

WI NRCS EQIP Driftless Initiative



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Background

- Proposal driven by number of factors
 - High demand for fish and wildlife practices in Driftless Area
 - Declining WHIP funding
 - Expiring CRP contracts
 - Continued increase in row crop acreage
 - Landscape Conservation Initiative
 - All 4 Driftless states involved

Driftless EQIP Funding in FY13

- Each state in the Driftless Area received EQIP funding
 - WI received \$1.5 M in EQIP; no WHIP or GRP
- Applications received by March 15, 2013 will be considered for funding

Practices

- Habitat practices
 - Upland, wetland, stream
 - Emphasis on perennial cover
- Erosion control practices
 - Structural and management
- CAPs (not ranked)
 - Forest Mgm't Plan (106)
 - Fish and Wildlife Mgm't Plan (142)
 - Grazing Management Plan (110)
 - Pollinator Habitat Plan (146)

Fund Pool Priorities

- **Working Lands**

- Expiring CRP acres, prescribed grazing, pollinators, gully erosion

- **Forestland**

- Management for oak, forest connectivity

- **Prairie/Savanna**

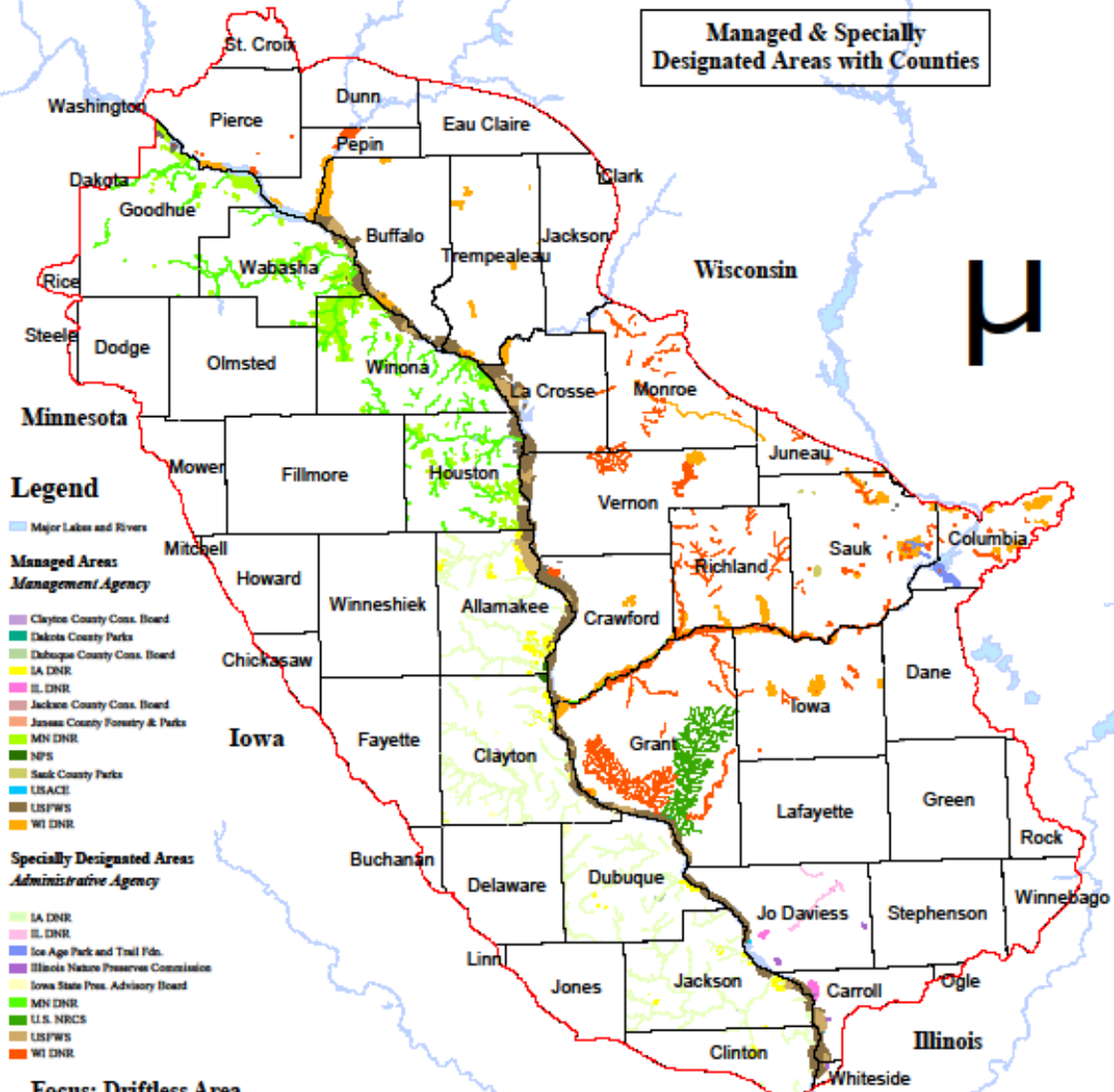
- Expiring CRP, recognized priority areas, T&E + species of concern, Bobwhite in core areas (map avail.)

