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Lower Platte South
Natural Resources District
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About the District...

The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District is one of 23 districts in the state of Nebraska, formed in 1972 for the purpose of managing the state's natural resources. Programs and activities include all areas of natural resource management and development: tree planting, flood protection, wildlife habitat, streambank stabilization, environmental education, land treatment, water monitoring and many others. The districts are partially funded by property taxes and are governed by a board of directors--elected representatives who serve four-year terms. The NRD system is local government working to protect local natural resources. The Lower Platte South NRD includes nearly all of Lancaster and Cass counties and parts of Seward, Saunders, Otoe and Butler counties.

The Lower Platte South Natural Resource District is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

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Conservation Easement Program

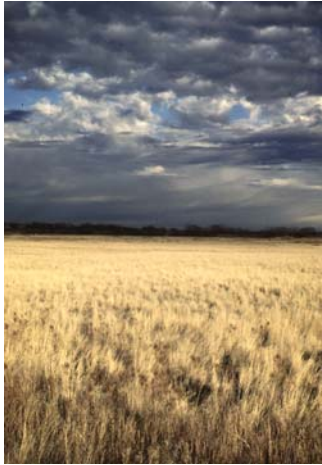


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What is a Conservation Easement?

It is a document, recorded at the Register of Deeds, which specifies how a property can be used by present and future owners. It may allow activities such as cattle grazing, farming, harvesting trees, planting trees and grass or building structures. It is a way to preserve and/or enhance current uses of the property regardless of the property being a farm, wetland, prairie, woodland, open space or a combination of these. The easement may specify that the land be managed in its natural state with no further development.



How would I establish a conservation easement on my land?

The owner of the property may sell, donate, exchange or will the conservation easement to either a governmental body, or any charitable corporation or trust whose purposes include protecting natural or scenic land. The Lower Platte South NRD is a governmental agency which currently holds several conservation easements. Other organizations which may hold conservation easements are the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, the Platte River Trust, the Audubon Society or any incorporated city or county.



What are the advantages to landowners?

An easement is a way to insure that the land will be preserved for conservation purposes. In addition, the easement may provide a real estate tax advantage in that the real property is required by statute to be assessed "with due regard" to the restrictions placed on the land. The owner of the real property could anticipate a reduction in future real estate taxes.



For More Information

If you would like to learn more about how to obtain a conservation easement, call the NRD office at (402) 476-2729, or fill out the form below and an NRD employee will contact you.

Name _____

Address _____

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Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____