

Projects Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 2, 2023 7:30 AM
Lower Platte North NRD Office
P.O. Box 126
Wahoo, NE 68066

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. SWCP

Attached is the updated 2023 LPNNRD SWCP policy. The only update is the FY23 DNR Practice Payment Schedule that we will utilize for payment calculations.

2.A. SWCP Application Approvals

2.B. SWCP Payments

B-1- 22	CHARLES MEDINEER	\$	4,934.99	TERRACE/TILE OUTLET
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2.C. SWCP Cancellations

2.D. Lands for Conservation 2023

Attached is the updated 2023 LFC policy. As in previous years the per acre payment rate was taken from the Nebraska Farmland Values and Cash Rental Rate study conducted by University of Nebraska.

As a reminder: an applicant can apply for LFC payment throughout the district (with our listed Priority Watersheds taking preference), to offset lost income to complete conservation work during the summer construction period, 6/1-9/30.

The proposed rate is \$253/acre.

3. WATERSHEDS

3.A. Shell Creek Watershed

3.A.1. Shell Creek Implementation - 319

SCWIG group met on February 21st at the Columbus NRCS office. We should see an agreement in the next few days for Environmental Trust funds and a few weeks for 319 funds. Potential urban projects include working with Lindsay to enhance their lake rehabilitation project, a new housing development in Newman Grove, and work at the Schuyler Golf Course. The group is still looking to complete a smaller urban project in a highly visible area to showcase as an example. Bill has lots of projects in the works including 10 to 15 onsite wastewater system upgrades, 2 solar wells, and a few grade stabilization projects all estimated at \$140,000 of required grant funds. Logistics for the SWCS conference in Des Moines this summer were discussed along with planning to take students on a one-day trip to Lincoln on April 10. Since April 10th is not a school day it was suggested to offer teacher drivers a stipend comparable to substitute teacher rates, lunch for all participants, and

mileage. We plan to invite all three schools that help: Newman Grove, Schuyler, and Lakeview. Should others in the watershed be invited?

3.B. Wahoo Creek Watershed

3.B.1. Wahoo Creek Dam Site Planning Update

We met with NeDNR and NRCS to discuss project progress and funding. Related to funding, we plan to relinquish the remaining Water Sustainability Funds (WSF) due to match requirements. Specifically, WSF requires a match derived from the sponsor - we cannot use JEDI funds as match. There is also the potential to use NRCS-WFPO funds to hire a project grant manager for the duration of construction.

3.B.1.a. Olsson Design Update and Invoice

3.B.1.b. Land Rights Acquisition

Agreements have been signed with Olsson and Great Plains Appraisal.

3.B.2. Wahoo Creek Watershed Water Quality Plan - 319

3.C. Skull/Bone Creek Watershed

A stakeholder meeting occurred on February 22 at Abie's Place. There was a tremendous turnout of approximately 40 stakeholders and generally positive feedback.

A locally led landowner group is in the process of forming to assist NRD with practice planning and implementation. We hope the group can function similarly to SCWIG.

Next steps for the NRD could be pursuing WFPO (NRCS) and/or 319 (NDEE/EPA) funding for plan development and cost share assistance.

4. JOINT WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD (JWMAB)

4.A. East Fremont/Elkhorn Township Drainage - FEMA HMPG

Interlocal agreements are due by June detailing construction and maintenance commitments from all entities. The City of Fremont will be the lead project sponsor.

Public open houses are being scheduled. Likely dates are March 23rd and March 30th. NRD Board, City Council, and County Board members are being asked to participate. It will be an open-house style with subject specific tables throughout - no formal big group presentation planned.

4.B. West Fremont - FEMA BRIC

JEO has preliminary modeled some of the proposed projects discussed at the kickoff meeting. Of the eight presented, one has merit. This project included reinforcing the existing Farmland Levee to make it more resilient to a 50 year flood. JEO is continuing to explore nonstructural mitigation project options and will present options at the next meeting.

4.C. Rawhide Creek Watershed - NRCS WFPO

Landowner notifications will go out soon to roughly 50 property owners that may be affected by field work including: geotechnical, cultural/archeology, and wetlands.

5. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

6. MORSE BLUFF LEVEE

7. WOLFE JETTY

Drew Wolfe and Carl Groteluechen plan to update the Committee.

8. LESHARA DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT

Attached is Request #3 for \$625.97. This leaves a balance of \$60,054.69 of the \$62,000 approved at the July 2021 board meeting.

9. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

10. 2023 Director's Retreat

We will be conducting a Director's Retreat on 3/9 at the Schneider Building in Fremont. The address is 935 Scheider Street, Fremont, NE, 68025 starting at 9:00 a.m.

What would the committee like to see discussed?

11. LOCAL WORK GROUP

On 2/28 NRCS conducted its annual Local Work Group (LWG). The LWG is made up of area landowners, producers, state/local/federal employees and anyone else interested in contributing. Local NRCS personnel presented on pertinent government programs as well as what we can expect in the near future.

Of note, NRCS expects a significant increase in funding in the coming years and will face the challenges of allocating all the dollars. A good bit of discussion was had in regards to how this could impact the LPN. Expanding NRCS priority areas to the Skull/Bone Creek watersheds was well received.

Attached are the handouts/worksheets that were presented.

12. OTHER

Nebraska Loess Hills Resources Conservation & Development District (RC&D) 2023 Membership Renewal and Annual Report attached.

Just as a reminder that it is Thursday, March 9th at the Schneider Building, 935 Schneider Street, Fremont NE 68025

13. ADJOURNMENT

**Lower Platte North
Natural Resources District**

**Soil & Water Conservation Program
(SWCP)**

LPNNRD Board Approval 3/13/23

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LOWER PLATTE NORTH NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT POLICY 2023 SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM (SWCP)

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this program is to provide guidance for administering federal (EPA 319 grants), state (NSWCP, Environmental Trust grants) and local cost-share assistance as an incentive to landowners for the construction and application of soil and water conservation practices.

II. ELIGIBILITY, DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

- A. Any landowner within the Lower Platte North NRD (LPNNRD), individual, partnership, corporation or other legal entity is eligible to apply for SWCP funds.
- B. Cost-share program funds will be approved and distributed based on the number of high priority applications received each fiscal year (July 1 - June 30).
- C. Funds may be reserved and targeted toward high priority watersheds and projects as determined and approved by the LPNNRD Projects Committee and Board.
- D. Unobligated or unused SWCP funds in priority watersheds may be redistributed to other areas if not used in a timely manner.
- E. The LPNNRD may supplement the Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program (NSWCP) state funds with available federal, other state & local funds. The amount of local funds budgeted and available will be decided each year.
- F. Landowners will be expected to apply for available federal EQIP cost-share funding when applicable and available for eligible high priority practices A, C through M, before state and local cost share funding is approved. It is also generally expected to approve available state funding before local funds are considered.
- G. Lands for Conservation (LFC) program is exempt from the payment cap stipulations of the SWCP policy.

III. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- A. Eligible SWCP applicants are to apply at their local NRCS Service Office (also the LPNNRD office if for tree planting or windbreak renovations). Applications with appropriate NRCS comments/recommendations are to be forwarded to the NRD for consideration.
- B. Applications will contain sufficient information to include:
 - 1. Date construction (summer or fall) is expected to be completed.
 - 2. Type of Project to be installed.
 - 3. Whether the proposed project is located in a priority watershed area or if other special conditions exist.
 - 4. An aerial photograph showing the project location.
 - 5. Total estimated cost-share needed for the project.
 - 6. When applying for a small dam or grade stabilization structure, the estimated percent of land treatment draining to the proposed site (Attachment C).

IV. ELIGIBLE HIGH PRIORITY PRACTICES

- A. **Establishment of warm and cool season grass on crop land**
- B. **Small conservation project (terraces, basins, diversion, grass waterways and/or underground outlets) applications.** This priority practice includes newly established

grass waterways and/or replacement grass waterways.

- i. Small projects are only eligible on fields where a complete no-till cropping management system is currently being applied.
- ii. Existing grassed waterway applications must be over 10-years old and part of an approved terrace system or on 100% no-tilled fields)
- iii. Small Projects may involve the construction of a new terrace and/or sediment & water control basins systems or it may include the extension of an existing terrace system with the inclusion of sediment & water control basins (this priority does “NOT” include the replacement of functionally obsolete terrace systems, waterways and sediment & water control basins in excess of 10-years old).
- iv. Small projects do not include practice of installing tile outlets into existing functional terrace outlet systems (refer to priority G).
- v. Small projects will not exceed \$5000.00 in cost incentive request.
*For small projects, landowners will not be expected to apply for available federal EQIP cost-share funding for eligible high priority practice B. It will generally be expected to approve available state funding before local funds are considered.

- C. ***Construction of new terrace systems** (includes replacement of functionally obsolete terrace systems in excess of 20-years old).
- D. **Construction of sediment & water control basins when part of a new terrace system where cost share incentives exceeds \$5,000** (Attachment A).
- E. **Construction of Diversions when part of a new terrace system or dam** (Attachments A & C).
- F. **Planned Grazing Management Systems** (Attachment B)
- G. *** Installation of Tiled Outlets into Existing Terraces** (includes the storage portion of the terrace).
- H. **Water Impoundment and Grade Stabilization Structures** (Attachment C)
- I. **Tree/Shrub Planting** (Only when NRD stock is provided and planted by the District) For riparian buffer strips, field, acreage and farmstead windbreaks and for wildlife habitat 200- tree/shrub minimum is required for riparian buffer strips, and for field and farmstead windbreaks. A 300-tree/shrub minimum is required for wildlife habitat.
An eligible high priority practice under our Soil and Water Conservation Program (SWCP), at 50% cost share assistance on handplanting of 600 or more trees, provided that the cooperators use our tree planning machine. It is further recommended that final approved payments will be subject to LPNNRD inspection. (4/2022)
- J. **Windbreak Renovation** (Attachment D)
- K. **Supplementing EOIP Contracts in Priority Areas**
When federal EQIP funds are approved in LPNNRD priority areas, the District may approve additional local and/or state cost share not to exceed the established maximum cost share percentage approved for a practice or the specific area.
- L. **Emergency Repair of Conservation Practices** (Attachment E)
- M. **Lands for Conservation (LFC) Program :** (Attachment F) **Any approved EQIP contract that agrees to the terms of the LFC program; summer construction Jun 1 – September 30 of the calendar year.**

***NOTE:** Cost share only applies toward the tile outlet portion of approved terrace systems to establish a stable outlet. A stable outlet is considered to be on land that has a 2% grade or less. A landowner may choose to install a portion of the outlet without cost share

assistance provided that it meets NRCS design standards and specifications.

V. INELIGIBLE PRACTICES

A. Any application that would allow the installation of terraces on land that has established

- grass will not be approved.
- B. The LPNNRD will not approve any conservation practice that will encourage the conversion of grassland, including CRP land, to crop land. This includes CRP land in the last year of the contract.
 - C. Rebuilding grassed waterways or tile outlets if under 10-years old. Note: Cost share for replacing grass waterways will be considered on a case-by-case basis when over ten (10) years old and part of an approved terrace system or on 100% no-till fields (see IV. M.).
 - D. Work that is considered normal maintenance of existing conservation practices.
 - E. Rebuilding terraces on existing terrace lines.
 - F. Terraces systems on Class VI land or greater.
 - G. Sediment removal from small dams or other impoundments and/or from adjacent lands of said structures.
 - H. Work started or constructed prior to approval.
 - I. Livestock Waste Pits.
 - J. The District will not provide cost share for practices on farmland that does not have a certified Nitrogen operator or on irrigated land where the irrigated acres are not certified by LPNNRD.
 - K. Any practice on fields that are determined sod-busted by the NRCS.
 - L. Repair of damage to conservation practices that is determined to be landowner negligence in performing normal maintenance as outlined in NRCS specifications.

VI. APPLICATION SUBMITTAL, APPROVAL & PROJECT COMPLETION PERIODS

A. Summer Construction Applications (For June through September 15):

To insure LPNNRD consideration, **applications for summer construction must be submitted by February 1.** Most generally, the Projects Committee will review, rank and recommend summer application approvals prior to construction season. . However, consideration and approval of summer applications received after **February 1** may occur depending on available funds. All **summer construction projects are to be completed by September 15** and **final paperwork submitted to the LPNNRD office by October 15.** The Projects Committee will review all uncompleted or unpaid applications at the end of each period to determine **if** application extensions and/or cancellations are warranted. **The field must be available for construction by August 1. The area must be planted to a cover crop or a crop preceding or after construction. The crop or cover may be harvested or pastured during the contract period.** Work not completed by **September 15**, may be canceled or receive reduced cost share as determined by the Projects Committee/Board.

NOTE: Cooperators who are approved for incentive payments within special designated watersheds, must follow these same summer construction requirements (refer to the “Lands for Conservation Program” – Attachment F).

B. Fall Construction Applications (September through December project completion):

To insure LPNNRD consideration, applications for fall construction must be received by **July 1.** Most generally, the Projects Committee will review, rank and recommend fall construction application approvals prior to fall construction season. However, additional approvals for fall work may occur after July/August as funds are available.

Approved fall applications will be given until December 31 to complete the work. The Committee will review all unpaid applications at the end of each year to determine application extensions and cancellations.

C. Grass, Tree Planting, Windbreak Renovation Applications:

Application periods for grass establishment will be approved based on NRCS seed and seeding specifications. Applications for trees are generally considered for approval just before the spring planting season. For approved Windbreak Renovation applications, tree removal will normally be completed in the summer or fall so the site will be ready before spring tree planting.

D. Small Dam Application (Attachment C):

To ensure consideration for approval, the **District will need NRCS/NRD technician recommended applications by December 15.** The Projects Committee will review and prioritize and submit a recommendation for approval at the January Board Meeting.

E. LPNNRD Signatures on Approved Applications & Related Documents:

The Manager, Assistant Manager and Projects Coordinator are authorized to sign Board approved SWCP applications, Completion and Document Certifications and other related documents on behalf of the LPNNRD.

VII. 2023 PRIORITY AREAS & ELIGIBLE COST-SHARE PERCENTAGES

Priority areas for 2023 listed below are given first consideration for District cost share assistance. Each year, high priority practice applications located in priority areas are reviewed and approved by the Projects Committee and Board for the upcoming program year. The cost-share assistance payment may not exceed a total of the eligible percent for an area when combining all sources of federal, state and local assistance. If there is not enough funding for all applications for all listed priority areas, the Projects Committee may rank areas for approval or approve a lower maximum cost share percent.

