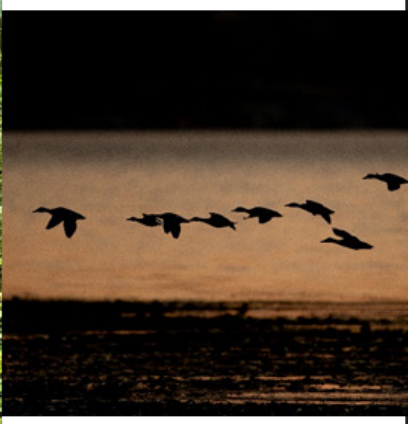




Working Together to Benefit the Environment

CREP IS AN EFFECTIVE FINANCIAL TOOL TO MANAGE YOUR LAND FOR WILDLIFE WHILE REDUCING SEDIMENT AND NUTRIENTS WITHIN THE ILLINOIS AND KASKASKIA RIVER WATERSHEDS.



Goals:

- Decrease annual sediment, nitrogen, and phosphorus loading within the Illinois and Kaskaskia watersheds.
- Increase the population of avian "Species of Greatest Conservation Need," as defined in the Illinois Wildlife Action Plan.
- Increase the number of native fish species and environmentally sensitive aquatic insects.

Eligibility:

For cropland or marginal pasture to be eligible for CREP, it must be located in the 100-year floodplain (or a previously farmed wetland) of either the Illinois River watershed or Kaskaskia River watershed.

Landowners must enroll in a Federal CREP contract with the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and a conservation easement with the IL Dept of Natural Resources (IDNR).

Incentives:

- Federal CREP:**
 - 25% incentive rate above the weighted average Soil Rental Rate on lands enrolled in riparian practices, wetland restorations, or HEL practices.
 - Signup Incentive Payment (SIP) and Practice Incentive Payment (PIP) on eligible practices.
 - 50% cost share reimbursement on approved conservation practices.
 - Landowner receives annual rental payments from the Farm Service Agency (FSA) for life of the 15-year Federal CREP contract.

Allowable/Prohibited Activities:

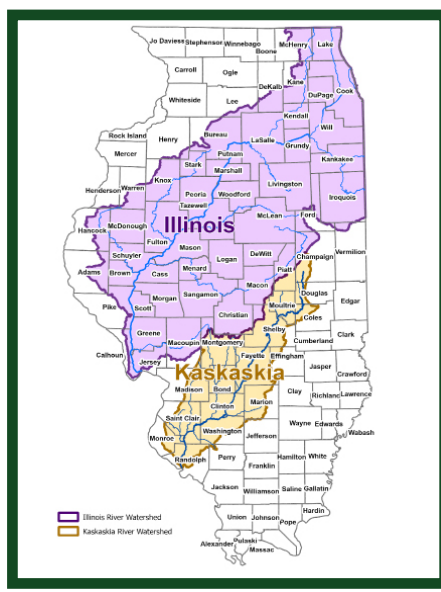
Landowner maintains ownership, management, and use of property and does not authorize public access.

Allowable Activities:

- Hunting (including leases), fishing, temporary camping, and other recreational activities
- Forest and wildlife management (some activities may require approved management plan)
- Maintenance of conservation cover, roads, waterways, etc.

Prohibited Activities:

- Agricultural production
- Residential, commercial, or industrial development
- Surface mining



State CREP:

One-time lump sum payment based on the weighted average Soil Rental Rate (exclusive of any incentive rates) for a 15-year or permanent conservation easement.

50% cost share reimbursement on the Federal CREP acres.

Contact Us:

For more information contact your local FSA or SWCD office, or contact IDNR CREP directly at DNR.CREP@illinois.gov, (217) 557-6498, or visit our website: <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/conservation/CREP>.