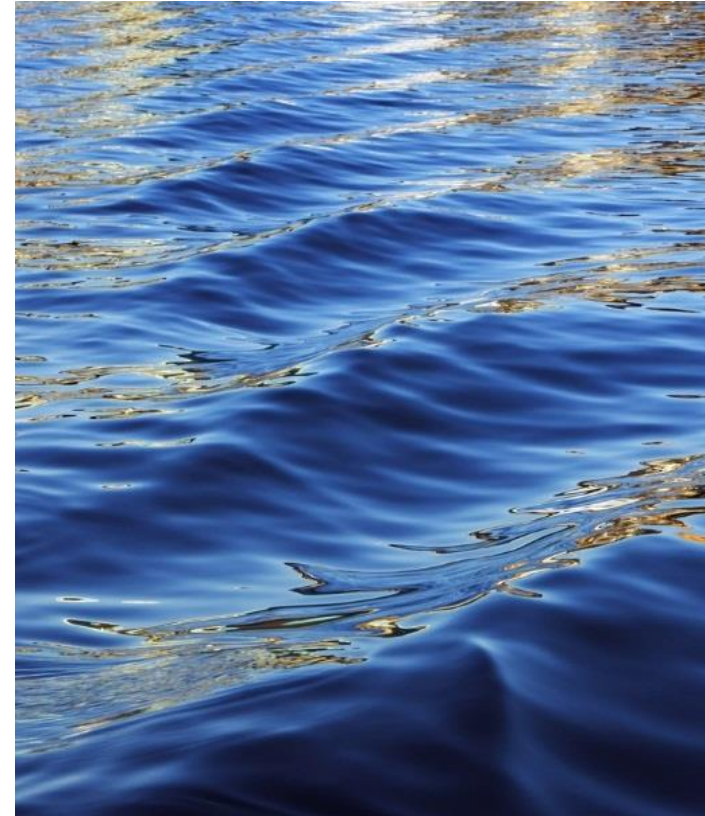




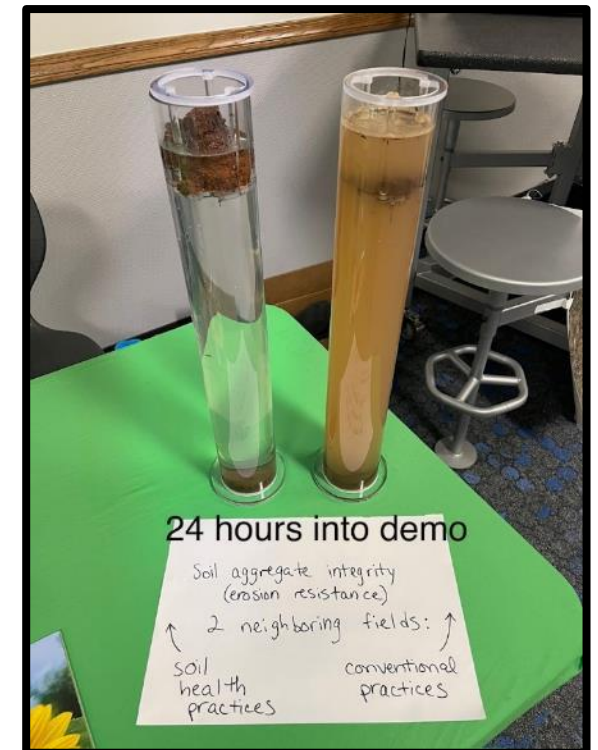
Soil Health Implementation Program

a.k.a., SHIP



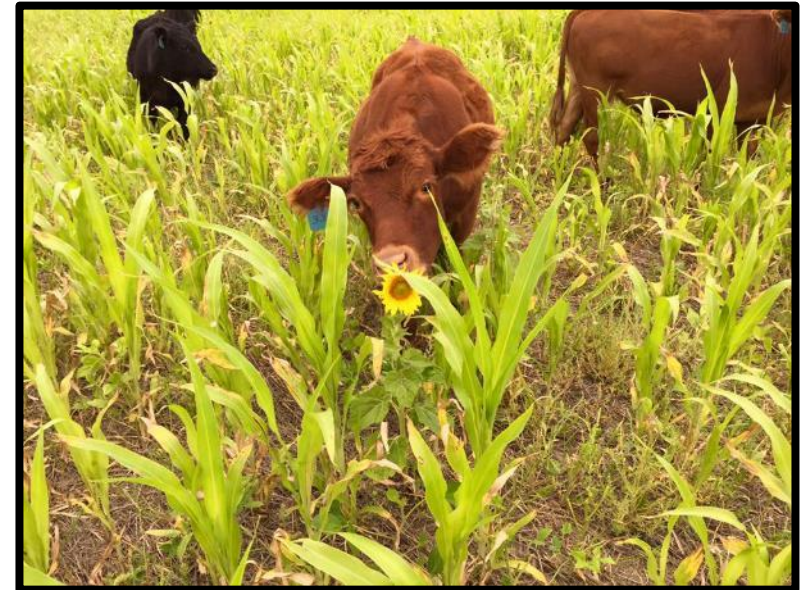
SHIP - Goals

- Deliver a conservation program focused on SH
- Provide more substantial producer engagement
- Expand opportunities to livestock operations (i.e., welcome eastern OK!)
- Expand producer mentor network
- Grow baseline soil health data
- Deliver services toward urban/small farm ag
- Develop framework and process for conservation planning



