



eLINK Guidance Document

Activity Categories

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Activity Categories are used to filter activity details in the system and create reports where listing of individual activities is not necessary or appropriate outside the system. Note that not all categories are eligible activities for all grants. If you will be completing on-the-ground practices as part of your grant, reference the Chart of Practices by Activity Category to ensure that the practice is available under the Activity Category you've selected.

Category	Description
Administration/Coordination	For grants where specifically allowed, category reflects staff time for local grant administration and reporting. Category may also reflect costs of facilities/operations if not included in a billing rate or indirect cost allocation.
Agricultural Practices	For constructed practices primarily associated with agriculture, notwithstanding practices associated with conservation drainage or practices specifically covered in another category. Includes basins and ponds constructed to collect and store debris or sediment and detain water, terraces, stripcropping, diversions, grade stabilization, filter strips, etc.
Conservation Drainage	For constructed practices. The process of managing water discharges from surface and/or subsurface agricultural drainage systems.
Education/Information	For grants where specifically allowed, category reflects development and implementation of environmental education activities and programs such as workshops, clinics, publications, websites, presentations, fairs, etc. This category may reflect training and related information provided to or by Technical Service Area members and partners.
Forestry Practices	For constructed practices. Establishment or improvement of long-term forestry practices to improve or protect water quality or control soil erosion.
Groundwater	For constructed practices. The sealing and permanent closure of a water well no longer in use.
Inventory/Mapping	For grants where specifically allowed, category reflects inventories and mapping of water-related data such as wetland, potential contaminant sources, subsurface sewage treatment systems, drainage systems, and feedlot registrations, as well as keeping these inventories and maps up-to-date. This category should also be used to report on the development of new LiDAR-derived data products, e.g. hydromodified DEMs, flow networks, contours, etc.
Livestock Waste Management	For constructed practices. The application of practices to improve water quality associated with feedlots and livestock wastewater and runoff.
Monitoring/Data Collection	For grants where specifically allowed (generally Natural Resources Block Grant), category reflects surface and groundwater monitoring and data collection activities, including database updates.

Non-Structural Management Practices	Use for activities or practices that are not planning and are non-structural in nature. Examples include street sweeping; nutrient management; prescribed grazing; phytase feed; and source reduction of chloride such as equipment upgrades, pre-wetting, chloride storage and maintenance.
Planning and Assessment	For grants where specifically allowed, category reflects development of specific plans or special studies, such as nutrient management plans, farm planning/ certification, LIDAR analysis, subwatershed assessment, and feedlot inspection and compliance plans.
Project Development	For grants where specifically allowed, category reflects project support activities which will directly support or supplement the goals and outcomes of the work plan such as: civic engagement; public outreach; initial contacts, actions, and activities with landowners and/or partners; preliminary information gathering, conservation marketing, or other activities.
Regulations/Ordinances/Enforcement	For grants where specifically allowed, category reflects development, writing, adoption, and implementation of regulations and/or ordinances.
Streambank or Shoreland Protection	For constructed practices. Using vegetation or structures to stabilize and protect banks and beds of streams, lakes, estuaries, or excavated channels against scour or erosion.
Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems	For constructed practices. Projects to improve or replace SSTS systems.
Supplies/Equipment	For grants where specifically allowed, category reflects acquisition of equipment, hardware, software, or supplies.
Technical/Engineering Assistance	For grants where specifically allowed, select category for activities associated with technical site assessment, surveys, preliminary analysis and design, final design, construction supervision, installation, inspection, and completion of projects.
Urban Stormwater Practices	For constructed practices primarily associated with development and redevelopment in urban areas and not specifically covered in another category. Includes structure(s) constructed to accept and treat stormwater runoff generally associated with urban areas or development. Examples include as bioretention, biofiltration, tree trenches, permeable surfaces, amended soils specifically for stormwater management, water reuse, sediment basins, grade stabilization, diversions, etc.
Wetland Restoration/Creation	For constructed practices. The re-establishment wetland functions.
Wind Erosion	For constructed practices such as field windbreaks and shelterbelts. Linear plantings of single or multiple rows of trees or shrubs or sets of linear plantings.
Special Project	For projects that do not fit in the categories above, use only with prior approval from BWSR staff.
Unassigned	This category is not available in the dropdown; it was used only for the purposes of migrating data from eLINK4Web. If this activity is found, a new category from above should be assigned.

Disabled Initiative Types	Use New Activity Category:
SSTS - Inventory	Inventory/Mapping
SSTS - Enforcement	Regulation/Ordinances, & Enforcement
SSTS - Database Update	Monitoring/Data Collection
Land Water Treatment	Nonstructural Management Practices
Regulation, Ordinances, Planning	Planning moved to new category: Planning and Assessment
FL:Inspection & Compliance Plan	Planning and Assessment
FL:Permitting	Regulation, Ordinances, & Enforcement
FL:Registration & Inventories	Inventory/Mapping
FL:Complaint response	Regulation, Ordinances & Enforcement
FL:Owner Assistance Goals	Education/Information
FL:Staffing Level and Training	Admin/Coordination
FL:Other County Program Goals	Technical and Engineering

Disabled Land & Water Primary Practices (former cost share primary practice)	Use New Activity Category:
Critical Area Planting, Buffer, or Filter Strip (D1 and D7)	Multiple (see activity category descriptions above for best fit)
Diversion or Waterway (D2 and D7)	Multiple (see activity category descriptions above for best fit)
Field Windbreak or Shelterbelt (D3 and D4)	Wind Erosion
Feedlot or Livestock Waste Management (D6)	Livestock Waste Management
Sediment Basin or Ponds (D8)	Multiple (see activity category descriptions above for best fit)
Streambank or Shoreland Protection (D9)	Multiple (see activity category descriptions above for best fit)
Terraces and Stripcropping (D10 and D11)	Agricultural Practices
Unused Well Sealing or Groundwater Protection (D12)	Groundwater
Forestry Practices (D1 and D7)	Forestry Practices
Grade Stabilization Structure	Multiple (see activity category descriptions above for best fit)
Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems	Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems
Stormwater Practices	Urban Stormwater Practices
Conservation Drainage or Drainage Management	Conservation Drainage
Wetland Restoration	Wetland Restoration/Creation
Special Project	Special Project