



# LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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## MEMORANDUM

Date: April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
To: Lower Platte South Natural Resources District Board of Directors  
From: Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator *WI*  
Subject: Minutes for Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee Meeting

On Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 5:10 p.m., the Recreation, Forestry, and Wildlife subcommittee met in the Large Conference Room. Subcommittee members present: Suzanne Mealer. – acting Chair, Deborah Eagan, Don Jacobson, Stephanie Matejka, John Yoakum, Mark Spangler, and David Hibler. Director Schutz was not present. LPSNRD staff were David Potter, Jeremy Gehle, Eric Zach, and Will Inselman.

The first item on the agenda was the review of the proposed FY 2027 actions and budget request. Staff began by covering FY26 accomplishments, provided background on LRIP and budget codes, master plan goals and objectives, and covered the RF&W measurable goals. Staff walked through each section of the proposed budget and fielded questions from Directors. All LRIP materials were provided to the members of the subcommittee but are not included in the minutes. The approved LRIP documents will be provided to the Finance & Planning Subcommittee to be included in the first draft of the FY 2027 LRIP and budget.

**It was moved by Yoakum, seconded by Hibler, and unanimously approved to submit the Final FY 27 Actions and Budget Requests and the FY 28-31 Actions and proposed Expenditures to the Finance & Planning Subcommittee for inclusion in the first draft of the FY 2027 Budget and LRIP.**

**Motion Passed: 6-0**

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

PC: RF&W subcommittee file

**SUBCOMMITTEE: Recreation, Forestry, and Wildlife**  
**PROGRAM AREA: Conservation Easements**  
**GOALS: B, C, D, J**

**FISCAL YEAR 2027**

ACTIONS	OBJECTIVES	STATUS CODE	FINAL BUDGET		PRIORITY	BUDGET CODE	
			EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDS		EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDS
Pursue the acquisition of conservation easements and options on prairie			\$0	\$0			
Consider acceptance of conservation easements acquired by the Saline Wetland Conservation Partnership			\$0	\$0			
Continue to consider donated conservation easements			\$0	\$0			
Management of Conservation Easements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete annual inspections</li> </ul>			\$0	\$0			
Acquire one conservation easement to protect wetlands, native prairies, woodlands or other unique natural resource.	D1e	C2	\$10,000	\$0	2	730250	
McDermot Conservation Easement - ACEP ALE (NRCS)		D1	\$115,000	\$0	1	730250	

<b>FISCAL YEAR 2028 ACTIONS</b>		
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>
Acquire conservation easements	\$10,000	\$0

<b>FISCAL YEAR 2029 ACTIONS</b>		
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>
Acquire conservation easements	\$10,000	\$0

<b>FISCAL YEAR 2030 ACTIONS</b>		
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>
Acquire conservation easements	\$10,000	\$0

<b>FISCAL YEAR 2031 ACTIONS</b>		
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>
Acquire conservation easements	\$10,000	\$0

**SUBCOMMITTEE: Recreation, Forestry, and Wildlife**  
**PROGRAM AREA: Habitat Improvement**  
**GOALS: D, F, G, I**

**FISCAL YEAR 2027**

ACTIONS	OBJECTIVES	STATUS CODE	FINAL BUDGET		PRIORITY	BUDGET CODE	
			EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDS		EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDS
Continue to pursue programs with City of Lincoln and other entities in working with private landowners on grassland management and restoration that encourages pollinator species and grassland diversity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matching funds for Wachiska Audubon NET grant for prairie management expenses (expires FY28)</li> </ul>	D1d	B3	\$4,000	\$0	1	469019	
Continue the Backyard Prairie Pollinator Program to assist small acreage owners and urban households to establish areas for pollinators (provide seed)	D1d	C1	\$12,000	\$0	2	469019	
Pollinator Safety Corner Cost-share Program with Pheasants Forever	D1d	A3	\$25,000	\$0	4	469019	
Develop a Good Neighbor Program to assist private landowners with habitat management on properties adjacent to LPSNRD properties or on conservation easements	D1d	A6	\$15,000	\$0	3	469019	
Monitor Lincoln well field plans and consider wildlife habitat restoration partnership	D1a	C1	\$0	\$0		469019	

<b>FISCAL YEAR 2028 ACTIONS</b>		
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>
Provide support for programs with other entities to diversify grasslands and encourage pollinator habitat	\$70,000	\$0
Monitor Lincoln well field plans and consider wildlife habitat restoration partnership	\$5,000	\$0
Matching funds for Wachiska Audubon NET Grant	\$4,000	\$0

<b>FISCAL YEAR 2029 ACTIONS</b>		
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>
Provide support for programs with other entities to diversify grasslands and encourage pollinator habitat	\$75,000	\$0
Monitor Lincoln well field plans and consider wildlife habitat restoration partnership	\$5,000	\$0

