



# SD CONSERVATION TOOLBOX

## 59-mile, Gavin's to Ponca

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Program	Income Opportunities / Requirements	Contact
Recreational River Easement	A land protection option to compensate the landowner for keeping existing habitat undeveloped or for restoring habitat on previously cropped lands. Payment rates will vary based on current fair market value of the easement (less fee title). Perpetual easement is required. Landowner retains ownership and most uses of property and is obligated to comply with all terms and conditions set forth in the easement.	US Army Corp of Engineers
Recreational River Feature Easement	Similar to the recreational River Easement but with a river access provision allowing for public fishing, hiking, picnicking, or primitive camping. Payment rates will vary based on current fair market value of the easement (less fee title). Perpetual easement is required. Landowner retains ownership and most uses of property and is obligated to comply with all terms and conditions set forth in the easement.	US Army Corp of Engineers
MNRR Sloughing Easement	Advanced landowner compensation for allowing existing erosion to continue, in lieu of bank stabilization. Payment rates will vary and are based on current fair market value of the easement (less fee title). Landowner retains ownership and some uses of the property and is obligated to comply with all terms and conditions set forth in the easement. Available within MNRR 59 mile reach.	US Army Corp of Engineers
MNRR Cottonwood Regeneration	Identify sites that would be conducive for cottonwood regeneration. 100% of cost for planting and maintenance is paid. Depending on action, may need Recreational River Easement or Right of Entry with willing landowner. Landowner retains ownership and is obligated to comply with all terms and conditions set forth in the easement and/or right of entry. Available within MNRR 59 mile reach.	US Army Corp of Engineers
Missouri National Recreational River	Modify and create side channels and wetlands to protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat; restore and create island fish and wildlife habitat; create riverine fish and wildlife habitat. Available within MNRR 59 mile reach.	US Army Corp of Engineers
Protection and Enhancement for Fish and Wildlife (Section 514)	Modify and create side channels to protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat; restore and create island fish and wildlife habitat; create riverine fish and wildlife habitat. Total project costs include final design plans, lands, construction, and monitoring. Costs are shared 65% federal and 35% nonfederal. Need sponsor to cost share the project, secure lands needed for project, and accept operation and maintenance of the project.	US Army Corp of Engineers
Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration (Section 206)	To restore historic habitat conditions (aquatic ecosystems) at any location to benefit fish and wildlife resources. Types of work that can be accomplished under this program are structural or operational changes to improve the environment, such as reconnecting old river channels and backwaters, creating wetland sub impoundments on the perimeters of reservoirs, improving water quality through the reduction of erosion and sedimentation, manipulating wetlands and vegetation in shallow headwaters of reservoirs, and planting woody vegetation in flood plains. Costs are shared 65% federal and 35% nonfederal. Need sponsor to cost share the project, secure lands needed for project, and accept operation and maintenance of the project. Applicable to tributaries.	US Army Corp of Engineers

