

"To conserve, develop and manage the water and land resources of southeast Nebraska for the common good."

Know your NRD

Take a look at the map of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District. Can you find the following things on the map? Place a check next to each when you find them!

Your home town

___ Interstate 80

The Platte River

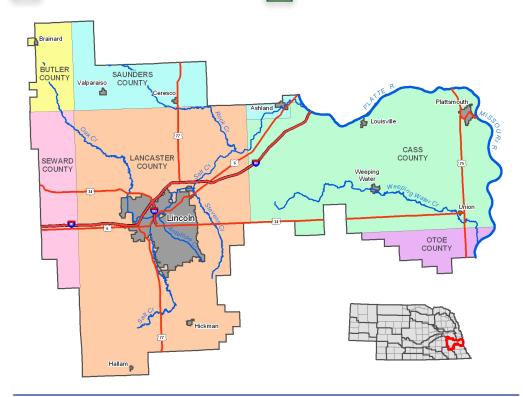
Brainard, NE

Plattsmouth, NE

Hallam, NE

Salt Creek

Rock Creek



Did you know...

The Lower Platte South NRD has been protecting natural resources since 1972. Your NRD provides local control and solutions to manage natural resources. We work to protect and conserve ground water, surface water and soil. And, your NRD provides flood control, recreation and environmental education.

Use the words below to fillin the missing words. Each word is used only once. For help, visit www.lpsnrd.org.

Dams flooding soil farms clean 23 watersheds

Nebraska has _____23 Natural Resources Districts located across the state. NRD boundaries are based on _____watersheds

One task your NRD is responsible for is flood control. ____ Dams____ help protect the land from ____ flooding____ when there is too much rain.

Your NRD also helps protect ground water. Ground water is an important resource for <u>farms</u> and homes.

The NRD also helps land owners prevent <u>soil</u> erosion. By helping prevent erosion, we keep our rivers and lakes <u>clean</u>.

NRD & Natural Resources



Words to Find prairie tallgrass big bluestem indian grass little bluestem sideoats grama deep roots fire dry sea of grass fertile soil meadowlark goldenrod leadplant deer badger

Prairies Everywhere!

Prairie plants can make beautiful gardens while using very little water. Try planting some of these drought tolerant plants in your yard.

- Purple Cone Flower
- Butterfly Milkweed
- Black-eyed Susan
- Goldenrod
- Purple Prairie Clover
- Vervain
- Wild Rose

Prairies are unique areas found across the state of Nebraska. The type of prairie found in an area depends largely on the amount of rainfall that areas gets each year. **Use your knowledge about Nebraska and its prairies to complete this crossword puzzle.**



ACROSS

- 3. The climate of prairies is often described as _____.
- 4. A large, brown mammal which once roamed the prairies of the central United States.
- 7. One of thousands of insects which can be found in prairies; Nebraska's state insect.
- 8. A type of prairie which is mixed with both tall and short grasses.
- The long roots of prairie plants grow very in order to reach water.
- 10. A type of prairie characterized by short grasses.
- 12. Another name for a prairie.
- 13. A type of prairie characterized by tall grasses.

DOWN

- 1. A name given to an area covered primarily with grasses.
- 2. A natural event, sometimes caused by lightning, which actually helps prairie plants to grow.
- 5. A tall, gold flower found in prairies, Nebraska's state flower.
- 6. An ungulate often found in prairies which is an herbivore; Nebraska's state mammal.
- 9. A period with no rain that can last for several months or years.
- 11. A dense, interwoven mat of grass stems and roots; once cut from the ground and used to build homes.

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