

571—31.4(456A) Application. To apply for the program, an applicant must meet the following conditions and requirements:

31.4(1) Eligible applicant. An applicant must be a soil and water conservation district. When a watershed is located in more than one county, applications must be submitted jointly by all soil and water conservation districts in which that watershed is located.

31.4(2) Application period. Applications shall be submitted annually, in writing, to the department of agriculture and land stewardship, division of soil conservation, no later than April 1. The division of soil conservation will forward applications to the department by April 15 for eligibility beginning the following July 1 and ending the following June 30.

31.4(3) Content of application. The following shall be included in the application:

- a. A map of the watershed identifying the sources of significant sediment delivery to the lake.
- b. Documentation of the existence of a watershed plan that targets significant sources of sediment delivery to the lake. All applications submitted after April 1, 2010, must include documentation of the existence of a watershed plan based on the watershed planning protocol.

31.4(4) Renewal application. Renewal applications must be submitted for continued program eligibility and must include the same information required by subrule 31.4(3). Renewal applications shall be submitted annually, in writing, to the department of agriculture and land stewardship, division of soil conservation, no later than April 1. The division of soil conservation will forward renewal applications to the department by April 15 for eligibility beginning the following July 1 and ending the following June 30. The renewal application must include a report of any changes to the watershed plan, the practices completed during the most recent period of program eligibility with estimates of the reduced delivery of eroded sediment using the sediment delivery calculator, and the projected practices planned to be completed during the following year. Renewal applications are not guaranteed funding and are subject to review and approval by the department.

31.4(5) Newly constructed lakes. Applications may be submitted for watersheds of proposed publicly owned lakes, provided the publicly owned lake is listed as a part of a priority watershed.