LPNNRD Cost-Share Amounts	Average (%) and Actual
FALL Work (District Wide) max \$ limit: \$12,500.00	75
FALL Work (Targeted Areas) max \$ limit: \$12,500.00	75
SUMMER Work (District Wide) max \$ limit: \$10,000.00	75
SUMMER Work (Targeted Areas) max \$ limit: \$12,500.00	75

Targeted Areas	Notes
A. LPNNRD Lands North of the Platte River	Platte, Boone, Madison, Colfax & Dodge Counties. Shell Creek is also in ET & EPA 319 grant area - actual percent depends on priority area and practice as defined in approved grant application).
B. Lake Wanhoo (Sand/Duck Creek) Watershed	
C. Czechland Lake Recreation Area Watershed	
D. Homestead Lake Recreation Area Watershed	
E. Wahoo Creek Sub-Basins	Dunlap Creek; North Fork Wahoo Creek; Miller Branch Creek. These Wahoo Creek Sub-Basins are designated EQIP NWQI, EPA 319 and Environmental Trust Priority Areas.
F. Skull Creek Watershed	It is anticipated to alternate this watershed with the Bone Creek Watershed every two years
G. Watersheds Above All Existing and Planned LPNNRD Flood Control Structures	Non-public structures that are or will be LPNNRD Flood Control Structures operated and maintained by the District
H. Watersheds Above Proposed or Completed Landowner SWCP Cost Share Dams	That will or have received LPNNRD assistance
I. Voluntary Compliance of Verified Erosion & Sediment Complaints	District-wide
J. All High Priority Practice Summer Applications	District-wide (June 1 through September 15 completion)
K. Tree/Shrub Planting	District-wide
L. Voluntary Compliance of Verified Erosion & Sediment Complaints	District-wide
M. All High Priority Practice Summer Applications	District-wide (June 1 through September 15 completion)
N. Tree/Shrub Planting	District-wide

VIII. COST SHARE PERCENTAGE - PRACTICE EXCEPTIONS

The maximum cost share percentage for most high priority conservation practices will be 75%; depending on the where the practice is located (**Refer to VII. above**). The exception to this is for the following high priority practices:

- A. **Water Impoundment Dams and Grade Stabilization Structures: 65% - 75%**
(Attachment C)
- B. **Windbreak Renovation Practice: 50%** (Attachment D)
- C. **Emergency Repair of Conservation Practices: 50%** (Attachment E)

IX. MAXIMUM COST SHARE LIMITS

A. **General Maximum Limit:**

A cooperator may receive up to \$12,500 SWCP funds within any program year (July 1 - June 30) for most high priority practices unless otherwise specified below.

B. **Priority Areas with Federal or State Grant Funding:**

Within priority areas (**Wahoo Creek and Shell Creek e.g.**) that are receiving reimbursable federal or state grant funding, the maximum limits may be exceeded to expedite use of those special funds within the specified grant period time line.

C. **Planned Grazing Systems – Livestock Well Pumping Plants:**

The maximum limit for planned grazing systems is \$12,500, however a maximum cost share limit of \$5,000 will also apply toward the livestock well and well pumping plant components (combined) when part of the approved system (Attachment B).

D. **Water Impoundment & Grade Stabilization Structures:**

The maximum limit for water impoundment dams and grade stabilization structures is \$15,000 upon NRCS recommendation and Projects Committee/Board approval on a case-by-case basis (Attachment C).

E. **Windbreak Renovation:**

The maximum limit for windbreak renovation is \$1,000 per landowner per year (Attachment D).

F. **Emergency Repair of Conservation Practices:**

The maximum limit for emergency repair of conservation practices is \$1,000 per landowner per year (Attachment E).

G. **2022 Summer Conservation Practices in Non-Priority Areas:**

For 2022, the maximum limit for approved conservation practices in non-priority areas will be \$10,000 per landowner per year.

X. AMENDMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL COST SHARE

When applications are approved under the maximum limit, additional funds, up to the limit, may be approved if notified by the landowner or technician before construction. LPNNRD staff is authorized to approve an additional \$1,000 above the original approval (up to the maximum limit) if the request is received from the landowner and/or technician prior to construction. Staff will notify the Projects Committee of any staff authorized changes.

XI. APPLICATION EXTENSIONS

Extensions may be granted for inclement weather or for other conditions beyond the landowner's control. All extension requests will be considered by the Projects Committee and Board on a case-by-case basis. No more than one 6-month extension can be approved for the same application.

XII. CONSERVATION PRACTICE DESIGN, STAKING & PERMITS

- A. All conservation measures must be designed and staked by Natural Resources Conservation Service personnel (NRCS), NRD technicians or other NRCS approved technical service providers. All completed conservation work must be according to the NRCS design standards and specifications as outlined in the NRCS Procedures Handbook for LPNNRD.
- B. The landowner is responsible for contacting the NRCS office to secure funds and schedule the layout (design and staking) of the approved work
- C. The landowner is responsible for obtaining all required local, state and federal permits.

XIII. SUBMITTING BILLS & PAPERWORK ON COMPLETED WORK

- A. The landowner is responsible for submitting all bills to the NRCS office. The NRCS will calculate the eligible cost share payment (on NSWCP form # 3) and submit completed and properly signed paperwork to the LPNNRD.
- B. Drawings of the completed practices to be provided by the NRCS/NRD technician on an aerial photo and submitted with the payment request.

XIV. COST SHARE PAYMENTS

- A. LPNNRD has approved use of NeDNR's 2023 conservation practice payment rates for calculating SWCP contract cost-share payments. Payments will be based on NeDNR's conservation practice payment rates that were in force at the time the application was approved. The cost-share percent may be lowered if summer work is extended into fall.
- B. The LPNNRD calculates and pays cost-share on terraces only by the linear foot, not by the cubic yard.
- C. The cost-share percentages are calculated by multiplying the eligible cost share percentage by the approved cost share practice payment schedule rate or actual cost whichever is less. The cost-share assistance payment may not exceed a total of the eligible percent for an area when combining all sources of federal, state and local assistance.
- D. **Splitting Cost-Share Percentages:** When a field splits two cost-share priority areas, the corresponding eligible cost share percentage will be applied to each portion of the field being treated. When a field splits into a non-priority area, that area will be allowed up to 50% cost share assistance, if the non-priority area is 50% or less of the entire field being treated.
- E. When grant funds are available special conditions aligned with terms of grants will be implemented; in some cases a higher payment percentage rate, or payment cap may be allowed.

XV. PAYMENT OVERRUNS AND LANDOWNER REQUESTED REFUNDS

A. Payment Overruns:

Overruns of up to 10 % above the approved project amount may be approved by staff. Overruns above 10% will need Board approval. Payments are not to exceed the maximum cost share limits set for the various practices. Exception to this is when payments are combined with grant funds in priority areas.

B. Landowner Refunds:

If an SWCP practice is purposely damaged, removed or destroyed within ten years after completion (25 years for a small dam), the cooperator who received cost share, will be requested to reimburse the District, all or a portion of the SWCP cost share funds, as determined by the Projects Completion (25 years for a small dam), the cooperator who received cost share will be required to reimburse the District all or a prorated portion of the funding assistance, as determined by the Projects Committee and Board.

SWCP ATTACHMENT A
SEDIMENT & WATER CONTROL BASINS AND DIVERSIONS

This attachment is to help clarify the use of sediment & water control basins and diversions as an eligible cost-share practice. Basins and diversions are to be used as a part of an approved conservation system according to the NRCS technical guides and field manual.

- A. Sediment & water control basins and diversions may be approved as a high priority practice when in conjunction with terraces or dams.
- B. Basins and diversions will be considered a high priority practice when a part of a terrace system or in conjunction with a 100% no-till system. A 100% no-till system must have the goal of controlling soil erosion to soil replacement levels (“T”). A 100% no-till system is accepted land treatment when ephemeral and gully erosion is controlled, or “T” is met. Basins and/or diversions built separately on a terraced field are not considered a part of the terrace system.
- C. Basins and diversions not part of a terrace system may be considered as a high priority practice on fields where the NRCS or NRD technician determines terraces are not feasible and/or they offer the most practical solution to a problem. This will be determined by the Projects Committee on a case-by-case basis.

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRDSWCP ATTACHMENT B PLANNED GRAZING SYSTEM PRACTICE

I. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. An applicant must have at least 40 acres of connecting grassland to be developed into at least two grazing cells with planned rest periods in accordance with Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) recommendations.
- B. Applicants must complete a minimum 10-year planned grazing system developed by the NRCS prior to submitting an application.
- C. Applicants are required to sign a 10-year cost-share agreement with the LPNNRD. (Form NSWCP-10)
- D. All approved cost-share items must meet NRCS Standards and Specifications.
- E. Funds for approved practices may be used on CRP lands if such lands are in the last year of the CRP contract.
- F. The amount and type of eligible practices approved for each application will be determined by the overall grazing system plan and the most cost effective alternative available.
- G. Cost-share on eligible practices will be based on the approved cost-share percentage times the approved practice payment schedule cost share rate or 75 percent of the actual cost, whichever is less.

II. ELIGIBLE PRACTICES

- A. **Cross Fencing:** Only fencing designed to facilitate cell division is eligible for cost-share (Standard 382 specifications). Boundary fences are not eligible for cost-share.
- B. **Livestock Water Dugouts:** Dugouts will be sized by daily animal needs and Nebraska Engineering Handbook Standards.
- C. **Livestock Well Installation:** Livestock wells will be sized to provide a maximum of 15 gallons of water per animal-unit per day within each cell. No cost-share will be available for domestic or irrigation wells. Well test holes are not eligible for cost-share.
- D. **Pumping Plants for Livestock Wells** (As outlined by State NSWCP Guidelines): While a cooperator may receive up to \$12,500 SWCP funds toward completing a Planned Grazing System, a maximum cost share limit of \$5,000 will apply toward the livestock well and well pumping plant component (combined) if part of the approved system.
- E. **Livestock Water Tanks:** Tanks sized according to standard storage requirements in the NRCS Technical Guide, Standard 614, are eligible.
- F. **Livestock Water Pipeline Installation**

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD
SWCP ATTACHMENT C
GUIDELINES FOR WATER IMPOUNDMENT (SMALL DAMS) &
GRADE STABILIZATION STRUCTURES**

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this program is to assist landowners with the construction of water impoundment and grade stabilization structures on their property.

II. ELIGIBLE PROJECT ITEMS

A. Eligible Project Costs Include:

1. Construction (Not to include site preparation)
2. Seeding (Structure and emergency spillway)
3. Fencing when required by the NRCS

III. LAND TREATMENT REQUIREMENT

To be eligible for cost-share assistance, a minimum of 75% land treatment is required within the watershed above each proposed structure site. To calculate this percentage, non-highly erodible land is considered treated.

Land Treatment Definition:

Land treatment is defined as any practice or combination of practices (i.e. terraces, no-till etc.), that control soil erosion rates on highly erodible soils to soil replacement levels or less (Soil replacement level or "T" = 5 tons/acre in the LPNNRD). Any approved NRCS farm plan that treats land to "T" qualifies under this definition (8/2/00 Projects Committee).

IV. COST-SHARE PERCENTAGE AND MAXIMUM ASSISTANCE

The cost-share percent for approved applications outside selected priority areas is up to a maximum of 65%. For small dams approved within selected LPNNRD priority areas, the cost-share rate is up to a maximum of 75%. Eligible assistance will be based on the eligible cost-share percent times the county average costs or 75% of actual costs whichever is less. The maximum cost-share limit will be \$15,000 upon NRCS recommendation and Projects Committee approval on a case-by-case basis (see Special conditions below).

Special conditions: The Board may approve a higher cost-share percentage and increase the maximum assistance if an application site is above an LPNNRD recreation area, within a targeted watershed or when other special conditions exist. The Board may also approve a lower cost-share percent and decrease the maximum assistance for structure sites of lower priority. **Special** conditions will be evaluated by the Board on a case-by-case basis.

V. PRIORITY AREAS

Priority-areas for small dams and grade stabilization structures include the following watersheds:

- A. Sand & Duck Creek
- B. Wahoo Creek*

- C. Skull Creek
- D. Shell Creek* (Additional grant funding available)
- E. Bone Creek
- F. Watersheds above Pubic Recreation Structures (e.g. Czechland Lake, Homestead Lake, Lake Wanahoo)
- G. Above all existing LPNNRD Operated and Maintained Watershed Structures.

VI. APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY AND SIGN-UP

- A. Any landowner within the Lower Platte North NRD who is an individual, a partnership, a corporation or other legal entity.
- B. Applications may be submitted any time during the year; however, only NRCS inspected and recommended applications received by December 15, will ensure consideration for the following construction year. Unapproved applications will expire on May 1 of each year, requiring a new landowner application for future consideration. The Projects Committee will review, prioritize and submit a recommendation for approval at the January Board Meeting.
- C. The applicant shall apply at the county NRCS office on forms provided by the LPNNRD. An aerial photo showing the proposed project location must accompany the application. The application must be signed by the applicant and sent to the LPNNRD before December 15 of each year to insure consideration for the immediate year's construction.
- D. At the time of application, the NRCS will be requested to provide an estimate of drainage acres, percentage of land treatment present, quantities and costs for the project.

VII. APPLICATION EVALUATION AND TENTATIVE APPROVAL

- A. Application sites will be inspected by LPNNRD and NRCS representatives to evaluate feasibility, benefits and cost. Benefits to be evaluated will include but not be limited to: flood control, grade control, erosion and sediment control, wildlife habitat enhancement, livestock water, and protection to public roads and property.
- B. The Projects Committee will most generally review, prioritize, and make recommendations on applications at their January meeting.
- C. The NRD Board of Directors will generally approve, reject, or table each request at the January Board Meeting.
- D. After receiving LPNNRD approval, the applicant will be required to submit a \$500 deposit to the NRD before a survey or design is started. The deposit will be returned to the applicant after project completion. If the deposit is not received by February 1, the application will be canceled. If the applicant withdraws from the project after the design has been complete, the deposit will be retained by the LPNNRD unless conditions in XII. B. apply.
- E. In February of each year, the Natural Resources Conservation Service will be requested to proceed with survey and design of approved projects.
- F. After receiving LPNNRD approval, the applicant will be given two years to obtain necessary permits, complete the structure and submit all required paperwork. If the project is delayed due to adverse weather conditions, or other conditions beyond the

applicant's control, an extension may be granted by the LPNNRD Board of Directors. Extensions will be considered by the LPNNRD Board on a case-by-case basis.

VIII. LAND RIGHTS, AGREEMENTS AND PERMITS

- A. The applicant is responsible for obtaining any required easements and any required federal, state and local (i.e. NDNR, Army COE, and County Zoning) permits.
- B. The applicant is responsible for the relocation or modification of water lines, power lines and telephone lines and pay the costs involved.
- C. The applicant will be required to enter into a 25-year cost-share agreement with the LPNNRD. This agreement states that the applicant will refund cost-share funds if the project is removed, altered, or modified without the consent of the LPNNRD.

IX. STRUCTURE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

- A. The NRCS will be requested to survey, design, and supervise all structures approved by the LPNNRD Board.
- B. Construction will not commence until formal notice to proceed is given by the LPNNRD. This notice will be given after NRD Board approval, and after receiving the applicant's deposit and signed cost-share agreement.

X. FINAL APPROVAL AND PAYMENT

- A. Final Approval and Payment will occur when:
 - 1. The project is completed and certified by the NRCS/NRD technician to meet all NRCS standards and specifications.
 - 2. The completed application form NSWCP-3 is signed and returned to the LPNNRD with a copy of all project bills.

XI. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

The landowner is responsible for all operation and maintenance after project construction.

XII. SMALL DAM DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT & REIMBURSEMENT

- A. The applicant will be required to submit a \$500 deposit to the NRD before a survey or design is started. The deposit will be returned to the applicant after NRCS approves the completed project and all paperwork is submitted and approved by the District. If the deposit is not received by February 1, the application will be canceled. If the applicant withdraws from the project after the design has been complete, the deposit will be retained by the LPNNRD unless conditions in B. apply.
- B. If a landowner does not proceed with the small dam project because the final cost estimate is 40% or more over the original project estimate, the LPNNRD will return the \$500 deposit based on financial hardship. All other conditions will be reviewed by the Projects Committee on a case-by-case basis.

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD
SWCP ATTACHMENT D
WINDBREAK RENOVATION PRACTICE**

I. PURPOSE

To provide for the restoration of farmstead, acreage or field windbreaks that have been rendered substantially ineffective due to the death of trees or other windbreak plantings as a result of weather, disease, or other natural causes.

II. PLAN REQUIREMENT

A windbreak renovation plan is to be based on a plan reviewed and approved by a forester of the Nebraska Forest Service. The forester is to certify that the windbreak has lost its effectiveness, should be renovated and that they approve the plan of renovation.

