

GREATER BLUE EARTH RIVER BASIN ALLIANCE MAWQCP INCENTIVE POLICY

Water Quality Inlet Incentive

APPLICATION:

The Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA) will assist producers seeking certification through the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP) who are in need of or wish to treat open tile intakes with Water Quality Inlets.

This incentive will assist MAWQCP applicants in the 22 counties in the southwest and south central areas in achieving certification eligibility as well providing an option for treating water entering open intakes.

Broom inlets are only available while supplies last. Area Certification Specialist, SWCD or GBERBA staff can help identify ongoing cost-share opportunities for replacing intakes.

GUIDELINES:

1. Two water quality broom inlets and two connectors (6" only) are available per landowner/producer at no cost.
2. Producers requesting inlets must be actively seeking certification in the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program.
3. Water Quality Inlets are available on a first come, first served bases. Specific sizes and colors are subject to availability.
4. Water Quality Specialists will document receipt of these intakes in producer file.
5. Additional water quality inlets required or requested as part of MAWQCP certification are eligible for other cost-share funds including SWCD state cost-share, MDA MAWQCP Financial Assistance Grant, EQIP or the GBERBA 319- 2016 TMDL Implementation Grant.
6. Additional surface tile intakes may be closed via other practices such as rock intakes, vegetated buffers or other practices approved by the MAWQCP certifier.

Additional water quality inlets can be ordered directly from distributors.