

For: State and County Offices

**Farmable Wetlands Program Commercial Pond-Raised Aquaculture (CP40)
Cost Share Provisions for Levee Shaping**

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

2-CRP states that cost share is authorized to smooth the levee to the extent needed to develop the habitat, restore the hydrology of the site, or provide cover for wildlife habitat. Questions have arisen concerning if cost-sharing is allowed to prepare the side slopes of levees for planting and establishing approved vegetative covers on CP40. NRCS assembled a technical team that developed recommendations for levee shaping on CP40.

B Purpose

This notice provides policy about standards for approving cost share for levee shaping on CP40.

2 Policy and Action

A CP40 Cost Share Provisions for Levee Shaping

NRCS assembled a technical team that developed recommendations to determine if slope work is necessary for establishing CP40. For completion of the FWP Practice CP40, levees may be shaped and smoothed to no flatter than a 6:1 slope. If NRCS or the technical service provider determines that earthmoving is needed to smooth the levee to a 6:1 slope, cost share is authorized for this work.

Note: This subparagraph uses technical terms recognized by NRCS in performing technical assistance for CP40.

B State Office Action

State Offices shall ensure that County Offices understand the provisions of this notice.

C County Office Action

County Offices shall read and follow the provisions of this notice.

Disposal Date	Distribution
June 1, 2010	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices