

## Conservation Lease Addendum Discussion Topics

### Goals/Objectives for the farm

- Promote wildlife habitat
- Income
- Convert to organic production
- Reduce erosion
- Improve soil health
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Existing resource concerns

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### Are there sinkholes or streams on the farm(s)? Yes/No

#### Pasture – grazing

- Dairy cattle/beef cattle/sheep/horses
- Number of animals
- Rotational grazing system
- Grazed woodland
- Forage type \_\_\_\_\_
- Water source \_\_\_\_\_
- Grazing season length (dates?) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Crop rotation

- Corn for grain
- Corn for silage
- Corn-bean rotation
- Row-crop with hay
  - Corn
  - Corn-bean
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Implement width
  - Planter \_\_\_\_\_
  - Mower \_\_\_\_\_
  - Sprayer \_\_\_\_\_
  - Tillage equipment \_\_\_\_\_

#### Tillage

- Spring
- Fall
- No-till
- Minimum till (describe) \_\_\_\_\_
- Past tillage \_\_\_\_\_

#### Row direction

- Contour
- Non-contour

### Vegetative (grass) practices

- Waterways      \_\_\_ Existing    \_\_\_ Planned
- Headlands – Width \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_ Existing    \_\_\_ Planned
- Contour buffers – Width \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_ Existing    \_\_\_ Planned
- Strip cropping      \_\_\_ Existing    \_\_\_ Planned
- Filter strip – Width \_\_\_\_\_ or specific distance to sinkholes/stream \_\_\_\_\_  
                                 \_\_\_ Existing    \_\_\_ Planned
- Cover Crop    Winter-hardy (cereal rye) \_\_\_      Winter-kill (oats, radish, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

### Residue removal

- Baling stalks, silage, or grazing stalks allowed? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Cover crop required or maintenance rates of P & K required if residue removal allowed? \_\_\_\_\_
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### Nutrient management

- Conduct soil testing to determine current soil fertility
- Require maintenance rates of P and K
  - If not required, have renter pay landowner for nutrients removed?
- Type of fertilizer used \_\_\_\_\_
- Lime – who pays for? (usually landowner unless a long-term lease established) \_\_\_\_\_

### Pest management (Weeds and insects – usually tenants responsibility) \_\_\_\_\_

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### Structural conservation practices (see ISU File C2-08))

#### Existing

- Terraces
- Ponds
- Constructed waterways

#### Planned

- Terraces
- Ponds
- Constructed waterways
- Who pays for installation? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who pays for and conducts maintenance? \_\_\_\_\_

### General operations and maintenance

- Who pays for installation maintenance of waterways/headlands/buffers? \_\_\_\_\_

### Non-compliance

- Termination of the lease – in a multi-year lease, would likely occur after the current crop year
- Non-renewal of a year-to-year lease
- Conservation deposit – set amount paid at beginning of lease year and would be reimbursed if all stated practices are followed
- Liquidated damages – an agreed upon amount that would be paid to the landowner in the event of a breach
- Parties work out differences on their own – landowner and tenant would discuss and agree upon a solution