Warren County SWCD: Farmers for Healthy Soil

Farm Name: **Date:**

Owner's Name:	County:
Address:	Field Locations: (Office Use Only)
Phone:	# acres proposed:
Email:	Farm Tax ID #: (if applicable)

The Warren County SWCD is accepting applications for the Farmers for Healthy Soil Program. This initiative is designed to protect local water quality by reducing soil erosion, runoff, and phosphorus leaching. Additional benefits include conserving soil, capturing nutrients, reducing weed competition, mitigating soil compaction, building soil organic matter, and/or improving overall soil health. The district will review and rank applications for cover crops planted following summer or fall crop harvests, as well as other soil health practices used on farms.

Current Payment Rates:

- **Cover Crops**
  $83.00/acre of cover crop established; Basic, single species
  $102.00/acre for Multiple Species
  $607/ac – 1 acre or less (Vegetable crop/small scale)
- **Mulching** - $519.43/ac
- **Pasture & Hay Planting** - $298.37/ac
- **Conservation Cover** (Native species mix) **-** $180.00/ac

The Participator agrees to the following Rules and priorities:

- Farm must participate in AEM (Agricultural Environmental Management) Tier 3A Cover Crop Planning, Implementation, and Evaluation process
- Seed used must be tagged/certified and applied at the recommended NRCS rate and date
- Basic: Cereal rye 112#/acre by 10/10/24, consult NRCS stds for other seed types
- Cover Crop practice must be applied to cropland planted to annual crops
- All seed must be incorporated via drill **or** broadcasting **with** subsequent tillage
- Cover crops **cannot** be harvested for grain (forage harvest okay)
- SWCD staff will field check and certify implementation in the fall
- Payment will be made following evaluation of the establishment

On the farm(s) identified above, the Applicant agrees to participate in the 2025 Warren County SWCD Farmers for Healthy Soils Program if the application is accepted and funding awarded by the District.

Participant Signature

_____Date:_____

The number of acres funded will depend on available funding, the number of applicants, and the potential for water quality and conservation benefits. For more information or to apply, contact Maren Stoddard at marens@warrenswcd.org or (518) 623-3119.

Enrollment Details

Name:

Location of Farm: County:_____ Town:_____

Close Proximity to a Watercourse: Yes _____ No_____

Healthy soil practices requested:

Please check each one you are interested in and the number of acres

Cover Crops:	Acres to be enrolled:
Mulching:	Acres to be enrolled:
Pasture & Hay Planting:	Acres to be enrolled:
Conservation Cover:	Acres to be enrolled:
Other:	Acres to be enrolled:

SWCD office use:

Enrolled by: _____

Date: _____