<b>FISCAL YEAR 2030 ACTIONS</b>		
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>
Provide support for programs with other entities to diversify grasslands and encourage pollinator habitat	\$75,000	\$0
Monitor Lincoln well field plans and consider wildlife habitat restoration partnership	\$5,000	\$0

<b>FISCAL YEAR 2031 ACTIONS</b>		
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>
Provide support for programs with other entities to diversify grasslands and encourage pollinator habitat	\$80,000	\$0
Monitor Lincoln well field plans and consider wildlife habitat restoration partnership	\$5,000	\$0

**SUBCOMMITTEE: Recreation, Forestry, and Wildlife**  
**PROGRAM AREA: Missouri River Corridor**  
**GOALS: C, D, E, G, I**

**FISCAL YEAR 2027**

ACTIONS	OBJECTIVES	STATUS CODE	FINAL BUDGET		PRIORITY	BUDGET CODE	
			EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDS		EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDS
Participate in the Missouri River Ecosystem Coordination Group			\$0	\$0			
Monitor process to consider changes in the operation of USACE Missouri River dams			\$0	\$0			

<b>FISCAL YEAR 2028 ACTIONS</b>		
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>
Participate in the Missouri River Ecosystem Coordination Group	\$0	\$0
Monitor process to consider changes in the operation of USACE Missouri River dams	\$0	\$0

<b>FISCAL YEAR 2029 ACTIONS</b>		
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>
Participate in the Missouri River Ecosystem Coordination Group	\$0	\$0
Monitor process to consider changes in the operation of USACE Missouri River dams	\$0	\$0

<b>FISCAL YEAR 2030 ACTIONS</b>		
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>
Participate in the Missouri River Ecosystem Coordination Group	\$0	\$0
Monitor process to consider changes in the operation of USACE Missouri River dams	\$0	\$0

<b>FISCAL YEAR 2031 ACTIONS</b>		
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>
Participate in the Missouri River Ecosystem Coordination Group	\$0	\$0
Monitor process to consider changes in the operation of USACE Missouri River dams	\$0	\$0

**SUBCOMMITTEE: Recreation, Forestry, and Wildlife**  
**PROGRAM AREA: Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch**  
**GOALS: B, C, D, J**

**FISCAL YEAR 2027**

ACTIONS	OBJECTIVES	STATUS CODE	FINAL BUDGET		PRIORITY	BUDGET CODE		
			EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDS		EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDS	
Pursue the acquisition of conservation easements and options on prairie <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Work with City of Lincoln on acquisition of a conservation easement or fee title of lands along the Haines Branch Corridor to Spring Creek Prairie</li> <li>● Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch Property Management               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Endowment Revenue</li> <li>● Land Management Activities (NRD Conservation Tech 0.6 FTE, 50% of two NRD summer temps)</li> <li>● In-lieu of tax payments (NRD pays City, City pays taxes)</li> <li>● Coordination/Oversight</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Assist the City by contracting providers for services related to property management and development (Kolbrook segment of the PCHB Trail construction)</li> <li>● Kapke &amp; Roberts signage (I&amp;E budget)</li> <li>● Stiefel Trailhead               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Operate and maintain</li> </ul> </li> <li>● 1871 Prairie               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Operate and maintain</li> <li>● Fencing</li> <li>● Tree Pile Burning</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Two Creeks               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Operate and maintain</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Denton Prairie               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Operate and maintain</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Bobcat Prairie               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Operate and maintain</li> <li>● Tree Pile Burning</li> <li>● Herbicide Treatment</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	E1c	C2	\$10,000	\$0	15	730200	302175	
	E1c							
			C1	\$0	\$10,500		447066	302175
			C1	\$4,000	\$0	3	447066	
			C1	\$5,300	\$0	2	447066	
			C1	\$30,000	\$0	1	447066	
			E2	\$600,000	\$525,000	5	447066	302175
				\$0	\$0		447066	
			C1	\$1,000	\$0	7	447066	
			C1	\$2,000	\$0	8	447066	
			C2	\$10,000	\$0	13	447066	
			C2	\$10,000	\$0	14	447066	
			C1	\$1,500	\$0	9	447066	
			C1	\$1,000	\$0	10	447066	
		C1	\$2,000	\$0	11	447066		
		C2	\$15,000	\$0	12	447066		
		A4	\$5,000	\$3,750	6	447066	302175	
Solidago Conservancy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Agreement</li> <li>● Acquire conservation easement or fee title to property with Solidago Conservancy</li> </ul>		A4	\$30,000	\$0	4	447066		
		C2	\$50,000	\$0	16	730200	302175	

<b>FISCAL YEAR 2028 ACTIONS</b>		
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>
Funding Support for PCHB Agreement (Expires 2038) (NRD Conservation Tech 0.40 FTE, 75% of two NRD summer temps). Other Funds is half of endowment income).	\$50,000	\$13,300
Land Management includes in-lieu of taxes, paid by City of Lincoln	\$60,000	\$0
Trail Design and Development	\$200,000	\$100,000
Property Management and Development	\$100,000	\$50,000
Acquire conservation easement or fee title to property	\$100,000	\$50,000
Assistance Agreement with Solidago Conservancy	\$35,000	\$0

<b>FISCAL YEAR 2029 ACTIONS</b>		
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>
Funding Support for PCHB Agreement (Expires 2038)	\$50,000	\$18,000
Land Management includes in-lieu of taxes, paid by City of Lincoln	\$70,000	\$0
Trail Design and Development	\$200,000	\$100,000
Property Management and Development	\$100,000	\$50,000
Acquire conservation easement or fee title to property	\$100,000	\$50,000
Assistance Agreement with Solidago Conservancy	\$35,000	\$0

<b>FISCAL YEAR 2030 ACTIONS</b>		
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>
Funding Support for PCHB Agreement (Expires 2038)	\$50,000	\$20,000
Land Management includes in-lieu of taxes, paid by City of Lincoln	\$80,000	\$0
Trail Design and Development	\$100,000	\$50,000
Property Management and Development	\$100,000	\$50,000
Acquire conservation easement or fee title to property	\$200,000	\$100,000
Assistance Agreement with Solidago Conservancy	\$35,000	\$0

<b>FISCAL YEAR 2031 ACTIONS</b>		
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>
Funding Support for PCHB Agreement (Expires 2038)	\$50,000	\$22,000
Land Management includes in-lieu of taxes, paid by City of Lincoln	\$80,000	\$0
Trail Design and Development	\$100,000	\$50,000
Property Management and Development	\$100,000	\$50,000
Acquire conservation easement or fee title to property	\$200,000	\$100,000
Assistance Agreement with Solidago Conservancy	\$35,000	\$0

**SUBCOMMITTEE: Recreation, Forestry, and Wildlife**  
**PROGRAM AREA: Trails**  
**GOALS: B, C, D, E, G, I, J**

**FISCAL YEAR 2027**

ACTIONS	STATUS CODE		FINAL BUDGET		PRIORITY	BUDGET CODE	
			EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDS		EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDS
Voluntary User Pass trail donations/QR Code online trail donations - MoPac East Trail, Oak Creek Trail & Homestead Trail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>QR Code online trail donation expenses (See F&amp;P)</li> </ul>	E1b	C1	\$0	\$3,500	20	447054	302145
MoPac East Trail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operate and maintain completed sections               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mowing</li> <li>Boundary fence repair/replacement</li> <li>Signs, posts, trail gates/bollards</li> <li>Contract for woody encroachment removal</li> <li>Bridge decking replacement</li> <li>Miscellaneous                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pump vault toilets (Walton, Wabash)</li> <li>Monitor trail surface for repair</li> <li>Monitor bridge debris removal</li> </ul> </li> <li>Repairs to stabilize banks/drainage structures</li> <li>Trail resurfacing-limestone screenings: 120th to 134th</li> <li>Trail resurfacing-limestone screenings: 274th to Holdredge St</li> <li>Bridge replacement                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>310th West #2 Bridge</li> <li>Construction Oversight</li> <li>112th West #1 Bridge                       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engineering</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>Bridge maintenance                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invasive or non-invasive bridge inspections on watch-list bridges</li> </ul> </li> <li>Consider requests to transfer MoPac East Trail corridor segments to City of Lincoln as outlined in Rural to Urban Interlocal Agreement</li> <li>Wabash Trailhead                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operate and maintain</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	E1b	C1	\$85,000	\$0	15	447060.1	
		E2	\$95,000	\$0	13	447060	
		E2	\$30,000	\$0	12	447060	
		E2	\$200,000	\$0	3	447060	
		E2	\$40,000	\$0	4	447060	
		E2	\$75,000	\$0	2	447060	
		E2	\$0	\$0		447060	
		E2	\$0	\$0		447060	
		C1	\$0	\$0		447060	

