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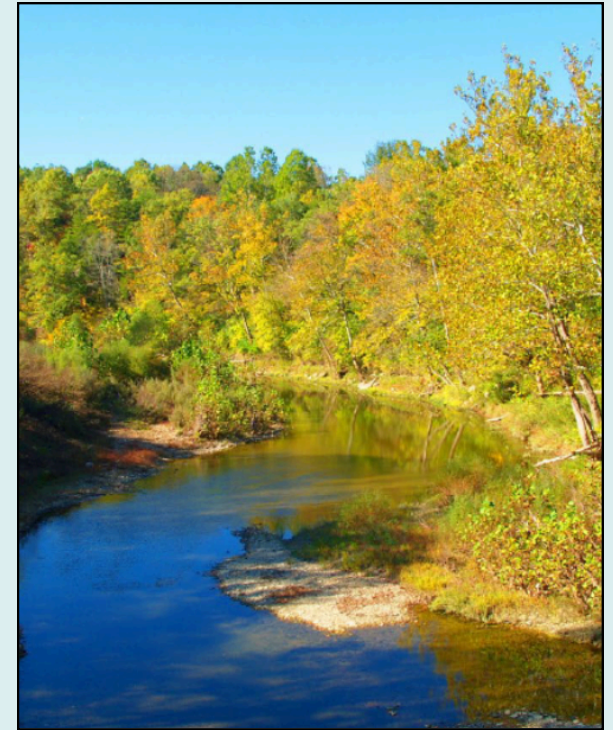
Vernon Fork Muscatatuck River Watershed



Protecting, Preserving & Restoring

VERNON FORK WATERSHED

COST-SHARE PROGRAM
2024-2026



The Vernon Fork Watershed originates in Jennings County, its water flows southwest into Jackson County, where it empties from the Muscatatuck River into the East Fork of the White River. There are approx. 492 stream miles in the watershed. The 2024 303(d) list indicates 227 miles are impaired for E.coli, 79.5 miles for integrated biological communities, and 63.9 miles for dissolved oxygen.

Cost- Share Practices Available

Practices	Percent Cost-Share	Not to Exceed
Access Road	70%	\$2.50/sq ft
Animal Trails & Walkways	70%	\$2.50/sq ft
Cover Crops	70%	\$35/ac
Critical Area Planting	70%	\$375/ac
Conservation Cover	70%	\$550/ac
Grade Stabilization		
Rock Chute		\$75/cu yd
Drop Structure	70%	\$700/cu yd
Grassed Waterway	70%	\$4.75/ft
Heavy Use Area Protection		
Gravel		\$2.50/sq ft
Concrete	70%	\$4.25/sq ft
Lines Waterway or Outlet	70%	\$75/ft
Mulching		
ECB		\$1/sq yd
Straw	70%	\$500/ac
Forage & Biomass Planting	70%	\$300/ac
Permanent Fencing		\$4/ft
Pipeline	70%	\$4/ft
Pumping Plant	70%	\$1,700/unit
Riparian Buffer Establishment	70%	\$700/ac
Roof Funoff Management System	70%	\$6.50/ft
Spring Development	70%	\$1,600/unit
Stream Crossing		
Rock		\$2/sq ft
Culvert	70%	\$5,000/unit
No-Till System	70%	\$15/ac
Nutrient Management		
Plan Development		\$5/ac
Implementation	70%	\$5/ac
Subsurface Drain & Underground Outlet (606 & 620)		
4" - 5"		\$2/ft
6" - 8"	70%	\$3.25/ft
Tree & Shrub Establishment	70%	\$650/ac
Structure for Water Control	70%	\$1,200/unit
Watering Facility	70%	\$800/tank

Maximum cost-share allowed is \$10,000 per applicant

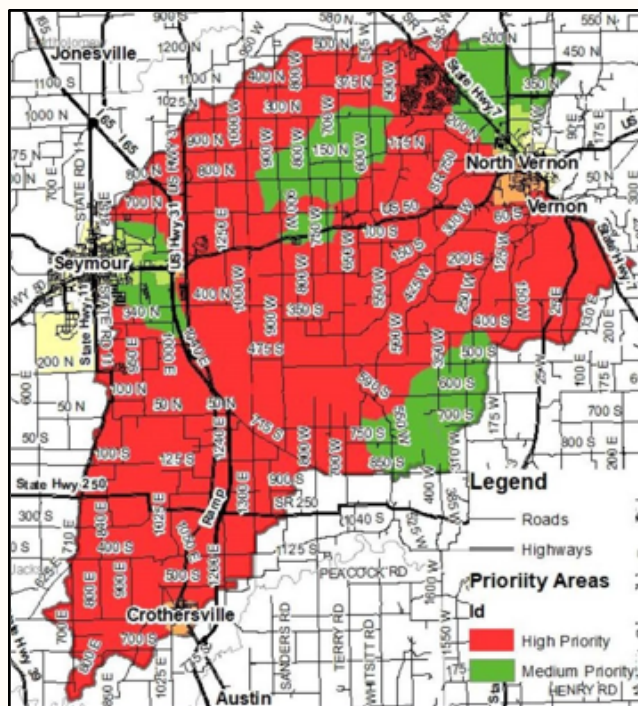
Payment is a reimbursement and typically takes 4-6 weeks after paperwork is sent to IDEM.

Landowners are responsible for paying for all materials and contractors after the work is completed.

Attention Vernon Fork Watershed Landowners

The Vernon Fork Watershed Project, with assistance from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and the Jennings Co. and Jackson Co. Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs), have secured funds to help you put conservation on your land. The Vernon Fork Watershed Management Plan was completed and approved in 2024 and this cost-share program will help address some of the resource concerns that were identified and help with implementation.

Funding from this project came from an IDEM 319 grant, sponsored by the Jennings County SWCD. Cost-share funding will be available through this implementation grant until the end of 2026 or when all of the funding has been allocated.



Funding Process

- 1 Interested, and live within the Vernon Fork Watershed boundaries?
- 2 Call your local SWCD or Heather Wirth (Watershed Coordinator) to discuss interested practices.
- 3 We will schedule a site visit and complete a ranking sheet.
- 4 The Vernon Fork Watershed Steering Committee will review and prioritize funding for each application.

Landowners within the high priority critical areas will be eligible for cost-share funding first.

If money is still available mid 2025, landowners within the medium priority critical areas will be eligible.

Implementing Practices

All practices **MUST** be completed according to NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) FOTG (Field Office Technical Guide) specification.

Many practices are engineered and **MUST** be installed according to the designs provided.

All practices and paperwork **MUST** be completed and submitted by **December 31, 2026**.