Benefits for Farmers

- Receive cost-share to match your USDA-NRCS or FSA funding and provide up to **100%** total cost-share OR receive Mini-grant funding up to 100% if you are not receiving other funding.
- Implement conservation practices that help you improve soil and water resources while also protecting water quality.

How Do I Apply?

- Visit www.raritanbasin.org
- Continuous sign-up period
- Contact NJWSA for an application.
- Contact your local USDA-NRCS Service Center and speak with a conservation specialist.

  –Hackettstown (908) 852-2576 x3

  –Frenchtown (908) 782-4614 x3

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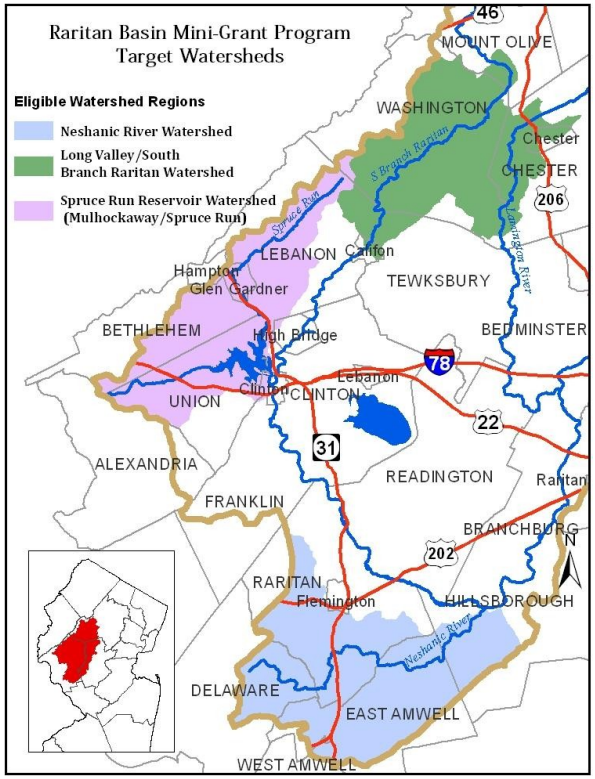
Raritan Basin Agricultural Mini-Grant Program

Sharing the Cost of Water Quality Improvement

Up to **100%** cost-share is available for the installation of practices that improve soil and water resources



Producers in target watersheds are eligible for cost-share **up to 100%.**

Visit **www.raritanbasin.org** to see if you are in the target area and meet the program requirements.

Working together to improve water quality

Up to 100% cost-share funding available for practices such as:

- ◊ Composting facility
- ◊ Cover crop
- ◊ Stream fencing
- ◊ Nutrient management
- ◊ Riparian buffers
- ◊ Terraces
- ◊ Waste storage facilities
- ◊ Diversions
- ◊ Grassed waterways,
- ◊ and more.

See **www.raritanbasin.org** for a full list of eligible practices.

Develop a plan to safely manage manure and utilize nutrients efficiently:

Nutrient management plans help maintain optimum conditions for crop growth.

Protect streams and provide alternative water sources:

Fencing livestock out of waterways and providing alternate water sources helps to lower nutrient and bacteria levels.

Install a streamside buffer or filter strip:

Trees and other vegetation between fields and waterways help filter sediment and nutrient runoff and prevent erosion.

Stabilize highly erodible land:

Grassed waterways, contour buffers and other practices control erosion and prevent soil loss.