**FISCAL YEAR 2027**

ACTIONS	STATUS CODE	FINAL BUDGET		PRIORITY	BUDGET CODE		
		EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDS		EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDS	
MoPac East Connection to Lied Platte River Bridge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor/participate as requested by MoPac Alliance working on the connection</li> <li>• Operate interim Wabash to South Bend connection</li> <li>• Add to sinking fund (\$425,000 current balance)</li> <li>• MoPac East-Lied Connector Trail Route (LB1012 Trail Development and Maintenance Fund to provide grants to NRDs to complete MoPac trail between Lincoln and Omaha)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MoPac East-Lied Connector</li> <li>• Contract with consultant to evaluate the trail route selected by Cass County Board/NRD on trail constructability.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	E1b		\$0	\$0			
			\$0	\$0			
			\$100,000	\$0		transfer	
	A2		\$0	\$0			
			\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	1	447060	301791
Salt Creek Trails <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Salt Creek Levee Trail (maintenance agreement with City of Lincoln)</li> </ul>			\$0	\$0			
Oak Creek Trail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operate and maintain                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mowing</li> <li>• Boundary fence repair/replacement</li> <li>• Signs, posts, trail gates/bollards</li> <li>• Contract woody encroachment removal</li> <li>• Bridge decking replacement</li> <li>• Miscellaneous                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pump vault toilet at Loma Trailhead</li> <li>• Monitor trail surface for repairs</li> <li>• Monitor bridge debris removal</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Repairs to stabilize banks/drainage structures 1/4 mile west of Valparaiso                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction</li> <li>• Construction oversight</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Valparaiso Trailhead facilities - maintain lease agreement with Valparaiso and consider other improvements to trailhead facilities</li> <li>• Bridge repair                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road 30 West #1</li> <li>• Road 30 West #1 Redecking</li> <li>• Road 31 West #1</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	E1b	C1	\$50,000	\$0	16	447055.1	
		E2		\$250,000	\$0	5	447055
				\$50,000	\$0	6	447055
		C1		\$1,500	\$0	19	447055
		E2		\$165,000	\$0	7a	447055
				\$75,000	\$0	7b	447055
				\$145,000	\$0	8	447055

**FISCAL YEAR 2027**

ACTIONS	STATUS CODE	FINAL BUDGET		PRIORITY	BUDGET CODE		
		EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDS		EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bridge maintenance                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• invasive or non-invasive bridge inspections on watch-list bridges</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Drainage Repairs                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor Bevanjesky drainage issue and keep area on Oak Creek Trail Corridor free of woody vegetation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	E2	\$0	\$0		447055		
	E2	\$5,000	\$0	18	720300		
Lied Platte River Bridge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain portable toilet (included in O&amp;M)</li> <li>• Maintain agreement with NGPC for the operation and maintenance of the project (w/ PMRNRD)</li> <li>• Monitor debris buildup under bridge (w/ PMRNRD)</li> <li>• Continue cooperating on Platte Basin Time Lapse photography project</li> </ul>	C1	\$0	\$0		447060		
		\$0	\$0				
		\$0	\$0				
		\$0	\$0				
Homestead Trail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operate and maintain completed sections                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mowing</li> <li>• Boundary fence repair/replacement (near Olive Creek Road)</li> <li>• Signs, posts, trail gates/bollards</li> <li>• Contract woody encroachment removal</li> <li>• Bridge decking replacement</li> <li>• Miscellaneous                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor trail surface for repair</li> <li>• Monitor bridge debris removal</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Bridge #6 Repairs                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engineering</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Bridge #2                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Redecking</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Bridge maintenance                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• invasive or non-invasive bridge inspections on watch-list bridges</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Continue to provide portable restroom at Roca (Included in Homestead O&amp;M)</li> <li>• Wilcox floodplain property                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operate and maintain (Included in Homestead O&amp;M)</li> <li>• Engineering and Design for trail connection to Roca</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	E1b	\$50,000	\$0	17	447065.1		
	E2	\$30,000	\$0	10	447065		
	E2	\$105,000	\$0	9	447065		
			\$0	\$0		447065	
	C1	\$0	\$0		447065		
	E2	\$45,000	\$0	11	447065		
Recreational Trails Community Assistance Program	E2	\$75,000	\$0	14	447058		

**FISCAL YEAR 2027**

ACTIONS	STATUS CODE	FINAL BUDGET		PRIORITY	BUDGET CODE	
		EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDS		EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDS
Quad State Trail Nebraska-Kansas-Iowa-Missouri • Continue to monitor the project			\$0	\$0		
Prairie Pines - Murdock Trail Connector Recreational Trails Program grant matching funds (2021 commitment, funding in FY 2025)			\$0	\$0		

