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**Rules of**  
**Department of Natural Resources**  
**Division 70—Soil and Water Districts Commission**  
**Chapter 4—Definitions**

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**Title 10—DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES  
Division 70—Soil and Water Districts  
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Chapter 4—Definitions**

**10 CSR 70-4.010 Definitions**

*PURPOSE: This rule provides a legal description of terms used throughout Division 70.*

(1) Definitions. As used in these rules, unless the context otherwise requires—

(A) Act shall mean the Missouri Soil and Water Conservation Districts Law;

(B) Actual approved costs shall mean the amounts determined to be fair and reasonable costs incurred in establishing eligible practices to be cost-shared through the Missouri Soil and Water Conservation Cost-Share Program. These costs shall include those items established under 10 CSR 70-5.040(2);

(C) Apportion shall mean to set aside funds for use in accordance with the act and these rules, but shall not mean any physical distribution or other transfer of funds;

(D) Board or board of supervisors shall mean the local governing body of a soil and water conservation district elected or appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Act;

(E) State Soil and Water Districts Commission or commission shall mean the agency created by section 278.080, RSMo for the administration of the soil and water conservation districts provided for by the Act;

(F) Conservation plan shall mean the properly recorded decisions of the cooperating landowner on how s/he plans, within practical limits, to use his/her land in an operating unit within its capabilities and to treat it according to its needs for maintenance or improvement of the soil, water and other related resources;

(G) Cost-Share Program shall mean the Missouri State Soil and Water Conservation Cost-Share Program created by the Missouri State Soil and Water Conservation Districts Act, chapter 278, RSMo;

(H) District shall mean a soil and water conservation district as defined in 278.070(4), RSMo;

(I) Eligible practice shall mean a soil and water conservation practice designated as eligible for state cost-share funds by the commission in accordance with 10 CSR 70-5.020(1);

(J) Farm shall mean a tract of land three (3) acres or more in size on which agriculture activities are normally performed or a tract of

land of any size from which one thousand dollars (\$1000) or more of agriculture products are normally sold in a year;

(K) Landowner shall mean any person, firm or corporation holding title to any lands lying within a district organized or to be organized under the provisions of chapter 278, RSMo. Any landowner may be represented by notarized power-of-attorney not more than one (1) year old;

(L) Land representative, the owner or representative authorized by power-of-attorney of any farm lying within an area proposed to be established, and subsequently established, as a soil and water conservation district under Chapter 278, RSMo. Each farm shall be entitled to representation by a land representative; provided, however, that any land representative must be a taxpayer of the county within which the soil and water district is located;

(M) Participating district shall mean a soil and water conservation district which is a party to a then current Memorandum of Understanding entered into in accordance with 10 CSR 70-5.010(1);

(N) Practice shall mean any individual structure, conservation measure or operation which shall constitute a viable method of erosion abatement and sediment control;

(O) SCS shall mean the United States Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service;

(P) State cost-share funds shall mean funds available through the Missouri State Soil and Water Conservation Cost-Share Program; and

(Q) Tolerable soil loss limits shall mean the maximum rate of annual soil loss that will permit crop productivity to be obtained economically and indefinitely.

*AUTHORITY: Chapter 278, RSMo 1986.\* Original rule filed Aug. 12, 1980, effective Jan. 1, 1981. Amended: Filed Dec. 14, 1982, effective April 11, 1983.*

*\*Original authority: Chapter 278, RSMo (see Revised Statutes of Missouri).*