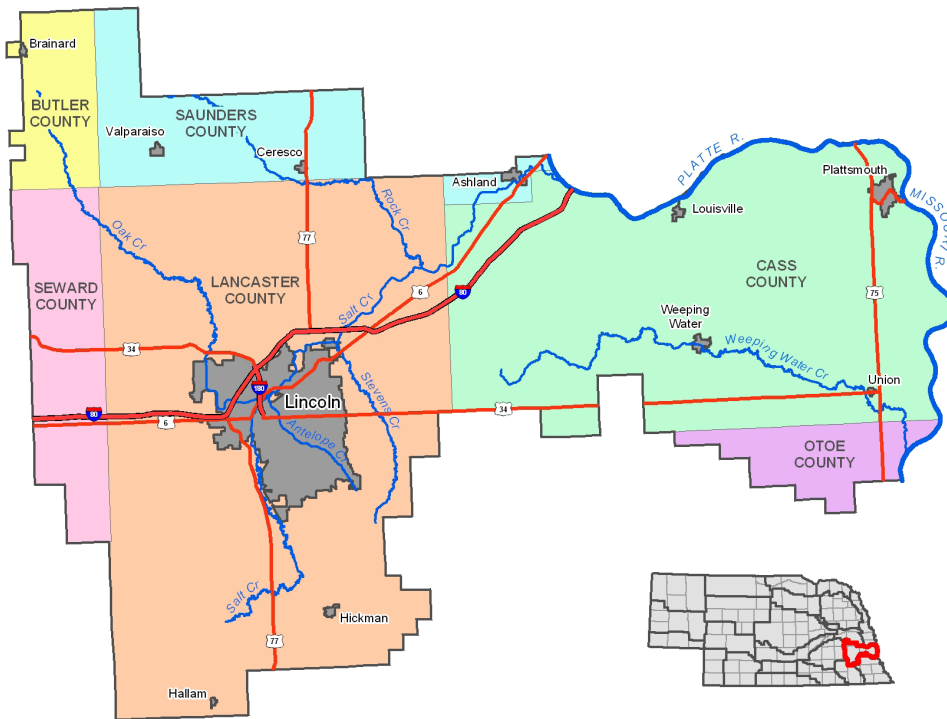




# Know your NRD

Take a look at the map of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District. Can you find the following things on the map? Place a check next to each when you find them!

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Your home town   | <input type="checkbox"/> Interstate 80 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Platte River | <input type="checkbox"/> Brainard, NE  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plattsmouth, NE  | <input type="checkbox"/> Hallam, NE    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Salt Creek       | <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Creek    |



Use the words below to fill-in the missing words. Each word is used only once. For help, visit [www.lpsnrd.org](http://www.lpsnrd.org).

Dams    flooding    soil  
farms    clean    23  
   watersheds

Nebraska has \_\_\_\_\_  
Natural Resources Districts  
located across the state.  
NRD boundaries are based  
on \_\_\_\_\_.

One task your NRD is  
responsible for is flood  
control. \_\_\_\_\_ help  
protect the land from  
\_\_\_\_\_ when  
there is too much rain.

Your NRD also helps  
protect ground water.  
Ground water is an  
important resource for  
\_\_\_\_\_ and homes.

The NRD also helps land  
owners prevent \_\_\_\_\_  
erosion. By helping prevent  
erosion, we keep our rivers  
and lakes \_\_\_\_\_.

## Did you know...

The Lower Platte South NRD has been protecting natural resources since 1972. Your NRD provides local control and solutions to manage natural resources. We work to protect and conserve ground water, surface water and soil. And, your NRD provides flood control, recreation and environmental education.