- **Cold Water Streams**

- Public access, significant streambank erosion, species of concern

Driftless Area of Southwest Wisconsin, Southeast Minnesota, Northeast Iowa, and Northwest Illinois

Managed & Specially Designated Areas with Counties



Legend

Major Lakes and Rivers

Managed Areas Management Agency

- Clayton County Cons. Board
- Dakota County Parks
- Debuque County Cons. Board
- IA DNR
- IL DNR
- Jackson County Cons. Board
- Jones County Forestry & Parks
- MN DNR
- NPS
- Sauk County Parks
- USACE
- USFWS
- WI DNR

Specially Designated Areas Administrative Agency

- IA DNR
- IL DNR
- Ice Age Park and Trail Fds.
- Illinois Nature Preserves Commission
- Iowa State Pres. Advisory Board
- MN DNR
- U.S. NRECS
- USFWS
- WI DNR

Focus: Driftless Area



Brush Management

Biological	Acre	\$26.18	\$30.21
Mechanical, Small Shrubs, Light Infestation	Acre	\$50.38	\$69.76
Mechanical, Small Shrubs, Medium Infestation	Acre	\$61.89	\$71.41
Mechanical, Small Shrubs, Heavy Infestation	Acre	\$73.39	\$84.69
Mechanical, Large Shrubs, Light Infestation	Acre	\$126.56	\$146.03
Mechanical, Large Shrubs, Medium Infestation	Acre	\$207.10	\$238.96
Mechanical, Large Shrubs, Heavy Infestation	Acre	\$259.21	\$299.09
Mechanical & Chemical, Small Shrubs, Light Infestation		\$62.19	\$71.75
Mechanical & Chemical, Small Shrubs, Medium Infestation		\$73.69	\$85.03
Mechanical & Chemical, Small Shrubs Heavy Infestation		\$86.98	\$100.36
Chemical, Individual Plant Treatment		\$21.54	\$24.85

Brush Management



FIREBREAK 394

Scenario's

1) Constructed – Light
Equipment \$0.03 ft

2) Vegetated permanent
firebreak Ft \$0.27 ft

1 -Used as a supporting practice
in conjunction with prescribed
burning.

2 -Used for wildfire protection



PRESCRIBED BURNING 338

- Regular EQIP \$19.96/ac
- DALCI \$23.03/ac
- Can contract for up to (2) burns if identified in the conservation plan
- Requires a burn plan that meets NRCS standard 338
- Landowners can develop their own burn plan



CONSERVATION COVER 327

Introduced Grasses -Ac

Regular- \$336.25

DALCI - \$351.26

Native Grasses & Forbs-Ac

Regular- \$371.96

DALCI - \$392.47

Pollinator Habitat -Ac

Regular- \$422.66

DALCI - \$451.33



Other Wildlife Practices

- Blue Bird Houses
- Bat Boxes
- Wood Duck Boxes
- Snake Hibernacula
- Pollinator habitat
- Tree & Shrub Plantings



Sources for Additional Assistance

- The Prairie Enthusiasts
- Pheasants Forever chapters
- Local Fire Departments
- Prescribed Fire Council



Questions?

