

Producer/Entity Name: _____

Address _____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

Soil & Water Conservation District: _____

Technical Assistance Provider: _____

Please indicate if you are one of the following:

SWCD Staff ☐ SWCD Board Member ☐ ODA Staff ☐ Not Applicable ☐

This application is for the development of an H2Ohio Voluntary Nutrient Management Plan ("VNMP") or Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan ("CNMP") in the Western Lake Erie Basin project area.

By signing this program application, the undersigned producer/entity agrees that by initiating this VNMP/CNMP within MyFarms does not obligate the Soil & Water Conservation District ("SWCD") or the Ohio Department of Agriculture ("ODA") to provide any funds for the completion of a VNMP/CNMP. At any point if the producer does not wish to continue the development of the VNMP/CNMP, they can contact the SWCD and request the removal all information associated with this plan from MyFarms.

By signing this Program Application, the undersigned producer/entity agrees to the following and shall:

1. Acknowledge that registration with the Ohio Agricultural Conservation Initiative ("OACI") and completion of the OACI certification scoring platform must be completed prior to signing any H2Ohio contract.
2. Acknowledge that no H2Ohio program payments will be offered until a VNMP/CNMP has been submitted and approved for the cropland included in this application.
3. Certify that the acreage under this application is not enrolled in or benefiting from any other incentive program(s) (e.g., USDA Farm Bill programs such as CSP, EQIP, MWCD, existing H2Ohio Contract or similar state or regional funded programs).
4. VNMP may be developed by a technical assistance provider or producer.
5. Plans will be reviewed and approved by the local SWCD Board of Supervisors or director's designee.
6. Average yield goals will be used to determine nutrient application limits in accordance with the 590 standard.
7. Representative soil test results not older than four years old are required.
8. Allow representative(s) of the local SWCD and ODA to access and inspect the property and certify that practice(s) were implemented in accordance with the required establishment and maintenance technical specifications set forth in the criteria specified in the attached exhibits.
9. Notify the SWCD and request approval of any proposed changes to practice implementation.

The SWCD or ODA shall:

1. Maintain producer(s) a copy of this application
2. Verify the VNMP/CNMP meets the required technical specifications set forth in the criteria specified in the attached exhibits.
3. Representative(s) of the SWCD and ODA shall have the right of ingress and egress to the land enrolled in this program.
4. Review and verify requests for practice(s) implementation changes submitted by producer(s) are proper and reasonable if applicable.

I (We) understand that failure to implement all the components of the practice(s) or follow the design criteria for practice(s) establishment and maintenance determined by the SWCD may nullify this application, in whole or in part, and any associated cost-share commitment to the producer/entity as determined by the ODA.

I (We) understand this application is not effective until signed by all parties.

I hereby state that I have read this application and understand the terms and conditions contained herein and I have the authority to sign this application in my individual capacity as a producer, or on behalf of the entity, if applicable.

Producer Signature

Print Name: _____

Producer/Entity signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

SWCD Approval

By signing this Application, I _____, on behalf of the _____ SWCD, state that I have reviewed the Application, that the acreage under this Application is eligible for H2Ohio funding, that the Board of Supervisors agrees to the terms herein, and that I have authority to sign on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.

Board Chairperson or designee signature*

***SWCD shall not sign this application if signing would be contrary to the Ohio Ethics Commission January 31, 2020, February 4, 2020, and February 7, 2020 Staff Opinions provided to the Office of Chief Legal Counsel at ODA.**