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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.

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The Program

The WILD Nebraska program is a partnership between the Lower Platte South Natural Resource District and the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission that enables cooperators to re-establish and enhance wildlife habitats on private lands through the use of cost-share.

Procedure to participate in this program:

1. Cooperator obtains program and activities information from LPSNRD or NG&PC.
2. Cooperator reads through activities available, completes the application form and submits it to the LPSNRD.
3. Representatives from the LPSNRD and NG&PC visit the site with the cooperator and prepare management or development plan for the wildlife habitat activities.
4. Cooperator contract is prepared, reviewed and signed.
5. Cooperator then installs the habitat activities as stated in the plan.
6. Cooperator site is inspected after each activity is performed and is paid upon each project completion. Transition payments will be paid at the end of each performance year after a successful compliance inspection.



Woodland

1. Wildlife Shelterbelts: Develop shelterbelts to provide winter and escape cover, nesting cover, brood rearing cover, food and loafing sites for game and non-game species of wildlife.
2. Wildlife Shrub Plantings: Establish woody cover to supply food and cover for game and non-game species of wildlife by planting shrubs.
3. Native Woodland Enhancement for Wildlife: Manipulate forest communities by mechanical thinning, burning, grazing, and/or herbicide treatments to enhance wildlife habitat diversity in forest communities.
4. Riparian Forest Buffers: Aimed at expanding the width of buffer strips currently enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program or Nebraska Buffer Strip Program.
5. Woody Vegetation Removal: Remove invasive trees, shrubs, and other woody vegetation from grasslands and prairie wetlands.

General

1. Food and Cover Plot Establishment: Provides a readily available winter food source and cover for wildlife.
2. Rare/Unique Community Management Incentive: To protect and enhance habitats that possess rare or unique plant communities and/or animal species. Used to protect native plant communities in Nebraska that have been reduced to fragmented remnants scattered throughout the state.

Grasslands

1. Grazing Management for Grassland Wildlife: This activity involves planned grazing systems to maintain productive grasslands and enhance habitat grasslands for wildlife.
2. Interseeding Established Grasslands with Legumes and other Forbs: Improve plant species composition and increase diversity in native grasslands.
3. Prescribed Burning: Improve plant composition & structure of existing plant communities.
4. Disking: Increase plant diversity and productivity in existing grassland communities.
5. Grassland Haying, Shredding, and/or Mowing: Consists of removing vegetative material by haying, shredding or mowing of grasslands.
6. Herbicide Treatment of Grasslands: Proper use of herbicides can be a valuable tool in controlling invasive plants and for setting back succession of existing undesirable vegetation.
7. Conversion of Cropland to Native Grassland Species: Intended to re-establish native grassland communities and to convert existing cropland into native grasslands.

Wetlands

1. Drain Closure: Restore hydrology to wetlands that have been fully or partially drained by ditches, culverts, head-cutting gullies or tiling.
2. Water Control Structure Installation: Allows management of water levels to restore hydrology of wetland and maintain productivity of wetland.
3. Stream Weir Installation: Structure will be used to stop or reverse streambed degradation. A highly degraded stream isolates wetlands from over-bank water sources and ground water.
4. Vegetation Management: Vegetation restoration and management of wetland plant communities. Examples of pre-



scribed management techniques include: burning, grazing, haying, disking, shredding, spraying undesired vegetation, water level changes, seeding and tree removal.

Bonus Incentive

Hunter, Trapper, Angler and Hiker Bonus Incentive: Activity provides year-round access to hunt, trap, fish, and hike on improved wildlife habitat areas enrolled in WILD Nebraska. Access is allowed by foot traffic only, motorized vehicles are not permitted. Year-round posting of public access tracts is required.

WILD Nebraska Application

I (We) the undersigned, hereby apply for assistance from the Lower Platte South Natural Resource District and the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission under the WILD Nebraska Program.

Applicant(s) Name & Address

Phone Number

Social Security or Tax ID #

Legal description of the proposed wildlife habitat area(s) location:

_____ quarter of the _____ quarter of Section _____,
Township _____ North, Range _____ East, _____ County,
NE. Approximate acreage of site to be enrolled: _____

Attach a Farm Service Agency aerial photo to this application. Outline the area(s) on the aerial photo to be enrolled in WILD Nebraska. In the spaces below, place a checkmark next to the desired activities for the WILD Nebraska program.

Grassland

- Grazing Management
- Interseeding
- Prescribed Burning
- Disking
- Haying/Shredding/
Mowing
- Herbicide Treatment
- Cropland Conversion

General Activities

- Food and Cover Plots
- Rare/Unique Communities

Bonus Incentive

- Hunter, Trapper, Angler and
Hiker access Bonus Incentive
(\$10 acre/year)

Present use of land to

enrolled in this program:

- Cropland Pasture
- Woodlands Abandoned Farmland Wetlands
- Other (please specify)

Applicant's relationship to property: Owner Operator
 Owner-Operator Other (specify)

Signature of Applicant(s)

Date

Wetland Activities

- Drain Closure
- Water Control Structure
- Stream Weir Installation
- Vegetation Management

Woodland Activities

- Wildlife Shelterbelts
- Wildlife Shrub Plantings
- Native Woodland Enhancement
- Riparian Forest Buffers
- Wood Vegetation Removal

Briefly explain intended plans for
habitat area(s): _____