# NRD & Natural Resources

U S W Q A C U P V S A L I N E  
 E B H B R E T A W N A E L C N  
 D A E H W O R R A Y V P R T O  
 N O I T N E V E R P D O O L F  
 C O N O R E H P H F N X H O T  
 Q N I M F O Z H P O P T J K I  
 C A T T A I L S I P M A I N H  
 A L D W C T E T F W Z T E I S  
 U S N T R E A F A I B I F M R  
 H E A Y R E T F I Z Q B W H A  
 W L L I R N V O K L X A I K M  
 Q J T C C X I A R C D H T B M  
 A J E O Y V A H E P X L I O J  
 T R W L U R E Z U B T N I V V  
 X Q N O I T A R G I M X F W Z

## Words to Find

wetland  
 saline  
 migration  
 flood prevention  
 wildlife  
 recreation  
 habitat  
 marsh  
 clean water  
 protection  
 beaver  
 mink  
 heron  
 arrowhead  
 cattails

**Visit a Wetland!**  
**There are lots of wetlands located in the Lower Platte South NRD. Below are just a few of them!**

• Whitehead Saline Wetland, 27th and I-80.

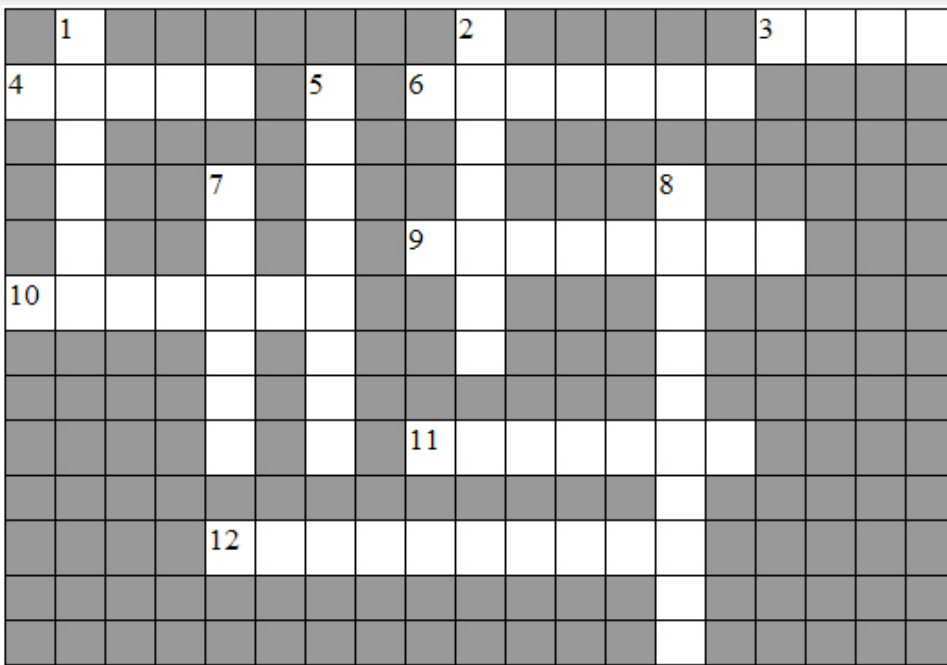
This wetland is a saline wetland. This means the soil and water are salty from salt deposits deep within the ground. In the spring, thousands of migrating birds stop-over at this wetland on their way north.

• Lincoln Saline Wetland Nature Center, just east of Capital Beach.

This wetland, also a saline wetland, features a walking trail, a wildlife viewing blind, and a wide variety of waterfowl.

• Frank Shoemaker Marsh, 1.3 miles north of Arbor Road and 27th street.

This wetland provides habitat for a variety of wetland plants and animals including the state endangered saltwort plant.



## ACROSS

3. A small, long, slender, brown carnivore often found in wetlands.
4. Another name for a wetland.
6. Wetlands provide food, water, shelter, and space for many animals. This makes them an important \_\_\_\_\_.
9. A state endangered plant found in saline wetlands.
10. An area of land in which the soil is saturated with water at least part of the year.
11. As some birds \_\_\_\_\_ from their wintering ground in the south, they use wetlands as resting spots.
12. Hunting, wildlife viewing, fishing, and hiking are only some of the \_\_\_\_\_ opportunities provided by wetlands.

## DOWN

1. A wetland with salty soil and water is said to be \_\_\_\_\_.
2. A tall plant often found in wetlands with a brown "hotdog" at the top.
5. Wetlands often act like sponges by soaking-up excess water and preventing \_\_\_\_\_.
7. A large brown rodent with large teeth and a flat tail often found in wetlands.
8. As water slowly moves through wetlands, many \_\_\_\_\_ are removed making the water cleaner.