

2005 Grant Listing

The following is a listing of the 2005 grants awarded by the Nebraska Environmental Trust. The Trust can provide grants over a three-year period, and the funding year is noted accordingly. Due to space limitations, only the project sponsor has been listed; to find out about additional project partners contact the Trust office at 402-471-5409.

Audubon Nebraska

Funding to protect critical bird habitat adjacent to Audubon's Rowe Sanctuary through land purchases. \$375,000

Bellevue, City of

Funding to preserve and restore one mile of habitat along the Missouri River. \$200,000 (yr. 2 of 2)

Buckboard Ranch

Funding for water control structures to restore a degraded section of Birdwood Creek in the Nebraska Sandhills. \$37,000

Center for Rural Affairs

Funding to encourage farmers to use alternatives to agricultural chemicals as they transition to organic farming. \$26,000 (yr. 1 of 3)

Project to educate farmers about carbon management practices to reduce the risk of drought and erosion while reducing production costs. \$55,371 (yr. 2 of 2)

Central Platte Natural Resources District

Funding for a fire coordinator to promote and plan prescribed burning for grassland management. \$40,000 (yr. 2 of 3)

CLEAR Team

Cooperative effort to improve water quality and aquatic habitat in small community lakes. \$450,000 (yr. 1 of 3)

Ducks Unlimited, Inc.

Project to improve and restore 12,000 acres of wetland and grassland habitat for Northern Pintails and other migratory waterfowl. \$350,000 (yr. 1 of 3)

Folsom Children's Zoo & Botanical Gardens

Funding to renovate a section of Lincoln's Folsom Children's Zoo as a demonstration exhibit on conservation with native plant species. \$35,000

Fontenelle Nature Association

Environmental education project that teaches Omaha schoolchildren about the Missouri River. \$10,000 (yr. 2 of 2)

Great Plains District, Longs Peak Council, Boy Scouts of America

Funding to continue restoration work at Ft. Robinson by replanting approximately 15,000 ponderosa pine tree seedlings annually. \$15,000

Groundwater Foundation, The

Project to engage youth across Nebraska and educate about Nebraska's groundwater resources. \$66,781 (yr. 1 of 2)

Educational project to assist communities in southeast Nebraska in protecting their source water supplies. \$49,927 (yr. 2 of 2)

Joslyn Castle Institute for Sustainable Communities

Project to build a coalition of municipalities and other stakeholders within a 60-mile radius of Omaha to address the environmental and economic impacts of rapid development in the region. \$69,450 (yr. 1 of 3)

Kearney, City of

Funding for the construction of an environmental resource center in Kearney's Heritage Park using recycled and energy saving products and construction. \$200,000 (yr. 1 of 2)

Keep Nebraska Beautiful

Funding to establish a pilot household hazardous waste collection program as a model for a future statewide collection program. \$77,750

Keep Omaha Beautiful, Inc.

Grant for an educational program on water pollution in Omaha using public service announcements, written materials and plastic discs on storm drains. \$2,000

Kleager, Dr. Lou

Funding for the acquisition of 2,449 acres adjacent to Chadron State Park to be used as a new state-owned wildlife management area. \$400,000 (yr. 3 of 3)

Lincoln, City of

Project to purchase, restore and maintain a 228-acre native prairie adjacent to Lincoln's Pioneer Park. \$203,000 (yr. 2 of 2)

Project for protection of saline wetlands through acquisition or easement of natural buffers on nearby wetlands and adjacent areas. \$220,000 (yr. 3 of 3)

Project for acquisition of land easements in the Salt Creek floodplain south of Lincoln to serve as natural barriers for stream protection and provide a natural setting for outdoor recreation. \$400,000 (yr. 1 of 3)

Lower Big Blue Natural Resources District

Funding to improve water quality in impaired Swan 5 Lake through the construction of the sediment basins, flood control and grade stabilization structures on private lands. \$150,000 (yr. 1 of 3)

Lower Loup Natural Resources District

Grant for the purchase of a new no-till drill for conservation plantings. \$8,400

Nebraska Agri-Business Association, Inc.

Project to host pesticide collection events across Nebraska for the collection and disposal of unwanted pesticides. \$83,333 (yr. 1 of 3)

Nebraska Corn Development, Utilization and Marketing Board

Program to develop better working relationships between livestock and crop producers regarding manure nutrient management. \$15,000 (yr. 1 of 2)

Nebraska Department of Agriculture

Funding to encourage regional Weed Management Areas and promote long-term control of noxious and invasive weeds. \$83,333 (yr. 1 of 3)

Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

Cost-share assistance for cleanup activities at five Superfund National Priorities List sites in Nebraska. \$458,333 (yr. 2 of 3)

Nebraska Department of Natural Resources

Funding for a program administrator to assist landowners enrolling in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program in selected areas of the Platte and Republican River Basins. \$30,000

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

Funding to purchase prescribed burn equipment for public and private use to improve wildlife habitat. \$13,870

Project to protect and enhance public lands currently held in trust by the Board of Educational Lands and Funds. \$350,000 (yr. 2 of 3)

Project is to significantly improve habitat for grassland birds on 20,000 acres and provide public access to 200,000 acres of private land currently enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program. \$275,000

Funding to construct exhibits on water issues at the new Lake McConaughy Visitor/Water Interpretive Center. \$125,360 (yr. 2 of 3)

Project to conserve tallgrass prairie areas on public and private lands in Nebraska. \$50,000 (yr. 2 of 2)

Funding to purchase 160 acres of critical wildlife habitat adjacent to the Metcalf Wildlife Management Area. \$73,500

