



BQI Cost Share Program

Interested in restoring habitat for bobwhite quail?

Eligibility – This BQI Program will prioritize applications in Baker, Bleckley, Brooks, Bulloch, Burke, Calhoun, Decatur, Dodge, Dooly, Dougherty, Emanuel, Grady, Jenkins, Laurens, Lee, Mitchell, Pulaski, Screven, Terrell, Thomas, and Worth Counties. However, applications from other counties will also be considered. If you own property that is at least 50 contiguous acres in size, then you are eligible to apply. Contracts are for 3 years with a maximum of \$20,000 per property, cooperators and/or landowner.

Exclusions: *Acres that are enrolled in other state, federal and non-profit cost-share programs for the same practices will not be eligible.* Commercial shooting preserves are not eligible.

Eligible Practices

- Field borders – 30’ minimum width
- Hedgerows – 30’ min width, 300’ min length
- Filter Strips - 30’ min width, 300’ min length, adjacent to ditch bank or drainage.
- Fallow Patch/Pivot Corners - 1 acre minimum
- Native Grass Establishment– no grazing/haying for 2 years
- Forest Openings – 1-5 acre in size, min 200’ width
- Forest Understory Management – burning, herbicide applications and disking in stands $\leq 60\text{ft}^2$ BA
- Linear Forest Practices– daylighted road edges, edge feathering, borders on surrounding forests. 40’ min width.
- Native wildlife/pollinator plantings

Incentive Rates:

- Rental payments
 - \$100/acre/year for the establishment of dry land field borders, hedgerows/filter strips, fallow patches, and center pivot corners
 - \$200/acre/year for irrigated field borders, hedgerows and filter strips
 - \$50/acre/year for pastureland converted to native vegetation.
- Practice Incentive payments vary by practice

Application Deadlines: March 1st and August 1st

To apply contact the Private Lands or Quail Forever biologist in your area. Find the biologist for your county by checking the Private Lands assistance map at <https://georgiawildlife.com/privatelandsprogram> or calling 229-420-1183.