

**2018 HEALTHY SOILS PROGRAM
DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (Q&A)
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1. Q. Are Urban farms, school or community gardens eligible for HSP funding?
A. The HSP Demonstration Projects requires practices to be implemented on agricultural operations. An agricultural operation is defined as row, vineyard, field and tree crops, commercial nurseries, nursery stock production, and livestock and livestock product operations. An urban farm, school or community garden is not eligible for the HSP Demonstration Projects funding as a standalone project site; however, they may be included as additional demonstration sites in the project besides the agricultural operation. If the add-on site is in an [SDAC](#), the project may be considered eligible for providing benefits to SDACs and may be prioritized for funding.

2. Q. The eligible CDFA healthy soils practices for grazing lands: Is riparian restoration (for instance CPS 391) an eligible practice for rangelands? If so, does it include passive restoration (i.e., fencing from grazing) or only active restoration (i.e., planting trees/shrubs)??
A. Refer to [HSP Practices Implementation Requirements](#). CPS 391 refers to “Replace a Strip of Cropland Near Watercourses or Water Bodies with Woody Plants” or “Replace a Strip of Grassland Near Watercourses or Water Bodies”. Rangelands where this requirement can be met are eligible for implementation of CPS 391. Protection of plantings from animal damage is required, although methods of protection may vary depending on field conditions and feasibility for applicants.