

Tri-County Agricultural Area (TCAA) Water Management Partnership

Eligibility Criteria

To submit a project proposal for funding under this initiative, the grower must meet the following criteria:

- The operation on which the project will be located must be within the boundaries of the Tri-County Agricultural Area (see map on next page).
- The agricultural operation to be served by the project must have been in operation for the three previous years.
- The agricultural operation must be in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations, District-issued permits, and District funding agreements.
- As confirmed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) staff, the agricultural operation must be enrolled in FDACS best management practices (BMPs) and must be implementing the practices indicated on the Notice of Intent to implement BMPs and, as applicable, the practices listed in Rule 5M-4, *Florida Administrative Code*.
- The landowner/leaseholder must have control of the land for at least the anticipated contract period.
- The applicant must be willing to have the project undergo water quality, water conservation and/or yield monitoring as needed to determine the environmental and production outcomes of the project.
- The applicant must be willing to host and participate in educational/demonstration activities on the project site at reasonable times and under reasonable conditions.
- The applicant must be willing to consider expanding the scope of the project, provided it proves successful and is economically feasible to do so.
- The owner (and lessee, if applicable) must be willing to enter into a legally binding agreement with FDACS, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection or the St. Johns River Water Management District, as applicable, to receive funds for the project.



