

Keystone SWCS



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COVER CROP DEMONSTRATION PLOT

The Keystone Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) is offering an exciting opportunity for you to further the goals of soil and water conservation through the promotion of cover crops. The Keystone Chapter will be sponsoring up to **five \$250 cover crop demonstration plots** around the state. The purpose of this sponsorship will be to establish demonstration plots that highlight either common cover crops that need more emphasis in your area or new cover crops (such as mixtures) for your local area. Emphasis should be given to using cover crop mixtures to manage one or more but not limited to **management of compaction, nitrogen fixing or uptake, water infiltration and organic matter**. The SWCS will pay for seed and/or other expenses for establishment of the cover crop and/or the field day. A field day must be planned in the fall of 2018 or spring of 2019 to showcase the results. If an agency applies for the grant, a peer farmer must be a participant in the cover crop establishment. If a farmer applies for the grant at least one agricultural agency/organization must be involved. Upon completion of the activity, successful applicants will complete a brief summary report using a template that will be provided.

Please email applications to Shasmi2@comcast.net or mail to Gary Smith, SWCS, 2717 Woodrow Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17112 postmarked by **May 30, 2018**. **Successful grant applicants will be awarded soon after.**

Sincerely,
Keystone Chapter SWCS Outreach Committee

**Gary Smith, Lisa Blazure, Joel Myers, Frank Schneider, Mark Goodson,
Lamonte Garber, Greg Kedzierski, Dr. Sjoerd Duiker**

COVER CROP DEMONSTRATION PLOT APPLICATION

Application Options

1. An agency/organization may apply and must include a peer farmer.
2. A farmer may apply and must include an ag agency/organization.

Location/Contact Information

County:

Contact Person:

Address

Or

Contact Agency

Phone:

Email:

For agency/organization applicant – Peer farmer name _____

For farmer applicant – Cooperating Agency Signatures

This grant will not be considered unless one of the following, not including the contact person's affiliation, are involved in the activity; the Conservation District, Extension, RC&D Council, NRCS, Other. Additional credit will be given for additional partners.

Conservation District: _____

Cooperative Extension: _____

USDA-NRCS: _____

RC&D Council: _____

Farm Bureau: _____

Other Partners: _____

Peer Farmer: _____

What cover crop education programs are most needed in your area? What is the primary purpose of this cover crop? What crop will it follow? *It is highly recommended that a cover crop mixture be considered in order to show the added benefits of mixing species. Assistance will be provided if needed for selection or consult the NRCS Cover Crop Standard for Planting Dates.

Do you have the land and equipment secured in order to establish the demonstration plot? Please explain the arrangements you have made, including the approx. size of plot(s) (no more than ½ acre)

How many people do you estimate will participate in your field day? (producers and agency).

If SWCS was awarded grant money would you want to participate in another cover crop demonstration plot and field day (like this one) for Fall 2019/Spring 2020?

Any additional comments:

Please mail application to the following address postmarked no later than **May 30, 2018**, or email:

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