

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas Department of Agriculture—Division of Conservation

Article 9.—Kansas Water Quality Buffer Initiative

11-9-1. Definitions.

(a) "Buffer" is a strip or area of land maintained in permanent vegetation to help reduce potential pollution problems and achieve other conservation objectives. Buffers are appropriately installed along streams to enhance water quality.

(b) "Commission" means the state conservation commission (SCC).

(c) "Commissioners" means the commissioners of the state conservation commission.

(d) "Continuous sign-up" means that persons eligible for CRP may request to enroll certain acreage in the program at any time. The CRP practices available during continuous sign-up provide environmental benefits complementary to the initiative.

(e) "CRP" means the conservation reserve program administered by the USDA farm service agency (FSA) with technical responsibility assigned to the USDA natural resources conservation service (NRCS). The CRP may provide cost share assistance to establish vegetation on eligible land and provides annual rental payments on a per acre basis to maintain enrolled acres for a period up to 15 years.

(f) "Director" means the executive director of the state conservation commission.

(g) "District" means a conservation district.

(h) "Filter strip" means a strip or area of grass for removing sediment, organic matter, and other pollutants from runoff and wastewater.

(i) "FSA" means the farm service agency.

(j) "Initiative" means the Kansas water quality buffer initiative.

(k) "NRCS" means the natural resources conservation service.

(l) "Practices" means cultural or structural measures that are installed or constructed on land for the purpose of improving or maintaining water quality.

(m) "Program" means the Kansas water quality buffer initiative, which shall be implemented in a manner to enhance participation under the continuous sign-up

provision of the conservation reserve program by providing state incentives to supplement federal payments for riparian forest buffers and filter strips.

(n) "Riparian forest buffer" means a strip or area of vegetation containing trees and grass for removing sediment, organic matter, and other pollutants from runoff and wastewater.

(o) "Unfarmable field" means the remaining portion of a field in which 51% or more of the total acreage has been enrolled in the continuous sign-up.

(p) "USDA" means the United States department of agriculture.

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