

## COMPLETED CONSERVATION PROJECTS



Terrace with riser in wheat field



Waterway



Sediment Basin

## 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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## SUMMER CONSERVATION PROGRAM



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# PURPOSE

To offer an additional incentive to landowners to do more conservation work during the summer months on cropland. Increasing summer work spreads out the workload among a limited number of contractors and increases the overall amount of conservation work that gets done annually.



# HOW TO APPLY

1. Contact the NRCS office to obtain an application form.
2. Fill out the application form in this brochure and submit it to your local county NRCS office with an aerial photo of the land to be treated.

## **Butler County NRCS**

David City: (402) 367-3074 ext 3

## **Lancaster County NRCS**

Lincoln: (402) 423-9683 ext 3

## **Saunders County NRCS**

Wahoo: (402) 443-4106 ext 3

## **Cass County NRCS**

Weeping Water: (402) 267-2025 ext 3

## **Otoe County NRCS**

Syracuse: (402) 269-2361 ext 3

## **Seward County NRCS**

Seward: (402) 643-4586 ext 3

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

# PROCESS

1. Landowner applies for cost-share at local NRCS office.
2. NRCS reviews project, application, determines resource need, and completes initial design and cost estimate
3. LPSNRD considers approval of the application.
4. Applications submitted to board for approval.
5. After receiving notice of approval from LPSNRD, NRCS completes design and stakes out practices in the field.
6. Landowner hires contractor and completes conservation work.
7. Landowner, contractor, and NRCS verify completed work.
8. LPSNRD reviews application for payment.
9. LPSNRD makes cost-share payment with additional incentive.
10. 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.



# APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE

## *Terms*

1. Eligible practices include terrace systems and water and sediment control basins built on cropland and certified by NRCS.
2. Only projects completed between May 1st and September 15th are eligible for this increased cost-share percentage.
3. Cost-share unit calculations (estimate and actual), will be based on an increased percentage of an additional 15%, not to exceed an 85% level.
4. The maximum for non-targeted area approvals is increased from \$15,000 to \$20,000 for work done through the NRD's Summer Conservation Program. The maximum for targeted area approvals is increased to \$25,000.

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*Landowner*

*Date*

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*Address*

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*City*

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*State*

*ZIP*

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*Phone*

*Email*

The undersigned agrees to the terms of the program listed above and does hereby apply for the additional cost-share assistance on those practices to be built and completed according to NRCS design specifications between May 1st & September 15th.

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*Landowner Signature*

*Date*

\*Submit to your local NRCS office.  
If you are unsure, call Lower Platte South NRD for further information @ (402) 476-2729\*