APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT FOR COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE
between

TDA 319 Nonpoint Source Grantee			and
Name of Cooperator (please print)		Date of Application	
Mailing Address		Daytime Phone /Email Address	
City, State, Zip Code		Farm/ Tract Number or Physical Location of Project Site	

Terms of Agreement

1. The Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA) provides funds through the 319 Nonpoint Source Grant Program to the Grantee for cost-sharing with cooperators on a reimbursement basis to establish Best Management Practices (BMPs) for the control of nonpoint source pollution and improvement of water quality.

2. The Maximum Cost Share Amount offered by the Grantee through this Agreement is indicated in Item 8 below. There is no guarantee of additional cost-share assistance to cover unforeseen conditions which may arise and are not accounted for in the BMP cost estimate. For most BMPs, cost estimates are calculated using the USDA-NRCS State Average Cost List applicable at the time of application for the location of the BMP. In order to establish a baseline design standard, BMPs will generally conform to NRCS Field Office Technical Guide and the Guidelines of the TDA Agricultural Resources Conservation Fund. All septic work must be approved by TDEC and maximum cost share amounts determined through competitive bids.

3. Upon completion, approved BMPs will normally be reimbursed at 60 - 75% of the actual cost of establishing the BMP, or up to 85% of the actual cost of BMPs in impaired watersheds, or the Maximum Cost Share Amount, whichever is less. However, if there is cost-share from another source the total amount of all cost-share shall not exceed 90% of the Total Estimated Cost. The Grantee may elect to cost-share at a lesser percentage, or to use another payment system such as flat rate per cooperator per year.

4. I agree to maintain each BMP for its normal life expectancy as set forth in the US Department of Agriculture NRCS Field Office Technical Guide, if applicable. All septic work must be maintained for a minimum of 10 years. If I sell the land or if the land should pass to my heirs before the end of the normal life expectancy of the BMP(s), I agree that the maintenance of the BMP(s) will be made a condition of the sale or transfer by securing the agreement of the new owners to the terms of this Agreement. I agree that I or my estate shall reimburse TDA a pro-rated amount for any shortened life of any practice.

5. If I accept cost-share assistance from the Grantee, I agree that neither the Grantee nor I will be liable for any damage to the other's property or personal injury resulting from the implementation of the BMPs listed below.

6. I agree that the Commissioner of TDA or his designee; or if applicable, the NRCS State Conservationist or his designee; or the Grantee or their employees may periodically enter my property for the purpose of determining compliance with this Agreement.

7. Based on the above, I hereby request prior approval of cost-share for the following BMP(s):

BMP Name	Quantity/ Dimension*	Location/ Field No.	Life Expectancy, years	Cooperator's Initials

*Please list the number of each type of BMP to be installed and the estimated length or area covered by the practice, as applicable.

8. Total Estimated Cost	Maximum Cost-Share Amount	Agreed Upon Reimbursement Rate	Cooperator's Initials
		_____%	

I hereby agree to the Terms of Agreement listed above.

Signature of Cooperator		Date	

This application is approved for cost-share assistance based on the terms agreed to above.

Technical Representative for Grantee		Date	
TDA Watershed Coordinator		Date	

Signature below indicates that the Grantee agrees to reimburse the Cooperator at an amount not to exceed the Maximum Cost-Share amount given above only after the BMPs listed above have been implemented.

Financial Representative of Grantee		Date	

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