

Today, Tomorrow and Beyond

Preserving Nebraska's Natural Heritage: The Sandhills Legacy Fund

The untamed spirit of the Nebraska Sandhills has captured the hearts of many wandering travelers. One of those travelers was Pamela Sprenkle, who fell in love with the broad expanses of prairie and rolling dunes of the area and decided to stay on an 18-acre ranch near Valentine. "I live a dream come true, and I call that dream Sweet Grove Homestead," says Sprenkle. Now, this love for one of Nebraska's special places will be used to preserve it for generations to come.

Ms. Sprenkle has graciously bequeathed the Sweet Grove Homestead as a planned gift to the endowment fund of the Nebraska Environmental Trust. Funds from the sale of the estate will be used to establish the Sandhills Legacy Fund for conservation work in the Nebraska Sandhills. Ms. Sprenkle has requested that these funds be applied to such projects as restoration and/or protection of native vegetation and fauna; the purchasing of conservation easements; and re-fencing of rangelands to promote responsible grazing within the Sandhills region.



People who want to preserve the land that so inspired Pamela Sprenkle and countless others can through the Sandhills Legacy Fund. When you support the Sandhills Legacy Fund, your contribution is distributed to critical environmental projects that improve water quality, protect wildlife habitat and support ranchers throughout this precious and ecologically rich region.

Since 1994, the Trust has been able to fund nearly 20 percent of the grants requested. But there is more work to be done. So many worthy projects that would preserve the state's ecosystem go unfunded. The Trust looks to the continued support from people like you to help protect Nebraska's phenomenal natural heritage.

The level of conservation efforts that are needed across Nebraska would not be possible without the help of people like you, individuals that appreciate the state's beauty. The Nebraska Environmental Trust enables donors to protect the precious ecosystem we often take for granted - rich earth, clean air, fresh water and thriving wildlife - with results that benefit the way of life for all Nebraskans. **Please consider giving to the Sandhills Legacy Fund by completing and returning the form below, or by contacting the Nebraska Environmental Trust at 402-471-5409.**

Please accept my tax-deductible gift to the Sandhills Legacy Fund, to be used solely to help ensure the beauty and bounty of our state's natural resources far into the future.

Enclosed is my check for:

- \$25
- \$50
- \$100
- \$250
- Other \$ _____

Please make checks out to the Sandhills Legacy Fund

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