

Auburn BPW offering incentives to ag producers

(KLZA)-- The Auburn Board of Public Works is offering an opportunity for agricultural producers operating within the Auburn Wellhead Protection Area to receive financial incentives to establish cover crops, buffer strips and no-till practices.

In a news release Auburn BPW General Manager Dave Hunter said the goal is to help slow soil erosion,, improve soil health, and reduce infiltration or runoff of nutrients to groundwater systems and help reduce the threat of nitrate contamination to Auburn's drinking water.

The Auburn BPW received funding from the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy that can be applied above and beyond what the Natural Resources Conservation Service is currently offering through its Environmental Quality Incentive Program.

To find out more about the program, producers are encouraged to contact the NRCS Auburn Field Office or by calling Stephen Kennedy at 402-274-4987.

The EQIP cutoff is in November.

In addition, the program offers a no-cost decommissioning of abandoned wells and up to \$4,000 in assistance per system to homeowners wanting to upgrade malfunctioning, failing, or non-compliant wastewater system. The Auburn BPW will also provide a no-cost inspection along with septic tank pumping and disposal to participating property owners.

You may contact the auburn BPW office at 402-274-4981 to sign-up.