



Design



Construction



Completion

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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COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



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PURPOSE

The Community Assistance Program (CAP) provides up to 50% cost-share assistance to support communities and homeowners associations as they address natural-resources concerns, such as drainage, stormwater, and streambank erosion.



ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

CAP funds may be used for such projects as improving stormwater or drainage, including studies to identify potential solutions; repairing storm erosion damage to public trails; stabilizing stream channels; etc. Cities and villages, as well as private homeowners associations, may apply for funding. Association projects should be located on lands that serve a public good, e.g., common areas, stormwater detention areas, though the Board of Directors may consider exceptions. Cost-share is available for project study, design, and construction phases. Projects must be designed by a professional engineer licensed in the State of Nebraska and approved by LPSNRD Board of Directors. Maintenance of completed projects is solely the responsibility of the applicant and is not eligible for cost-share.

PROCESS

1. Contact the NRD to discuss your project and have an onsite meeting.
2. Send a letter requesting funding assistance for your project to the NRD.
3. The District's Urban Subcommittee considers the request and makes a recommendation to the Board of Directors.
4. The Board of Directors votes on the cost-share request at a regular Board meeting.
5. The NRD notifies you of the Board of Director's decision, including the funding amount that the NRD has approved.



HOW TO APPLY

Send a letter requesting CAP funding to the NRD office. Be sure to include each of these items:

- Project description, stating both the problem you want to solve and the proposed solution
- A map and, if available, photos of the project area
- The benefits of the proposed solution
- Project scope, timeline, and schedule of costs developed by your engineer or consulting firm
- Total project cost and the amount of funding you are requesting from the NRD
- Other participants in the project

FAQs

Q: Can we use other funding assistance, in addition to our money and the NRD's share?

A: Yes. The NRD will cost-share up to 50% of the portion of the project that you are paying yourself. For example, if you receive a grant that covers 33% of the project cost, and you pay 33%, then the NRD would cost-share the remaining 33% of the total cost.

Q: How do we receive our NRD funds?

A: The NRD will reimburse you, up to the approved cost-share amount, once the project is complete, unless other arrangements are approved by the Board due to the size of the project or financial impediments. You will submit a letter requesting reimbursement and documentation of actual costs paid for the project, which we will use to verify the amount we pay to you.

Q: What if our project is delayed?

A: Weather and other circumstances can sometimes delay project completion, so the NRD does not set a deadline for completing a CAP-funded project, unless specified in contract. NRD staff will check in with you periodically for status updates on your project, so that we can keep our Board of Directors informed of CAP project progress.

Q: What if the project ends up costing more than we thought when we applied for CAP cost-share?

A: Notify the NRD as soon as possible of the increased costs, and request an amendment to the approved cost-share for up to 50% of the increase.

Q: I am a private homeowner, and I have a problem with creek bank erosion in my backyard. Can I get CAP assistance?

A: No. The Community Assistance Program is designated for cities, villages, and homeowners association, but the NRD may be able to help you identify other funding solutions for your situation. Contact our office to tell us more about your project.