

St. Joseph River Watershed Conservation Partnership



Cost Share Program for Improving
Irrigation Management,
Water Quality and Habitat

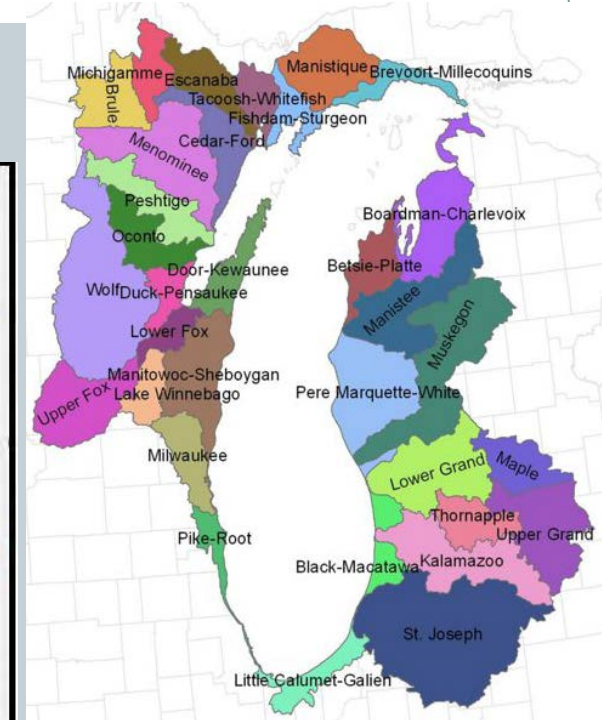


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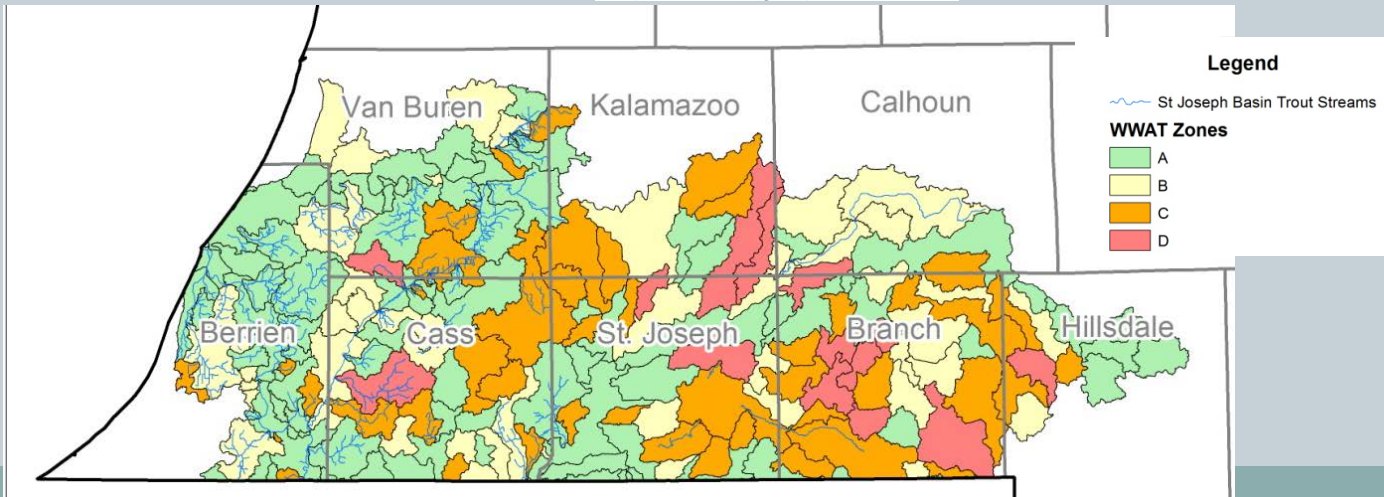


