

## CREP Economics – Filter Strips on Croplands

Contract Period: 10 or 15 years

Buffer width:

- 35' to 100'
- (can extend to 300' in flood plain)

Practices:

- Plant buffer with 110 hardwood trees/acre (20'x20'), or
- Plant buffer to native warm season grasses

\$ Returns to Landowner:

- Cost share = up to 75% of eligible installation costs (State portion limited to \$200/acre.
- Federal practice incentive payment of 40% of the total eligible cost of installation.
- State bonus of \$100/acre for 100' wide buffers.
- State tax credit of 25% of the total eligible costs contributed by the landowner; if any (\$17,500 maximum credit).
- Federal signing incentive payment of \$10/acre/yr paid in lump sum when contract is signed.
- State rental payment of \$5/acre/year paid in lump sum when all practices have been installed.
- Annual Federal rental payments of \$70 - \$100 per acre depending upon soil type.

Optional Easement:

- Perpetual open-space easement payment of \$1000 per acre.

Sign-up:

- Sign-up at your local Farm Service Agency.