

# WOODLAND BUFFER FILTER AREA FR-3

## *Important Facts*

### Practice Lifespan

*The practice shall be maintained for a minimum of 10 years following the calendar year of installation.*

### Cost-share Rate

*This is a one-time incentive payment of \$200.00 per acre for the establishment of a wooded buffer. Cost-share assistance for the planting process is permissible from other sources.*

*Replanting due to mortality losses or natural causes will not receive repayment.*

### Tax Credit

*The tax credit rate is 25% of the total eligible cost not to exceed \$17,500.00. If a cooperator receives cost-share, only the percent of the total cost of the project that the cooperator contributed is used to determine the tax credit.*

### CREP Rate

*CREP cost share rate is 25% of FSA approved cost.*



Woodland buffer filter areas serve as a protection method along streams to reduce erosion, sedimentation, and the pollution of water from agricultural nonpoint sources. Their purpose is to offer an incentive that will change land use and establish a forest buffer to provide streambank protection and to control soil erosion, sedimentation, and nutrient loss from surface runoff to improve water quality. This practice will also provide forest areas for the benefit of wildlife and aquatic environments.

- Cost-sharing and tax credit are authorized for: establishing a wooded buffer zone along streams for protection and filtering action from surrounding land, establishing a temporary grass cover to protect the site from erosion until trees are established, and establishing shrubs along with forest tree species to promote wildlife habitat.
- This practice is designed for cropland and pastureland that has been in production two out of the past five years. Forestland being replanted the following timber harvest is not eligible.
- The wooded buffer must be a minimum width of 35 feet from the edge of the streambank, up to one-third of the floodplain not to exceed 100 feet. The entire floodplain is eligible for planting, not to exceed 100 feet.