III. SITE PREPARATION

Tree removal off the site is required to be accomplished in late fall/early winter at least before the planting occurs the following spring. The only area that is replanted with a new windbreak receives cost share for removal costs. Tree removal work should not be initiated until the application is approved by the Lower Platte North NRD and the landowner agrees to replant the windbreak in the same area.

IV. COST SHARE RATE AND MAXIMUM ASSISTANCE

The windbreak renovation cost-share payment will not be based on a cost greater than the county average unit cost adopted by the USDA-FSA. The renovation practice is not to include the replanting of the windbreak because of different cost-share percentage rates. The windbreak planting cost-share will be separate. The Lower Platte North NRD will cost share at a 50% rate, up to \$1,000.

Tree planting cost-share is eligible for riparian buffers, farmsteads, acreages, field and livestock protection windbreaks. Windbreaks must contain 200 or more trees and shrubs which are purchased through and planted by the NRD. When the planting is strictly for wildlife habitat, a minimum of 300 trees/shrubs purchased and planted by the NRD is required.

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD
SWCP ATTACHMENT E
FOR EMERGENCY REPAIR OF CONSERVATION PRACTICES**

I. PURPOSE

On occasion, the LPNNRD Board of Directors may approve local SWCP funds for the Repair of conservation practices damaged from intense rainstorms. The decision for approving emergency repair funds will be considered annually, with the location and total amount of available funds dependent on the severity of storm damage to conservation practices in designated areas in the District. When approved by the Board, Emergency repair funds will be allocated in the following manner:

- A. The LPNNRD Board will consider approval of the amount and eligible area for emergency repair funds, with a recommendation from the Projects Committee. Typically, this will occur on or prior to the LPNNRD September Board Meeting.
- B. Only eligible Conservation Practices, two years old and newer that were originally built to NRCS design specifications, will be eligible for cost-share assistance.
- C. The committee will consider approval of emergency repair assistance only when it is determined by an NRCS technician that the damage was not due to landowner negligence in performing normal maintenance as outlined in NRCS O&M specifications.
- D. To be eligible for emergency repair funds, the landowner must be following an approved NRCS farm plan.
- E. Prior to LPNNRD approval, applications will receive recommendations from LPNNRD and NRCS staff. The LPNNRD Projects Committee will prioritize application practices and areas.
- F. Eligible assistance will be 50% of the approved amount up to a maximum of \$1,000 per landowner per program period.

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD
SWCP ATTACHMENT F
2022 LANDS FOR CONSERVATION PROGRAM**

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Purpose: The Lands for Conservation program provides landowners with an incentive to get conservation structures constructed on the land during the growing season.

1. The Lands for Conservation program will be on contractual basis between the landowner (cooperator) and the Lower Platte North Natural Resources District for one year while conservation practices are being established. Applications deadline for each calendar year will be February 1.
2. Sediment and Water Control Basins with tile outlets and/or terraces with grassed waterways and terraces with tile outlets qualify for this program. Sediment and Water Control Basins/Terraces and/or waterways must be seeded during the contract period.
3. NRCS and/or NRD personnel will design terraces with waterways or tile drains or Sediment and Water Control Basins with tile outlets. These practices must protect the entire field on which they are established. However, the area under contract will be the smallest practical area to encompass the practices, as agreed upon with the cooperator.
4. Land enrolled in another program (ex: CRP) may not be eligible for Lands for Conservation contracts.
5. Sediment and Water Control Basins with tile outlets and terraces with waterways or tile outlets may be cost-shared through the EQIP program administered by Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). If federal funds are not available, cost-sharing assistance may be available through LPNNRD's Soil & Water Conservation Cost-Share Program.
6. **Construction must be done between June 1 and September 15.** The field must be available for construction by August 1. The area enrolled in the LPNNRD Lands for Conservation will be planted to cover crop or a non-grain forage crop (forage sorghum, etc.) preceding and/or after construction. The crop or cover may be harvested or pastured during the contract period.
7. **For 2022: Payment is \$195 per acre***.
*Payment Rate will be reviewed annually. Payment rate is based on 2021 Nebraska Non-Irrigated Cropland Cash Rent Paid per Acre, Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.
Payment will not be processed and forward to the NRD applicant until the project (including the planting of the cover crop) has been certified as completed by the NRCS.
8. If used for permanent pasture before or after the contract period, these areas are not eligible for the Lands for Conservation Program. Money received through this program resulting in permanent pasture after the contract period, must be returned. Land can be used for hayland as a normal part of the crop rotation.
9. If ownership of land changes during the contract period, the contract becomes void. The new owner may continue the contract, if agreed to with the Lower Platte North NRD.
10. Approval of contracts will be on a rotating basis.
11. The landowner will contract for the construction of Sediment and Water Control Basins, terraces, waterways, tile outlets and any other necessary construction.
12. Terraces, Sediment and Water Control Basins, waterways and tile outlets must be maintained for 10 years or as long as the current owner has control of the land, whichever is less.
13. **Eligible Watersheds for the Lands for Conservation Program: Within the Wahoo Watershed, three of the HUC 12 sub watersheds were identified as highest priority areas for this program: North Fork-Wahoo Creek, Dunlop Creek and Miller Branch-Wahoo Creek. The Shell Creek Watershed. Applications OUTSIDE of priority watersheds will be evaluated after high priority applications.**

14. Separate fund pool allotted in 2022 for the remainder of the LPNNRD outside of 319/NWQI watersheds.

2023 Lower Platte North NRD Lands for Conservation Program (LFC) for summer construction

Purpose: The Lands for Conservation program (LFC) provides landowners with an incentive to get conservation structures constructed on the land during the growing season.

1. The Lands for Conservation program will be on contractual basis between the landowner (cooperator) and the Lower Platte North Natural Resources District (LPNNRD) for one year while conservation practices are being established. Application deadline for each calendar year will be March 1.
2. Sediment and Water Control Basins with tile outlets and/or terraces with grassed waterways and terraces with tile outlets qualify for this program. Sediment and Water Control Basins/Terraces and/or waterways must be seeded during the contract period.
3. NRCS and/or NRD personnel will design terraces with waterways or tile drains or Sediment and Water Control Basins with tile outlets. These practices must protect the entire field on which they are established. However, the area under contract will be the smallest practical area to encompass the practice, as agreed upon with the cooperator.
4. Land enrolled in another program (ex: CRP) may not be eligible for Lands for Conservation contracts.
5. Sediment and Water Control Basins with tile outlets and terraces with waterways or tile outlets may be cost-shared through the EQIP program administered by Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). If federal funds are not available, cost-sharing assistance may be available through the Soil & Water Conservation Cost-Share Program.
6. Construction must be done between June 1 and September 15. The field must be available for construction by August 1. The area enrolled in the LPNNRD Lands for Conservation will be planted to cover crop or a non-grain forage crop (forage sorghum, etc.) preceding or after construction. The crop or cover may be harvested or pastured during the contract period.
7. **For 2023: Payment is \$235 per acre*. Payment will not be processed and forward to the NRD applicant until the project (including the planting of the cover crop) has been certified as completed by the NRCS.**
8. If used for permanent pasture before or after the contract period, these areas are not eligible for the Lands for Conservation Program. Money received through this program resulting in permanent pasture after the contract period, must be returned. Land can be used for hayland as a normal part of the crop rotation.
9. If ownership of land changes during the contract period, the contract becomes void. The new owner may continue the contract, if agreed to with the Lower Platte North NRD.
10. Approval of contracts will be on a rotating basis.
11. The landowner will contract for the construction of Sediment and Water Control Basins, terraces, waterways, tile outlets and any other necessary construction.
12. Terraces, Sediment and Water Control Basins, waterways and tile outlets must be maintained for 10 years or as long as the current owner has control of the land, whichever is less.

* Based on the 2022 Nebraska Farmland Values and Cash Rental Rates from the University of Nebraska publication.

Progress Report for Wahoo Creek Watershed Dams Sites



Lower Platte North NRD

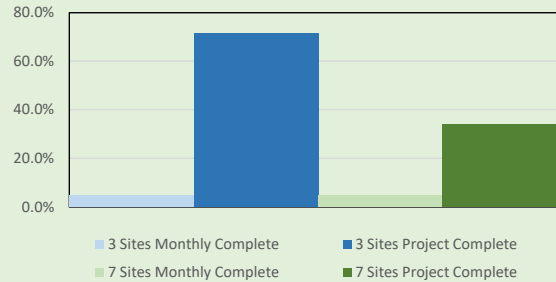
For Work Completed During The Month Of : **January, 2023**
(through 2/4/23)

Project # 018-3423 Dam Site 26A, 26B, &27 Project Phase	Phase Budget	Billings for Month		Project Total Billings to Date	
		Current Earned/Billings	% Completed This Month	JTD Earned/Billings	% Completed Overall
010 - Project Management/Meetings	\$ 23,213	\$ 1,796.13	7.7%	\$ 13,905.88	59.9%
020 - Geotechnical Engineering	\$ 224,493	\$ 1,990.27	0.9%	\$ 226,775.48	101.0%
030 - Dam Design	\$ 184,885	\$ 22,422.71	12.1%	\$ 191,155.33	103.4%
040 - Permitting	\$ 86,634	\$ 7,371.36	8.5%	\$ 43,146.30	49.8%
050 - Survey and Legal Descriptions	\$ 11,142		0.0%	\$ 23,636.47	212.1%
060 - Community/Public Participation	\$ -			\$ -	
070 - Construction Services	\$ 171,962			\$ 1,590.75	
				\$ -	
				\$ -	
3 Sites Totals	\$ 702,329	\$ 33,580.47	4.8%	\$ 500,210.21	71.2%

Project # A18-3423 (separate invoice) Sites 55, 66, 77, 82, 84, 85, &86 Project Phase	Phase Totals	Billings for Month		Project Total Billings to Date	
		Current Earned/Billings	% Completed This Month	JTD Earned/Billings	% Completed Overall
100 - Project Management/Meetings	\$ 60,813	\$ 1,757.56	2.9%	\$ 27,462.44	45.2%
110 - Geotechnical Engineering	\$ 592,047	\$ 25,314.28	4.3%	\$ 377,994.94	63.8%
120 - Dam Design	\$ 425,202	\$ 53,572.99	12.6%	\$ 168,062.38	39.5%
130 - Permitting	\$ 244,810		0.0%	\$ 69,119.27	28.2%
140 - Survey and Legal Descriptions	\$ 28,165	\$ 13,839.00	49.1%	\$ 27,166.70	96.5%
150 - Community/Public Participation	\$ 30,000		0.0%	\$ 5,899.20	19.7%
160 - Other	\$ -			\$ -	
170- Construction Services	\$ 603,992			\$ -	
7 Sites Totals	\$ 1,985,029	\$ 94,483.83	4.8%	\$ 675,704.93	34.0%

Billings For Month	\$ 128,064.30
Total Billings To Date	\$ 1,175,915.14
Project Budget	\$ 2,687,358
Budget Remaining	\$ 1,511,442.86

% Budget Spent Per Site



Summary Of Work Completed This Month	
Sites 26A, 26B, & 27	Sites 55,66,77,82,84,85, & 86
Completed 90% submittal to NRCS and LPNDRD -Specification updates -Finalize plans -NEScap environmental report updates -Finalize geotechnical reports -Finalize structural design	- H&H design and centerline layout -Geotechnical analysis for sites 66 & 77 -Processing of collected survey information -Survey for section corners for legal descriptions -Project Management -NeSCAP and preparing USACE permit application

Planned Work For Next Month	
Site 26A, 26B, & 27	Sites 55, 66, 77, 82, 84, 85, & 86
-Meeting with NRCS to discuss review comments -Providing exhibits for land owner discussions -Discussions regarding USACE alternatives	-H&H design, centerline layout, and auxiliary spillway design -Geotechnical laboratory testing -Mitigation discussions and design -Preliminary structural analysis of risers

For questions regarding billings, please contact Andrew Phillips at (402) 440-8807 or aphillips@olsson.com

Invoice



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PO Box 84608
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February 17, 2023
Invoice No: 448120

Ryan Chapman
Lower Platte North NRD
PO Box 126
Wahoo, NE 68066-0126

Invoice Total \$33,580.47

Olsson Project # 018-34230 Lower Platte North NRD Wahoo Creek Watershed & 3 Dam Sites
Professional services rendered January 1, 2023 through February 4, 2023 for work completed in accordance with agreement.

Phase 010 Sites 26A 26B & 27 Project Management

Labor

	Hours	Amount	
Principal	7.00	1,796.13	
Totals	7.00	1,796.13	
Total Labor			1,796.13
Total this Phase			\$1,796.13

Phase 020 Geotechnical Engineering

Labor

	Hours	Amount	
Project Professional	14.75	1,990.27	
Totals	14.75	1,990.27	
Total Labor			1,990.27
Total this Phase			\$1,990.27

Phase 030 Dam Design 26a, 26b, 27

Labor

	Hours	Amount	
Principal	6.50	1,127.21	
Assistant Professional	140.25	13,587.87	
Designer	15.00	1,819.56	
CAD Operator	67.25	5,855.29	
Administrative/Clerical	.50	32.78	
Totals	229.50	22,422.71	
Total Labor			22,422.71
Total this Phase			\$22,422.71

Phase 040 Permitting

Labor

	Hours	Amount	
Assistant Professional	68.25	7,371.36	
Totals	68.25	7,371.36	
Total Labor			7,371.36
		Total this Phase	\$7,371.36

Billing Limits

	Current	Prior	To-Date	
Total Billings	33,580.47	466,629.74	500,210.21	
Limit			702,329.00	
Balance Remaining			202,118.79	
			AMOUNT DUE THIS INVOICE	\$33,580.47

Outstanding Invoices

Number	Date	Balance
445542	1/12/2023	9,431.75
Total		9,431.75

Email invoice to: rchapman@lpnrd.org

Authorized By: Andrew Phillips

Invoice



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February 17, 2023
Invoice No: 448121

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Invoice Total \$94,483.83

Olsson Project # A18-34230 Lower Platte North NRD Wahoo Creek Watershed & 7 Dam Sites
Phase II

Professional services rendered January 1, 2023 through February 4, 2023 for work completed in accordance with agreement.

