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AGRICULTURAL, NATURAL, AND CULTURAL RESOURCES PROGRAMS APPLICABLE TO RACINE COUNTY

Program Type	Program Entity	Program Service and Description	Available Technical or Financial Assistance
Agricultural Resources			
Federal and State	USDA Farm Service Agency	<p>Farm Loan Program (FLP) – The USDA Farm Services Agency (FSA) administers the programs of the Federal Farm Bill; these provide grants to rural landowners in partial support of carrying out approved land and water conservation practices. Programs include: Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payments (DCP) to producers with established crop bases and payment yields regardless of market prices; and Milk Income Loss Contract Program (MILC) compensates dairy producers when domestic milk prices fall below a specified level.</p> <p>Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) – In partnership with USDA and USDA Farm Service, NRCS, and WI DNR, CREP is an opportunity for Wisconsin landowners to voluntarily enroll agricultural lands into conservation practices, such as riparian buffers, filter strips, wetland restorations, waterways and establishment of native grasslands.</p> <p>Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) – CRP is a voluntary program that encourages agricultural landowners to convert highly erodible cropland or other environmentally sensitive acreage to vegetative cover, such as a prairie-compatible, noninvasive forage mix; wildlife plantings; trees; filter strips; or riparian buffers.</p>	<p>Financial</p> <p>Financial</p> <p>Financial</p>
Federal and State	Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)	<p>Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program - Wisconsin – This program keeps productive farmland in privately owned agricultural use by assisting States, tribes, and local government or non-profit entities with the purchase of conservation (perpetual) easements or development rights on productive farmland, and on farms containing significant historical or archaeological resources.</p> <p>Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) – EQIP is a voluntary conservation program to encourage farmers to adopt land management practices such as nutrient management, manure management, integrated pest management, or wildlife habitat management.</p> <p>Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) – Racine County is a member of the Town and Country RC&D Council, which helps to facilitate the sustainable development and coordination of existing and innovative projects regarding agricultural, energy, water quality, and educational projects and programs throughout the Region.</p>	<p>Financial</p> <p>Technical and Financial</p>
State	Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR)	<p>Farmland Preservation Credit Program – This program identifies and protects agricultural areas against unplanned development through tax relief to farmers in the program. In Racine County, only the agricultural owners in the townships of Burlington and Waterford are eligible for this program.</p>	Financial
State	Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, & Consumer Protection – Wisconsin Farm Center (DATCP)	<p>Agricultural Development and Diversification Grant Program – This grant program supports projects that explore new value-added products, new markets, or new technologies in agriculture.</p> <p>Buy Local Buy Wisconsin Grant Program – This program seeks to stimulate Wisconsin's agricultural economy by increasing the purchase of Wisconsin grown or produced food by local buyers.</p> <p>Clean Sweep Program – Through this program, local governments can collect agricultural, residential, and business hazardous wastes with the aid of grant funds, including prescription drugs and controlled substances. Businesses with agricultural pesticides may be eligible to receive a subsidy.</p>	<p>Financial</p> <p>Financial</p> <p>Financial</p>

