



WHITEMUD WATERSHED DISTRICT

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GROW Natural Habitat Program Application

Name of Landowner _____ Phone _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Town: _____

Postal Code: _____

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**

Landowners who have Temporary Class 1 and 2 wetlands on annual cropland are eligible to apply and receive funding **up to a maximum of \$100/acre** in annual incentive payments paid over a 10 year term. Producers can continue to crop through these wetlands as they normally would during this term. Interested landowners in this program will sign a 10 year agreement to not drain or fill these wetlands and in return, will receive yearly incentive payments for 10 years. The incentive payments are based on the average land value of where the wetlands are located.

****This program does not fund larger wetlands Class 3-5****

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Approximate Acres of Class 1 & 2 Wetlands: _____

*****Whitemud Watershed Staff will use various methods to map the fields given above to find the total acres of Class 1 & 2 wetlands. We use different methods such as: Lidar, Aerial Imaging and Drone Verification (with permission) to confirm wetlands 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.

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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 funding **up to a maximum of \$75/acre** in 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 based on the average land value of where these areas are located.

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Approximate Acres: _____

☐ **Native 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).

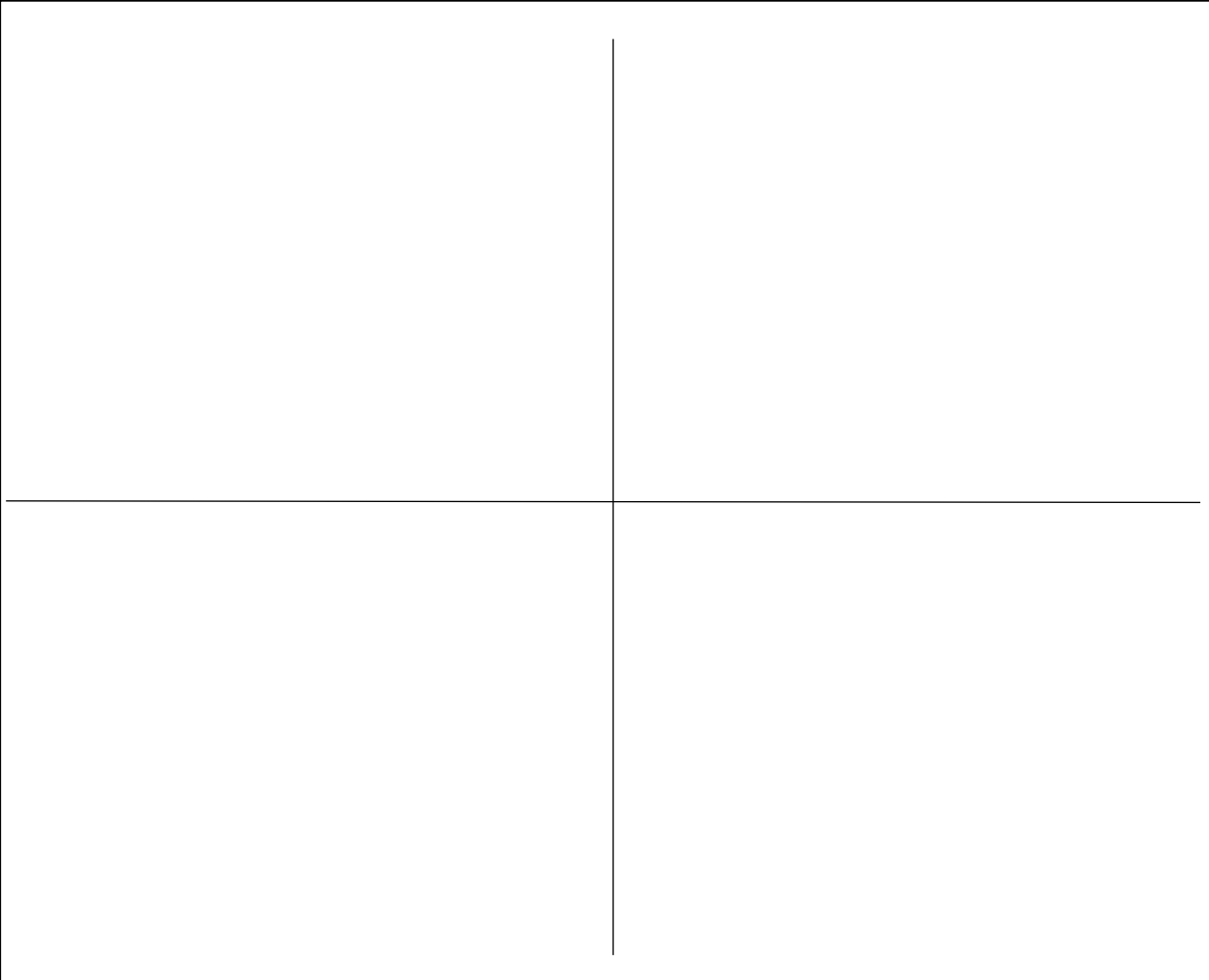
***Whitemud Watershed District does not have the resources to implement this project for producers.*

Project Diagram

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

Alternatively, you can print and attach an aerial image off Google Earth or Agrimaps and draw out the project site.

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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