Phase 100 Sites 55 66 77 82 84 85 86 Project Management

Labor

	Hours	Amount	
Principal	7.00	1,757.56	
Totals	7.00	1,757.56	
Total Labor			1,757.56

Billing Limits

	Current	Prior	To-Date
Total Billings	1,757.56	25,704.88	27,462.44
Limit			62,400.00
Balance Remaining			34,937.56

Total this Phase \$1,757.56

Phase 110 Geotechnical Engineering

Labor

	Hours	Amount	
Assistant Engineer	34.50	3,377.21	
Technician	12.25	904.11	
Principal	2.75	493.90	
Project Professional	74.75	10,354.18	
Assistant Professional	2.75	420.86	
Administrative/Clerical	1.75	139.02	
Totals	128.75	15,689.28	
Total Labor			15,689.28

Unit Billing

Atterberg Limit		
1 Test @ \$95/Test		95.00
Flex-Wall Permeameter Remolded		
1 Test @ \$565/Test		565.00
1 Test @ \$565/Test		565.00

INVOICE PAYMENT IS REQUESTED WITHIN 30 DAYS

Mech. Grain Size Analysis (Hydrometer)			
1 Test @ \$165/Test			165.00
1 Test @ \$165/Test			165.00
1 Test @ \$165/Test			165.00
Mechanical Grain Size Analysis (Sieves)			
1 Test @ \$90/Test			90.00
One-Dimensional Consolidation Test			
1 Test @ \$165/Test			165.00
1 Test @ \$165/Test			165.00
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1 Test @ \$165/Test			165.00
Permeability of Soil - Undisturbed			
1 Test @ \$200/Test			200.00
1 Test @ \$200/Test			200.00
Standard Proctor			
1 Test @ \$170/Test			170.00
1 Test @ \$170/Test			170.00
Triaxial Comp Cons Undrained-Intact			
1 Test @ \$1925/Test			1,925.00
1 Test @ \$1,925/Test			1,925.00
Triaxial Comp Cons Undrained-Remold			
1 Test @ \$2400/Test			2,400.00
Total Units			9,625.00
			9,625.00

Billing Limits	Current	Prior	To-Date	
Total Billings	25,314.28	352,680.66	377,994.94	
Limit			607,460.00	
Balance Remaining			229,465.06	
			Total this Phase	\$25,314.28

Phase	120	Dam Design		
Labor				
		Hours	Amount	
Assistant Professional		325.75	33,726.62	
Designer		113.00	13,938.96	
CAD Operator		58.50	5,837.28	
	Totals	497.25	53,502.86	
	Total Labor			53,502.86

Unit Billing				
Line Drawing-Bond			70.13	
Total Units			70.13	70.13

Billing Limits	Current	Prior	To-Date	
Total Billings	53,572.99	114,489.39	168,062.38	
Limit			436,278.00	
Balance Remaining			268,215.62	

INVOICE PAYMENT IS REQUESTED WITHIN 30 DAYS

Total this Phase \$53,572.99

Phase 140 Survey & Legal Descriptions

Labor

	Hours	Amount	
Team Leader	6.50	990.02	
Surveyor	10.75	1,061.24	
Survey 2-Man Crew	68.75	6,589.59	
SRVY Crew Survey 1-Man Crew	5.50	296.95	
Survey Crew Support	68.75	4,089.70	
Totals	160.25	13,027.50	
Total Labor			13,027.50

Unit Billing

Field Vehicle 1013	81.0 Miles @ 0.75	60.75	
Field Vehicle 1457	1,001.0 Miles @ 0.75	750.75	
Total Units		811.50	811.50

Billing Limits

	Current	Prior	To-Date	
Total Billings	13,839.00	13,327.70	27,166.70	
Limit			28,875.00	
Balance Remaining			1,708.30	

Total this Phase \$13,839.00

AMOUNT DUE THIS INVOICE \$94,483.83

Outstanding Invoices

Number	Date	Balance
445545	1/12/2023	42,817.55
Total		42,817.55

Authorized By: Andrew Phillips

Drainage Improvement Project - Phase 1 Payments						
		State of NE				
Date	Amount Paid	Grant	pd	NRD	pd	Leshara
Nov-22	10,547.85	8,765.51	x	891.17	x	891.17
Dec-22	5,067.85	4,211.51		428.17		428.17
Jan-23	4,805.70	3,499.76		652.97		652.97
Feb-23	0.00					
Mar-23	0.00					
Apr-23	0.00					
May-23	0.00					
Jun-23	0.00					
Jul-23	0.00					
Aug-23	0.00					
Sep-23	0.00					
Total	20,421.40	16,476.78		1,972.31		1,972.31



1/26/2023

Village of Leshara, NE
Attn: Paula Wagner
210 Summit Street
Leshara, NE 68064

RE: Village of Leshara #21-PW-013 Drawdown #2

Dear Mrs. Wagner:

Enclosed is Drawdown #2 for your Public Works, street and drainage improvement project. After you have reviewed the material, please have Board Chairperson, Melvina Ruhe-Langfeldt and yourself sign the Drawdown (DD) as noted and mail the original DD form back to SEND D for processing. Please sign all documents in "BLUE INK" and place in File IV.

After the drawdown documents are submitted, the Village can expect an automatic transfer from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED) within 10-30 business days that will be deposited into the designated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) account. Once received, please write the following check(s):

	TOTAL	CDBG	Match
Drawdown #2: The following #21A General Administration and #03K Street Improvements bills have not yet been paid.			
SEND D Invoice(s): Activity Code #21A General Administration	\$17,801.25	\$17,801.25	\$0.00
Street Improvements: Activity Code #03K Street Improvements	\$9,873.55	\$7,711.27	\$2,162.28
SEND D Invoice(s): Activity Code #03K Construction Management	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Totals:	\$27,674.80	\$25,512.52	\$2,162.28

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According to the above figures, the Village should make the following payments:

Activity Code: #21A

Amount: \$17,801.25

To: Southeast Nebraska Development District

Address: 7407 O St., Lincoln, NE 68510

Activity Code: #03K

Amount: \$9,873.55

To: JEO Consulting Group

Address: 1937 North Chestnut St., Wahoo, NE 68066

NOTES:

1. Upon completed processing at NDED/State, the CDBG funds will be electronically deposited in the identified City's account. **Please disburse NDED funds within five days;** otherwise, it may result in a finding during monitoring.
2. If you make a payment with local funds before the CDBG funds are electronically deposited in your City account, that will be "reimbursement" and those funds are no longer considered "federal" and may be transferred to local accounts as you wish.
3. Please remember to keep copies of the checks made as payment for CDBG activities and keep copies of the bank statements showing deposits of CDBG funds and clearance of checks distributed.

Please feel free to give me a call at (402) 475-2560 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ceylon J. Herath". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue background.

Ceylon J. Herath

Community Development Specialist

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Request for Funds (Drawdown/Payment Request)
Community Development Block Grant Program
 Nebraska Department of Economic Development

Name of Subrecipient (Local Unit of Government) Village of Leshara			Mailing Address 210 Summit Street		City Leshara	State NE	ZIP 68064
CDBG Agreement Number #21-PW-013	Federal Identification Number 470663927	DUNS Number 118125358	UEI Number ZAF7F9TRL5K2	SAM Expiration Date 10/07/2023	Number sequence order of funds 2	Final Drawdown	DED Program Representative Aaron Boucher

Part I – STATUS OF FUNDS

1. CDBG Funds Received to Date	\$ 8,765.51
2. Add: Program Income Received to Date (exclude RLF)	
3. Subtotal	\$ 8,765.51
4. Less: Federal Funds Disbursed To Date (Must Agree To Total Of Part II, Line 3)	\$ 8,765.51
5. Total: Federal Funds On Hand (Must Agree To Part II, Line 6)	

Part II – CASH REQUIREMENTS (Identify all activities listed in the CDBG Agreement, even if funds are not being requested.)

Activity/Budget Category	#21A General Administration	#03K Construction Management	03K Street Improvements				TOTAL
1. Total Cash Requirements To Date	\$ 17,801.25	\$ 0.00	\$ 20,421.40	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 38,222.65
2. Less: Local Funds Disbursed (includes RLF) (exclude Program Income)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,944.62	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,944.62
3. Less: Federal Funds Disbursed (include Program Income) Total Must Agree To Part I, Line 4 (exclude RLF)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,765.51	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,765.51
4. Total Current Cash Requirements	\$ 17,801.25		\$ 7,711.27				\$ 25,512.52
5. Less: Unpaid Previous Request.							\$ 0.00
6. Less: Federal Funds On Hand (Must Agree To Part I, Line 5)							
7. Net Amount of Federal Funds Requested							\$ 25,512.52

By signing this report, I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the report is true, complete, and accurate, and the expenditures, disbursements and cash receipts are for the purposes and objectives set forth in the terms and conditions of the Federal award, I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil or administrative penalties for fraud, false statements, false claims or otherwise. (U.S. Code Title 18, Section 1001 and Title 31, Sections 3729-3730 and 3801-3812). I also certify that the amount of the request for federal funds is not in excess of current needs.

Signature of Authorized Official (Mayor/Board Chairman)	Typed Name of Authorized Official Melvina Ruhe-Langefeldt, Board Chairperson	Date
Signature of Authorized Official (Clerk/Treasurer)	Typed Name of Authorized Official Paula Wagner, Village Clerk	Date
Person Preparing Request for CDBG Funds Form Name: Ceylon J. Herath	Organization: Southeast Nebraska Development District	Telephone Number: 402-475-2560
		Email: cherath@sended.org

PLEASE REFER TO INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE. INCOMPLETE OR INCORRECT FORMS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED

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Village of Leshara Street and Drainage Improvements (#21-PW-013) Contract Obligation Spreadsheet

Recipient Village of Leshara
CDBG Grant # 21-PW-013

Elected Official
DED Program Rep.

Melvina Ruhe-Langfel
Aaron Boucher

Clerk/City Admin. Paula Wagner
Clerk/Admin Email thevillageofleshara@gmail.com

SENDD Admin
SENDD Admin Email cherath@sendd.org

Approval

Mailing Address	210 Summit Street	SOURCES	21A General Admin.	03K Construction Management	03K Streets/Bridges	TOTAL	
Fed. ID #	470663927	CDBG	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$	335,000.00
DUNS	118125358	OTHER City Match	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61,000.00	\$	61,000.00
UEI	ZAF7F9TRL5K2	TOTAL	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 361,000.00	\$	396,000.00
Release of Funds	6/18/2022	% CDBG	100.00%	100.0000%		83.10%	
Program Income	No	% Other Business				16.90%	
Sam.gov Expiry	10/7/2023	1.Total Cash Requirements to Date	\$ 17,801.25	\$ -	\$ 20,421.40	\$ 38,222.65	Current Fund Request 2
Amendment #		2.Local Funds Disbursed	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,944.620	\$ 3,944.62	7. Net Fund Request \$ 25,512.52
Contract End Date	4/17/2024	3.Federal Funds Disbursed	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,765.510	\$ 8,765.51	Fed Funds Disbursed \$ 8,765.51
USDA/Other Reporting	No	4.Total Cash Required to Date	\$ 17,801.25	\$ -	\$ 7,711.27	\$ 25,512.52	Local Funds Disbursed \$ 3,944.62
		5. Total Funds Remaining	\$ 7,198.75	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 340,678.60	\$ 357,777.35	Funds Remaining \$ 357,777.35
Previous Fund Requests	Submit Date	Net Amount of Fed. Fund Request	21A General Admin.	03K Const. Mgmt	03K Street Improvements		Disbursement Date
			CDBG	CDBG	INVOICE TOTAL	CDBG LOCAL	
1	12/7/2022	\$ 10,547.85	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,547.85	\$ 8,765.518	\$ 1,782.34
2	1/26/2023	\$ 25,512.52	\$ 17,801.25	\$ -	\$ 9,873.55	\$ 7,711.27	\$ 2,162.28
			\$ -	\$ -			

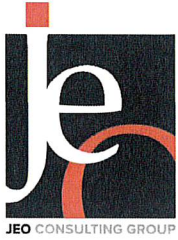
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Contractor	Description	Invoice Date	Invoice #	CDBG 21A Gen. Admin	CDBG 03K Const Mgmt.	Invoice Total	CDBG 03K	Match 03K	Check #
JEO Consulting Group		12/16/2022	137909			\$ 5,067.850	\$ 4,211.510	\$ 856.34	1003
JEO Consulting Group		1/13/2023	138552			\$ 4,805.700	\$ 3,499.765	\$ 1,305.94	1004
SENDD - General Administration		12/31/2021 - 12/31/2022	GA Invoices 1 - 11	\$	17,801.25				

**SEND
21A General Administration**

General Administration Amount	\$ 25,000.00		
Billed To Date	\$ 17,801.25	Current Rate \$/hr	\$ 85.00
Contract Remaining	\$ 7,198.75	Remaining Hours	85
10% of Contract	\$ 2,500.00	Close-out Hours	29

DD #	Invoice Date	Invoice #	Quantity	Rate	Amount
2	12/31/2021	1	42.25	\$ 70.00	\$ 2,957.50
2	1/31/2022	2	32.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 2,240.00
2	2/28/2022	3	1.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00
2	3/31/2022	4	38.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 2,660.00
2	4/30/2022	5	40.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 2,800.00
2	5/31/2022	6	40.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 2,800.00
2	6/30/2022	7	42.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 2,940.00
2	7/31/2022	8	5.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 375.00
2	8/31/2022	9	4.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 300.00
2	11/30/2022	10	5.75	\$ 85.00	\$ 488.75
2	12/31/2022	11	2.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 170.00
			Total Hours	252.00	

Summary	Check #	Invoice #s	Totals
DD #2		GA #1-11	\$ 17,801.25



Invoice

December 16, 2022
Project No: R210551.00
Invoice No: 137909
Invoice Amount: 5,067.85

Village of Leshara
210 Summit Street
Leshara, NE 68064

Project Manager Nathan Boone
Project R210551.00 Leshara CDBG Phase I Drainage Improvements

Professional Services through December 9, 2022

- Phase 2, the study phase, is ongoing and nearing completion. The project will soon move into preliminary design with an anticipated bid period late Winter 2022/2023.

Table with 6 columns: Lump Sum Phase(s), Contract Amount, Percent Complete, Billed-to-Date, Previous Billing, Current Billing. Rows include Funding Assistance, Topographic Survey, Urban Drainage Study, Design, Permitting, Bidding and Negotiation, Construction Administration, Construction Observation, and Total.

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Waterloo, Nebraska 68069
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12/20/2022

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1937 North Chestnut Street
Wahoo, NE 68066

Paula Wagner
Mel Rube-Hangfeldt
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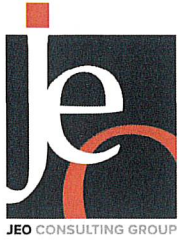

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January 13, 2023
Project No: R210551.00
Invoice No: 138552
Invoice Amount: 4,805.70

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Professional Services through January 6, 2023

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Total Amount Due Upon Receipt : \$4,805.70

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Invoice 1

BILL TO

Village of LeShara
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 LeShara, NE 68064

DATE
 12/31/2021

PLEASE PAY
\$2,957.50

DUE DATE
 03/01/2022

DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
12/06/2021	GA 1. Contract Documents	Preparation of both DED and SENDD contracts	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/06/2021	GA 1. Contract Documents	Preparation of both DED and SENDD contracts	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/07/2021	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	Correspondence with City Clerk	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/07/2021	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	Correspondence with City Clerk	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/08/2021	GA 2.1 Special Conditions	Drafted and sent out Authorization to Request Funds form to be signed by the Village Clerk and Board Chair	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/08/2021	GA 2.1 Special Conditions	Drafted and sent out Excessive Force Certification to be signed by Chief Elected Official	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/09/2021	GA 2.1 Special Conditions	Drafted and sent out LEP letter to be signed by Chief Elected Official	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/09/2021	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	Correspondence with Village clerk	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/10/2021	GA 2.1 Special Conditions	Drafted and sent out Procurement Procedures and Code of Conduct to be signed by Chief Elected Official	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/10/2021	GA 2.1 Special Conditions	Uploaded State of Nebraska W9 and ACH Enrollment Form into Amplifund	1:00	70.00	70.00

DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
12/13/2021	GA 2.1 Special Conditions	Drafted CDBG Grantee Information and sent out to Village Clerk to be signed	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/13/2021	GA 2.1 Special Conditions	Drafted Financial Management Certification	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/14/2021	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Drafted Determination of Level of Review and 24 CFR §58.6 (Other Requirements) document	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/14/2021	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Began working on full Environmental Review Record (ERR) Statutory Checklist	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/15/2021	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Continued work on Statutory Checklist categories 1-4 (Air Quality, Airport Hazards, Coastal Zone Management, and Contamination and Toxic Substances)	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/15/2021	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Continued work on Statutory Checklist categories 5-8 (Endangered Species, Environmental Justice, Explosive and Flammable Operations, and Farmland Protection)	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/16/2021	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Continued work on Statutory Checklist categories 9-14 (Floodplain Management, Historic Preservation, Noise Control, Water Quality, Wetland Protection, and Wild and Scenic Rivers)	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/16/2021	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Creation of project maps and pertinent reports for full ERR	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/17/2021	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Continued work on creating project maps and pertinent reports for full ERR	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/17/2021	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Continued work on creating project maps and pertinent reports for full ERR	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/20/2021	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Compiled exhibits for Statutory Checklist	1:00	70.00	70.00

DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
12/20/2021	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Finalizations for Statutory Checklist, exhibits, and full ERR	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/20/2021	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Continued finalizations for Statutory Checklist, exhibits, and full ERR	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/21/2021	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Uploaded all Special Conditions into AmpliFund	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/21/2021	GA 2.1 Special Conditions	Correspondence with Betty Gillespie (SHPO) in regard to Section 106 review	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/21/2021	GA 2.1 Special Conditions	Created a physical file for all pertinent project documentation	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/21/2021	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	Uploaded all digital project documentation into SENDD internal drive	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/22/2021	GA 2.1 Special Conditions	Drafted and finalized updated Fair Housing letter	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/22/2021	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	Correspondence with Village Clerk in regard to receiving executed documentation	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/22/2021	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	Attempted correspondence with Village Boardchairperson	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/27/2021	GA 2.1 Special Conditions	Completion of all Special Conditions documentation	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/27/2021	GA 2.1 Special Conditions	Completion of all Special Conditions documentation	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/27/2021	GA 2.1 Special Conditions	Completion of all Special Conditions documentation	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/28/2021	GA 2.1 Special Conditions	Completion of all Special Conditions documentation	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/28/2021	GA 2.1 Special Conditions	Completion of all Special Conditions documentation	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/28/2021	GA 2.1 Special Conditions	Completion of all Special Conditions documentation	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/29/2021	GA 2.1 Special Conditions	Completion of all Special Conditions documentation	1:00	70.00	70.00

DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
12/29/2021	GA 2.1 Special Conditions	Completion of all Special Conditions documentation	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/29/2021	GA 2.1 Special Conditions	Completion of all Special Conditions documentation	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/30/2021	GA 2.1 Special Conditions	Completion of all Special Conditions documentation	0:15	70.00	17.50
12/30/2021	GA 2.1 Special Conditions	Completion of all Special Conditions documentation	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/30/2021	GA 2.1 Special Conditions	Completion of all Special Conditions documentation	1:00	70.00	70.00
12/30/2021	GA 2.1 Special Conditions	Completion of all Special Conditions documentation	1:00	70.00	70.00

TOTAL DUE

\$2,957.50

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Invoice 2

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LeShara, NE 68064

DATE
01/31/2022

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DUE DATE
04/01/2022

DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
01/03/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Correspondence with Aaron Boucher in regard to requested ERR edits	2	70.00	140.00
01/04/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Correspondence with Andrew Wilshusen in regard to project scope and fee	2	70.00	140.00
01/05/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Edits made to full Environmental Review Record (ERR) Statutory Checklist	2	70.00	140.00
01/06/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Edits made to full Environmental Review Record (ERR) Statutory Checklist categories 1-4 (Air Quality, Airport Hazards, Coastal Zone Management, and Contamination and Toxic Substances	2	70.00	140.00
01/07/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Edits made to full Environmental Review Record (ERR) Statutory Checklist categories 5-8 (Endangered Species, Environmental Justice, Explosive and Flammable Operations, and Farmland Protection)	2	70.00	140.00

DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
01/10/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Edits made to full Environmental Review Record (ERR) Statutory Checklist categories 9-14 (Floodplain Management, Historic Preservation, Noise Control, Water Quality, Wetland Protection, and Wild and Scenic Rivers)	2	70.00	140.00
01/11/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Edits made to project maps and pertinent reports for full ERR	2	70.00	140.00
01/12/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Continued edits made to project maps and pertinent reports for full ERR	2	70.00	140.00
01/13/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Uploaded revised documentation into AmpliFund	2	70.00	140.00
01/14/2022	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	Correspondence with Aaron Boucher in regard to project requiring an Environmental Assessment (EA), began putting together extension materials and pertinent documentation for EA	2	70.00	140.00
01/17/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Full submission of extension request for EA	2	70.00	140.00
01/18/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Outreach to Mitch Polacek and Village Clerk in regard to land development questions for EA, began full EA	2	70.00	140.00
01/19/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Continued work on EA for full ERR	2	70.00	140.00
01/20/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Continued work on EA for full ERR and correspondence with agency officials in regard to required documentation	2	70.00	140.00
01/21/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Correspondence with Village Clerk and continued work on EA	2	70.00	140.00
01/25/2022	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	File Organization and Management	1	70.00	70.00
01/31/2022	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	File Organization and Management	1	70.00	70.00

TOTAL DUE

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02/28/2022

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DUE DATE
04/29/2022

DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
02/01/2022	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	File Organization and Management	1:00	70.00	70.00

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DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
03/07/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Began Floodplain and Wetland Review for the 8-Step Process	1:00	70.00	70.00
03/07/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Continued work on Floodplain and Wetland Review for the 8-Step Process	1:00	70.00	70.00
03/08/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Continued work on Floodplain and Wetland Review for the 8-Step Process	1:00	70.00	70.00
03/08/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Continued work on Floodplain and Wetland Review for the 8-Step Process	1:00	70.00	70.00
03/09/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Continued work on Floodplain and Wetland Review for the 8-Step Process	1:00	70.00	70.00
03/09/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Began full HUD Environmental Assessment	1:00	70.00	70.00
03/10/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Continued work on HUD Environmental Assessment	1:00	70.00	70.00
03/10/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of Statutory Checklist within HUD Environmental Assessment	1:00	70.00	70.00
03/11/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Began HUD Environmental Assessment Checklist	1:00	70.00	70.00

DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
03/11/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Correspondence with Village Clerk and Board Chairperson in regard to HUD EA Checklist	1:00	70.00	70.00
03/15/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	No response from Village Clerk and Board Chairperson, continued work on HUD EA Checklist	2:00	70.00	140.00
03/15/2022	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	Telephone call to Michael Pettinger, Village Board Member, continued work on HUD EA Checklist	1:00	70.00	70.00
03/16/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Telephone call to Michael Pettinger, Village Board Member, continued work on HUD EA Checklist	2:00	70.00	140.00
03/16/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of Land Development portion of HUD EA Checklist	1:00	70.00	70.00
03/16/2022	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	Outreach to Village and DED to ensure compliance	0:30	70.00	35.00
03/17/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of Socioeconomic Factors portion of HUD EA Checklist	2:00	70.00	140.00
03/17/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Work on Community Facilities and Services portion of HUD EA Checklist	1:00	70.00	70.00
03/17/2022	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	Outreach to Village and DED to ensure compliance	0:30	70.00	35.00
03/21/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Continued work on Community Facilities and Services portion of HUD EA Checklist	1:00	70.00	70.00
03/21/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Work on Natural Features portion of HUD EA Checklist	1:00	70.00	70.00
03/22/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Continued work on Natural Features portion of HUD EA Checklist	1:00	70.00	70.00
03/22/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of Natural Features portion of HUD EA Checklist	1:00	70.00	70.00
03/23/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of Part III: 58.6 Checklist	1:00	70.00	70.00
03/23/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Work on Summary of Findings and Conclusions	1:00	70.00	70.00

DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
03/24/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completed work on Summary of Findings and Conclusions	1:00	70.00	70.00
03/24/2022	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	Digital file organization	1:00	70.00	70.00
03/25/2022	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	Physical file organization	1:00	70.00	70.00
03/25/2022	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	Project progress update with Village Clerk and DED	1:00	70.00	70.00
03/28/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of whole Environmental Review Record (ERR)	1:00	70.00	70.00
03/28/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of whole Environmental Review Record (ERR)	1:00	70.00	70.00
03/29/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of whole Environmental Review Record (ERR)	1:00	70.00	70.00
03/29/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of whole Environmental Review Record (ERR)	1:00	70.00	70.00
03/30/2022	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	Outreach to Village Clerk in regard to Floodplain Development permit	1:00	70.00	70.00
03/30/2022	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	Outreach to John Miller and Lalit Jha in regard to Floodplain Development permit	1:00	70.00	70.00
03/31/2022	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	Outreach to SENDD colleagues and organized digital and physical files to ensure that we did not already have a Floodplain Development permit on file	1:00	70.00	70.00
03/31/2022	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	Outreach to SENDD colleagues and organized digital and physical files to ensure that we did not already have a Floodplain Development permit on file	1:00	70.00	70.00

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DUE DATE
 06/29/2022

DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
04/01/2022	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	Correspondence with Lalit Jha, John Miller, and John Callen in regard to water resources question for completion of full ERR	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/01/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Began Timing Summary worksheet for 8-Step Process	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/04/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completed Steps 1-3 for HUD 8-Step Process	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/04/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completed Steps 4-5 for HUD 8-Step Process	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/05/2022	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	Floodplain Insurance correspondence with Floodplain Administration	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/05/2022	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	Floodplain Insurance correspondence with Floodplain Administration	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/06/2022	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	Floodplain Insurance correspondence with JEO Consulting Group	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/06/2022	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	Floodplain Insurance correspondence with JEO Consulting Group	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/06/2022	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	Liz and Ceylon meeting for 8-Step Process timing summary	0:30	70.00	35.00
04/07/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Created Early Public Notice for 8-Step Process	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/07/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Continued work on Early Public Notice for 8-Step Process	1:00	70.00	70.00

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04/07/2022	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	Correspondence with Aaron Boucher in regard to approval of draft of Early Public Notice	0:30	70.00	35.00
04/08/2022	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	Created a finalized draft of the Early Public Notice	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/08/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Reached out to the Fremont Tribune for publication of Early Public Notice	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/11/2022	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	Continued work on HUD 8-Step Process	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/11/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Created first draft of Notice of Explanation	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/12/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Continued work on Notice of Explanation	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/12/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion and finalization of Notice of Explanation, submitted to Fremont Tribune for publication	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/13/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completed Steps 6-8 for HUD 8-Step Process	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/13/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of entire HUD 8-Step Process and full Environmental Review Record (ERR)	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/14/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of entire HUD 8-Step Process and full Environmental Review Record (ERR)	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/14/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of entire HUD 8-Step Process and full Environmental Review Record (ERR)	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/18/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of entire HUD 8-Step Process and full Environmental Review Record (ERR)	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/18/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of entire HUD 8-Step Process and full Environmental Review Record (ERR)	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/19/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of entire HUD 8-Step Process and full Environmental Review Record (ERR)	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/19/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of entire HUD 8-Step Process and full Environmental Review Record (ERR)	1:00	70.00	70.00

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04/20/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of entire HUD 8-Step Process and full Environmental Review Record (ERR)	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/20/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of entire HUD 8-Step Process and full Environmental Review Record (ERR)	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/21/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of entire HUD 8-Step Process and full Environmental Review Record (ERR)	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/21/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of entire HUD 8-Step Process and full Environmental Review Record (ERR)	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/25/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Correspondence with DED in regard to publications for 8-Step Process	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/25/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Created Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) documentation	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/26/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Continued work on FONSI documentation	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/26/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of FONSI documentation	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/27/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Submission of FONSI and correspondence with Fremont Tribune	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/27/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of entire HUD 8-Step Process and full Environmental Review Record (ERR)	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/28/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of entire HUD 8-Step Process and full Environmental Review Record (ERR)	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/28/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of entire HUD 8-Step Process and full Environmental Review Record (ERR)	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/28/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of entire HUD 8-Step Process and full Environmental Review Record (ERR)	1:00	70.00	70.00
04/29/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of entire HUD 8-Step Process and full Environmental Review Record (ERR)	1:00	70.00	70.00

DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
04/29/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of entire HUD 8-Step Process and full Environmental Review Record (ERR)	1:00	70.00	70.00

TOTAL DUE

\$2,800.00

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Invoice 6

BILL TO

Village of LeShara
210 Summit
LeShara, NE 68064

DATE
05/31/2022

PLEASE PAY
\$2,800.00

DUE DATE
07/30/2022

DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
05/02/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	1:00	70.00	70.00
05/02/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	1:00	70.00	70.00
05/02/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	1:00	70.00	70.00
05/03/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	1:00	70.00	70.00
05/03/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	1:00	70.00	70.00
05/04/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	1:00	70.00	70.00
05/04/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	1:00	70.00	70.00
05/05/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	1:00	70.00	70.00
05/05/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	1:00	70.00	70.00
05/09/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	1:00	70.00	70.00
05/09/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	1:00	70.00	70.00
05/09/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	1:00	70.00	70.00
05/10/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	1:00	70.00	70.00
05/10/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	1:00	70.00	70.00
05/11/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	1:00	70.00	70.00
05/11/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	1:00	70.00	70.00

TOTAL DUE

\$2,800.00

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DATE
 06/30/2022

PLEASE PAY
\$2,940.00

DUE DATE
 08/29/2022

DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
06/01/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Work on Request for Release of Funds (RROF) certificate	2:00	70.00	140.00
06/01/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Continued work on Request for Release of Funds (RROF) certificate	1:00	70.00	70.00
06/02/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of Request for Release of Funds (RROF) certificate, correspondence with DED	2:00	70.00	140.00
06/02/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of whole Environmental Review Record (ERR)	1:00	70.00	70.00
06/06/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of whole Environmental Review Record (ERR)	1:00	70.00	70.00
06/06/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of whole Environmental Review Record (ERR)	1:00	70.00	70.00
06/07/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of whole Environmental Review Record (ERR)	1:00	70.00	70.00
06/07/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of whole Environmental Review Record (ERR)	1:00	70.00	70.00
06/08/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of whole Environmental Review Record (ERR)	1:00	70.00	70.00
06/08/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of whole Environmental Review Record (ERR)	1:00	70.00	70.00

DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
06/09/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of whole Environmental Review Record (ERR)	1:00	70.00	70.00
06/09/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of whole Environmental Review Record (ERR)	1:00	70.00	70.00
06/10/2022	GA 3. Financial Management	Review of General Administration invoices	1:00	70.00	70.00
06/10/2022	GA 3. Financial Management	Review of General Administration invoices	1:00	70.00	70.00
06/13/2022	GA 3. Financial Management	Created first draft of Payment Request #1	2:00	70.00	140.00
06/13/2022	GA 3. Financial Management	Continued work on first draft of Payment Request #1	1:00	70.00	70.00
06/14/2022	GA 3. Financial Management	Continued work on first draft of Payment Request #1	2:00	70.00	140.00
06/14/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Finalization of Timing Summary worksheet	1:00	70.00	70.00
06/15/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Finalization of Timing Summary worksheet	2:00	70.00	140.00
06/15/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of full Environmental Review Record (ERR)	1:00	70.00	70.00
06/16/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of full Environmental Review Record (ERR)	2:00	70.00	140.00
06/16/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of full Environmental Review Record (ERR)	1:00	70.00	70.00
06/17/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Completion of full Environmental Review Record (ERR)	2:00	70.00	140.00
06/17/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Correspondence with DED in regard to Release of Funds	1:00	70.00	70.00
06/20/2022	GA 3. Financial Management	Continued review of General Administration invoices	2:00	70.00	140.00
06/21/2022	GA 3. Financial Management	Continued review of General Administration invoices	2:00	70.00	140.00
06/22/2022	GA 3. Financial Management	Continued review of General Administration invoices	2:00	70.00	140.00
06/23/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Correspondence with DED in regard to Environmental Clearance	2:00	70.00	140.00

DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
06/23/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Edits made to Environmental Clearance	1:00	70.00	70.00
06/24/2022	GA 2.2 Environmental Review	Submission of all pertinent Release of Funds and Environmental Clearance documentation, correspondence with DED	2:00	70.00	140.00

