

**MISSOURI**  
DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES


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**MEMORANDUM**  
**2024-007**

DATE: October 11, 2023

TO: All Soil and Water Conservation Districts

FROM: Jim Plassmeyer, Director   
Soil and Water Conservation Program

SUBJECT: Missouri Burial Law Statement on Cost Share Contracts

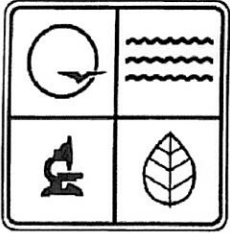
The statement below was added to the cost-share contracts to make landowners aware of the Missouri burial law and actions they need to take if a site is encountered during implementation of a practice. The Missouri burial law statement can be found on the attached example contract and will be on all new cost share contracts developed after October 11, 2024.

8. In the event human skeletal remains are encountered or believed to exist at any time during implementation of the practice, the landowner will direct its contractor to halt work, contact local law enforcement and the Missouri State Historic Preservation Office for guidance on next steps in accordance with the Missouri Unmarked Human Burials Sites Act, sections 194.400 to 194.410 RSMo. Any person who knowingly disturbs or destroys a marked or unmarked human burial site in Missouri commits a class E felony.

If you have any questions, please contact your district coordinator.

Attachment





MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
SOIL AND WATER DISTRICTS COMMISSION  
**COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE CONTRACT**

DIRT, JOE  
DIRT ROAD #1  
BETHANY, MO 64489

Contract Number  
SGE 001-24-0001

Landowner TIN:  
XXX-XX-6787

Legal Owner: DIRT, JOE

**PRACTICE: DSL-44 TERRACE SYSTEM WITH TILE**

**RESOURCE CONCERN: SHEET AND RILL / GULLY E 2024**

I (we), the undersigned, do hereby request cost-share assistance to help defray the cost of installing the **TERRACE SYSTEM WITH TILE** as listed above. It is understood and agreed that:

1. The **TERRACE SYSTEM WITH TILE** installed with cost-share assistance shall be properly maintained.
2. The cooperators acknowledge that to receive payment a **Vendor Input Form** and **Vendor ACH/EFT Application** are required and that a **1099-M** will be issued at the end of the calendar year. The cooperator also acknowledges that payment will be received in the form of a direct deposit.
3. **Condition of Payment of State Cost-Share Funds:** If a practice is removed, altered, or modified so as to lessen its effectiveness without prior consent of the Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors for a period of 10 years after the date of receiving payment, **DIRT, JOE** shall refund to the Missouri Soil and Water Districts Commission the state cost-share funds used for the practice. The cooperator(s) that received the cost-share payment remains responsible for the maintenance of the practice upon change of ownership unless the responsibility is transferred with the deed for the property.
4. Right of ingress and egress for the purpose of inspecting construction and maintenance of a practice cost-shared with state funds is hereby granted by the cooperator(s).
5. The cooperator(s) will be notified of any maintenance violation and the board will give a reasonable and fair estimate of time to correct the problem(s). If the violation is not corrected within the specified time, the matter will be referred to the Soil and Water Districts Commission for further action.
6. Should this contract be approved by **SWCD**, the Cooperator(s) will be notified by the district. If the cooperator(s) accepts cost-share assistance, the cooperator(s) will not start the practice prior to board approval of this contract.
7. Providing false information on documents in an effort to receive state cost-share funds is a criminal offense, punishable by fines and/or jail sentences. Discovery of such an offense is prosecutable by the Missouri Attorney General's Office or the local county prosecutor.
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COOPERATOR: INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_