

Upper Assiniboine River Conservation District

PROGRAMS FOR 2010

The CD reserves the rights to adjust support levels if applications received are higher or lower than anticipated.

WATER INITIATIVE PROGRAMS	Description	District Support
Abandoned Wells	The district will seal abandoned wells to reduce the risk of groundwater contamination and to secure hidden dangerous areas.	90 % Landowner maximum of \$100 and minimum \$10 per well.
Livestock Crossings	Low level crossings improve animal health, reduce livestock damage to the shoreline, improve water quality, and reduce downstream siltation.	80%
Water Storage Projects	Water storage projects include water impoundments for flood and erosion control, wildlife benefits and water use. We also construct back flood irrigation projects for hay and cropland, which increase yields.	80%
Riparian Fencing	The district will fund a portion of fencing costs to producers to limit livestock access to natural or artificial water sources.	50% to maximum of \$600/mile (electric) \$1000/mile (barbed)
Riparian Rehabilitation	UARCD will assist with the re-establishment and maintenance of riparian areas and shorelines through bioengineering, rock armor, and other appropriate methods.	80%
Alternative Water	Watering systems provide livestock with a clean source of water increasing weight gains and improving vegetation surrounding water. This improves water quality on site and downstream.	80% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$5,000.
Remote Water Trial	The district has three solar powered remote water systems for producers to use on a trial basis. Producers will be offered a 4-week trial of one of our systems at no cost.	100%
Private Water Well Testing	Watch for this opportunity to have your private well tested for bacteria and nitrates. Costs for tests and shipping subsidized. Pickups at various locations and dates to be advertised.	50-100%

SOIL INITIATIVE PROGRAMS		District Support
Shelterbelts	Shelterbelts reduce wind speed, provide snow catch, and have wildlife benefits. Plastic mulch is required which reduces maintenance effort during the initial shelterbelt establishment. The district will assist with designing, planting, applying plastic mulch, and one year of replanting. The CD will be charging applicants a partial cost recovery of \$75/roll for plastic mulch. Landowner responsible for all maintenance (weeding and watering).	Applicant costs: \$100/mile for field shelterbelts OR \$200/mile for yard shelterbelts. Minimum charge of 1 mile. Applicant to pay partial cost recovery of \$75/roll for plastic mulch.
Salinity Barrier	Salt tolerant forage seed will be provided to landowners at a reduced cost. Limited quantities available so apply early.	50%
Rotational Grazing	Rest rotation has been shown to improve pasture health and yield. The district will assist with the development of rotational grazing systems.	80% to a maximum of \$500
Forage Seed	The purpose is to put marginal land and other at risk areas under permanent cover. Applications will be assessed and funding will be allocated to areas that provide the most conservation benefit. Application deadline March 9, 2010.	50% to a maximum of \$500
Pipeline Plow Rental	The CD will offer for rent a pipeline plow for the installation of shallow water lines. These water lines are ideally suited for summer pasture water systems; especially in rotational grazing systems.	Applicant cost \$100/day plus \$100 for pipe transport. Includes one staff person.
Grassed Waterways	Grassed waterways slow soil erosion, can provide a source of hay, reduce downstream siltation, and improve downstream water quality.	80%
Gully Stabilization	The district will stabilize gullies through appropriate construction techniques. On site gully formation will be eliminated. Projects are guaranteed for a minimum of 5 years.	80%
OTHER PROJECTS	Description	District Support
Education and Demonstration Projects	Programs that demonstrate new technology, seminars that discuss conservation and agriculture, and tours of innovative products remain a priority of the district.	100%
Special Project	The CD board is willing to consider funding any water or soil conservation project that you may feel has merit, and will provide support determined on a case-by-case basis.	Call Us
GIS Services: Aerial Photo Assessment	Staff can help you assess your land using color ortho photos from September 2005. We can assist with many of the mapping and measuring needs of your operation.	Call Us
Printer Service	The CD has a 42"plotter printer that can print your projects.	Call Us

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