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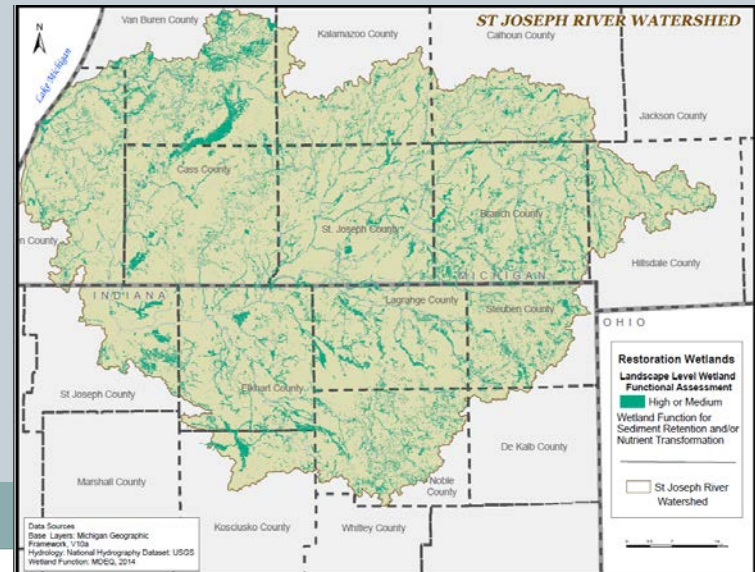
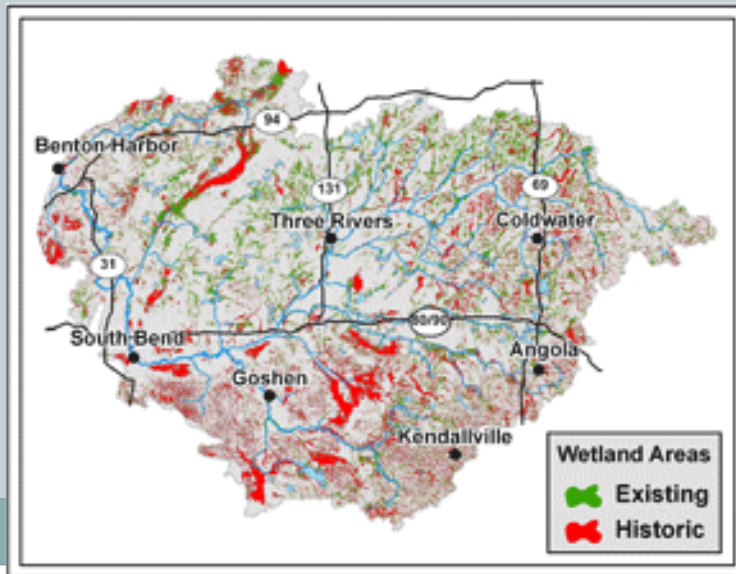
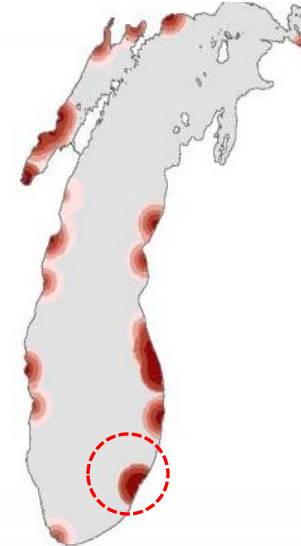
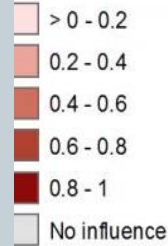
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SJRW Resource Concerns: *Water Quantity*



SJRW Resource Concerns: Water Quality



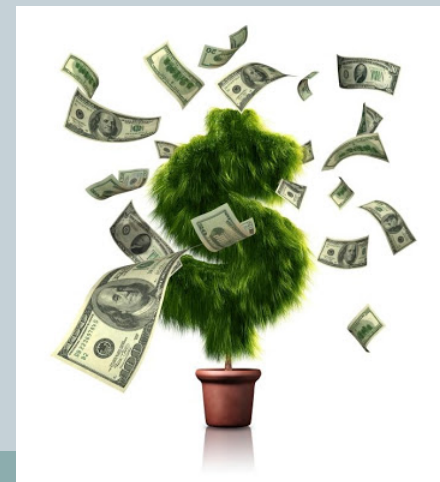
SJRW Resource Concerns: *Habitat Quality*



