

Stream Exclusion

Virginia Agricultural Cost-Share Program

Lord Fairfax Soil and Water Conservation District (LFSWCD)



What is Stream Exclusion?

Stream exclusion is a practice that fences livestock out of waterways, while providing an alternative water source. This practice will enhance and protect vegetated cover along waterways to reduce the runoff of sediment and nutrients. Providing an alternative water source for livestock will increase herd health, control erosion and eliminate access to streams with a defined water quality concern.

Landowners now have more flexibility and options for excluded buffer width and contract lifespans

Program Details

Stream exclusion fencing with an alternative water source is required for this practice. Practice cost share includes watering system needs, including but not limited to: wells, pumping equipment, connection to existing water supply, troughs, water storage or hydrants, and pipelines to convey water.

For landowners who choose the wider buffer options (35' or 50') also have an additional buffer incentive payment of \$80 per acre per year.

The landowner has various opportunities to enhance their project by adding one or more of the following (if applicable to the operation):

- Interior fencing for rotational grazing plan
- Stream crossings or limited access areas

Practice Specifications and Rates

Minimum Fence Setback	Lifespan	Cost-Share Reimbursement Rate
10'	10 years	60%
	15 years	65%
25'	10 years	70%
	15 years	75%
35'	10 years	85%
	15 years	90%
50'	10 years	95%
	15 years	100%

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