<b>FISCAL YEAR 2028 ACTIONS</b>		
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>
MoPac East Trail		
• Operate and maintain completed sections	\$40,000	\$0
• Mowing	\$23,500	\$0
• Consider contracting for woody encroachment removal	\$0	\$0
• Repairs to bridges/bank stabilization/drainage structures	\$50,000	\$0
MoPac East Connection to Lied Platte River Bridge		
• Continue sinking fund (\$425,000 total)	\$500,000	\$0
• Trail Construction	\$250,000	\$0
• Design engineering for selected route	\$250,000	\$0
Salt Creek Levee Trail	\$0	\$0
Crescent Green Trail		
• Identify section of trail to fund in coordination with City of Lincoln if requested	\$0	\$0
Oak Creek Trail		
• Operate and maintain completed sections	\$40,000	\$0
• Mowing	\$20,000	\$0
• Consider contracting for woody encroachment removal	\$0	\$0
• Repairs to bridges/bank stabilization/drainage structures	\$50,000	\$0
Homestead Trail		
• Operate and maintain completed sections	\$40,000	\$0
• Mowing	\$21,000	\$0
• Consider contracting for woody encroachment removal	\$0	\$0
• Repairs to bridges/bank stabilization/drainage structures	\$50,000	\$0
Recreational Trails Assistance Program	\$75,000	\$0

<b>FISCAL YEAR 2029 ACTIONS</b>		
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>
MoPac East Trail		
• Operate and maintain completed sections	\$40,000	\$0
• Mowing	\$23,500	\$0
• Consider contracting for woody encroachment removal	\$0	\$0
• Repairs to bridges/bank stabilization/drainage structures	\$50,000	\$0
MoPac East Connection to Lied Platte River Bridge		
• Continue sinking fund (\$925,000 total)	\$500,000	\$0
• Construction Oversight	\$250,000	\$0
• Construction	\$250,000	\$0
Salt Creek Levee Trail	\$0	\$0
Oak Creek Trail		
• Operate and maintain completed sections	\$40,000	\$0
• Mowing	\$20,000	\$0
• Consider contracting for woody encroachment removal	\$0	\$0
• Repairs to bridges/bank stabilization/drainage structures	\$50,000	\$0
Homestead Trail		
• Operate and maintain completed sections	\$40,000	\$0
• Mowing	\$21,000	\$0
• Repairs to bridges/bank stabilization/drainage structures	\$50,000	\$0
Recreational Trails Assistance Program	\$75,000	\$0

**FISCAL YEAR 2030 ACTIONS**

	BUDGET	OTHER FUNDS
MoPac East Trail		
• Operate and maintain completed sections	\$40,000	\$0
• Mowing	\$23,500	\$0
• Consider contracting for woody encroachment removal	\$0	\$0
• Repairs to bridges/bank stabilization/drainage structures	\$50,000	\$0
Salt Creek Levee Trail	\$0	\$0
Oak Creek Trail		
• Operate and maintain completed sections	\$40,000	\$0
• Mowing	\$20,000	\$0
• Consider contracting for woody encroachment removal	\$0	\$0
• Repairs to bridges/bank stabilization/drainage structures	\$50,000	\$0
Homestead Trail		
• Operate and maintain completed sections	\$40,000	\$0
• Mowing	\$21,000	\$0
• Repairs to bridges/bank stabilization/drainage structures	\$50,000	\$0
Recreational Trails Assistance Program	\$75,000	\$0

**FISCAL YEAR 2031 ACTIONS**

	BUDGET	OTHER FUNDS
MoPac East Trail		
• Operate and maintain completed sections	\$40,000	\$0
• Mowing	\$23,500	\$0
• Consider contracting for woody encroachment removal	\$0	\$0
• Repairs to bridges/bank stabilization/drainage structures	\$50,000	\$0
Salt Creek Levee Trail	\$0	\$0
Oak Creek Trail		
• Operate and maintain completed sections	\$40,000	\$0
• Mowing	\$20,000	\$0
• Consider contracting for woody encroachment removal.	\$0	\$0
• Repairs to bridges/bank stabilization/drainage structures	\$50,000	\$0
Homestead Trail		
• Operate and maintain completed sections	\$40,000	\$0
• Mowing	\$21,000	\$0
• Repairs to bridges/bank stabilization/drainage structures	\$50,000	\$0
Recreational Trails Assistance Program	\$75,000	\$0

