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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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# Filter Strip Program



**Lower Platte South**  
**Natural Resources District**  
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# Purpose

To encourage landowners to establish bands of vegetation adjacent to cropland that will improve water quality downstream by filtering out sediment and associated pollutants.

## Eligible Sites

This practice applies only to existing cropland. **Option One:** Cropland adjacent to rivers, creeks, seasonal streams (excluding sod waterways), lakes and wetlands.

**Option Two:** Cropland where contour buffer strips can be established on the contour and alternated with cropland.

**Option Three:** Cropland that will take the place of end rows or are adjacent to sod waterways.

## Procedure

1. Landowner works with NRCS on tentative filter strip locations.
2. Landowner submits application to the LPSNRD.
3. LPSNRD considers the application.
4. Landowner establishes filter strips.
5. Upon establishment, LPSNRD inspects and contract begins.
6. LPSNRD inspects and makes payments annually.

## How to Apply

1. Fill out the application form in this brochure.
2. Include an aerial photo of the section(s) to be placed in the program. Maps can be obtained at the FSA/NRCS office.
3. Mail this application with photo to the Lower Platte South NRD office.

# Terms

- Contract begins on date of establishment
- Contract length- 10 years
- Grazing is allowed September 1 through March 31 (except in areas planted to trees)
- Haying is permitted once per calendar year after July 1
- Seed mixture: Switchgrass and/or Big Bluestem, Switchgrass and brome mixture.
- Minimum width- 20 feet
- Minimum total length per farm- 1/2 mile
- Maximum width- 66 feet
- Encroachment with tillage equipment or overgrazing will result in 50% or 0% payment that year
- Annual payment  
Option One: \$75/acre/year with double payment both first and last year  
Options Two and Three: \$55/acre/year with double payments both first and last year
- First year double payment to offset planting and materials
- Last year double payment to encourage participation all 10 years
- Landowner would be restricted from participating in other governmental programs except the USDA-FSA set-a-side program.

# Application

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Landowner(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**The undersigned agree to the terms of the program listed within and does hereby apply for assistance to install and maintain the filter strips as shown on the aerial photo to be attached.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Landowner Signature**

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**Date**