

**567—90.12(455B) NPS project procedures—local water protection project linked-deposit program (LWPP).** The purpose of the LWPP is to assist landowners with local water protection projects that will provide water quality improvement or protection.

**90.12(1) *Eligibility conditions and restrictions.*** Assistance under the CWSRF shall be in the form of low-interest loans made by participating lending institutions through a linked deposit arrangement with the CWSRF.

*a. Eligible project costs.* The amount of assistance available shall be limited to the total costs deemed necessary, reasonable, and directly related to the practices required to provide water quality improvements.

*b. Applicant eligibility.* Assistance is available to any person who is an owner of record or has legal control over land that needs local water protection projects installed to control runoff of sediments, nutrients, pesticides or other NPS pollutants into waters of the state.

*c. Eligible practices.* The LWPP projects that are considered eligible include, but are not limited to, contour buffer strips, diversion, fence, field border, field windbreak, filter strips, grade stabilization structure, grassed waterway, pasture and hayland planting, planned grazing system, pond, riparian forest and vegetative buffers, sediment basin, terrace, underground outlet with secondary water quality treatment, waste management system, water and sediment control basin, stream bank stabilization and restoration, and other practices that are shown to improve or protect water quality.

**90.12(2) *Applying for assistance.*** Application for project approval shall be made on forms provided by the department or its agent. Forms may be downloaded from [www.iowasrf.com](http://www.iowasrf.com).

**90.12(3) *Project review and approval.***

*a.* Applications shall be submitted to the local SWCD. The local SWCD shall evaluate the application, provide an estimated cost, and certify that the practice is compatible with state water quality goals.

*b.* All practices shall be constructed to meet NRCS standards and specifications. The NRCS or another technical service provider shall attest that the practice will be constructed to these specifications and standards.

**90.12(4) *Project duration.*** The project is to be maintained, kept in place, or operated as proposed for the life span of the practice, but in no case for less than the life of the loan.

**90.12(5) *Eligible costs.*** All costs directly related to and necessary for the implementation of LWPPs approved in the memorandum of project approval are eligible costs.

**90.12(6) *Ineligible costs.*** Ineligible costs include costs for overbuilding a practice beyond what is required to maintain or improve water quality and costs for the purchase of land.

**90.12(7) *Site access.*** The applicant shall provide the department or its agent access to the project site to verify that the loan was used for the purpose intended.

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