

Step 7: Additional Funding for Systems Approach

This section is for applicants who would like to be considered for the Systems Approach Funding. To be considered, you must show how the project you are applying for will be complemented or enhanced by the on-going maintenance of previously implemented best management practices (BMPs). If this applies to you, please answer the questions for at least 2 of the BMPs below. If you may provide satisfactory answers for at least 2 BMPs, you may receive an additional 5 percent in cost-share funding.

CROP NUTRIENT PLANNING	
What year did you last complete a Crop Nutrient Plan for this farm?	
What type of advisor did you use for your planning?	
Does the plan contribute to your ongoing production practices?	Yes No
What township was the plan implemented in?	
COVER CROPS	
Do you use cover crops annually?	Yes No
If no, what was the most recent year you used cover crops?	
How many acres do you use cover crops on annually?	acres owned acres rented
Have you used a cover crops species that flowers?	Yes No
If so, did you allow the cover crops to flower before termination?	Yes No
Are your cover crops typically left in the field over winter?	Yes No
What township was this implemented in?	
RIPARIAN BUFFER STRIPS	
What is the length and width of your riparian buffer strip?	metres length metres width
What year did you plant your most recent buffer strip?	
What township was this implemented in?	

WINDBREAKS AND WINDSTRIPS	
How many acres of fields are protected by windbreaks/wind strips: (e.g., 50 acre field with windbreaks = 50 acres)	acres owned acres rented
What year did you last plant a windbreak or wind strip?	
Do the plants in the windbreak or wind strip provide food sources (such as flowers), nesting sites or host plants for pollinators?	Yes No
Do you perform annual maintenance on your windbreak(s)/wind strip(s)?	Yes No
What township was this implemented in?	
FRAGILE LAND RETIREMENT	
Please indicate the number of acres of fragile land you have retired in the last 5 years	acres
Do the plants on your retired fragile land provide food sources (such as flowers), nesting sites or host plants for pollinators?	Yes No
What township was this implemented in?	
STRUCTURAL EROSION CONTROL	
When was the erosion control structure implemented?	
Was the erosion control structure designed by an engineer?	Yes No
What township was this implemented in?	

TILLAGE AND NUTRIENT APPLICATION EQUIPMENT MODIFICATIONS	
How many acres are under no-till practices?	acres owned acres rented
How many years have no-tillage practices been implemented?	
How many acres are under strip-till practices?	acres owned acres rented
How many years have strip-tillage practices been implemented?	
Do you have 3 or more crops in your rotation?	Yes No
What township was this implemented in?	
EQUIPMENT MODIFICATIONS TO REDUCE SOIL COMPACTION	
Do you have an on-the-go tire inflation system?	Yes No
If yes, when was the system installed?	
Do you use high flotation tires to reduce soil compaction?	Yes No
If yes, how many acres are impacted through use of this equipment?	acres owned acres rented
What township was this implemented in?	
ADDING ORGANIC AMENDMENTS TO SOIL	
How many acres do you apply organic amendments to?	acres owned acres rented
What type of material do you apply to your fields? (Check all that apply)	Manure Biosolids Compost Anaerobic digestate Other, specify:
Is adding organic amendments a regular annual practice for your farm?	Yes No
If no, what was the most recent year you used this practice?	
What township was this implemented in?	

EQUIPMENT MODIFICATIONS TO IMPROVE MANURE APPLICATION

<p>How did you modify equipment to better apply organic amendments? (Check all that apply)</p>	<p>Direct injection Below canopy Incorporation or pre-tillage Better rate and flow accuracy Safety controls and monitoring</p>
<p>What was the most recent year you modified equipment for the application of organic amendments?</p>	
<p>Since the equipment was modified, has it been used in each year of production?</p>	<p>Yes No</p>
<p>How many acres are impacted by the use of this equipment</p>	<p>acres</p>
<p>What township was this implemented in?</p>	