

## 2023 Cover Crop Mini Grant Program

The Dutchess County Soil and Water Conservation District is offering a Mini Grant Program to assist farmers in maintaining soil health by implementing cover crops.

Submit your application by July 1, 2023!

Cover crops provide multiple benefits, including:

- Minimize erosion
- Suppress weeds
- Reduce herbicide usage

Cover crops can be used on:

- corn
- soybean
- Vegetables

Please contact Lauren Drum, AEM Program Technician, at  
[Lauren.Drum@ny.nacdn.net](mailto:Lauren.Drum@ny.nacdn.net) or (845) 677-8011 ext.3  
before July 1, to create or review your farm plan.

Before cover crop installation



After cover crop installation



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**2023 Cover Crop  
Mini Grant Program**

Maintain your soil's health through the winter by planting cover crops!

The Dutchess County Soil and Water Conservation District is offering a Mini Grant Program to assist farmers in maintaining soil health by implementing cover crops.

Cover crops can be a variety of vegetation planted in production fields large and small to protect the soil during the cold season. The cover crops provide multiple benefits such as minimizing erosion, suppressing weeds, reducing herbicide usage, increasing moisture and nutrient content of soil, attracting pollinators, and providing habitats for beneficial insects and wildlife.

Through the Mini Grant Program, the district will provide reimbursement of funds of \$70.00 per acre for implementation of either single or multi-species crop mix. Where there is a maximum acreage limit of 100 acres, per farmer, there is no minimum as we encourage both established and new farmers to try it out!

You must have a current farm plan that includes cover crop implementation to be eligible. The grant will be available to farms that are interested in cover crop application for the first time; for farmers interested in expanding their cover crop acreages to new areas; and to farmers interested in upgrading the type of cover crop in areas where cover crops have already been implemented. Cover crops must be planted by October 1, for two (2) consecutive years. An inspection of the area will occur 2-4 weeks after implementation to assure viability before reimbursement will be made.

Applications must be submitted by July 1 to be considered for this calendar year. Applications will be reviewed, and grants will be awarded by a committee comprised of members of our Board of Directors and our Staff.

Only properties in Dutchess County will be considered. Funding for this program is limited, therefore applications will be reviewed on a first come first serve basis and awards will be distributed until all funds are allocated.

Please contact Lauren Drum, AEM Program Technician, at [Lauren.Drum@ny.nacdnet.net](mailto:Lauren.Drum@ny.nacdnet.net) to create or review your farm plan. Email a copy of your application (attached) to [admin@dutchesswcd.org](mailto:admin@dutchesswcd.org) by July 1, 2023, to be considered for this calendar year.

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**2023 Crop Cover Mini Grant Application**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Contact Information**

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Property Information**

Farm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Location/Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Field Acreage: \_\_\_\_\_

**If on rented land**

Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**I am:**

- New to cover cropping.
- Increasing seeding acreage.
- Upgrading current cover crop mix.

**I prefer:**

- Single species.
- Multi species.