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State and County	Land Conservation Division (LCD) ¹	Wildlife Damage and Abatement Claims Program – This program is a cooperative effort with the County, WI DNR, and USDA Wildlife Services to control damage to agricultural crops caused by deer, goose, turkey and bear.	Technical and Financial
Natural Resources			
Federal	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	<p>Five-Star Restoration Program – This program provides challenge grants for restoration projects (i.e. environmental education and training through projects that restore wetlands and streams) that involve multiple and diverse partners to contribute funding, land, technical assistance, workforce support or other in-kind services that match the program's funding assistance.</p> <p>Great Lakes Protection Fund – The fund supports projects that enhance the health of the Great Lakes ecosystem.</p> <p>Nonpoint Source Implementation Grants – These are formula grants to the States and tribes to implement nonpoint source projects and programs that protect source water areas and the general quality of water resources in a watershed, in accordance with Section 319 of the Clean Water Act.</p> <p>Watershed Assistance Grants – Wisconsin River Alliance administers this EPA program to provide small grants to local watershed partnerships to support their organizational development and long term effectiveness.</p>	<p>Technical and Financial</p> <p>Financial</p> <p>Financial</p>
Federal	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	<p>Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) – LIP helps private landowners to manage and restore habitat for at-risk (rare) species on their land. It is funded by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and administered by the WI DNR.</p> <p>National Fish Passage Program – This program helps to restore natural flows and fish migration by removing or by-passing barriers.</p> <p>North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) – This act supports projects to conserve wetlands, restore grasslands and associated habitats for the benefit of migratory waterfowl and other birds.</p> <p>Partners for Fish and Wildlife Habitat Restoration Program – This program provides technical assistance to private landowners interested in voluntarily restoring or otherwise improving native habitats for fish and wildlife on their lands.</p> <p>Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs) – Through this program, WPAs preserve wetlands and grasslands as federally owned lands that are critical to waterfowl and other associated wildlife.</p> <p>Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) – WRP is a voluntary program designed to restore and protect wetlands on private property.</p> <p>Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) – WHIP is a voluntary program to develop or improve wildlife habitat on private lands.</p>	<p>Technical and Financial</p> <p>Financial</p> <p>Financial</p> <p>Technical</p> <p>Financial</p> <p>Technical and Financial</p> <p>Technical and Financial</p>
Federal	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	<p>Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration (Section 206) Program – This program provides grants to plan design and construct aquatic ecosystem restoration and protection grants.</p> <p>Beneficial Use of Dredged Material – This program provides grants to protect, restore and enhance using aquatic habitat using dredged material from federal navigation projects.</p> <p>Estuary Habitat Restoration Program – Eligible habitat restoration activities under this program include the re-establishment of chemical, physical, hydrologic, and biological features and components with the estuary.</p> <p>Flood Hazard Mitigation and Riverine Ecosystem Restoration Program – Informally known as Challenge 21, this watershed-based program focuses on identifying sustainable solutions to flooding problems by examining nonstructural solutions in flood-prone areas, while retaining traditional measures where appropriate.</p> <p>Planning Assistance to States (Section 22) Program – This program provides assistance to develop plans for the development, utilization, and conservation of water and related land resources.</p>	<p>Financial</p> <p>Financial</p> <p>Financial</p> <p>Financial</p> <p>Financial</p>

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	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers cont.	Support for Others Program – This program provides technical support for projects including those related to environmental protection and restoration.	Technical
Federal and State	Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)	Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA) – CTA provides support to plan and implement conservation systems to reduce erosion, as well as to improve soil and water quality, wetlands, pasture, and woodlands. Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) – EQIP is a voluntary program to encourage the conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources.	Technical Financial
State	Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, & Consumer Protection (DATCP)	Soil and Water Resource Management Program (SWRM) – The SWRM grant program was developed to support locally-led conservation efforts such as soil and water conservation on farms, as well as county soil and water programs, including: land and water resource management plans, grants to counties to support county conservation staff, cost-share grants to landowners for implementation of conservation practices, design certifications by soil and water professionals, local regulations and ordinances, and cost-share practice eligibility and design, construction, and maintenance.	Technical and Financial
State	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WI DNR)	Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grants – Priorities for funding projects include projects that have any of the following characteristics: involve multiple water bodies, prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species through education and planning, control pioneer infestations of aquatic invasive species, and control established infestations of aquatic invasive species and restore native aquatic species communities. Beach Act Grants – In 2005, WI DNR began the implementation of the Wisconsin Beach Monitoring Program, a collaborative effort between State and local environmental and health agencies to monitor recreational waters for health risks. The WI DNR coordinates the program, but the local health departments have authority over public beaches within their jurisdictions. Dam Maintenance Repair, Modification, Abandonment and Removal Grants – These grants address dam-related issues. Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program – The main goals of the program are to preserve natural areas and wildlife habitat, protect water quality and fisheries, and expand opportunities for outdoor recreation. In particular, there are four major components of the program: land acquisition, local assistance, property development on state lands, and conservation of hardwood forests. Some grant programs include: Urban and Community Forestry Program, Aids for the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks, Acquisition of Development Rights, Urban Green Space Program, and Urban Rivers Grant Program. Lake Management and Planning Grants – These support the preparation of lake management plans for the collection and analysis of lake-related information. Lake Protection Grants – These grants are intended to protect or restore lakes and their ecosystems. Managed Forest Law (MFL) Lands – This is an incentive program intended to encourage sustainable forestry on private woodlands in Wisconsin. The MFL Public Access Grant Program awards grants to local units of government, the DNR, and nonprofit conservation organizations for acquiring easements or purchasing land for public access to offset the impact of closed acreage under the MFL program. Recreational Boating and Facilities (RBF) – RBF is a State program intended to encourage the development of recreational motorized boating facilities. The Wisconsin Waterways Commission awards RBF grants. River Planning and Protection Grant Program – These grants help river management organizations form, and to increase their capacity to protect rivers, as well as implement river protection and restoration projects.	Financial Financial Financial Financial – private funds, general obligation bonds, and matching grants Financial Financial Financial Financial Financial