SHIP – Framework

- Initial Program Allocation - \$1,300,000
- Program period
 - Began with first allocation period Jan 1-Mar 1,2024
 - Indefinite depending upon funding and demand
- Second allocation period – Planned for Jan 1 – Feb 27, 2026 – stay tuned!
- Participants eligible for up to \$40,000 over a three-year program engagement
- Program goal – represent all five district areas, including urban/small farm as a “sixth”



SHIP – Approach



- Districts
 - Advertise and take applications
 - Forward apps to OCC Soil Health Team
 - Enter into agreements (OCC, producers)
 - File claims and make payments
 - Assist in planning possible field day featuring producer
- OCC Soil Health Team
 - Serve as the conservation district's technical representative
 - Receive and rank applications
 - Notify districts of approved applicants
 - Schedule consultations and develop SHIP conservation plans
 - Assist districts with necessary agreements
 - Provide TA to guide implementation per plan
 - Certify completions and assist district in approving claim(s) for submittal

SHIP – Approach

- Applicant
 - Implement a system of conservation focused on soil health principles over three-year engagement
 - Have an approved cooperator agreement with district
 - Agree to consultation and soil health testing conducted by the OCC Soil Health Team over the course of their program involvement
 - Open to becoming a producer mentor and to planned field days (no more than one per year) throughout their program engagement.
 - Complete all practice implementation by the date specified within their SHIP conservation plan.



SHIP – Practices

- Practices

- Selected NRCS conservation practices with strong soil health focus
- Targeted implementation according to NRCS standards and specs unless otherwise authorized by an OCC Soil Health Team member
- Planned payment per unit cost for practices based on Oklahoma NRCS EQIP payment rates



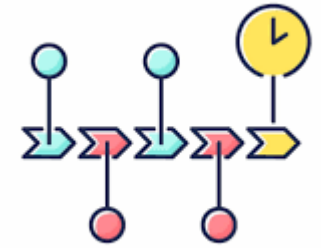
Priority Practices:

- 317 Composting Facility
- 325 High Tunnel
- 327 Conservation Cover
- 328 Conservation Crop Rotation
- 329 Residue and Tillage Management, No Till
- 336 Soil Carbon
- 338 Prescribed Burning
- 340 Cover Crop
- 382 Fence
- 386 Field Border
- 441 Microirrigation
- 472 Access Control
- 484 Mulching
- 512 Pasture and Hay Planting
- 516 Livestock Pipeline
- 528 Prescribed Grazing
- 533 Pumping Plant
- 550 Range Planting
- 561 Heavy Use Area Protection
- 570 Stormwater Runoff Control
- 590 Nutrient Management
- 595 Pest Management Conservation System
- 614 Watering Facility
- 636 Water Harvesting Catchment
- 642 Water Well

Support Practices (used only to facilitate priority practices):

- 314 Brush Management
- 315 Herbaceous Weed Treatment
- 342 Critical Area Planting
- 355 Ground Water Testing

SHIP – Timeline



- Dec 4, 2023 – Commission reviews program guidelines for approval
- Jan 1 – Mar 1, 2024
 - Districts advertise program, take applications, and submit to OCC Soil Health Team throughout
 - OCC Soil Health Team begins scoring applications throughout
- March - April 2024 – OCC Soil Health Team completes scoring, ranks applications, and notifies districts
- April 2024 – to date - OCC Soil Health Team
 - Conducts consultations, develops plans, assists with district-producer agreements
 - Begins implementation plans
 - Continues consultations and certifies implementation for claims filing

SHIP – Where are we at?

- Applications and selections
 - Apps received from nearly 300 producers across 77 districts
 - Selected 45 plus 15 alternates; funded all 45 plus 6 alternates
 - Includes 12 urban/small farm producers
 - At least 6 from every district area (target was 5)
- Developed planning tool and process
- Completed site visits and planning
- Started certifying practices and submitting info for claims

CONSERVATION PLANNING TOOL
Oklahoma Conservation Partners

CONTACT INFORMATION

Producer & Farm Name: _____
Producer Mailing Address: _____
Producer Email: _____ Phone: _____
Conservation District: _____ County: _____
Planner Name: _____ Planning Date: _____
Program planned for: _____ SHIP _____ CSC-OACD _____ CSC-CN _____ CARES _____ State Cost Share _____ Other _____

