



WHITEMUD WATERSHED DISTRICT

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GROW Wildlife Habitat Conservation Program Application

Name of Landowner _____ Phone _____

Complete Mailing Address _____

Legal Description of Home: Qtr _____ Sec _____ Twp _____ Rge _____

Legal Description of Project: Qtr _____ Sec _____ Twp _____ Rge _____

Project Located in R.M. of _____ Sub-district # _____

Name of Waterway that project is located on or nearest to: _____

Do you have an Environmental Farm Plan (state expiry date)? _____

Objectives of Wildlife Habitat Program:

- To maintain existing wildlife habitat or corridors,
- To protect wetlands, riparian areas and essential wildlife habitat,
- To provide assistance to restoration of valuable wildlife habitat.
- To protect existing Class 1 and 2 wetlands on annual cropland

Landowner Responsibilities:

1. Projects applied for must be within the Whitemud District.
2. Application must be made by the owner of the land.
3. Establish projects on land as designated on approved application form.
4. If project has seed cannot seed, trade or exchange seed.
5. Sign an agreement stating responsibilities of landowner and Watershed.
6. Cannot remove any part of the project that is under a term agreement.
7. Maintain project as stated in agreement or forfeit participated in all future Watershed Programs
8. Allow Watershed staff on property for reasons concerning the project.

Program Options (Please select all that apply)

Conservation of Class 1 or 2 wetlands

Class 1 and 2 wetlands are able to receive incentive payments on annual cropland due to their high risk of being drained. Landowners will sign a 10 year agreement to not drain or fill these wetlands and will receive yearly incentive payments for these years. Continued cropping of these wetlands are allowed during this term. The incentive payments are a portion of the land value of where these wetlands are located.

Legal Description of Project Site: Quarter ____ Sec ____ Twp. ____ Rge. ____

Approximate Acres: _____

<i>Class 1 wetland -Characteristics</i>	<i>Class 2 wetland - Characteristics</i>
A wetland that usually holds surface water caused by melting snow, high water table or precipitation for one week or less during years with average moisture conditions.	A wetland that usually holds surface water caused by melting snow, high water table or precipitation for a period between one week and one month during years with average moisture conditions.
These wetlands are often cultivated and seeded in springs with dry and normal moisture years.	Are usually cultivated in the spring, supporting crop growth in dry to normal moisture years. In wet years it may be seeded later than the rest of the land.
Includes plant communities adapted to growing in moist soils. Common species present include Kentucky and fowl blue grass, dandelion, field bindweed, kochia, goldenrod, asters, snowberry and wheat grasses.	Includes plant communities adapted to growing in moist soils, but not prolonged flooded soils. Species present include sedges, rushes, cordgrass, dock, potentilla and foxtail barley.

Table 1: (Manitoba Conservation and Climate, 2021), (MB Water Rights Regulations, 126/87)

Restoration of Wetlands

This program is designed to restore previously drained wetlands of all classes. These projects will be under a 10 year agreement with the district. Important note: a restored Class 3 or higher wetland will be under legislation and the landowner will be required to obtain the proper licensing/permits to decommission the restored wetland.

Legal Description of Project Site: Quarter ____ Sec ____ Twp. ____ Rge. ____

Approximate Acres: _____

Conservation of Wooded Areas/Grassland Habitat /Riparian Areas

Natural habitats like woody areas or native grasses that are at risk of being converted to cropland are eligible for this program. Landowners that are approved of this program will sign a 10 year agreement with the district to keep these areas and will receive yearly incentive payments for each of these years. The incentive payments are a portion of the land value of where these areas are located.

Legal Description of Project Site: Quarter ____ Sec ____ Twp. ____ Rge. ____

Approximate Acres: _____

Grassland Restoration

This program provides funding to producers that wish to convert arable land back into native grasses. After the completion of this project the producer is able to graze or hay the land. This project will be on a 10 year term and the living roots cannot be disturbed throughout this term.

