

Continuous Cover Program (CCP)

Provides funding to assist landowners with converting traditional row cropped fields to continuous vegetative cover.

Continuous vegetation can increase water infiltration, reduce soil erosion, improve water quality, build soil health, increase wildlife habitat, sequester carbon, and diversify production practices.



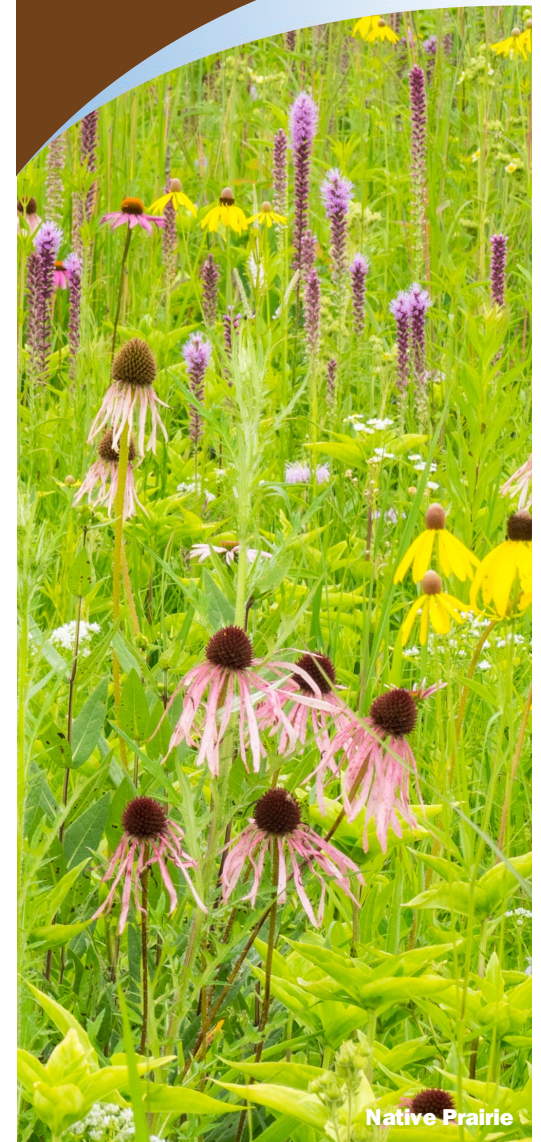
Grazing Cattle



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Dane County's Continuous Cover Program



Native Prairie

→ Cover Options

There are multiple options for vegetative cover through CCP.

- ◆ Grazing and forage mixes
- ◆ Warm season grasses and native prairie mixes
- ◆ Cool season mixes for harvesting or habitat
- ◆ Harvestable buffers
- ◆ Prairie strips
- ◆ Native tree enhancements to the above mixes such as oak savannas or silvopasture



→ Eligibility

- ⇒ The contracted area must be agricultural land located in Dane County with a history of row cropping.
- ⇒ Contracted areas must be a minimum of 0.5 acres.
- ⇒ There is no maximum acres; however, projects over 40 acres are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

→ Program Rates

One-time, upfront rental rate payment of up to **\$150/acre/year** for a **15 year** contract.

Costs associated with cover establishment are cost-shared at a rate of **\$150/acre** for cool season seed mixes and **\$250/acre** for native seed mixes.

Trees up to 400/acre are cost-shared at a rate of **\$15/tree** and includes tree protection.

→ Requirements

- ⇒ Contracts are 15 years in length. Permanent easements may be available on a case-by-case basis.
- ⇒ Landowners are responsible for maintenance including mowing, burning, and reseed-ing during the contract period in accordance with the Operation & Maintenance Plan.
- ⇒ The maintenance agreement and contract between Dane County and the landowner will be recorded on the deed for 15 years
- ⇒ Program is contingent on available funding.

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