

Watershed Agricultural Program Guideline

2.1.03

WHOLE FARM PLAN APPROVAL – West of Hudson (Large & Small Farms)

Proposal – WFP Development – New or Revised

Planners identify BMP's based on the water quality issues identified using the ERPD or AEM and determine a planning estimate cost for each BMP. These planning estimates will then be compared to current Average BMP Costs (ABC), which is defined as a three year rolling average of BMP costs updated annually.

1. If all BMP's for the farm plan are within the ABC, or don't exceed the ABC by greater than 25%, the WFP will be approved by the Ag Program Manager. The Ag Program Committee will receive copies of these plans for information only. Note: Any WFP can be reviewed by the Ag Program Committee upon request of the members.
2. If any of the BMP's for a farm plan exceed the ABC by greater than 25%, then the plan will be presented to the Ag Program Committee for discussion and approval.
3. In addition to items 1 & 2 above, the WFP will be presented to the Ag Program Committee for discussion and approval if the total cost of the WFP plan exceeds the threshold of \$300,000 for Large farms and \$100,000 for Small farms, excluding supplemental CREP BMP's.
4. The Ag Program Manager and Ag Program Committee are approving the WFP based on the planning estimate for all BMP's within the WFP.

Workload Development:

1. Annually, the Ag Program Committee will approved the funding of approved BMP's to be included in the following years BMP implementation Workload following the BMP Prioritization Methodology. This will include the following BMP Implementation funding area; CREP BMP's, Large and Small Farm BMP's and BMP Repair & Replacement. This approval will be for viable BMP's ready to be built the following year and will be contingent on funding and staffing levels.
 - A. If a BMP drops off the BMP Implementation Workload, the Ag Program Manager will have the authority to move other BMP's into the BMP Implementation Workload using the current ABC not to exceed 10% or \$5,000 over the current ABC for the BMP.
 - B. BMP's above this threshold will require subsequent funding approval following the approved procedures. (Agricultural BMP Subsequent Funding Approval Procedure, 2.0.04).