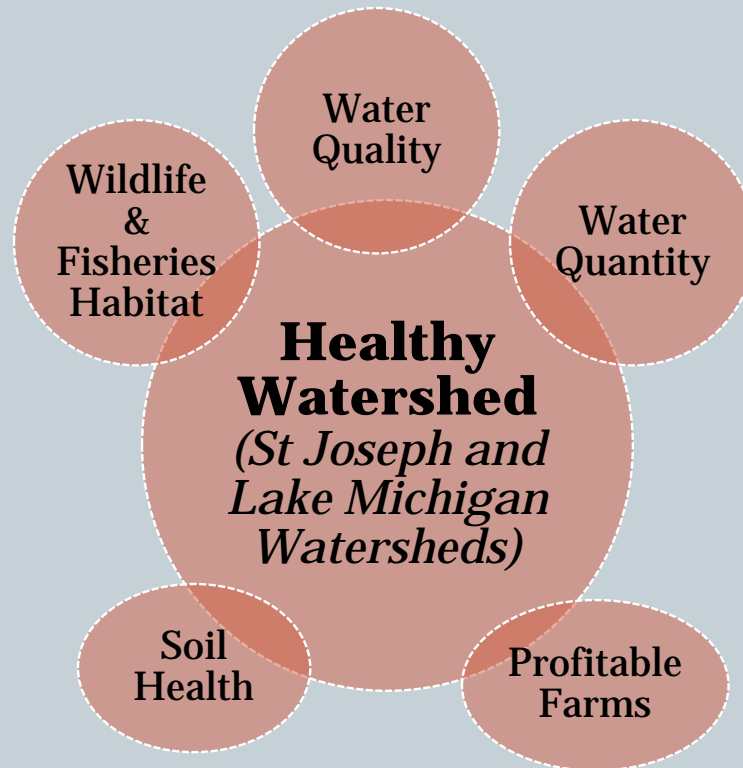
Project Funding



- **Farm Bill funds dedicated to SJRW through end of FY19**
 - \$4,080,000 - EQIP
 - \$1,360,000 - ACEP – WRE

