



## Conservation Programming 2026

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| Program                                     | Description                                                                                                                                              | NRWD Funding Support                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <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).<br><br>Max \$4,000 for waterway fencing<br>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<br><br>Max \$7,500 for alternate to waterway<br>Max \$5,000 for alternate to dugout<br>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<br><br>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<br><br>Max \$750 for residential buildings<br><br>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<br><br>Incentive conservation agreement up to \$100 an acre.                                                                                                                                 |

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| <b>Shelterbelts</b>                             | Establishing shelterbelts in agricultural areas to capture moisture, provide wildlife habitat, sequester carbon, and protect soil from wind erosion.                                 | 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.<br><br>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.                                                                                                                 | Certified proof of sealed well required for reimbursement.<br><br>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 \$5,000) | 85% of cost                                                                                                                       |
|                                                 | Soil mapping; agronomic support for Nitrogen management plans                                                                                                                        | 50% of cost – max of \$10,000                                                                                                     |
|                                                 | Adding legumes to a crop rotation                                                                                                                                                    | \$50/acre –max of \$5,000 for Soybeans                                                                                            |
|                                                 | 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                                                                                                           | \$50/acre                                                                                                                         |
|                                                 | Agronomic support for seeding                                                                                                                                                        | 85%                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Rotational Grazing</b>                       | Rotational grazing infrastructure                                                                                                                                                    | \$30,000/quarter                                                                                                                  |
|                                                 | Seeding legumes, perennials, grasses                                                                                                                                                 | \$50/acre                                                                                                                         |
|                                                 | Agronomic support for a grazing management plan                                                                                                                                      | 50% of cost of the plan – max of \$400                                                                                            |