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**SOIL HEALTH CROP ESTABLISHMENT**

**Objective:** To provide financial assistance to the producers for the establishment of soil health crops and to encourage producers to integrate soil health principles on their land.

**Establishment of soil health crops could include cover crops,  
and poly-crops:**

- ◆ **Cover Crops** are often grown outside the main-crop growing period reducing soil erosion, increasing soil quality and suppressing weeds.
- ◆ **Poly-crops** are a diverse mixture of crop species grown together to increase resilience and improve soil health.

**Producer will sign a 3 (three) year Agreement to continue integrating soil health practices on the same field for 3 (three) consecutive years.**

**If, for any reason, you are unable to adhere to the terms of the Agreement, you must contact the Office. Failure to do so will result in a loss of future eligibility to participate for WIWD programming**

**Contact Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you applied for, or received, funding from other sources for the following Soil Health project?**      YES       NO

If yes, please specify \_\_\_\_\_



# SOIL HEALTH CROP ESTABLISHMENT

## Project Establishment / Implementation Plan:

<b>Legal Land Description-Site 1</b>	Qtr.:	Sec.:	Twp.:	Rge.:	Acres:	Owned / Rented:
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### SEEDS

Site #	Seed Type	Seeding Rate (lb/ac or bu/ac)	Cost / lb or bu	Cost / Acre

### SOIL PREPARATION

Site #	Machinery Used	Hours	Cost / Acre (If Custom Work)
	Ex: 16' Disc	20	

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## Project Establishment / Implementation Plan:

SEEDING			
Site #	Machinery Used	Hours	Cost / Acre
	Ex: 31' Air Seeder	10	

FERTILIZING			
Site #	Machinery / Product Used	Hours / Rate	Cost / Acre
	Ex: Custom Fertilizer Blend	120 lb/ac	\$65

SPRAYING			
Site #	Machinery / Product Used	Hours / Rate	Cost / Acre
	Ex: Custom Spraying		\$8.00/acre

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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# SOIL HEALTH CROP ESTABLISHMENT

## Terms & Conditions:

- ◆ Land must be within the WIWD boundaries.
- ◆ Producer will obtain the consent of the registered owner of the Lands, if the Producer is not the registered owner, to allow the Lands to be used for the Project.
- ◆ All projects **must be approved** by the WIWD **prior** to soil health crops establishment.
- ◆ Practices can change each year, the seed blend must consist of at least **3 species** from 4 functional groups (1 warm-season and/or cool-season grasses, 1 legumes and 1 broadleaf) of his choice
- ◆ Producer will provide information to the WIWD in order to update Schedule A when contacted by the WIWD and will adhere to Schedule A: Project details, Description and Payments during the length of Agreement.
- ◆ Producer will permit WIWD Employees and members on the property for project inspections during the entire length of the Agreement. The WIWD will be monitoring the land parcel for the 3 year period to track and document crop growth
- ◆ Producer will consent to install signage indicating the landowner's participation in the GROW program and the right to publish the applicant's name.
- ◆ Producer will be responsible to complete the project and submit all relevant invoices to the WIWD. All invoices must be itemized, include the seller's name, date, and marked paid with the cheque number, invoices paid by cash must be accompanied by the seller's signature.
- ◆ Producer will not remove, destroy or alter the project without prior written authorization of the WIWD.
- ◆ Producer must disclose any changes to their proposed project to the WIWD before any changes occurs. **Any changes to the information provided may change the final funding amount**
- ◆ WIWD will provide technical assistance
- ◆ WIWD will calculate and provide funding for seeds used to establish a soil health crop. Funding percentage is determined by the WIWD Soil Health Scoring Sheet, based on the 5 principles of soil health; Plant Diversity, Continual Plants/Roots, Soil Armour, Minimizing Soil Disturbance, Livestock Integration.
- ◆ WIWD will provide payment to the applicant after all invoices have been received and final project inspection is completed.

***\*Please note: Funding will be awarded to the applicant for each of the 3 consecutive years, amounts may change based on practices implemented and available funds. The WIWD reserves the right to adjust funding percentage based on available funding and current information provided by the applicant.***

I understand and agree to the Terms & Conditions and have filled in the application to the best of my knowledge.

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Applicants Signature

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Date