

The Ohio River Basin Water Quality Trade Initiative project seeks forestry (i.e. tree planting) as a best management practices to reduce nutrient runoff and enhance ecosystem function on farmland in Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky. The project will also consider funding non-forestry practices that complement the forestry practice to further reduce nutrient runoff.



**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NOTICE \$600,000**  
**PRIVATE LANDOWNERS & PRODUCERS IN OHIO, INDIANA, AND KENTUCKY**  
**UNDER THE OHIO RIVER BASIN WATER QUALITY TRADING PROJECT**

The Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), American Farmland Trust and a team of collaborators have been working since 2012 with the support of the States of Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky to install best management practices that generate “water quality credits” to achieve broader water quality improvements. Under this funding opportunity, EPRI is releasing \$600,000 across Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky to plant trees and complimentary agricultural BMPs. Funding applications will be ranked first by the cost per pound of nitrogen and phosphorus runoff avoided, and secondarily by the related positive benefits to the environment and community.

Go to <http://wqt.epri.com> for the full notice and watch videos from landowners who have previously received funding.

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**Key Elements of Funding Opportunity:**

- Project applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until all funds are expended through January 15th, 2018.
- Projects must be fully installed only on private land (not federal or state property) and no later than July 15, 2018.
- Funding covers up to 80% of total project costs. (i.e. 80% cost share cap).
- At least 60% of requested funds must be applied towards tree plant, with no more than 40% applied towards complimentary BMPs.
- Contract length for forest planting is 20 years, complimentary structural projects is 10 years, and complimentary seasonal projects is 5 years.
- Payments will be made after project installation and on-site verification, followed by annual maintenance payments.
- The project must reduce its runoff of total nitrogen and/or total phosphorous below current conditions (what is currently being achieved with existing land uses and management practices) AND otherwise comply with applicable legal requirements.
- If accepted, producers will sign agreements with their local Soil and Water Conservation District or State agency for the implementation of the conservation practices, with payments made by the same agency.

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**INDIANA ELIGIBLE COUNTIES:**

Adams
Allen
Bartholomew
Benton
Blackford
Boone
Brown
Carroll
Cass
Clay
Clinton
Crawford
Daviess
Dearborn
Dearborn

Decatur
Decatur
Decatur
Delaware
Dubois
Fayette
Fayette
Fountain
Franklin
Franklin
Fulton
Gibson
Grant
Greene
Hamilton
Hancock
Hendricks
Henry
Henry
Howard
Huntington
Jackson
Jasper
Jay
Jefferson
Jennings
Johnson
Knox
Kosciusko
Lawrence
Madison
Marion
Marshall
Martin
Miami
Monroe
Montgomery
Morgan
Noble
Ohio

Orange
Owen
Parke
Pike
Posey
Pulaski
Putnam
Randolph
Randolph
Ripley
Ripley
Ripley
Rush
Rush
Scott
Shelby
Spencer
Starke
Sullivan
Switzerland
Tippecanoe
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