**WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING?**

Eligible applicants for funding through the *Upper Salem River Watershed Agricultural Mini-Grant Program* are:

* Properties located within the Upper Salem River Watershed (see Target Area below)
* Land currently in agricultural usage, such as cropland, nursery operations, pasture, sod farms, and other agricultural land on which agricultural products, livestock or forest-related products are produced



*Target area (in yellow) for the Upper Salem River Watershed Agricultural Mini-Grant Program*

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**ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

The *Upper Salem River Watershed Agricultural Mini-Grant Program* provides funding for producers to implement agricultural management practices (AMPs) that improve water quality in the Upper Salem River and its tributaries or to promote water conservation and efficiency.

The *Mini-Grant Program* provides funding to either complement United States Department of Agriculture Farm Bill programs (NRCS, FSA) or sole-source of funding for applicable AMPs.



The *Mini-Grant Program* will:

* Encourage the use of conservation practices which reduce the impact of agricultural nonpoint source pollution
* Provide cost-share assistance as an incentive to implement conservation practices
* Improve producer-based stewardship of land and water resources



Examples of conservation practices that can receive funding include:

* filter strips and stream buffers
* grassed waterways
* soil erosion prevention
* irrigation systems
* tailwater recovery
* cover crops
* nutrient management plans and actions
* pest management planning and implementation



**Steps to Apply for a Mini-Grant:**

1. Contact one of the members of the project partnership (see contact information below) to discuss your project and for assistance in applying to the *Mini-Grant Program*.
2. Obtain a copy of the application from <http://water.rutgers.edu/> or by contacting the project coordinator (see contact information below).
3. Fill out the application and submit the completed application by email to evrard@rci.rutgers.edu or mail a hardcopy to:

Upper Salem River Watershed

Agricultural Mini-Grant Program

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HOW WE CAN HELP?

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