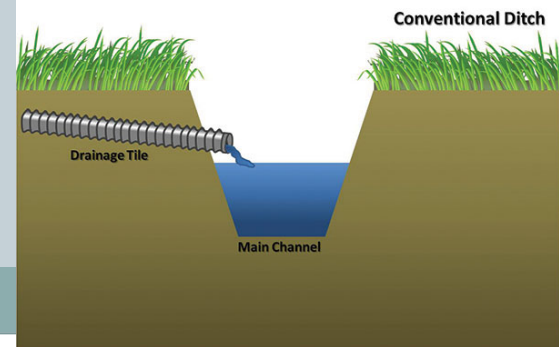
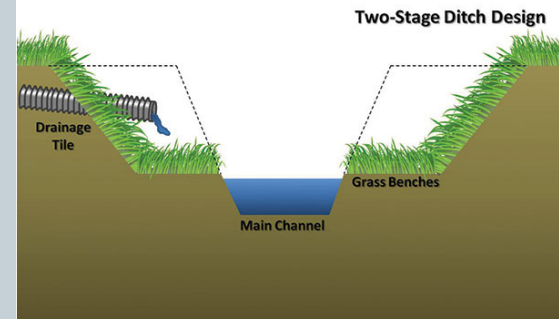
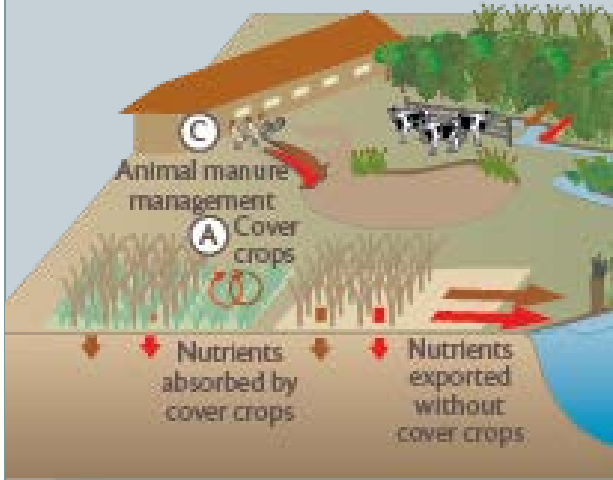
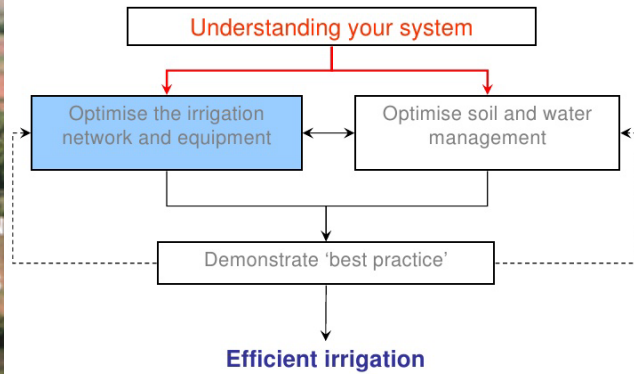
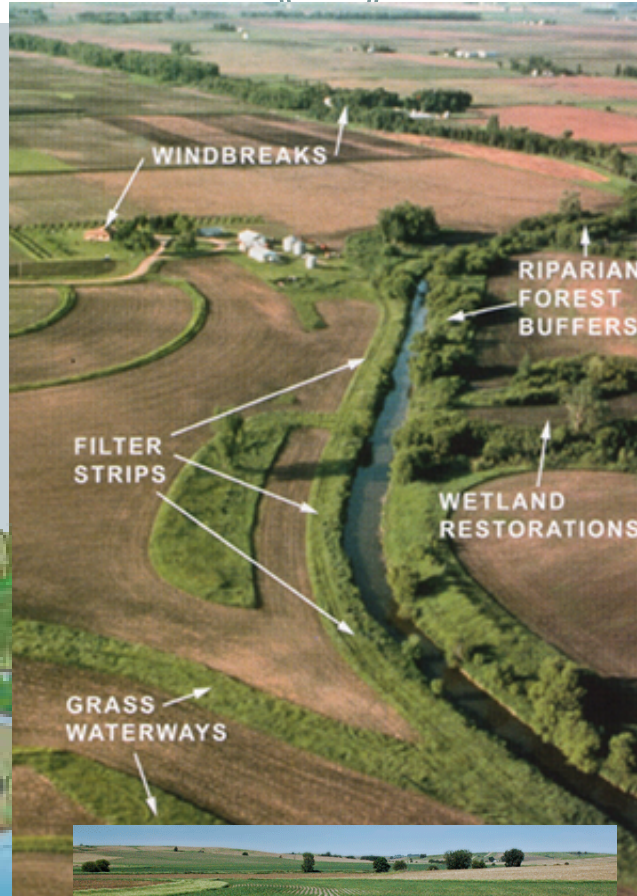
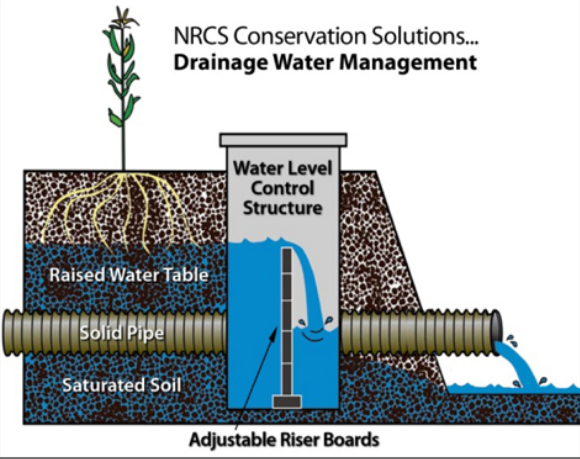


Cost Share Project Goals



NRCS Practices – EQIP / WRE

NRCS Conservation Solutions... Drainage Water Management



healthy, productive soils
checklist for growers

Program Delivery

- **NRCS** - Enroll participants, provide engineering and technical assistance
- **Conservation Districts-** Direct producers to RCPP, provide technical assistance
- **Partners** – Promote practices
- **Producers** – Plan and Implement practices



Expected Outcomes



- **Clean and Abundant Water**
 - Reduced sediment and nutrients
- **Better Habitat**
 - Restored wetlands
 - Increased pheasant/turkey/waterfowl populations
 - Improved fisheries
- **Profitable Farms**

