



Voluntary Nutrient Management Plan Fact Sheet

What is H2Ohio?

H2Ohio is Governor Mike DeWine's comprehensive, data-driven water quality plan to reduce harmful algal blooms, improve wastewater infrastructure, and prevent lead contamination.

The Ohio Department of Agriculture is leading efforts to reduce phosphorus runoff. Producers can receive incentives for implementing proven, cost-effective best management practices on their land.

Important Dates to Remember

July - August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enrollment Ends August 31, 2021.
July - December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Confirm Soil Tests for all fields.• Contact Consultant, Ag Retailer to determine who will write plan.• Work with consultant, ag retailer to complete VNMP.• Consider Source, Rate, Time and Place (4Rs) for nutrient applications.
Late Spring - Early Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• February 28, 2022 Nutrient Management Plan due to local SWCD.

Livestock Producers

Livestock Producers will likely need a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) written. Please contact your SWCD to determine if a CNMP is needed.

What is A Voluntary Nutrient Management Plan?

A Voluntary Nutrient Management Plan (VNMP) is the gateway practice for H2Ohio and will be required to participate in the other agricultural cropland practices.

How It Works

Producer agrees to develop and implement a Voluntary Nutrient Management Plan consistent with ORC 905.31(DD).

VNMP can be developed by 4R Certified Dealer, Certified Crop Advisor, or Producer.

Producer submits completed VNMP to SWCD for review and approval.

Producer submits nutrient application records annually for review by SWCD.

Benefits for Farmers

Nutrient recommendations based on current soil tests and Tri-State Fertilizer Recommendations.

Producer may apply for up to 4 years funding.



How Do I Apply?

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District
H2Ohio@richlandswcd.net
419-747-8688 or 419-747-8367



Frequently Asked Questions

How long is Voluntary Nutrient Management Plan valid?

A plan is good for a maximum of 4 Years for a VNMP to meet soil testing requirements. Soil tests and recommendations may need to be updated.

Do I need a soil test?

Yes. Soil tests are required and must be no more than 4 years old.

When taking new soil tests, how must they be done to remain in compliance?

Soil tests should be consistent with how the producer plans to implement their nutrient management plan. If a producer is implementing variable rate phosphorus, they will need precision soil tests to reflect management grids or zones.

Who can write a Voluntary Nutrient Management Plan?

A VNMP can be developed by a 4R Certified Dealer, Certified Crop Advisor (CCA), or producer.



Practice Compatibility

- Voluntary Nutrient Management Plan Implementation
- Variable Rate Phosphorus Application
- Subsurface Phosphorus Placement
- Manure Incorporation
- Conservation Crop Rotation-Small Grains
- Conservation Crop Rotation – Forages
- Overwintering Cover Crops
- Drainage Water Management

Cost Share Incentive

H2Ohio participants will receive \$10/acre upon approval of the VNMP from the SWCD. Producers may apply for additional H2Ohio funds to implement nutrient management plans after approval of the VNMP by the local SWCD.



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Contact your area Soil and Water Conservation District:
Richland SWCD - 419-747-8686