



## Conservation Programming 2025

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Program	Description	NRWD Funding Support
<b>Riparian Area Enhancement</b>		
<b>Riparian Area Fencing</b>	Fencing to limit livestock access to waterways and dugouts. Does not cover perimeter fencing.	\$1.25 per foot; \$90 per corner; \$150 for solar electric fencer (75% of the cost of two-strand electric fence with 40 ft. post spacing).  Max \$4,000 for waterway fencing Max \$1,000 for dugout fencing
<b>Alternative Watering System</b>	Renewable energy (solar, wind) pumping equipment for watering livestock for producers who have fenced off waterways and dugout.	75% NRWD: 25% landowner  Max \$7,500 for alternate to waterway Max \$5,000 for alternate to dugout Max \$750 per trough
<b>Livestock Crossings</b>	Stream crossing for livestock intended for exclusion of livestock from waterways. Waterways must be fenced off prior to crossing installation.	75% NRWD: 25% landowner  Max \$1,000
<b>Surface Water Management</b>		
<b>Water Retention: Small dams</b>	Small dam construction to reduce downstream flooding and erosion.	With direct project benefits to the landowner, the landowner will contribute 20%. With multiple benefits downstream, the NRWD may pay up to 100%. Incentive conservation agreement up to \$100 an acre.
<b>Rain Gardens</b>	Establishing a garden to capture water run-off from rooftops, lawns, driveways to reduce pollutants from stormwater and to restore natural infiltration.	75% NRWD: 25% landowner  Max \$750 for residential buildings Max \$2,500 for public buildings
<b>Habitat Conservation and Enhancement</b>		
<b>Wetland Restoration</b>	Restoring drained or degraded wetlands on working lands by plugging surface drains.	75% NRWD: 25% landowner  Incentive conservation agreement up to \$100 an acre.

<b>Shelterbelts</b>	Establishing shelterbelts in agricultural areas to capture moisture, provide wildlife habitat, sequester carbon, and protect soil from wind erosion.	\$100 application fee.  Max \$3,000 at an average of \$5 per tree.
<b>Buffer Zones &amp; Grassed Waterways</b>	Perennial grass buffers planted along fields and waterways to help stop erosion and control flooding.	NRWD will pay 100% seed cost.  Incentive conservation agreement up to \$100 an acre.
<b>Drinking Water Protection</b>		
<b>Abandoned Well Sealing</b>	Sealing abandoned wells to reduce risk of groundwater contamination.	Landowner pays \$100 per well; certified proof of sealed well required for reimbursement.  NRWD pays 100% of the well sealing cost up to a max of \$3,000.
<b>Well Water Testing Program</b>	Private well water testing for the presence of <i>E. coli</i> and coliform bacteria.	NRWD will cover the costs of pickup and delivery of samples to the lab. Cost of the sample is paid by landowner.
<b>Prairie Watershed Climate Program (PWCP)</b>		
<b>Nitrogen Management</b>	Use of Polymer Coated Urea (PCU) (increased cost only); combined nitrification and urease inhibitors or dual inhibitors; split fertilizer application; soil testing (max of \$2,500)	85% of cost
	Soil mapping; agronomic support for Nitrogen management plans	50% of cost – max of \$10,000
	Adding legumes to a crop rotation	\$35/acre
	Upgrading seeder equipment	\$200/foot – max of \$30,000
	Upgrading manure injection and incorporation equipment; offsetting high cost of synthetic fertilizer substitute (manure, compost, digestates)	Variable
<b>Cover Cropping</b>	Intercropping; full-season annual and/or perennial cover crops in rotation	\$35/acre
	Agronomic support for seeding	85%
<b>Rotational Grazing</b>	Rotational grazing infrastructure	\$18,000/quarter
	Seeding legumes	\$35/acre
	Agronomic support for a grazing management plan	50% of cost of the plan – max of \$400