. Emphasis should be given to using cover crop mixtures to manage one or more but not limited to **management of compaction, nitrogen fixing or uptake, water infiltration and organic matter**. The SWCS will pay for seed and/or other expenses for establishment of the cover crop and/or the field day. A field day must be planned in the fall of 2019 or spring of 2020 to showcase the results. If an agency applies for the grant, a peer farmer must be a participant in the cover crop establishment. If a farmer applies for the grant at least one agricultural agency/organization must be involved. Upon completion of the activity, applicants will complete a brief summary report using a template that will be provided.

Please email applications to [lblazure@clintoncountypa.com](mailto:lblazure@clintoncountypa.com) by June **30, 2019**. **Successful grant applicants will be awarded soon after.**

Sincerely,

**Keystone Chapter SWCS Outreach Committee**

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APPLICATION

Application Options
1. An agency/organization may apply and must include a peer farmer.
2. A farmer may apply and must include an ag agency/organization.

Location/Contact Information
County: Contact Person:
Address: Contact Agency:
(Other cooperating agencies listed below)
Phone: Email:

For agency/organization applicant – What is the Peer farmer’s name:

For farmer applicant – Cooperating Agency Signatures
This grant will not be considered unless one of the following, not including the contact person’s affiliation, are involved in the activity; the Conservation District, Extension, RC&D Council, NRCS, Other. Additional credit will be given for additional partners.

Cooperative Extension: ____________________________________________
USDA-NRCS: ________________________________________________
Other Partners: ________________________________________________

What cover crop education programs are most needed in your area? What is the primary purpose of this cover crop? What crop will it follow? *It is highly recommended that a cover crop mixture be considered in order to show the added benefits of mixing species. Assistance will be provided if needed for selection or consult the NRCS Cover Crop Standard for Planting Dates.

Do you have the land and equipment secured in order to establish the demonstration plot? Please explain the arrangements you have made, including the approx. size of plot(s) (no more than ½ acre)
How many people do you estimate will participate in your field day? (producers and agency).

If you are awarded grant money would you want to participate in another cover crop demonstration plot and field day (like this one) for Fall 2010/Spring 2021?

Any additional comments:

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