FARM OVERVIEW

Lat/Long (dec. degrees): _____ HUC12 Watershed: _____
_____ Cropland _____ Rangeland _____ Pasture _____ Urban _____ Forest _____ Other _____
Operation Size (ac): _____
Operation Ownership (ac): _____ Owned _____ Rented _____ Heirs Property or Highly Fractionated _____
Farming Experience: _____
Past/Current Programs: _____
Easements/Restrictions: _____

Operations (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Crop (small grain)	<input type="checkbox"/> Crop (grazeout)	<input type="checkbox"/> Row Crop	<input type="checkbox"/> Orchard (Fruit/Nut)
<input type="checkbox"/> Horse	<input type="checkbox"/> Beef	<input type="checkbox"/> Dairy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Livestock
<input type="checkbox"/> Nursery	<input type="checkbox"/> Poultry	<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry	<input type="checkbox"/> Vineyard
<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife/hunting	<input type="checkbox"/> Hay/Pasture	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

List Any Additional Details: _____

Management:

<input type="checkbox"/> Conventional (High input or low input)	<input type="checkbox"/> Organic (Certified/Not Certified)	<input type="checkbox"/> Regen Transitioning <5 yrs
<input type="checkbox"/> Regen Estab. >5 yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain) - _____	

FARM GOALS:
Priorities/Goals (Profit, business growth, diversification, stewardship, community, personal enjoyment)

Long-term Plans: ☐ Expand ☐ Reduce ☐ No change in operation size anticipated
Anticipated changes (e.g., land size, herd/flock size, diversification)

Producer's perspective on existing challenges (e.g., erosion, yields, labor, equipment)

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SHIP – Process

SHIP Plan development and finalization

- OCC Planners complete draft plans for QA review by certified planners on staff.
- Planners make necessary edits, finalize the doc, then sign and date along with the producer.
- Planners submit signed Plan to relevant district for board review. The board is asked to sign and date page 6 of the Plan, acknowledging they have seen the document. The three-year clock begins upon date of last signature.
- District Managers scan and then return the fully signed original Plan to OCC Planner.
- The producer may now begin work in accordance with the Plan. Any work preempting this process will NOT be reimbursed.

Plan work, certification, and reimbursement

- Upon completion of practice(s), the producer schedules a visit by OCC Planner to certify work.
- OCC Planner initials and dates the practice(s) certified on the Conservation Plan Implementation Worksheet (Page 5). Total reimbursement will be indicated at the bottom of the page, which must be signed and dated by both OCC Planner and producer. This process will be repeated for practices certified throughout the SHIP engagement with the producer.
- The Planner will submit the Implementation worksheet and relevant receipts to the district. The district will submit a claim to OCC for the reimbursement total certified at the bottom of the page. Please indicate “SHIP” and producer name in the article description on the OSF-3 form (no Item Code necessary), attach a copy of the Conservation Plan Implementation Worksheet and any receipts with the claim, and send to my attention.
- Once claim is paid, the district will cut a check to the producer. All tax docs still pertain.
- Funding committed to in the Plan depends on practice certification. Work can’t begin until the plan is signed and dated by all parties.

CONSERVATION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION WORKSHEET										
ITEMIZE ALL PRACTICES TO BE IMPLEMENTED TO ACCOMPLISH CONSERVATION GOALS. ENSURE USE OF APPLICABLE PRACTICE COST RATES APPROVED FOR PROGRAMS BEING PLANNED. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, ALL COSTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION ARE REIMBURSABLE COSTS ONLY AND DEPEND UPON IMPLEMENTATION ACCORDANCE WITH CONSERVATION PLAN AS DETERMINED AND ENDORSED BY THE CONSERVATION PLANNER.										
Index #	Field ID	Practice Code	Practice Name	Component	Unit Type	Unit Cost	No. Units	Total Reimbursable	Project Completion Date	Completion certified (initials and date)
1	S30	512	Pasture Planting	Warm Season introduced	ac	279.27	8	2234.16	Spr. '25	
				Cool Season Perennial	ac	252.58	7.0	1768.06	Fall '25/26	
2	N40 S30	340	Cover Crop	1 ac or more	ac	57.21	18.6	1064.10 x3	sudan- spr '25-27 oats fall '25-27	
3	N40	336	Soil Carbon	Offsite	ac	197.40	12.0	2368.80	2025 or 2026	
4	N40 S30	528	Prescribed Grazing	All Types	ac	25	62.5	1562.50 x3	summer 2025-27	
5	S30	314	Brush Management		ac	66.40	3.0	199.20	2025	
6	N40	516	Livestock Pipeline		ft	900	5.92	5328	2025	
	N40	614	Tank		gal	2.50	1000	2500		
7	N40	533	Pumping Plant	Electric 2HP or less	ea.	2037.89	1	2037.89	2025	
8	N40 S30	382	Fencing	Section 1 Electric	ft Ft	1.27 1.27	3720 6305	4724.40 8007.35	2025 2025	Bus - 4-10-25
TOTAL REIMBURSABLE PER PLAN										

Producer Signature: _____

Planner Signature & Date: _____

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How much rain did you get?



58.4 mm



"too much"



"IDK, IDC"

Questions?

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