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.
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) 267-2015 ext 3

Otoe County NRCS  
Syracuse: (402) 269-3466 ext 3

Seward County NRCS  
Seward: (402) 643-5231 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. LPSNRD considers approval of the application.
3. Applications submitted to board for approval.
4. Landowner completes conservation work.
5. Landowner, contractor, and NRCS verify completed work.
6. LPSNRD reviews application for payment.
7. LPSNRD makes cost-share payment with additional incentive.

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 $10,000 to $15,000 for work done through the NRD’s Summer Conservation Program. The maximum for targeted area approvals is increased to $20,000.

Landowner  Date

Address

City

State  ZIP

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.

Landowner Signature  Date

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