TOTAL DUE

\$2,940.00

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DATE
07/31/2022

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\$375.00

DUE DATE
09/29/2022

DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
07/25/2022	GA 5. Periodic Reports & Monitoring	Began Project Status Report (PSR) for January-June 2022	1:00	75.00	75.00
07/26/2022	GA 5. Periodic Reports & Monitoring	Completed and submitted Project Status Report (PSR) for January-June 2022	1:00	75.00	75.00
07/27/2022	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	Correspondence with Village Clerk	1:00	75.00	75.00
07/28/2022	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	Monitoring digital and physical files to ensure compliance with DED guidelines	1:00	75.00	75.00
07/29/2022	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	Monitoring digital and physical files to ensure compliance with DED guidelines	1:00	75.00	75.00

TOTAL DUE

\$375.00

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DATE
08/31/2022

PLEASE PAY
\$300.00

DUE DATE
10/30/2022

DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
08/01/2022	GA 5. Periodic Reports & Monitoring	Correspondence with Amber Helmick in regard to PSR Corrections, proceeded to complete PSR corrections	1:00	75.00	75.00
08/02/2022	GA 5. Periodic Reports & Monitoring	Completed requested PSR corrections in AmpliFund	1:00	75.00	75.00
08/03/2022	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	Organization of physical and digital files	1:00	75.00	75.00
08/04/2022	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	Organization of physical and digital files	1:00	75.00	75.00

TOTAL DUE

\$300.00

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Invoice 10**BILL TO**

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DATE
11/30/2022PLEASE PAY
\$488.75DUE DATE
01/29/2023

DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
11/09/2022	GA 5. Periodic Reports & Monitoring	Notification of Annual Audit correspondence	0:15	85.00	21.25
11/10/2022	GA 3. Financial Management	Review of invoices for CDBG project #21-PW-013 and correspondence with Village Clerk, Paula Wagner in regard to JEO invoices and payment requests	1:00	85.00	85.00
11/22/2022	GA 3. Financial Management	Correspondence with Paula Wagner and Aaron Boucher in regard to payment for JEO Consulting Group invoices	1:30	85.00	127.50
11/23/2022	GA 3. Financial Management	Created ledger for Payment Request #1	1:00	85.00	85.00
11/28/2022	GA 3. Financial Management	Continued work on Payment Request #1 ledger	1:00	85.00	85.00
11/29/2022	GA 3. Financial Management	Continued work on Payment Request #1 ledger	1:00	85.00	85.00

TOTAL DUE

\$488.75

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DATE 12/31/2022	PLEASE PAY \$170.00	DUE DATE 03/01/2023
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DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
12/07/2022	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	Completion of full Payment Request #1, correspondence with Aaron Boucher and Paula Wagner	1:00	85.00	85.00
12/08/2022	GA 8. Correspondence & Notes	Uploaded all pertinent documentation into AmpliFund, File Maintenance	1:00	85.00	85.00

TOTAL DUE **\$170.00**

THANK YOU.

**Lower Platte North NRD
Director Retreat
Schneider Building – 935 Schneider St. Fremont, NE
March 9, 2023**

9:00 a.m. Welcome – Eric

9:05 a.m. Wahoo Creek Watershed Update – Ryan, Sean, Eric

9:35 a.m. Wanahoo Stilling Basin Repairs History/Update – Bob Heimann

10:00 a.m. Dodge County/East Fremont – Tom Smith, Ryan, Sean

10:45 a.m. GDFC, Port Authority Update – Megan Stiles

11:15 a.m. Water Dept Nitrate/Phase IV? – Daryl, Russell, Tyler, Noah

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. 2023 Wanahoo Improvements – Bret, Eric

1:30 p.m. Water Dept. Drought Triggers/Variations – Daryl, Russell, Bret

2:15 p.m. New Office Funding – Eric

2:45 p.m. Adjourn – Reception – Thompson Construction

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Soil Erosion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Detachment and transportation of soil particles caused by rainfall runoff/splash, irrigation runoff or wind that degrades soil quality. * Untreated classic gullies may enlarge progressively by head cutting and/or lateral widening. Ephemeral gullies occur in the same flow area and are obscured by tillage. This includes concentrated flow erosion caused by runoff from rainfall, snowmelt or irrigation water. * Sediment from banks or shorelines threatens to degrade water quality and limit use for intended purposes.
Soil Quality Degradation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Loss of volume and depth of organic soils due to oxidation caused by above normal microbial activity resulting from excessive water drainage, soil disturbance, or extended drought. This excludes karst / sinkholes issues or depressions caused by underground activities. * Management induced soil compaction resulting in decreased rooting depth that reduces plant growth, animal habitat and soil biological activity. * Soil organic matter is not adequate to provide a suitable medium for plant growth, animal habitat, and soil biological activity. * Concentration of salts leading to salinity and/or sodicity reducing productivity or limiting desired use, or concentrations of other chemicals impacting productivity or limiting desired use.
Excess Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Surface water or poor subsurface drainage restricts land use and management goals. * Wind-blown snow accumulates around and over surface structures, restricting access to humans and animals.
Insufficient Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Natural precipitation is not optimally managed to support desired land use goals or ecological processes. * Irrigation water is not stored, delivered, scheduled and/or applied efficiently. Aquifer or surface water withdrawals threaten sustained availability of ground or surface water. Available irrigation water supplies have been reduced due to aquifer depletion, competition, regulation and/or drought.
Water Quality Degradation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Nutrients - organic and inorganic - are transported to receiving waters through surface runoff and/or leaching into shallow ground waters in quantities that degrade water quality and limit use for intended purposes. * Nutrients - organic and inorganic - are transported to receiving waters through surface runoff and/or leaching into shallow ground waters in quantities that degrade water quality and limit use for intended purposes. * Pest control chemicals are transported to receiving waters in quantities that degrade water quality and limit use for intended purposes. * Pathogens, pharmaceuticals, and other chemicals carried by land applied soil amendments are transported to receiving waters in quantities that degrade water quality and limit use for intended purposes. * This resource concern also includes the off-site transport of leachate and runoff from compost or other organic materials of animal origin. * Irrigation or rainfall runoff transports salts to receiving water in quantities that degrade water quality and limit use for intended purposes. * Heavy metals, petroleum and other pollutants are transported to receiving water sources in quantities that degrade water quality and limit use for intended purposes. * Off-site transport of sediment from sheet, rill, gully, and wind erosion into surface water that threatens to degrade surface water quality and limit use for intended purposes. * Surface water temperatures exceed State/Federal standards and/or limit use for intended purposes.
Air Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Direct emissions of particulate matter - dust and smoke -, as well as the formation of fine particulate matter in the atmosphere from other agricultural emissions - ammonia, NOx, and VOCs - cause multiple environmental impacts, such as:- The unintended movement of particulate matter - typically dust or smoke - results in safety or nuisance visibility restriction.- The unintended movement of particulate matter and/or chemical droplets results in unwanted deposits on surfaces.- Increased atmospheric concentrations of particulate matter can impact human and animal health and degrade regional visibility. * Emissions increase atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases. * Emissions of ozone precursors - NOx and VOCs - resulting in formation of ground- level ozone that cause negative impacts to plants and animals. Emissions of odorous compounds - VOCs, ammonia and odorous sulfur compounds - cause nuisance conditions.
Degraded Plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Plant productivity, vigor and/or quality negatively impacts other resources or does not meet yield potential due to improper fertility, management or plants not adapted to site. This includes addressing pollinators and beneficial insects. * Plant communities have insufficient composition and structure to achieve ecological functions and management objectives. * This includes degradation of wetland habitat, targeted ecosystems, or unique plant communities. * Excessive pest damage to plants including that from undesired plants, diseases, animals, soil borne pathogens, and nematodes. * This concern addresses invasive plant, animal and insect species The kinds and amounts of fuel loadings - plant biomass - create wildfire hazards that pose risks to human safety, structures, plants, animals, and air resources.
Fish and Wildlife	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Quantity, quality or connectivity of food, cover, space, shelter and/or water is inadequate to meet requirements of identified fish, wildlife or invertebrate species. * Quantity, quality or connectivity of food, cover, space, shelter and/or water is inadequate to meet requirements of identified fish, wildlife or invertebrate species.
Livestock Production Limitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Feed and forage quality or quantity is inadequate for nutritional needs and production goals of the kinds and classes of livestock. * Livestock lack adequate shelter from climatic conditions to maintain health or production goals. * Quantity, quality and/or distribution of drinking water are insufficient to maintain health or production goals for the kinds and classes of livestock.
Inefficient Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Inefficient use of energy in the Farm Operation increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources that can be addressed through improved energy efficiency and the use of on-farm renewable energy sources. * As an example, this concern addresses inefficient energy use in pumping plants, on-farm processing, drying and storage. * Inefficient use of energy in field operations increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources that can be addressed through improved efficiency and the use of on-farm renewable energy sources.

<p><i>Soil Erosion/Quality Resource Concerns</i></p> <p><i>Applications under this fund pool, will implement conservation practices to address soil erosion and/or soil quality resource concerns on existing cropland land use.</i></p>				
<p>HIGH PRIORITY:</p>	<p>1. Applications* where 50% or more of the conservation practices to be applied will be physically located north of the Platte River (Platte, Colfax and Dodge counties).</p>	<p>2. Applications* where 50% or more of the conservation practices to be applied will be physically located south of the Platte River (Saunders and Butler counties). The soil erosion and/or soil quality conservation practices will include only management practice(s). Management practices will result in the highest level of Soil Quality/Erosion achievement by implementing [receiving and management practice payment] one or more of the following management practices to be include, but not limited to are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cropland to Grassland Conversion b. Cover Crops c. No-Till d. Crop Rotation (ex: adding small grain to rotation) e. Vegetative Practices (ex: grassed waterways) f. Filter Strips h. Field Borders 	<p>3. Applications are a result of a completed conservation activity plan or where the conservation planning and all construction permits (i.e. - COE 404, DNR permits, etc.) has been completed.</p>	<p>* Applications that meet the criteria for a low priority will be considered a “low priority”</p>
<p>MEDIUM PRIORITY:</p>	<p>1. Applications* where 50% or more of the conservation practices applied will be physically located south of the Platte River (Saunders and Butler counties). The soil erosion and/or soil quality conservation practices will include structural conservation practices, with or without, one or more of the above management practices [must receive an incentive payment or the contract area must be enrolled within a NRD cost share program for management practice installation]. Structural Practices to be include, but not limited to are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Terraces b. Water and Sediment Control Basins c. Underground Outlets d. Diversion <p>Note: Critical Area Seeding required for all other structural practice, such as sediment basin, does not meet the requirements for high priority management practices as a stand-alone item.</p>			<p>* Applications that meet the criteria for a low priority will be considered a “low priority”</p>
<p>LOW PRIORITY:</p>	<p>1. Applications that include land being terminated from an existing CRP contract or that has been sobbuster* in the last 5 crop years.</p>	<p>2. Applications to install a conservation practice(s) where 50% or more of the contract area is currently treated with an approved conservation practice(s) and the contract area does not have a significant gully erosion resource concern. Includes applications where a planned structural practice(s), will convert/replace existing structural practices that are currently fully functional.</p>	<p>3. Applications requiring construction permits (i.e. - COE 404, DNR permits, etc.)</p>	<p>4. Applicant has been associated with a contract that has been terminated without a meritorious reason, within the last 3 years (2019-2021). Meritorious reason examples include personal hardship, adverse weather conditions, etc.</p>

Please complete the following – which land uses apply to you and or your operation?

Please select the order to how you want to prioritize and see the Resource Concerns addressed in LPN NRD.

LAND USES
Crop
Forest
Range
Pasture
Farmstead
Developed Land
Water
Associated Ag Land

<input type="checkbox"/>	Agriculture Producer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non- agriculture producer/landowner
Prioritize Local Resource Concerns in priority order (1 through 17 - with 1 being the highest priority, 17 being the lowest priority)			
		Aquatic Habitat	
		Storage and Handling of Pollutants	
		Fire Managagement	
		Water (Soil) Erosion	
		Weather Resilience	
		Terrestrial Habitat (Fish & Wildlife)	
		Inefficient Energy Use	
		Concentrated Erosion	
		Salt Losses to Water	
		Field Pesticide Loss	
		Soil Quality Limitations	
		Livestock Production Limitations	
		Pest pressure	
		Source Water Depletion	
		Field Sediment, Nutrient and Pathogen Loss	
		Air Quality Emissions	
		Degraded Plants Condition	

FY 2024 Farm Bill Programs/ Initiatives Impacted by LWG recommendations

A. Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)

EQIP provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers in order to address natural resource concerns and deliver environmental benefits such as improved water and air quality, conserved ground and surface water, reduced soil erosion and sedimentation or improved or created wildlife habitat.

a. National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI)

Through the National Water Quality Initiative, the Natural Resources Conservation Service will work with farmers and ranchers in small watersheds to improve water quality where this is a critical concern. NRCS will provide financial assistance to help farmers and ranchers implement conservation systems to reduce nitrogen, phosphorous, sediment and pathogen contributions from agricultural land. Eligible producers will receive assistance under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) for installing conservation systems that may include practices such as nutrient management, cover crops, conservation cropping systems, filter strips, terraces, and in some cases, edge-of-field water quality monitoring.

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Setting Natural Resource Priorities