Project to conserve and restore grassland habitat areas within the Big Bend Reach of the Platte River. \$35,000 (yr. 2 of 2)

Cost-share program to remove invasive plant species on 1,000 acres of public and private land in the Platte and Republican River Basins to improve grassland and wetland habitat. \$50,000

Funding for the conservation, restoration and enhancement of aquatic ecosystems across the state. \$500,000 (yr. 2 of 2)

Funding for a voluntary, incentive-based conservation program to create wildlife habitat and improve water quality on pivot irrigation corners. \$100,000 (yr. 3 of 3)

Funding for a habitat-based conservation program working with Nebraska farmers and ranchers. \$100,000 (yr. 2 of 3)

Project to improve wildlife habitat on private lands by installing fencing and watering facilities to allow for prescribed grazing management. \$100,000

Project is to restore 102 acres of wetlands adjacent to the Missouri River on the Elk Point Bend addition to Ponca State Park and on the Elk Point Bend WMA. \$200,000

Funding to assist in the implementation of a state-wide plan for non-game wildlife conservation. \$75,000 (yr. 1 of 3)

Nebraska Partnership for All-Bird Conservation

Funding to complete an interactive web site on public birding sites in Nebraska. \$7,300

Nebraska State Recycling Association

Grant program for Nebraska communities to purchase recycling equipment. \$200,000 (yr. 1 of 2)

Nebraska Tallgrass Prairie Partnership

Cost-share program for landowners to implement on-the-ground tallgrass prairie conservation projects on private lands. \$225,000

Nemaha Natural Resources District

Program to implement landowner best management practices to improve water quality in Iron Horse Trail Lake. \$50,000 (yr. 1 of 3)

Niobrara Council

Funding for the purchase of conservation easements along the Niobrara National Scenic River. \$250,000

Northern Prairies Land Trust

Funding for the purchase of a conservation easement on the historic Old Baldy Site near Lynch. \$110,000

Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District

Project to work with private landowners to acquire permanent cost-shared easements on wetland areas along the Missouri River. \$500,000

Pheasants Forever Nebraska Chapters

Bazile Creek Ringnecks Chapter

Burt County Chapter

Cedar River Ringnecks Chapter

Cornhusker Chapter

Elkhorn Valley Chapter

Rock Creek Chapter

Grants for the purchase of new no-till drills for conservation plantings. \$15,000 to each chapter

Pheasants Forever, Inc.

Program to establish permanent wildlife habitat on the corners of center-pivot irrigation fields in cooperation with local landowners and Natural Resources Districts. \$150,000 (yr. 2 of 3)

Platte River Basin Environments, Inc.

Grant for the purchase and preservation of approximately 4,000 acres of mountain/prairie ecotone in the Wildcat Hills of western Nebraska. \$300,000 (yr. 2 of 2)

Platte River Whooping Crane Maintenance Trust, Inc.

Project to restore and enhance sandbar nesting habitat for the endangered least tern and threatened piping plover along the Big Bend reach of the central Platte River. \$20,000 (yr. 2 of 3)

PrairieLand RC&D Council

Funding to implement conservation practices in the Shell Creek watershed that will increase water quality and reduce damage from erosion and flooding. \$85,000 (yr. 2 of 3)

Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory

Project to protect and enhance shortgrass prairie habitat in Western Nebraska vital to a number of at-risk flora and fauna species. \$73,641 (yr. 2 of 3)

Cooperative project to conserve native grassland birds and their habitats by encouraging private landowner involvement in shortgrass prairie habitat stewardship in western Nebraska. \$66,240 (yr. 1 of 3)

Running Water Ranching Coalition

Funding to establish a broad, landowner-driven coalition to protect valuable upper Niobrara River headwaters, high plains prairies, scenic Pine Ridge and their ecosystems. \$15,000

Sandhills Task Force

Funding for the purchase of conservation easements on wetland and riparian habitat in the Nebraska Sandhills. \$250,000

Grant to assist private landowners in the restoration of degraded streams and wetlands in the Nebraska Sandhills. \$93,000 (yr. 2 of 3)

South Platte Natural Resources District

Study to investigate groundwater quality and flow near Sidney's north well field. \$42,000 (yr. 3 of 3)

Project to encourage landowners to convert to more-efficient center pivot irrigation by using Trust grants as a cost-share for equipment. \$100,000 (yr. 3 of 3)

Tern and Plover Conservation Partnership

Partnership between private industry, state agencies and community groups to protect endangered least terns, threatened piping plovers, migratory shorebirds and other water birds along the Platte River. \$42,030 (yr. 1 of 3)

The Nature Conservancy

Funding to establish permanent conservation easements on private property along the Niobrara River in Keya Paha County. \$100,000 (yr. 3 of 3)

University of Nebraska - Cooperative Extension

Project to establish demonstration sites and utilize native landscaping to minimize the risks of lead contamination. \$22,333 (yr. 2 of 3)

University of Nebraska - Lincoln

Funding to provide training to educators on water, habitat and wildlife conservation activities. \$36,367 (yr. 1 of 3)

Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District

Cost-share assistance for abandoned well closure along the East Branch Verdigre Creek near Royal. \$20,000

WasteCap Nebraska

Project to develop a series of six workshops and six collection events to educate businesses about universal waste handling and disposal. \$40,000 (yr. 1 of 3)

The Nebraska Environmental Trust is now accepting applications for the 2007 grant cycle. The deadline for submitting applications is September 5, 2006. Application forms are found on the Trust web site, www.environmentaltrust.org or can be mailed by calling the Trust office.

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