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	WI DNR cont.	<p>Sport Fish Restoration Act (SFR) – This Federal program, administered by WI DNR, is intended to support restoration of sport fishing habitats and to provide facilities for public access to sport fishing areas, including piers and boat landings.</p> <p>Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water (UNPS&SW) Planning Program – UNPS&SW grant funds are used to control polluted runoff in urban construction project areas, to purchase conservation easements on land within a floodway, or to flood proof structures within the 100-year flood plain.</p> <p>WI DNR Conservation Easement – This is a State easement program aimed at enhancing the conservation of privately owned lands that are open to the public. The purchase of certain rights may include development rights, vegetation management rights, water management rights, and other conservation related efforts.</p> <p>WI DNR Ownership – This program allows the State to purchase lands for conservation benefits and public recreation.</p>	<p>Financial</p> <p>Technical and Financial</p> <p>Financial</p> <p>Financial</p>
State	Wisconsin Department of Administration – Coastal Management Program	Great Lakes Coastal Management Program – This program aims to protect and enhance access to the Great Lakes and their coasts.	Financial
State and County	Land Conservation Division (LCD)	<p>Targeted Runoff Management Program – This nonpoint source abatement program aims to improve surface water quality (lakes and rivers) by abating pollution caused by stormwater runoff. TRM grants also help to control polluted runoff from both agricultural and urban sites, which address high priority resource problems for various (urban or rural) best management practices (BMPs). In addition to the assistance provided by DATCP, the DNR may provide grants to governmental units and special purpose districts to assist the implementation of nonpoint source pollution abatement practices and projects, where pollution abatement cannot be achieved through the implementation of county soil and water resources activities.</p> <p>Sugar/Honey Creeks Watershed Program – This program provides cost sharing for those eligible individuals within this watershed located in western Racine County. These landowners can participate with conservation practices such as conservation tillage or nutrient management, as well as construction projects which include grassed waterways, barnyards, waste management systems, and wetland restorations.</p> <p>Tree, Shrub & Native Prairie Grass/Wildflower Program – This program offers a variety of pines, hardwoods, shrubs, wildflowers, and native prairie plants to encourage area residents to plant native trees, shrubs and prairies for the purpose of conservation and wildlife enhancement. Each year, the Racine County LCD department gives landowners the opportunity to purchase these items at a minimal cost.</p>	<p>Financial</p> <p>Financial – closed, but some limited funds may be awarded for repair of BMPs</p> <p>Financial</p>
Cultural Resources			
Federal	National Park Service (NPS)	<p>Federal Historic Preservation Credit – The NPS provides a tax credit for rehabilitating a historic property on federal and state income taxes. This program applies to income producing properties, generally working farms.</p> <p>National Register of Historic Places – In addition to an honor recognition, inclusion in the National Register provides consideration in planning for Federal, federally licensed, and federally assisted projects, eligibility for certain tax provisions, and qualification for grants for historic preservation.</p>	<p>Financial</p> <p>Financial</p>
Federal and State	National Trust for Historic Preservation – Midwest Office	The Midwest Office – This office supports preservation by providing the region with information, guidance, organizational development, advocacy and financial assistance. They administer programs such as the National Trust Preservation Funds, Johanna Favrot Fund for Historic Preservation, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors, and Preservation Development Initiative (PDI).	Financial
State	Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS)	Home Owner's (Supplemental) Historic Preservation Credit – WHS provides a tax credit for the repair and rehabilitation of historic homes and their significant outbuildings on state income taxes.	Financial

