

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture is proud to partner with the USDA Farm Service Agency, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Tennessee Valley Authority to offer the Tennessee Riparian Incentives Program (TRIP).



# Tennessee Riparian Incentives Program

The initial focus area for TRIP is the Tennessee River Watershed affecting 66 Tennessee counties.

The program offers incentive payments for riparian forest buffer practices approved by the [USDA FSA Continuous Signup Conservation Reserve Program \(CRP\)](#).

Landowners must plant trees as part of a riparian forest buffer and maintain that buffer for at least 14 years.

For each acre of buffer planted under conservation practice standard CP-22/NRCS Code 391 and the applicable FSA rules, TDA will provide a one-time \$3,000 per acre incentive payment, with a 5 acre cap per applicant/landowner. Buffer practices under 1 acre will receive a prorated incentive payment.

This incentive is offered in addition to FSA financial assistance payments provided through CRP.

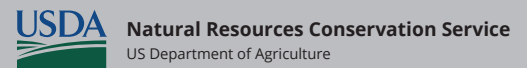
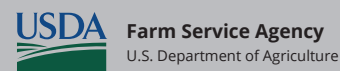
#### **How to apply:**

Interested landowners should call or visit their local [Farm Service Agency office](#).

Enroll in Continuous Signup CRP. The agreement requires the land to be enrolled in a 15-year contract with USDA.

#### **How landowners will receive TDA incentive funding:**

Once the CP-22 project is complete, FSA staff will create a FSA Form 848B. This form must accompany documentation from NRCS or a Technical Service Provider confirming the project is complete and ready for payment to be made. Send all forms to John McClurkan at [John.McClurkan@tn.gov](mailto:John.McClurkan@tn.gov).



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# TENNESSEE RIPARIAN INCENTIVE PROGRAM QUALIFIED TENNESSEE RIVER WATERSHED AREA

