

APPLICATION AND APPROVAL PROCESS

1. Landowner applies for LPSNRD cost-sharing at local NRCS office.
2. NRCS reviews project application, determines resource concern, and completes initial design and cost estimate.
3. LPSNRD staff reviews application request and Board of Directors considers approval of the application.
4. After receiving notice of approval from LPSNRD, NRCS completes design and stakes out practices in the field and landowner hires contractor, completes conservation work, and notifies NRCS of completed work.
5. NRCS verifies completed work.
6. Landowner pays contractor and submits all paperwork and invoices to NRCS.
7. NRCS submits completed application, forms and billings to LPSNRD.
8. LPSNRD reviews project certification for payment.
9. LPSNRD makes cost-share payment to landowner.

WHERE TO BEGIN

1. Contact your county NRCS office to obtain an application form:

Cass County NRCS
Weeping Water: (402) 267-2025 ext 3

Lancaster County NRCS
Lincoln: (402) 423-9683 ext 3

Butler County NRCS
David City: (402) 367-3074 ext 3

Otoe County NRCS
Syracuse: (402) 269-2361 ext 3

Saunders County NRCS
Wahoo: (402) 443-4106 ext 3

Seward County NRCS
Seward: (402) 643-4586 ext 3

2. If you have questions, contact the LPSNRD office at (402) 476-2729

ABOUT THE NRD

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, with an emphasis on watershed management. Programs and activities include all areas of natural resource management and development: tree planting, flood protection, wildlife habitat, stream bank stabilization, environmental education, land treatment, water monitoring and many others. The districts are partially funded by property taxes and 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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LAND TREATMENT COST-SHARE PROGRAMS



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PURPOSE

Each year, the Lower Platte South NRD (LPSNRD) helps hundreds of agricultural landowners install improvements on their property to help reduce soil erosion and improve surface water quality. Our partner in these projects, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), uses federal guidelines to evaluate the land proposed for improvements and helps the landowner apply to the NRD for cost-sharing. Depending on factors like location, available funds and the time of year, landowners will receive cost-sharing from the NRD to install best management practices that are appropriate for their land. Landowner is required to maintain the installed practice and such practice shall not be removed, altered, or modified without consent of the NRD for a period of ten years after receiving payment. Information on individual programs can be obtained from your county NRCS office, from LPSNRD.org, from specific program brochures, or by contacting the Lower Platte South NRD.



Grassed Waterway

TERRACES, GRASSED WATERWAYS, DIVERSIONS & BASINS

LPSNRD will assist landowners with the planning, design, and cost of installing soil and water conservation practices on their land. These practices will reduce the loss of topsoil and control small gullies that contribute to the siltation of streams and lakes. Eligible practices include terraces, grassed waterways, diversions, and water and sediment control basins built on cropland and cropped for at least the previous growing season and certified by NRCS. Assistance may also be available to convert cropland to grass.

In addition to helping landowners plan and design these practices, LPSNRD reimburses them for a portion of the installation cost. The District will pay a cost-share unit percentage that is typically 60% of the average LPSNRD cost or 75% of the actual cost, whichever is less. The maximum cost-sharing amount for district-wide areas in the district is \$15,000. In an identified targeted area, the average unit cost-share is increased to 75% and the maximum cost-share amount is \$20,000.

Contact your local USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Office to determine what soil and water conservation practices you may need and the most current information concerning those cost-share programs in your county. Applications are taken throughout the year, but fall NRD cost-share applications are due July 1st to assure consideration for the program under the approved operating budget. The construction completion deadline for fall approvals is February 1st.

SUMMER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

If a landowner chooses to complete the work between May 1 and September 15, the project may be eligible for increased cost-sharing, under our Summer Conservation Program. The summer cost-sharing rate is an additional 15 percent, not to exceed 85 percent. The payment percentage is 75% average cost and 85% actual cost, whichever is less and the maximum cost-sharing amount for district-wide areas increases from \$15,000 to \$20,000. In the identified targeted areas, the payment percentage is 85% average cost and 85% actual cost, whichever is less and the maximum cost-share amount is \$25,000. Grassed waterways are not eligible for added incentive. The District offers this enhanced incentive because most projects are constructed in the fall, after harvest, but there is never enough time or contractors to complete all of the projects before winter begins.



Terrace Construction