

Section 11.1 Policy and Program Recommendations

1. Encourage greater adoption of no-till agriculture through the expansion of the existing Kansas Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS).

Plans are underway to expand the existing WRAPS program in the following ways:

1. The additional benefits of carbon sequestration and energy conservation will be emphasized in desired WRAPS goals.
2. Linkages between WRAPS projects and energy carbon trading program offered by the Chicago Climate Exchange and the Kansas Farmer's Union will be established to create an additional financial incentive for converting to no-till.
3. Information will be provided to producers through the WRAPS program demonstrating energy and cost savings associated with no-till agriculture.
4. Land scheduled to come out of the CRP program will be targeted by WRAPS projects as opportunities for no-till.

Enhanced coordination of existing programs has the potential to reduce agricultural energy consumption, improve resource management and watershed health, positively impact global warming, and provide additional income to producers.