



District Guide to Oklahoma Conservation Commission's PY 2026 Soil Health Implementation Program (SHIP)

Who should apply?

For profit crop, livestock, urban and small farm agricultural producers who want to take their implementation of soil health conservation to the next level. Successful applicants must engage a three-year time frame and be willing to share experiences in their soil health journey (e.g., field day, feature interview, mentor reference). Applications are restricted to operating landowners or renters with only one application per operation allowed. There are no acreage limitations.

Can district directors apply?

Yes, up to 2 from each district, depending upon district approval.

How long is the program term?

This is a 3-year commitment from time of SHIP conservation plan approval.

How much financial assistance is available?

Program participants may be eligible for up to \$40,000 in reimbursement for implementing practices in accordance with an approved SHIP conservation plan. The SHIP will use a standard unit cost for conservation practices based on current Oklahoma NRCS EQIP payment rates.

How does the program work?

1. District boards will formally consider participation in the PY2026 program (commitments under PY2024 will remain). Those districts that choose to participate in the PY2026 SHIP will:
 - a. Indicate participation by board representative signature and date on the *District Declaration of Participation* form. Please email form to Meg Greski and Greg Kloxin (emails below).
 - b. Advertise the program and take applications from January 1 to March 1, 2026
 - c. Forward applications by email throughout allocation period to Meg Greski and Greg Kloxin.
2. OCC Soil Health Team will score, rank, and interview highest scoring applicants with a goal to evenly represent producers from all five conservation district areas. Districts and producers will be informed of applicant status no later than April 30, 2026.
3. Producers who apply must ensure a signed cooperator agreement is on file with the district.
4. OCC Soil Health Team member and producer will meet for onsite consultation to create a three-year SHIP Conservation Plan. District staff are invited to participate in this process.
5. Accepted producers must have an approved SHIP conservation plan before implementation begins.
6. Upon notice of completion by producer, an OCC Soil Health Team member will certify practice installation and submit to the district a newly endorsed implementation worksheet notating by initials and date all practices certified along with any relevant receipts.
7. Districts will review and endorse the certificate, compile with receipts, and submit a reimbursement claim to the Commission, attention Greg Kloxin.

Who should I contact with questions?

Meg Greski - 580-827-5070 or email: meg.greski@conservation.ok.gov

Greg Kloxin - 405-522-4737 or email: greg.kloxin@conservation.ok.gov

SOIL HEALTH IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM (SHIP)
District Declaration of Participation for Program Year (PY) 2026

The _____ Conservation District (indicate one of the following):

_____ Agrees to participate in the PY 2026 SHIP in accordance with program guidelines.

_____ Doesn't wish to participate in PY 2026 SHIP at this time.

District Representative Signature

Date