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State	Wisconsin Trust for Historic Preservation	Agricultural Buildings Preservation Initiative – Inspired by the National Trust’s Barn Again! Program, this initiative provides information and forums to help owners of historic agricultural buildings to determine how to maintain and reuse their buildings.	Technical
	Wisconsin Trust for Historic Preservation cont.	Heritage Tourism Initiative – This initiative helps develop grassroots heritage tourism organizations by encouraging Wisconsin communities to use their unique features to protect historic resources and natural resources, as well as to promote the arts communities and recreational services. Main Street Program – Main Street is a comprehensive program designed to revitalize designated downtowns and give new life to historic business districts.	Technical Technical
State	Wisconsin Department of Transportation	Rustic Roads Program – This program is used to help citizens and local governments preserve the remaining scenic country roads designated for the leisurely enjoyment of hikers, bikers, and motorists.	Financial
Additional Preservation- and Conservation-Related Organizations and Programs			
State, County, and Local	Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network (WIN)	Community-based Project Grants – WIN awards grants and offers advisement to organizations for projects that preserve, promote, and protect land and water resources in the Root-Pike Watershed.	Financial
County	Kenosha/Racine Land Trust Southeast Fox River Partnership	Land Trusts – Land trusts work to protect and manage lands with scenic, recreational, agricultural, cultural or historic value. This can involve purchasing or obtaining conservation easements for environmentally valuable lands through member contributions, land or easement donations, and grants obtained from other sources; land trusts may also monitor conservation easements to ensure restricts are being followed. This organization represents a wide range of Federal, State, county and local agencies, nonprofit organizations and private sector interests that collaborate on priority issues such as protecting ground quality and quantity, preventing the loss of wetlands and wildlife habitat, and encouraging good land use planning.	Financial
Other – Private Organizations	Joyce Foundation McKnight Foundation Runzheimer International Trout Unlimited Turner Foundation Wildlife Forever	The foundation supports the development, testing, and implementation of policy-based, prevention-oriented solutions to environmental challenges. The foundation supports the maintenance and restoration of a healthy, sustainable environment in the Mississippi River Basin. This organization provides grants to assist local stormwater abatement conservation projects. Embrace-A-Stream Program (EAS) – EAS is Trout Unlimited’s flagship grant program for hands-on fishery resource, research, and education work by its chapters and councils. The foundation supports defending biodiversity by protecting habitats. These grants are targeted for research management, acquisition, and educational purposes.	Financial Financial Financial Financial Financial

NOTE: It is important to note that there are numerous competitive grant programs available for academic research on agriculture, natural resources, and cultural preservation. In addition, financial assistance is available from Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and The Nature Conservancy.

¹The Racine County Land Conservation Division (LCD) implements and administers the County and State of Wisconsin Soil and Water Conservation Programs. In particular, the LCD Department oversees the Racine County Land and Water Resource Management Program (LWRMP), which provides technical and financial assistance annually for the installation of agricultural- and natural resource-based conservation practices throughout Racine County. In most cases, this program funds 70 percent of the cost of a construction project for qualifying landowners. The LCD Department also sponsors a variety of information and education activities for youth and provides information to the public and other interested organizations as requested.

Source: SEWRPC.