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Participants

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- Conservation needs are assessed and are used to help identify program funding needs and conservation practices at the local level.
- Priority resource concerns and high-priority areas needing assistance are identified.
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Insufficient Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Natural precipitation is not optimally managed to support desired land use goals or ecological processes. * Irrigation water is not stored, delivered, scheduled and/or applied efficiently. Aquifer or surface water withdrawals threaten sustained availability of ground or surface water. Available irrigation water supplies have been reduced due to aquifer depletion, competition, regulation and/or drought.
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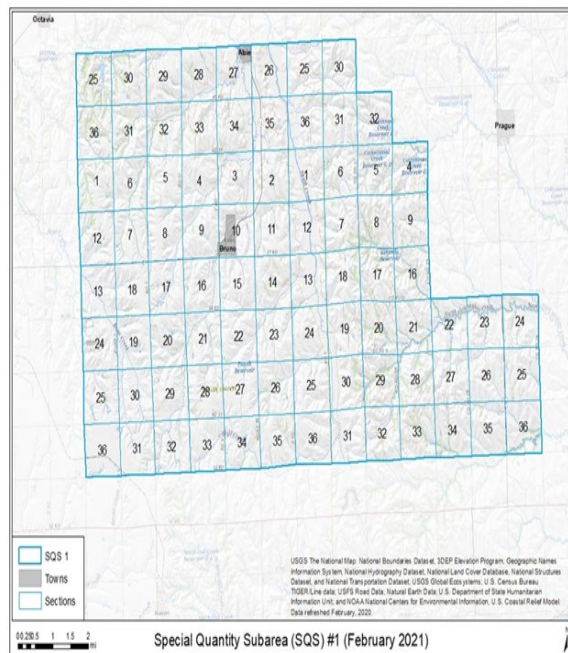
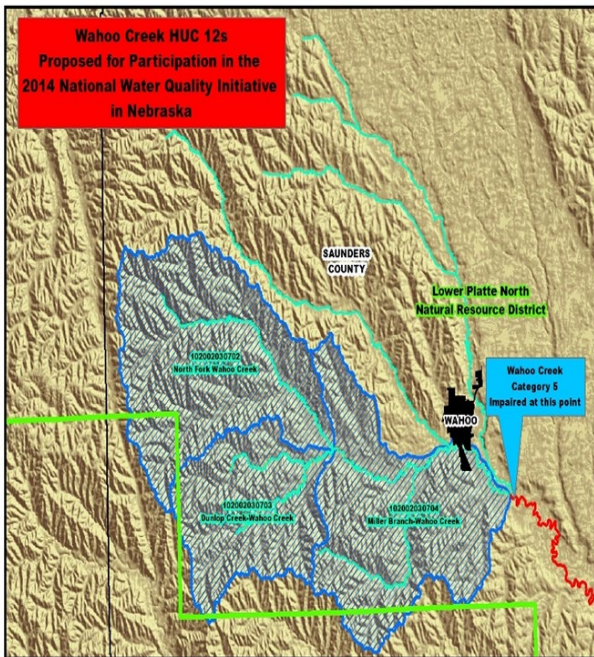
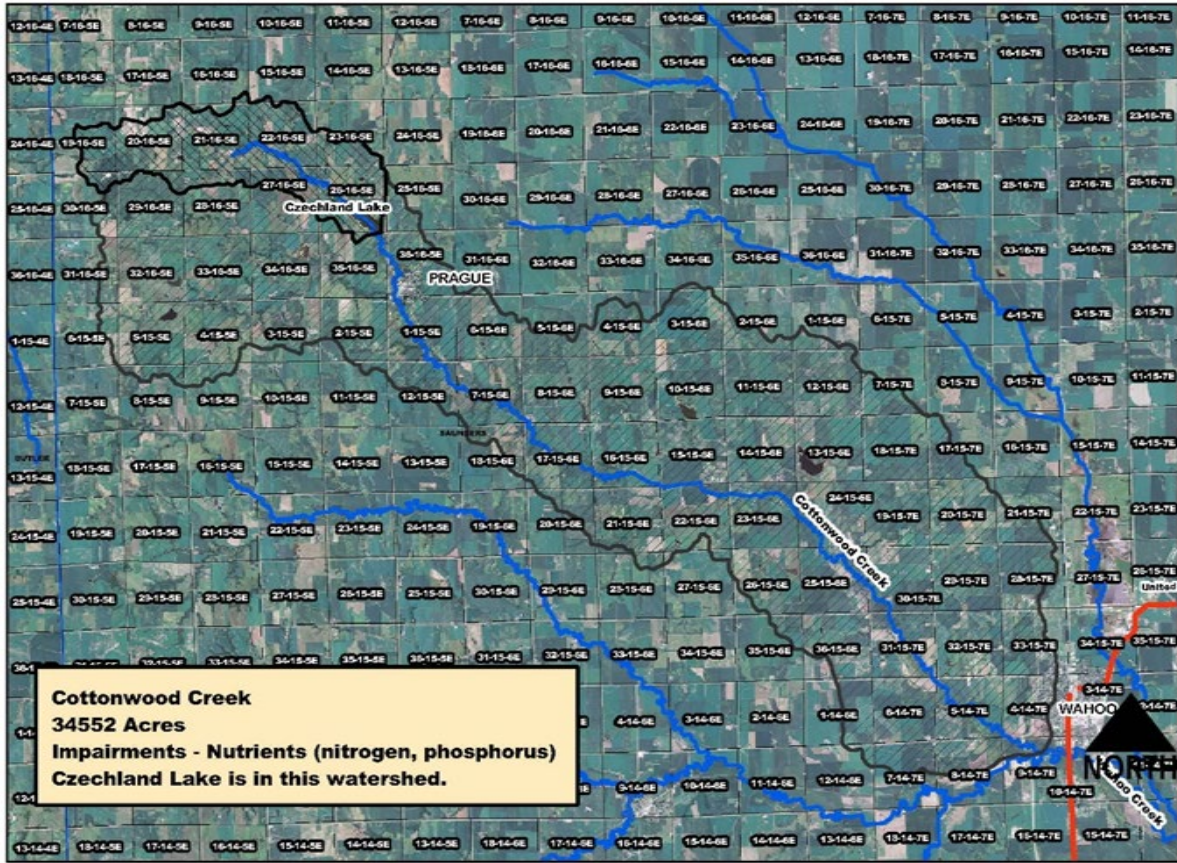
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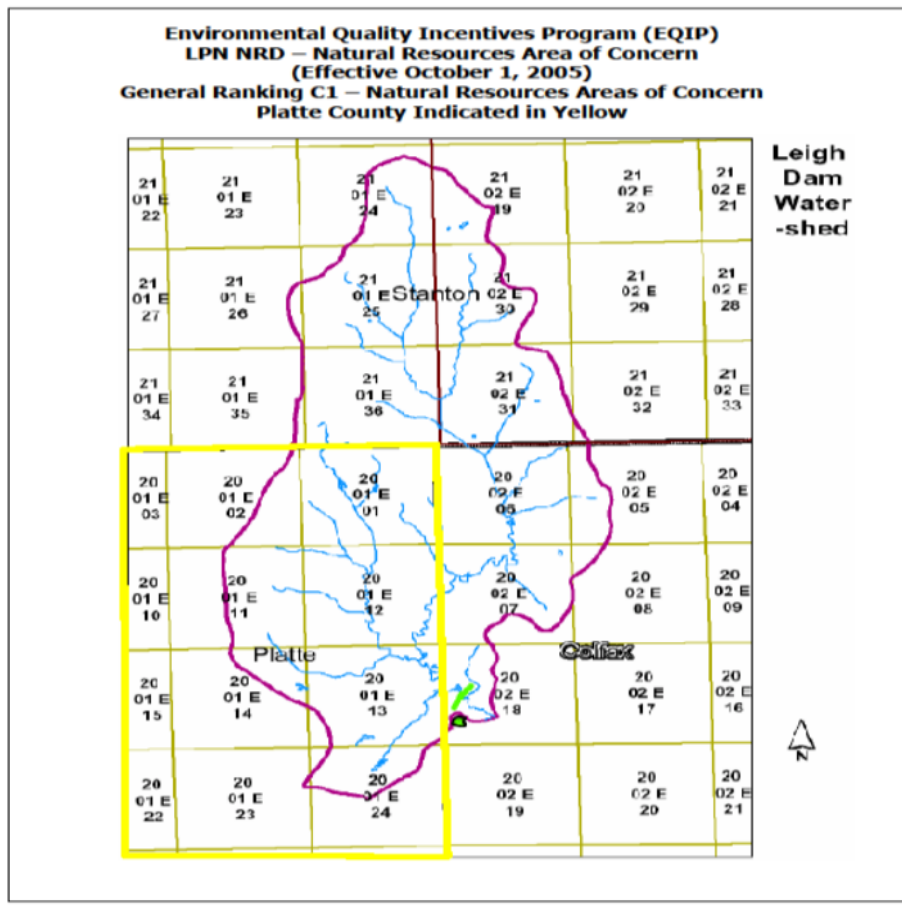
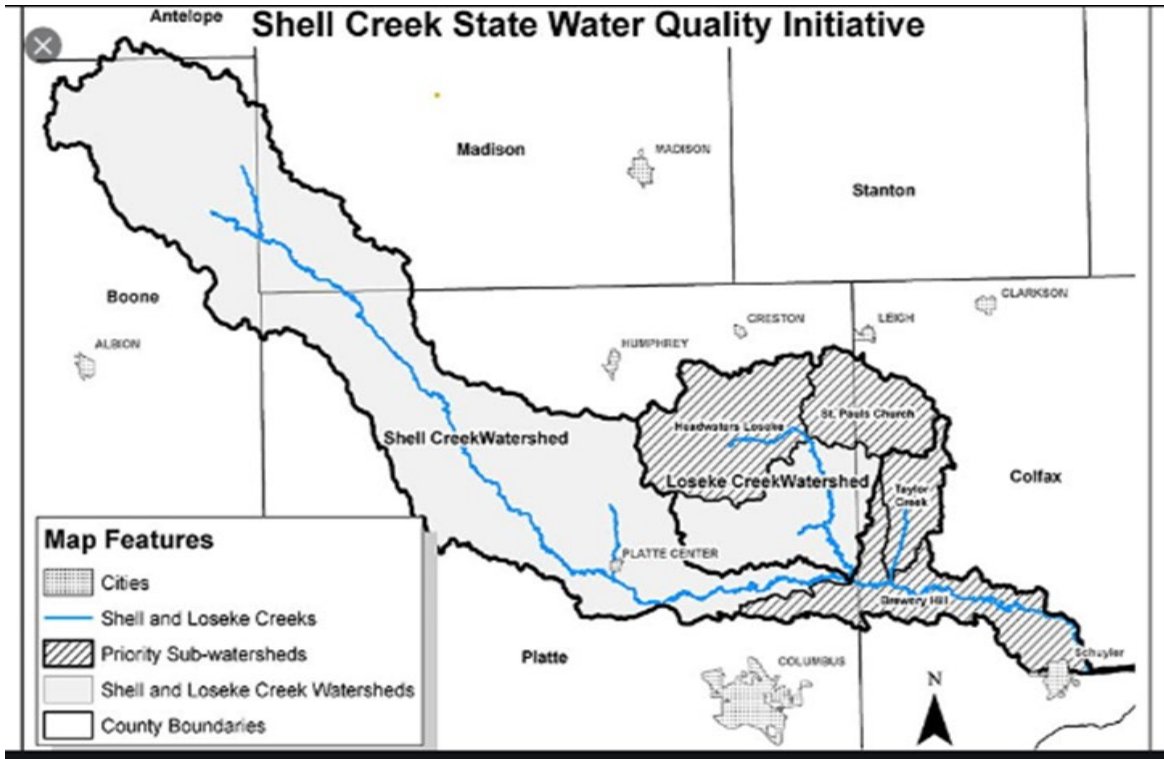
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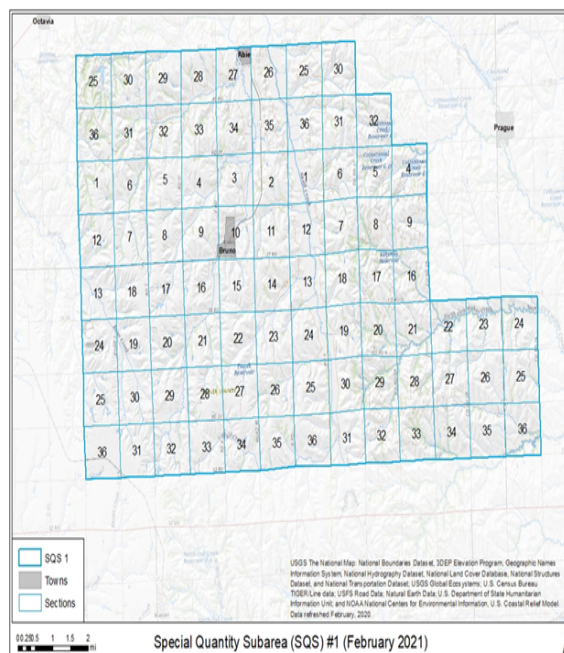
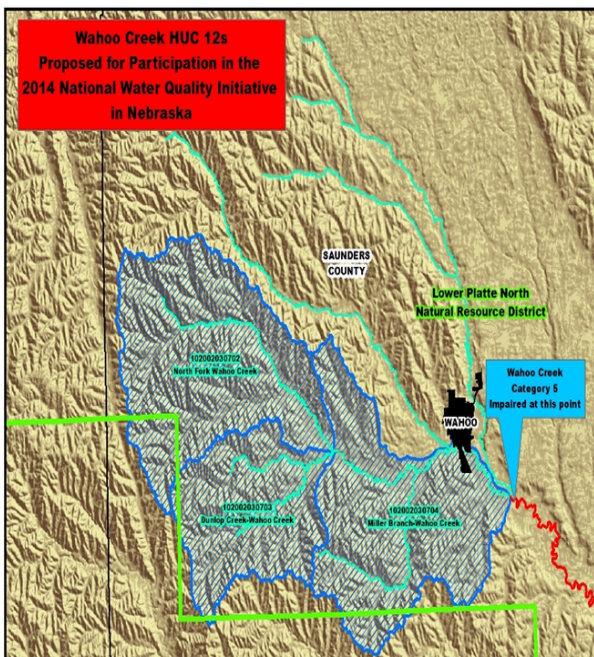
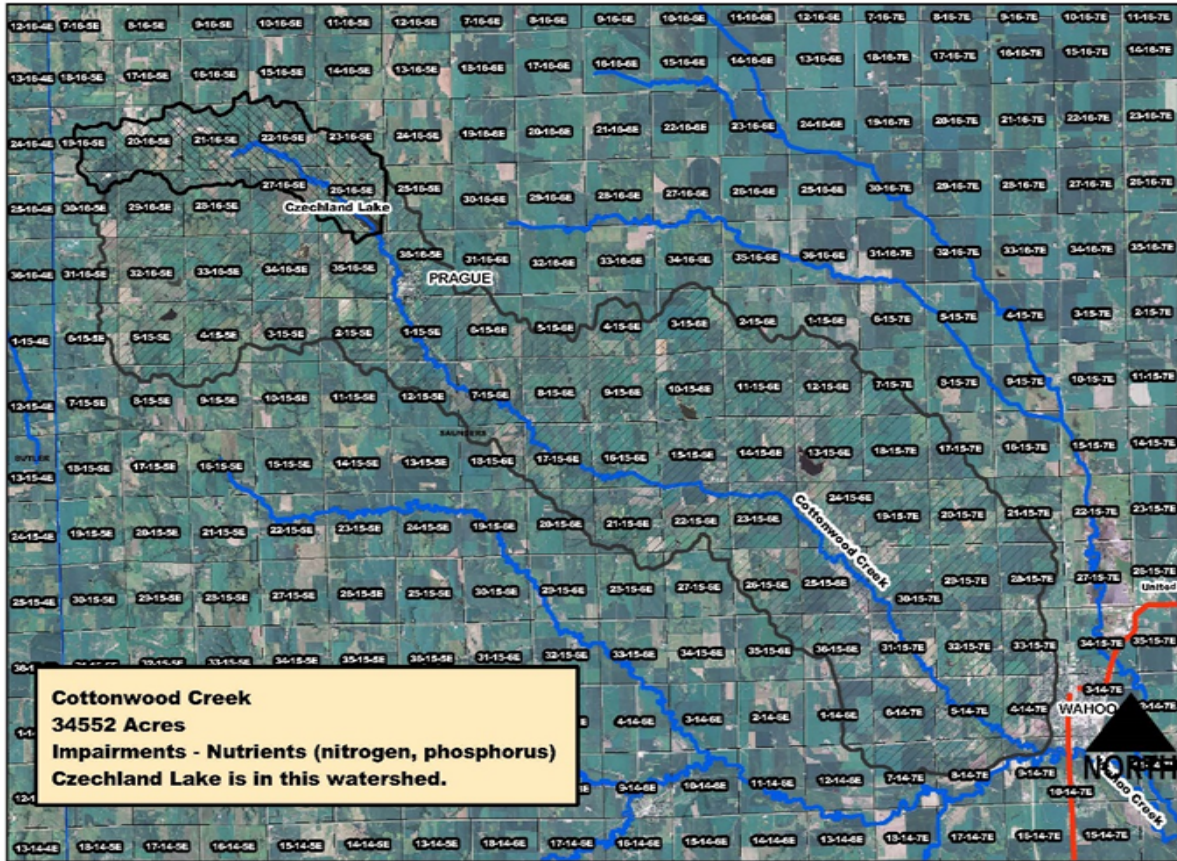
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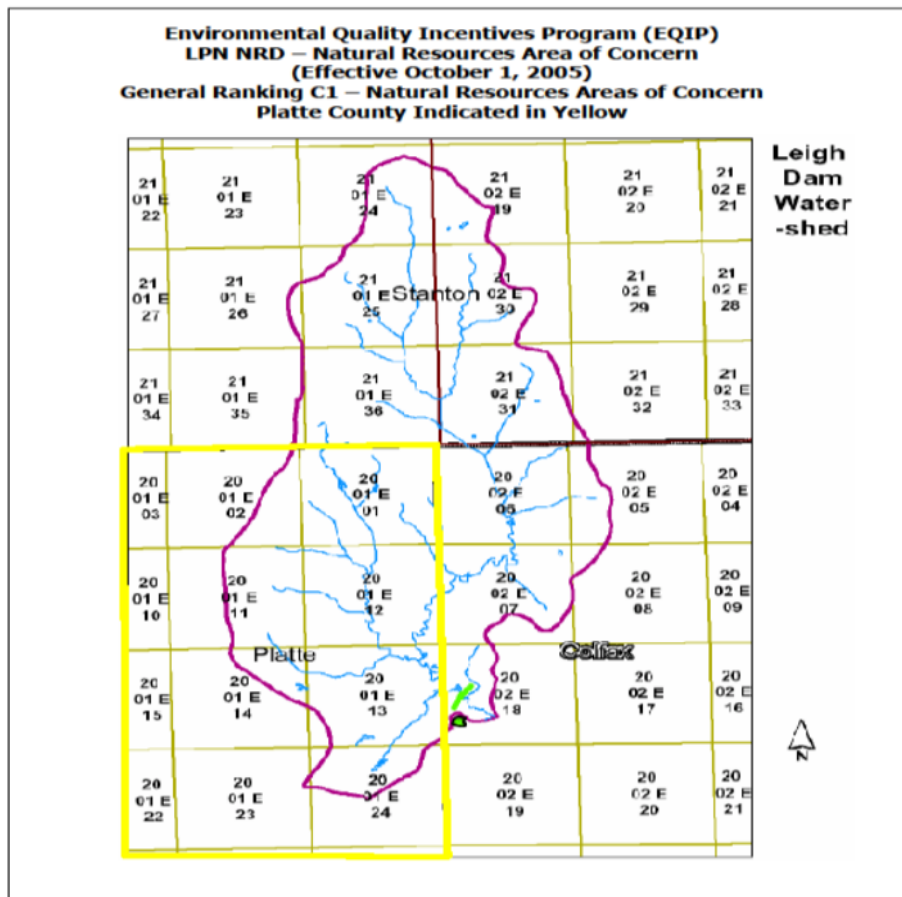
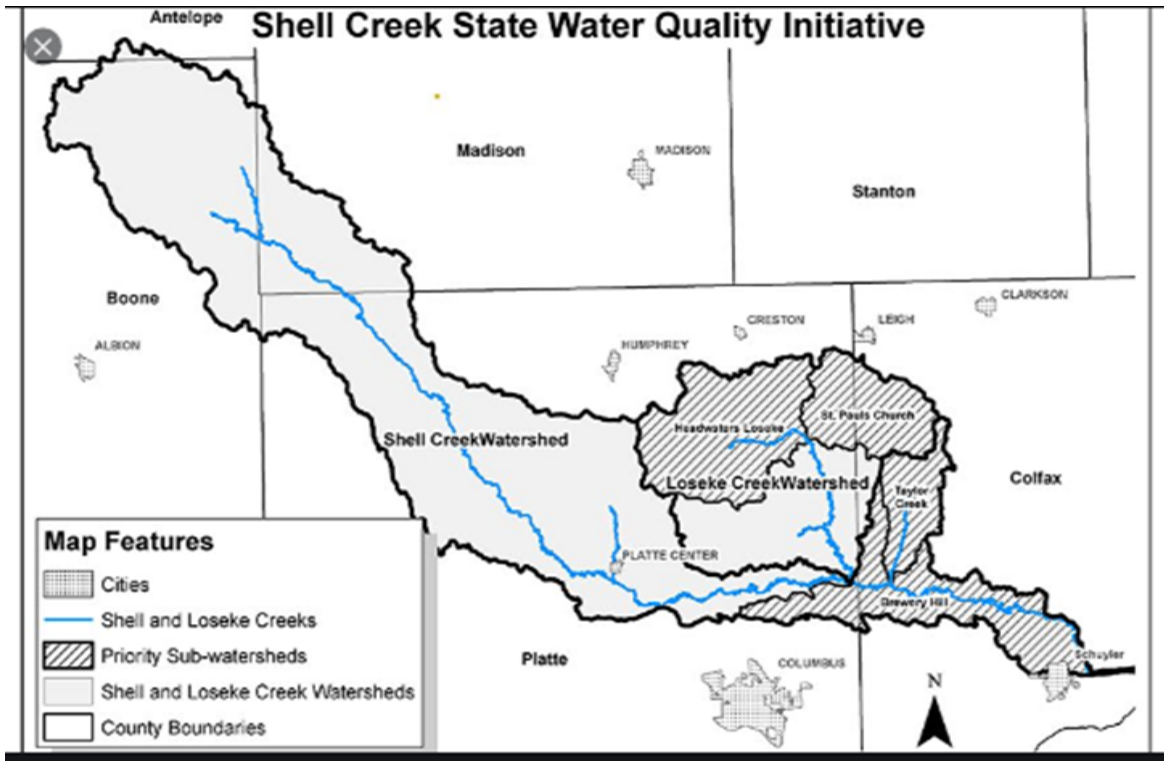
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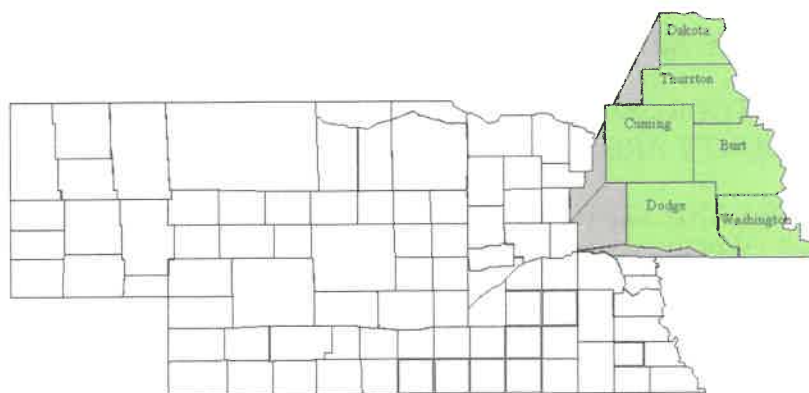
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Introduction:

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Vision Statement

People working actively and in cooperation to strengthen communities.

Mission Statement

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❖ History

- October 9, 1991 - The first informational meeting about the RC&D program was held for area residents at the Legion Hall in Walthill.
- March 1, 1992 - A steering committee was formed which proceeded to develop Bylaws and secure Articles of Incorporation and apply to the Secretary of Agriculture for authorization.
- September 23, 1992 - After numerous Steering Committee meetings, meetings of the Application and Bylaws Committees, twelve informational presentations, and six public participation meetings, the Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D Council was formed.
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- October 18, 1993 - the Council presented their second proposal for authorization to (then) Nebraska SCS State Conservationist Ron Moreland.
- August 10, 1994 - The Nominal Group Process was used to develop and prioritize Goals, Objectives, and Action Items for the group's first Annual Plan of Work (approved by the RC&D Board of Directors on September 28, 1994).
- April 11, 1995 - A logo development contest was held, and a winner was selected – it was a pencil drawing of our current logo. (Color was added to the logo in 2001 and was again updated in 2009).
- October 15, 1997 - Another application for authorization was submitted to Dan Glickman, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.
- December 3, 1997 - Received a Federal Tax Identification Number from the IRS.
- April 13, 1998 - The Internal Revenue Service determined the Nebraska Loess Hills Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council Incorporated, to be exempt from federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3).
- September 7, 2000 - The Board of Directors, despite being passed over for funding numerous times, was persistent and submitted another application for funding.
- January 4, 2001 - Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman authorized the Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D.
- April 15, 2011 – President Barack Obama approved the termination of the RC&D Program nation-wide. Staff was given 3 days to redistribute all furniture and vehicle and to vacate the office.
- 2011 to present – The RC&D Council operates on donations from public entities, business, and private citizens.

❖ Committees

- Education
- Economic Development
- Tourism
- Environment and Conservation
- Infrastructure and Community Resources
- Finance

Declaration of the Area of Operation:

The Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D consists of six counties – Burt, Cuming, Dakota, Dodge, Thurston, and Washington – encompassing 1,671,808 acres in East Central and Northeastern Nebraska. The Omaha and Winnebago Indian Reservations occupy all of Thurston County and small portions of Burt and Cuming Counties. The area is predominately rural with a population of 100,358 (2000 U.S. Census). About two thirds of area residents live in 38 communities. The largest communities are: Fremont– 25,174; South Sioux City – 11,925; and Blair – 7,512. The median size community in the area is 693. The area hosts 37,823 households. Per capita income for the RC&D area is \$24,927. 10.3% of area residents live in poverty.

The six-county Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D Area covers approximately 2600 square miles and is bordered on the east by the Missouri River and the Platte River on the south. A third major river, the Elkhorn, flows through three counties in the southwest part of the area. All three rivers provide recreation for Nebraska and Area residents as well as habitat for several threatened or endangered species such as the Bald Eagle, Piping Plover, Interior Least Tern, and the Pallid Sturgeon. The Missouri River is the primary source of domestic and municipal water supply for several large cities and communities in Nebraska and neighboring states. About 100 miles of Missouri River shoreline border the Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D Area.

All soils begin as rock or “Parent material”. Destruction of certain properties of parent material leads to unconsolidated forms of “rock” in which soils are forming. Soils can be moved by wind, water, gravity, man/animals, or glaciers. Those soils transported by wind are either loess (pronounced luss), or aeolian sand (windblown sand). Except for the “Sand Hills” where soils formed in aeolian sand, loess is the parent material for many soils throughout Nebraska. A large portion of the Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D Area lies in the Loess Uplands and Till Plains Major Land Resource Area (102B). About 15% of the area lying along the Missouri River Valley is in the Iowa and Missouri Deep Loess Hills Major Land Resource Area (107N). A small area in southwestern Washington and southeastern Dodge counties is located in the Nebraska and Kansas Loess Drift Hills Major Land Resource Area (106). All three Major Land Resource Areas are characterized by rolling to hilly topography with narrow to moderate ridge tops dissected by numerous drainage-ways. Predominant soils are typically well-drained upland soils with silty clay loam surface layers formed in loess with underlying material of silty clay loam or silt loam. Water erosion (sheet & rill, ephemeral, and gully) is the primary resource concern on these soils.

Warm summers and cold winters characterize the climate of the area. Monthly average high temperatures are in the 20s (degrees F) in January and 80s (degrees F) in July. Annual precipitation averages 24”-26”, with 60% of the precipitation occurring during the May to October growing season.

Types of RC&D Assistance:

GOAL A: ENHANCE & PROTECT LAND-BASED NATURAL RESOURCES & PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP...

- ✓ The Middle Missouri Valley Weed Management Area is made up of 5 County Weed Superintendents who work together as a group, facilitated by the RC&D, to identify and treat noxious and invasive weed species. The Weed Management Area did not complete any projects as a group, but rather engaged in helping one another on an as-needed basis.

GOAL B: ENHANCE & PROTECT WATER-BASED NATURAL RESOURCES & PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP...

- ✓ The Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D Council received a grant from Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy to hold (3) Household Hazardous Waste collections. Host communities were Jackson, Lyons, and Wisner. A total of 10,675 lbs. of hazardous waste plus 166 fluorescent bulbs were collected. Hazardous waste was collected from 150 vehicles that included 199 households. A total of 25 volunteers from the Village of Jackson, City of Lyons, City of Wisner, Papio-Missouri River NRD, and the Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D Council helped make these collections run smoothly and successfully.
- ✓ The Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D Council assisted in unloading vehicles and collecting surveys at the PMRNRD E-Waste collections held in Dakota City, Walthill, Tekamah, and Blair. 298 loads totaling 33,385 lbs. of e-waste was brought in from 317 households and 55 businesses. The contractor will recycle more than 97% of this waste. Six RC&D board members helped at these collections.

GOAL C: PROMOTE TOURISM AND DEVELOP RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES...

- ✓ The RC&D hosts and facilitates the Lewis & Clark Scenic Byway which is a group dedicated toward promoting area attractions and services which may be of interest to travelers and tourists.
- ✓ The RC&D worked with the Lewis & Clark Scenic Byway to conduct a "Scavenger Puzzle Hunt" throughout the summer. Visitors collected puzzle pieces from participating business and museums. Prizes were given for how many puzzle pieces were collected.
- ✓ The RC&D worked with the Burt County Road Dept, the Nebraska Dept of Roads, and the City of Oakland, to erect 3 signs for canoe access along the Logan Creek.
- ✓ The RC&D is maintaining a tourism rack at the Jackson Pump & Pantry to provide tourists with brochures of things to see along the Lewis & Clark Scenic Byway.

GOAL D: PROMOTE LAND STEWARDSHIP BY WORKING WITH LOCAL GROUPS TO OFFER RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES...

- ✓ The RC&D coordinates and conducts several recycling opportunities for area residents including: E-Waste collection; Household Hazardous Waste collections; and Scrap Tire Collections.

GOAL E: DEVELOP HUMAN RESOURCES IN THE SIX COUNTY RC&D AREA BY INCREASING PARTICIPATION IN RC&D EVENTS.

- ✓ The Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D Council discussed, approved, and created a scholarship for current high school seniors, current college students and non-traditional students. The scholarship application was distributed to the high schools in our service area as well as an article in the area newspapers advertising this opportunity. The Nebraska Loess Hills Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council offered (2) \$500 scholarships to (2) individuals within the service area of Burt, Cuming, Dakota, Dodge, Thurston, and Washington counties. The scholarships primarily were offered to individuals that showed volunteering in community events. This was the first year the RC&D offered this scholarship and believe it was a success. Applications were received from every county and many great applications were reviewed. These year's scholarship recipients were Noel Monif, a high-school senior at Tekamah-Herman and Michael Bracht, West Point, a 3rd year college student at IA State University.

Completed Projects in 2022

<u>Project#</u>	<u>Project Name</u>
22-375	Scholarship
22-376	PMRNRD E-Waste
22-377	Sign for Oakland's Logan Access
22-378	E-Waste Grant – 2022
22-379	HHW Grant – 2022
22-380	HHW Collection for 2022 (Jackson, Lyons, Wisner)
22-381	Lewis & Clark Scenic Byway -2022
22-382	Tourism Display - 2022

Impact of the Council's Projects in the Area of Operation:

The Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D Council completed 8 projects in 2022. Over thirty-five volunteers donated more than 500 hours to RC&D projects. Financially, the total value of the projects completed in 2022 was over \$55,000.00.

Major Impact Projects

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- ❑ **Board meetings and Little News mailings.**
 More than 1800 copies of the agenda and Little News were sent to board members and the public.
- ❑ **Completed Projects**
 The NLHRCD completed 8 projects in FY 2022.
- ❑ **Volunteerism**
 Over 35 volunteers donated more than 500 hours of time working on RC&D projects.

Council’s Financial Summary (Oct. 2021-Sept. 2022)

Income:	
Dues and Support from 26 members	\$11,400.00
Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE)	\$2,803.75
Grant for Scrap Electronics Collection in Previous FY	
Cargill- Grant for Household Hazardous Waste Collection in Blair	\$15,000.00
Papio-Missouri River NRD- Grant for Household Hazardous Waste collection in Blair	\$3,982.00
Expenditures	
Household Hazardous Waste Collection in Blair	\$18,982.00
Council Operations	\$5,585.89
End of Year Balance	
Checking Account	\$31,891.46
Savings Account	\$1,524.86
Certificate of Deposit (CD)	<u>\$16,740.50</u>
Total	\$50,156.82

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