Legal Description of Project Site: Quarter _____ Sec _____ Twp. _____ Rge. _____

Number of Acres: _____

What was previous land use/crop: _____

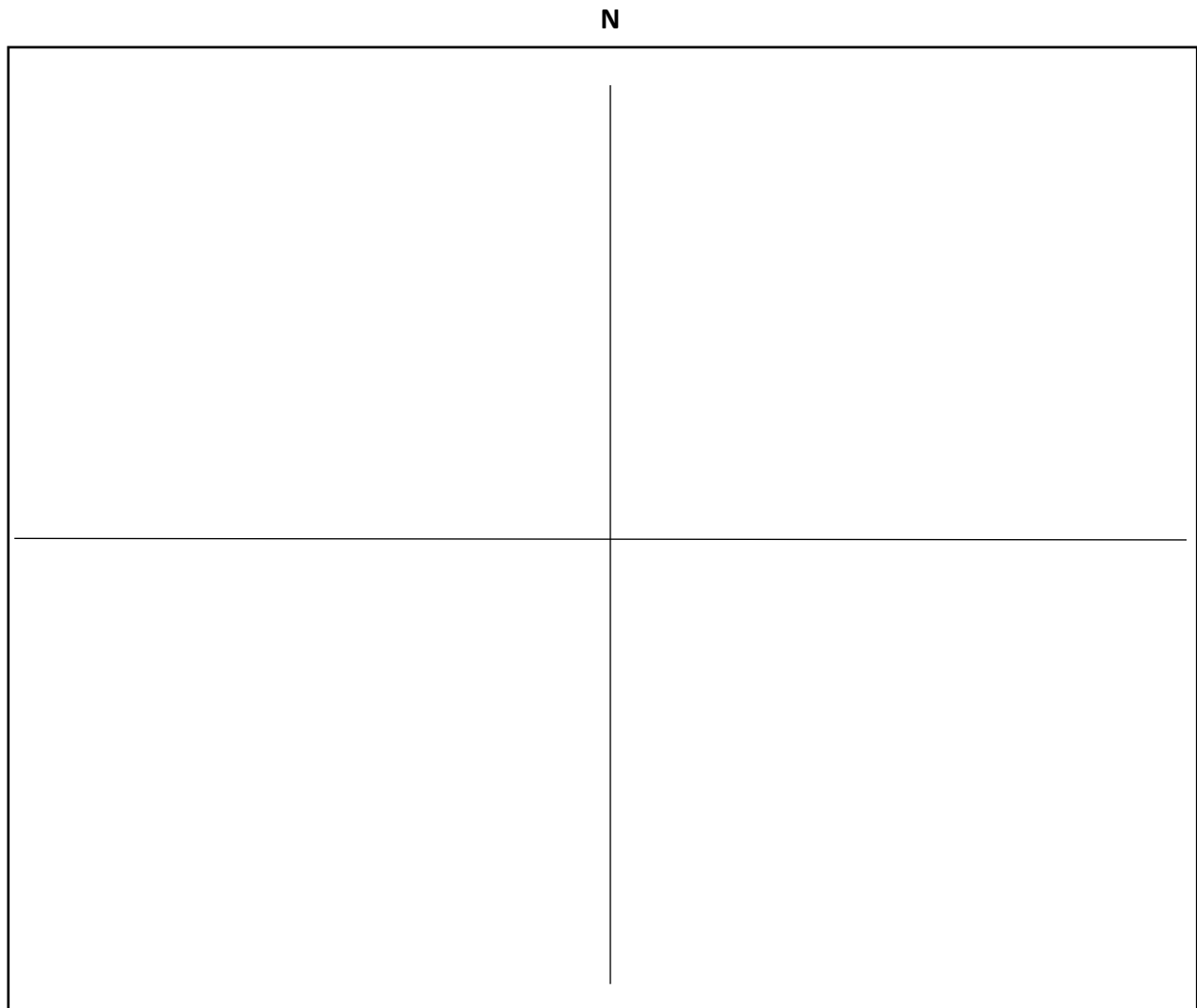
Type of Grassland: Native Pasture Pollinator/Wildlife Habitat Other: _____

Please use this area to describe project in detail or attach another document (Include projected costs, pre-seeding prep, seeding methods, and after care of project).

***Whitemud Watershed District does not have the resources to implement this project for producers.*

Project Diagram

Please indicate project location, design, surrounding vegetation and current land use within section.



The Board will determine approval/non-approval and priorities of all applications. Board's decision is final.

Signature of Landowner

Date

References

Manitoba Conservation and Climate, Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development. 2021. Wetland Classification Key. Retrieved from: https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/pubs/water/water_rights/mb_wetlands_classification_key.pdf