



**WHITEMUD WATERSHED DISTRICT**  
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### GROW Natural Habitat 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: \_\_\_\_\_

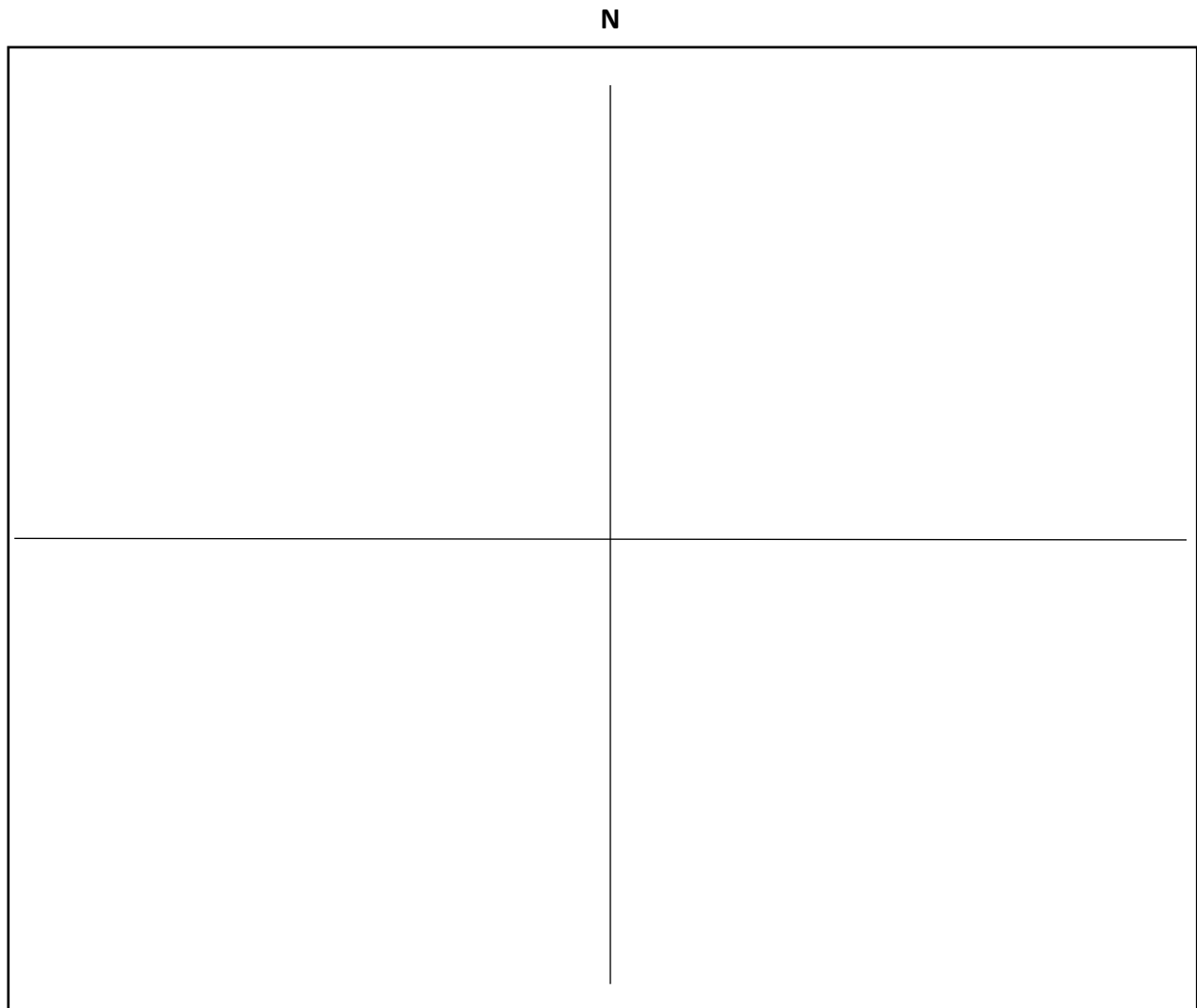
Type of Grassland:  Native Pasture     Pollinator/Wildlife Habitat     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**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](https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/pubs/water/water_rights/mb_wetlands_classification_key.pdf)