**SUBCOMMITTEE: Recreation, Forestry, and Wildlife**  
**PROGRAM AREA: Tree Plantings**  
**GOALS: B, D, G, I, J, K**

**FISCAL YEAR 2027**

ACTIONS	OBJECTIVES	STATUS CODE	FINAL BUDGET		PRIORITY	BUDGET CODE		
			EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDS		EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDS	
Provide a District-wide spring tree distribution program for 45,000 seedlings. (0.95/tree) Sell 45,000 tree seedlings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report to the subcommittee income, expenses, # of orders and seedlings sold</li> <li>Large orders over 100 seedlings, 30,000 seedling (1.10 tree)</li> <li>Adjust cost/tree according to Executive Travel contribution to NARD</li> <li>Small orders of 25 - 75 seedlings at a cost of 0.95 per tree, 15,000 seedlings (1.20 tree)</li> <li>Online ordering expenses <i>[in F&amp;P - Operating Costs]</i></li> <li>Consider Tree Cooler Expansion/Trailer</li> <li>Restock forestry supplies</li> <li>Nursery Dealers License</li> </ul>	G2b				2	469080	302081	
				\$0	\$0			
		C1	\$40,000	\$40,000		469080	302081	
			\$0	\$0				
		C1	\$15,000	\$15,000		469080	302081	
		C1	*3000	\$0		439090		
	C2	\$2,000	\$0		469080			
	C1	\$3,000	\$0		469080			
	C1	\$200	\$0		469080			
Provide tree planting services to private landowners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide planting program for hand plantings up to 100 seedlings for up to 10 physically challenged cooperators. Charge \$1.00 per seedling</li> <li>Forester to hold tree planting workshop and provide information to tree program cooperators</li> </ul>	G2b	C1	\$1,000	\$1,000	7	469080	302081	
			\$0	\$0				
Community Forestry Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General Program</li> <li>Develop a school tree replacement cost share program for trees effected by tree pests and disease</li> </ul>	G1b	C1	\$30,000	\$0	4	471103		
			\$2,000	\$0	5	471103		
NRD Forester (40% of UNL position)	G1/G2	C1	\$42,000	\$0	1	419001		
Monitor tree mortality due to disease and insects such as Emerald Ash Borer and Dutch Elm Disease <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hazardous tree removal on NRD property</li> </ul>	G1/G2	C1	\$15,000	\$0	3	469080		
District wide Landscape Tree Program (45 applications at 75% cost-share)	G1/G2	C1	\$5,000	\$0	6	469086		

FISCAL YEAR 2028 ACTIONS		
	BUDGET	OTHER FUNDS
Tree seedling distribution		
• large program, 30,000 trees at 0.95 tree	\$40,000	\$40,000
• small program, 15,000 tress at 1.00 tree	\$15,000	\$15,000
Community Forestry	\$30,000	\$0
NRD Forester	\$43,000	\$0
Hazardous tree removal on NRD property	\$30,000	\$0
Landscape Tree Program	\$15,000	\$0

FISCAL YEAR 2029 ACTIONS		
	BUDGET	OTHER FUNDS
Tree seedling distribution		
• large program, 30,000 trees	\$40,000	\$40,000
• small program, 15,000 tress	\$18,000	\$18,000
Community Forestry	\$30,000	\$0
NRD Forester	\$44,000	\$0
Hazardous tree removal on NRD property	\$30,000	\$0
Landscape Tree Program	\$15,000	\$0

FISCAL YEAR 2030 ACTIONS		
	BUDGET	OTHER FUNDS
Tree seedling distribution		
• large program, 30,000 trees	\$42,000	\$42,000
• small program, 15,000 tress	\$18,000	\$18,000
Community Forestry	\$30,000	\$0
NRD Forester	\$45,000	\$0
Hazardous tree removal on NRD property	\$30,000	\$0
Landscape Tree Program	\$15,000	\$0

FISCAL YEAR 2031 ACTIONS		
	BUDGET	OTHER FUNDS
Tree seedling distribution		
• large program, 30,000 trees	\$42,000	\$42,000
• small program, 15,000 tress	\$20,000	\$20,000
Community Forestry	\$30,000	\$0
NRD Forester	\$46,000	\$0
Hazardous tree removal on NRD property	\$30,000	\$0
Landscape Tree Program	\$15,000	\$0

**SUBCOMMITTEE: Recreation, Forestry, and Wildlife**

**PROGRAM AREA: Wetlands**

**GOALS: B, D, I, J**

**FISCAL YEAR 2027**

ACTIONS	OBJECTIVES	STATUS CODE	FINAL BUDGET		PRIORITY	BUDGET CODE	
			EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDS		EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDS
Lincoln Saline Wetlands Nature Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operation and Maintenance</li> <li>• Resurface access road</li> </ul>	D1e	C1	\$1,000	\$0	14	469041	
		E2	\$60,000	\$0		469041	
Whitehead Saline Wetland <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operation and maintenance</li> </ul>	D1e	C1	\$1,000	\$0	13	469041	
Saline Wetlands Conservation Partnership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interlocal Agreement (expires 6/30/2029)</li> <li>• Begin engineering phase for Little Salt Creek Watershed USDA/NRCS WFPO for saline wetland restorations and watershed infrastructure                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction Design</li> <li>• Permitting</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Provide matching funds for partnership saline wetland management properties                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invasive woody vegetation removal along Salt Creek and Little Salt Creek wetland properties</li> <li>• Public access development (stream crossing, parking lot, primitive trail) for saline wetland management properties along Little Salt Creek</li> <li>• Improve vegetation management by incorporating planned grazing system improvements (fencing, livestock, water, etc.)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	D1f	A3	\$65,000	\$2,000	1	419225 419225	302195 303048
		E2	\$900,000	\$900,000	2	419225	303048
		E2	\$10,000	\$0	3	419225	303048
		E2	\$50,000	\$25,000	4	419225	302195
		E2	\$10,000	\$5,000	15	419225	302195
		E2	\$10,000	\$5,000	16	419225	302195
Warner Saline Wetlands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operate and maintain</li> <li>• Continue woody species control (honey locust)</li> </ul>	D1e	C1	\$1,500 \$1,500	\$0 \$0	12	469041 469041	
Landmark N. 33rd LLC Wetland/Schleich <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operate and maintain</li> <li>• Monitor Landmark access easement</li> <li>• Consider cooperating with City of Lincoln for trail connection to maintenance / pedestrian bridge site</li> </ul>	D1e	C1	\$1,500 \$0 \$0	\$0 \$0 \$0	11	469041 469041	

