

USDA-NRCS EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM

PROJECT SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY

- (1) A project sponsor is –
- (i) Any legal subdivision of a state government or a state agency including the following:
 - Cities
 - Counties
 - Towns
 - Municipal Authorities
 - Townships
 - Conservancy Districts
 - And when chartered under state laws—
 - Irrigation Districts
 - (ii) Any Native American Tribe or Tribal organization as defined in Section 4 of the Indian Self- Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b).
- (2) A project sponsor must –
- (i) Have a legal interest in or responsibility for the areas threatened by a watershed emergency.
 - (ii) Be capable of obtaining necessary land rights and required permits.
 - (iii) Be capable of carrying out any operation and maintenance (O&M) responsibilities.
 - (iv) Administer contracting when part of a local agreement.

PROJECT SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES

1) Providing a written request to the State Conservationist for assistance with appropriate documentation.
2) Accepting requests for assistance from landowners.
3) Obtaining the necessary real property rights, including any rights needed for the relocation of fences, bridges, etc.
4) Obtaining a signed Form NRCS-ADS-78, Assurances relating to Real Property acquisition, and a signed attorney’s opinion, as appropriate.
5) Obtaining the required Federal, state, Tribal, and local permits.
6) Arranging for any necessary relocation of utilities.
7) Providing the required local share of installation costs.
8) Executing an operation and maintenance (O&M) agreement and ensuring compliance with the O&M plan as necessary.
9) Helping to establish priorities for work.
10) Publicizing the availability of the EWP program.
11) Participating on a Damage Survey Report (DSR) team as needed.
12) Accepting the completed work for projects installed using locally awarded contracting procedures as appropriate.
13) Conducting outreach to underserved populations.