Project Modifications for Improvement of Environment (Section 1135)	To modify the structures or operations of previously constructed Corps water resources projects to improve the quality of the environment in the public interest. Types of work are structural or operational changes to existing projects for restoration or enhancement of environmental values, especially fish and wildlife values. Costs are shared 75% federal and 25% non-federal. Need sponsor to cost share the project, secure lands needed for project, and accept operation maintenance of the project.	US Army Corp of Engineers
Planning Assistance to States and Tribes (Section 22)	Provides planning assistance in designing a wide variety of projects such as flood control, water supply, water conservation, water quality, hydropower, navigation, recreation, environmental studies, flood warning systems, flood hazard mitigation, and floodplain delineation. Costs are shared 50% federal and 50% non-federal. Need sponsor to cost share the project, secure lands needed for the project, and accept operation and maintenance of the project.	US Army Corp of Engineers
Land Acquisition	Acquire land for wildlife habitat conservation and public recreation. Payment rates are variable, not to exceed fair market value. Fee title acquisition is required by State of South Dakota	SD Game, Fish & Parks
Private Lands Wildlife Habitat Program	Develop, restore, and create wildlife habitat on private lands. Agreement lengths range from annual to perpetual. Cost share rates vary based on project type and other partnership opportunities. Landowner retains ownership and is obligated to comply with terms and conditions of the agreement.	SD Game, Fish & Parks
Non-cropped Wetland Restoration Initiative	For non-cropped wetlands in grassland settings. Will provide 100% cost share to restore wetland hydrology <b>and</b> a one-time payment of \$150.00 per surface acre of wetlands restored, with no limit per cooperator. SD GF & P will survey, design and manage construction for all projects. In return, landowners will agree to maintain cost-share practices on the ground for 15 years. Landowners still retain control of all access to their property and benefit from additional livestock water and forage production yet providing substantial habitat benefits to wildlife.	SD Game, Fish & Parks
Conservation Reserve Program (general and continuous)	To protect environmentally sensitive land. Agreement lengths range from 10 to 15 years. Annual payments are based on soil rental rates established for each county. 50% to 90% cost share assistance is available. Landowner must comply with conservation agreement. General signup offers grass seeding, tree practices, wildlife habitat, wetland restoration (cropped), and erosion control (just to name a few). Continuous practices include grass plantings, tree plantings, wildlife corridors, and grassed waterway, shallow water area for wildlife, timber establishment, filter strips, riparian buffers, farmable wetland, marginal pasture wildlife habitat, and field borders.	USDA Farm Service Agency
Wetland Reserve Program (WRP)	Restore and enhance wetland areas. Landowner may enter into a 10 year or 30 year rental agreement, or perpetual easement. Payments vary with length of contract – 100% of appraised land value for perpetual easement, 75% of appraised land value for 30 year, and 75% of restoration cost for 10 year agreement. Landowner retains ownership and is obligated to comply with terms and conditions of easement or agreement.	USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP)	Improve and protect wildlife habitat on private and Tribal lands. Agreement length varies from 2 to 10 years. Up to 75% cost share available for conservation practices. Landowner must comply with conservation agreement.	USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)	Provide assistance to farmers and ranchers who face threats to soil, water, air, and related natural resource concerns on cropland, grazing lands, wetlands, wildlife land, and other agricultural land. Agreement length varies from 2 to 10 years. Up to 75% cost share available for structural, vegetative, or management practices. Landowner must comply with conservation agreement	USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)	Restore and protect grassland under threat of conversion. Landowner may enter into a 10, 15, 20, or 30 year contract or a permanent easement. Per acre rates of payment are established on a county basis. Landowner retains ownership and is obligated to comply with terms and conditions of agreement or easement.	USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP)	Protect prime and important land from conversion to non-agriculture use. Perpetual easement required. USDA provides matching funds to organizations with existing protection programs. Landowner retains rights for agriculture use as outlined in terms and conditions of easement. Limited funding.	USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Easement Programs Conservation / Scenic / Sloughing	Protect Riverfront from development and maintain or enhance native vegetation. Perpetual easement required. Payment is variable and based upon appraised value. Eligible landowners within the MNRR boundary retain ownership and are obligated to comply with terms and conditions of easement or agreement.	USDI National Park Service
Fee Title Acquisition	To protect riverfront, meet landowner desires, provide public access to MNRR. Perpetual easement required. One time payment of 100% of appraised value. Only willing landowners within MNRR boundary are eligible.	USDI National Park Service
Fish and Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program	Improve and protect fish and wildlife habitat. Agreement lengths and payment are variable. Only landowners within MNRR boundary are eligible. Landowner must comply with conservation easement.	USDI National Park Service
Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance	Provide technical planning assistance to locally led efforts that result in the conservation of rivers, preserving open space, and development of trails and greenways. Agreement length varies from 1 to 2 year projects to short-term consulting. No payments associated. Applicant commits to working towards 'on the ground' results, significant public participation, and protection of natural and/or cultural resources and enhancement of outdoor recreational opportunities.	USDI National Park Service
Partners for Fish and Wildlife	Provide funding and technical assistance for the design, layout and construction of different types of voluntary habitat restoration and development. Agreement length is 10 to 20 years. Typical conservation practices implemented via the PFW program include grassland restorations, grazing management, wetland creation and wetland restoration. Participating landowners sign a cost-share agreement and agree to maintain the conservation practice for a specified period of time.	USDI Fish and Wildlife Service
Conservation Easements & Technical Assistance	Northern Prairies Land Trust (NPLT) works directly with landowners to preserve lands utilizing long-term, legally sound strategies based on the landowners vision for the property, potential income and estate tax benefits, available conservation programs and benefits to the local rural community. NPLT is a nonprofit corporation and is authorized to provide land preservation and protection tools such as conservation easements, in both SD and NE. NPLT can also assist conservation minded landowners with habitat improvement projects, depending on eligibility. .	Northern Prairies Land Trust

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