**FISCAL YEAR 2027**

ACTIONS	OBJECTIVES	STATUS CODE	FINAL BUDGET		PRIORITY	BUDGET CODE	
			EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDS		EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDS
Blue Heron Marsh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operate and maintain as per Wetland Bank Agreement</li> </ul>	D1e	C1	\$750	\$0	10	469041	
Lincoln / Lancaster County Mitigation Bank Site (See City / NRD Stormwater Interlocal Agreement - Work Plan) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Management agreement with City of Lincoln (City/NRD Stormwater Interlocal Agreement)</li> </ul>	D1c	A4	\$6,000	\$6,000	5	469041	302185
Dakota Springs Saline Wetland Property <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operate and maintain as per agreement with City of Lincoln Agreement rolls over annually</li> </ul>	D1c	C1	\$2,500	\$2,500	6	469041	302185
Little Salt Springs Saline Wetland WMA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operate and maintain</li> <li>In-lieu of property tax payment (Schell &amp; Downs) <a href="#">[See F&amp;P]</a></li> </ul>	D1e	C1 A4	\$1,500 *2773	\$0 \$0	9	469041 473001	
Marsh Wren Saline Wetland CWMA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-lieu property tax payments <a href="#">[See F&amp;P]</a></li> <li>Plant deciduous trees for light attenuation and screening</li> <li>Operate and maintain restoration project</li> </ul>	D1e	A4 C1	*938 \$0 \$2,000	\$0 \$0 \$0	7	473001 469041 469041	
Little Salt Fork Marsh Preserve WMA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operate and maintain</li> <li>Maintain BNSF RR mitigation bank</li> <li>In-lieu property tax payments <a href="#">[See F&amp;P]</a></li> </ul>	D1e	C1 A4	\$1,500 \$0 *473	\$0 \$0 \$0	8	469041 473001	
NRD staff to continue to assist the City / County Wilderness Park Science Committee			\$0	\$0		471120	
Saline wetland conservation easement or fee title acquisition	D1e	E2	\$700,000	\$0	12	730300	303027

FISCAL YEAR 2028 ACTIONS		
	BUDGET	OTHER FUNDS
Wetland property development and restoration	\$250,000	\$125,000
WFPO sponsor grant application to construct Little Salt Creek watershed saline wetland restorations and watershed infrastructure	\$4,000,000	\$3,000,000
Operation and maintenance of City of Lincoln's Wetland Banks	\$6,000	\$6,000
In-lieu of property tax payments (4 properties) <a href="#">[See F&amp;P]</a>	*4183	\$0
Continue participation in Saline Wetlands Conservation Partnership	\$70,000	\$3,000
Saline wetland conservation easement or fee title acquisition	\$10,000	\$0

FISCAL YEAR 2029 ACTIONS		
	BUDGET	OTHER FUNDS
Wetland property development and restoration	\$250,000	\$125,000
WFPO sponsor grant application to construct Little Salt Creek watershed saline wetland restorations and watershed infrastructure	\$4,000,000	\$3,000,000
Operation and maintenance of City of Lincoln's Wetland Banks	\$6,000	\$6,000
In-lieu of property tax payments (4 properties) <a href="#">[See F&amp;P]</a>	*4183	\$0
Continue participation in Saline Wetlands Conservation Partnership	\$70,000	\$3,000
Saline wetland conservation easement or fee title acquisition	\$10,000	\$0

FISCAL YEAR 2030 ACTIONS		
	BUDGET	OTHER FUNDS
Wetland property development and restoration	\$250,000	\$125,000
WFPO sponsor grant application to construct Little Salt Creek watershed saline wetland restorations and watershed infrastructure	\$500,000	\$375,000
Operation and maintenance of City of Lincoln's Wetland Banks	\$7,000	\$7,000
In-lieu of property tax payments (4 properties) <a href="#">[See F&amp;P]</a>	*4183	\$0
Continue participation in Saline Wetlands Conservation Partnership	\$70,000	\$3,000
Saline wetland conservation easement or fee title acquisition	\$200,000	\$0

