



# Nodaway County Soil & Water Conservation District



## Terrace & Tile Cost Share Information

Effective beginning with FY2025 (July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025) Terraces

1. **Terrace layouts will NO LONGER be accepted the first working day in January.**
2. A **lottery drawing** will be utilized to identify the order that funds will be distributed to landowners.
3. The sign up period will be held the **second full week of September, annually.**
4. Drawing will be held the week following the sign up period during a closed session board meeting.
5. Landowner names can be entered into the drawing by any individual.
6. Names will be accepted via stopping by, calling, emailing or texting the office.
7. Individuals will indicate the intention to complete a Summer or Fall project at sign up.
8. Funds will be distributed to Summer projects first, in the order drawn.
9. A set number of Summer projects will be drawn each year, at the discretion of the Board.
10. Once the set number of Summer projects has been reached in the drawing, names in the Summer drawing will automatically be placed in the Fall drawing.
11. If a landowner is drawn for a Summer project and does not plant a crop that facilitates a Summer project, leaves it fallow, etc., then they will be removed from the list for that year and must re-enter their name in the drawing the following year, if desired.
12. Landowners not interested in completing their job during the fiscal year they were drawn in will need to re-enter their name in the next drawing in the time period they want to complete a job again.
13. All names entered into the Fall drawing will be pulled and recorded no matter how many have been entered.
14. Names that do not receive funding and are outside of the estimated number the office can fund will NOT be kept for the next year. Landowners that did not receive funding must re-enter their name in the drawing the following year if there is still interest in a cost share project.
15. The “three year rule” in which cost share funds can only be received after every third fiscal year following the year cost share funds were received will still be in place.
16. **The office will notify landowners if they are within the estimated number the office can fund for the year.** If a landowner is within this range, layouts MUST be turned in **BEFORE December 15<sup>th</sup>, annually.** If layouts are not turned in by December 15<sup>th</sup>, then they will be removed from the list for that year and must re-enter their name in the drawing the following year, if desired.
17. **Terrace layouts with complete survey notes are still completed by the contractor.** If a landowner planning to do their own work needs assistance, the office can assist in starting the layout. Landowners must notify the office that assistance is needed before the December 15<sup>th</sup> date.
18. Individuals are highly encouraged to discuss their interest in cost share projects with their contractors prior to the September sign up. The office will not manage the workload for contractors. If funding is provided to the landowner, the project is expected to be completed within that fiscal year. Contractor lists are available in the office.
19. Once the list for the year has been identified, landowners will be required to come into the office to identify the farm(s) and tract(s) they have interest in doing their project on. Site eligibility will be checked at this time.
20. Funds for Summer projects will begin to be provided roughly mid-July each year.
21. **Top Soiling for all footage of terrace is paid on, if practice was done**
22. **Maximum cost share is \$50,000**

### **Why is the office moving to a lottery system?**

1. A lottery system is already a proven and effective method utilized in our county for ponds. This offers a fair and efficient way for the office to distribute cost share funds to landowners.
2. Landowners will know before planting wheat, oats, needing to leave ground fallow, etc. if they have been approved for a Summer project.
3. With funds being provided based upon the order drawn, landowners know where they are on the list and their potential to receive cost share funds as soon as the drawing is complete in September and allow them to plan accordingly.
4. By having the ability to better manage the number of layouts to a realistic workload for the office, rather than leaving it open-ended, the office becomes more efficient and effective when disbursing cost share funding.
5. Less of a rush/stress for landowners to harvest crops early to acquire funds.