

District Guide to Oklahoma Conservation Commission's FY27 Invasive Woody Species Removal Cost Share

Who should apply?

Landowners who own/manage a minimum of 20 contiguous acres for Agriculture/Wildlife that have lost or are losing the battle against Eastern Red Cedar, Saltcedar, and/or Mesquite.

Which districts are eligible?

Cleveland County CD, Coal County CD, Creek County CD, Dewey County CD, Grady County CD, Hughes County CD, Konawa CD, Lincoln County CD, Logan County CD, Major County CD, McClain County CD, Noble County CD, North Caddo CD, Okfuskee County CD, Oklahoma County CD, Okmulgee County CD, Payne County CD, Pontotoc County CD, Seminole County CD, Shawnee CD, South Caddo CD, West Caddo CD, Woodward County CD

Can district directors apply?

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

Who isn't eligible for the program?

Oklahoma Conservation Commission commissioners, employees, conservation district employees and/or the spouse of any of these people mentioned are not eligible for financial assistance.

How long is the program term?

This is a 1-year practice completion requirement from time of conservation plan approval.

How much financial assistance is available?

Program participants may be eligible for up to \$50,000 in reimbursement for implementing practices in accordance with an approved conservation plan. The program will use a standard unit cost for conservation practices and landowners will receive 90% return based on current Oklahoma State Cost Share practice rates.

How does the program work?

1. District boards will formally consider participation in the program. Those districts that choose to participate will:
 - a. Indicate participation by board representative signature and date on the District Declaration of Participation form. Please email form to Tyler Patterson and Trampas Tripp (emails below).
 - b. Advertise the program and take applications from September 1, 2026, to November 1, 2026.
 - c. Forward applications to OCC LMD via email throughout allocation period to Tyler Patterson and copy Trampas Tripp (emails below).
2. OCC LMD Planner Team will interview, rank, and select highest scoring applicants with a goal to represent all five conservation district areas across the state. Districts and producers will be informed of applicant status no later than February 1, 2027.
3. Producers who apply must ensure a signed cooperator agreement is on file with the district.
4. OCC LMD Planner Team member and producer will meet for onsite consultation to create a Brush Management Conservation Plan. District staff will be invited to participate in this process.
5. Accepted producers must have an approved conservation plan before any implementation begins.

6. OCC LMD Planner Team member will certify practice installation upon notice of completion and submit to the district a signed Certificate of Completion & Acceptance along with Approval for Payment from LMD Director.
7. Districts will review and endorse the certificate, and submit a reimbursement claim to the Commission, attention Dianne Ireton.

Who should I contact with questions?

Trampas Tripp - 918-441-2582 or email: trampas.tripp@conservation.ok.gov

Tyler Patterson - 572-910-9816 or email: tyler.patterson@conservation.ok.gov

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District Declaration of Participation

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

_____ Agrees to participate in accordance with program guidelines.

_____ Doesn't wish to participate at this time.

District Representative Signature

Date