FISCAL YEAR 2031 ACTIONS		
	BUDGET	OTHER FUNDS
Wetland property development and restoration	\$250,000	\$125,000
WFPO sponsor grant application to construct Little Salt Creek watershed saline wetland restorations and watershed infrastructure	\$0	\$0
Operation and maintenance of City of Lincoln's Wetland Banks	\$7,000	\$7,000
In-lieu of property tax payments (4 properties) <a href="#">[See F&amp;P]</a>	*4183	\$0
Continue participation in Saline Wetlands Conservation Partnership	\$75,000	\$3,000
Saline wetland conservation easement or fee title acquisition	\$10,000	\$0

**SUBCOMMITTEE: Recreation, Forestry, and Wildlife**  
**PROGRAM AREA: Wildlife Management Areas**  
**GOALS: D, E, G, I**

**FISCAL YEAR 2027**

ACTIONS	OBJECTIVES	STATUS CODE	FINAL BUDGET		PRIORITY	BUDGET CODE	
			EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDS		EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDS
Development and management of NRD public access facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Machine rental - removal of invasive woody vegetation</li> <li>Fence repair and maintenance</li> <li>Repair and/or update WMA signage (i.e. rules and regulations sign)</li> </ul>	E1c						
		C1	\$20,000	\$0	4	464010	
		C1	\$20,000	\$0	5	464010	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Timber Point <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trash pick-up &amp; seasonal toilets (pump vault)</li> <li>Operate and maintain facilities and vegetation</li> <li>Herbicide control - invasive woody vegetation</li> <li>Tree pile removal</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		C1	\$6,000	\$0	8	464010	
			\$1,500	\$0		464010	
		D1	\$5,000	\$3,750	1	464010	303787
		E2	\$25,000	\$0	11	464010	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Red Cedar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seasonal toilets and trash pick-up</li> <li>Operate and maintain facilities</li> <li>Tree pile removal</li> <li>Acquisition of adjoining parcel</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		C1	\$6,000	\$0	7	464010	
			\$1,500	\$0		464010	
		A1	\$15,000	\$0	3	464010	
		A6	\$37,000	\$0	2	464010	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wildwood <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NGPC Management Agreement expires 2032</li> <li>Miscellaneous (mowing, refuse service, pump vault toilets)</li> <li>Operate and maintain access roads</li> <li>Entrance sign</li> <li>Sediment basin maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engineering (In-house)</li> <li>Construction</li> <li>Sediment Basin Cleanout Planning</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>		A4	\$1,500	\$0	6	464010	
			\$8,000	\$0		464010	
			\$10,000	\$0		464010	
		E2	\$1,000	\$0	16	464010	
			\$0	\$0		464010	
			\$0	\$0		464010	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meadowlark <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operate and maintain access roads</li> <li>Herbicide control - invasive woody vegetation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		C1	\$2,500	\$0	9	464010	
			\$5,000	\$0		464010	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cottontail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operate and maintain access roads</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		C1	\$1,500	\$0	11	464010	

ACTIONS	OBJECTIVES	STATUS CODE	FINAL BUDGET		PRIORITY	BUDGET CODE	
			EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDS		EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Merganser               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operate and maintain access roads</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		C1	\$2,000	\$0	12	464010	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wild Plum               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operate and maintain access roads</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		C1	\$1,500	\$0	13	464010	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tanglewood               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operate and maintain access roads</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		C1	\$1,500	\$0	14	464010	

<b>FISCAL YEAR 2028 ACTIONS</b>		
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>
Develop and management of NRD public access facilities	\$145,000	\$20,000
Wildwood		
• NGPC Agreement for Wildwood expires in 2032	\$5,000	
• Wildwood Sediment Basin Cleanout Planning	\$5,000	\$0

<b>FISCAL YEAR 2029 ACTIONS</b>		
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>
Develop and management of NRD public access facilities	\$145,000	\$20,000
Wildwood		
• NGPC Agreement for Wildwood expires in 2032	\$5,000	
• Wildwood Sediment Basin Cleanout Planning	\$5,000	\$0

<b>FISCAL YEAR 2030 ACTIONS</b>		
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>
Develop and management of NRD public access facilities	\$150,000	\$20,000
Wildwood		
• NGPC Agreement for Wildwood expires in 2032	\$5,000	
• Wildwood Sediment Basin Cleanout Planning	\$5,000	\$0

<b>FISCAL YEAR 2031 ACTIONS</b>		
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>
Develop and management of NRD public access facilities	\$150,000	\$20,000
Wildwood		
• NGPC Agreement for Wildwood expires in 2032	\$5,000	
• Wildwood Sediment Basin Cleanout Planning	\$5,000	\$0