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Lower Platte South Natural Resources District
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About the NRD

The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District is one of 23 districts in the state of Nebraska, formed in 1972 for the purpose of managing the state's natural resources. Programs and activities include all areas of natural resource management and development: tree planting, flood protection, wildlife habitat, stream-bank stabilization, environmental education, land treatment, water monitoring and many others. The districts are partially funded by property taxes and are governed by a board of directors--elected representatives who serve four-year terms. The NRD system is local government working to protect local natural resources. The Lower Platte South NRD includes nearly all of Lancaster and Cass counties and parts of Seward, Saunders, Otoe and Butler counties.

The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

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Community Forestry Program



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Natural Resources District**

Purpose

The Lower Platte South NRD has established a Community Forestry Program for the purpose of cost-sharing on the total cost of tree plantings by community groups.

Eligibility

Neighborhood associations, service organizations, citizen groups, business associations, villages, cities, schools, churches and clubs are all eligible for the cost-share program.

Eligible lands include non-federal and non-state public lands and private property within the corporate limits of a city or village. No projects will be eligible for cost-share funds when planting under overhead power or utility lines.



Cost-Sharing

The District cost-share rate is up to 50% of the total cost of the trees, planting and care with the District's share not to exceed \$10,000 per application. The applicant's match must be a minimum of 25% cash (private funds, no tax funds) and up to 25% other program funds or grants including non-NRD tax dollars, or in-kind services for planting and tree care.

Terms

1. Minimum number of trees per application is ten.
2. Shrubs are not eligible for cost-share assistance.
3. Standard stock sizes are 1 1/2"-1 3/4" on deciduous trees and 4'-5' on conifer stock.
4. Smaller stock sizes will not be eligible for funds.
5. Larger stock can be planted but cost-share will be based on the price of the standard size stock.
6. Maximum in-kind claim amount is \$50/tree for planting and/or \$10 per tree for three years of watering and mulching.
7. Proposals from at least two tree vendors must accompany each application.
8. All trees must be guaranteed for one year.

Deadline

Applications will be reviewed on a first-come-first served basis, with total fiscal year cost-sharing based on the NRD budgeted amount. Spring plantings should be completed prior to June 1st and fall plantings prior to November 1st. Applications are subject to approval by the district forester, general manager and the LPSNRD Board of Directors. Decisions concerning applications will be reported to applicants by the district forester.

To receive a LPSNRD Community Forestry Application Form, please complete and return the following:

Organization Name:

Contact Individual's Name:

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Project is located (must include):

Inside of Lincoln

Outside of Lincoln

