



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH  
natural resources district

# 2023 PUBLIC AWARENESS SURVEY REPORT



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# **SURVEY OBJECTIVES**



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1. Identify public awareness and perception of natural resource topics.
2. Prioritize areas of public concern or interest related to natural resource topics.
3. Evaluate programs and areas most known or used by area residents.
4. Classify the effectiveness of the information to the public.
5. Determine which initiatives and tactics are working.
6. Uncover areas for improvement.



# METHODOLOGY



# SURVEY TIMELINE AND DISTRIBUTION

- February 22 - March 12, 2023
- All survey questions were required to answer, unless noted as optional.
- Social Media Posts & Ads (Facebook & Instagram)
- Website
- Spring Print & Digital Newsletter (February Issue)
- Newspaper Ads
- Cass County Community Newsletters
- Personal Outreach and Referrals from Staff and Directors



# 2,604

Total Survey Responses

All zip codes in LPSNRD are represented.

2019 Total Survey Responses: 902

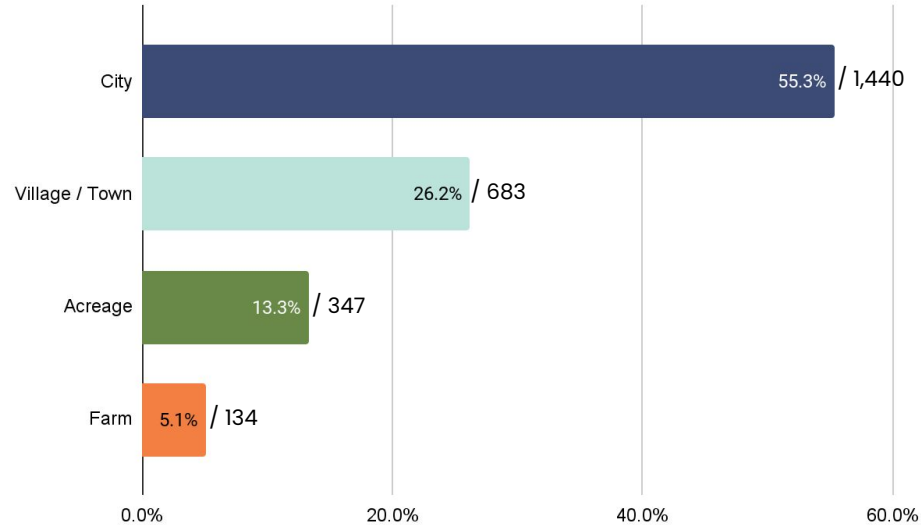


# **SURVEY QUESTIONS & FINDINGS**



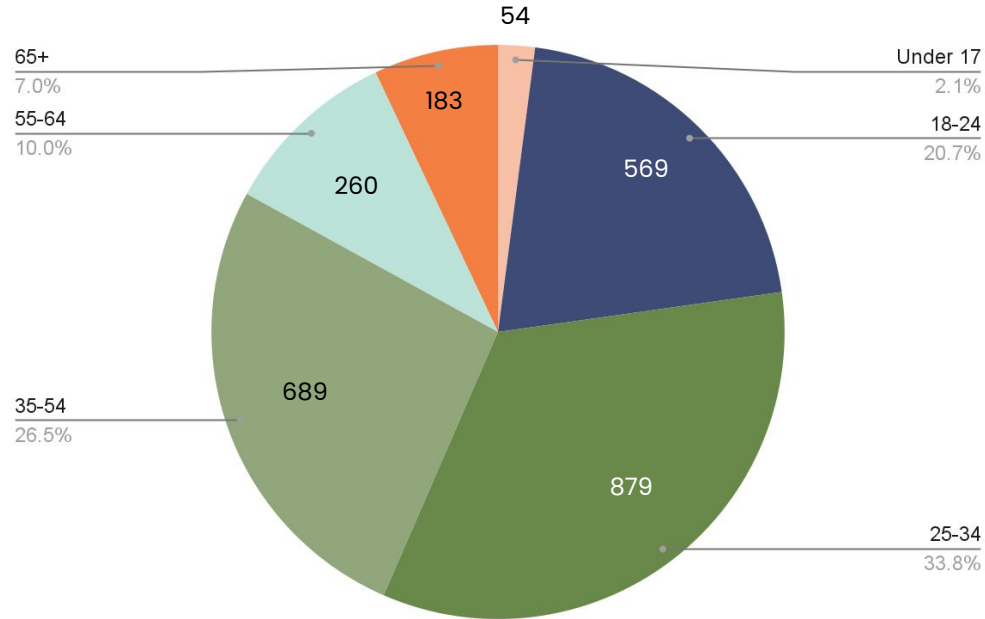


# 1. Which of these following best describes where you live?



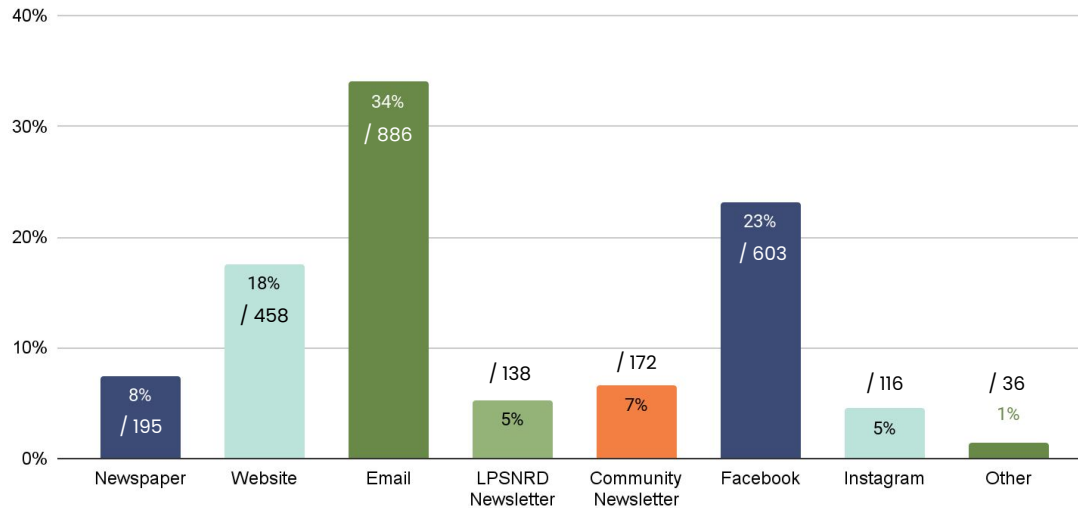


## 2. What is your age range?





### 3. Where did you learn about this survey?

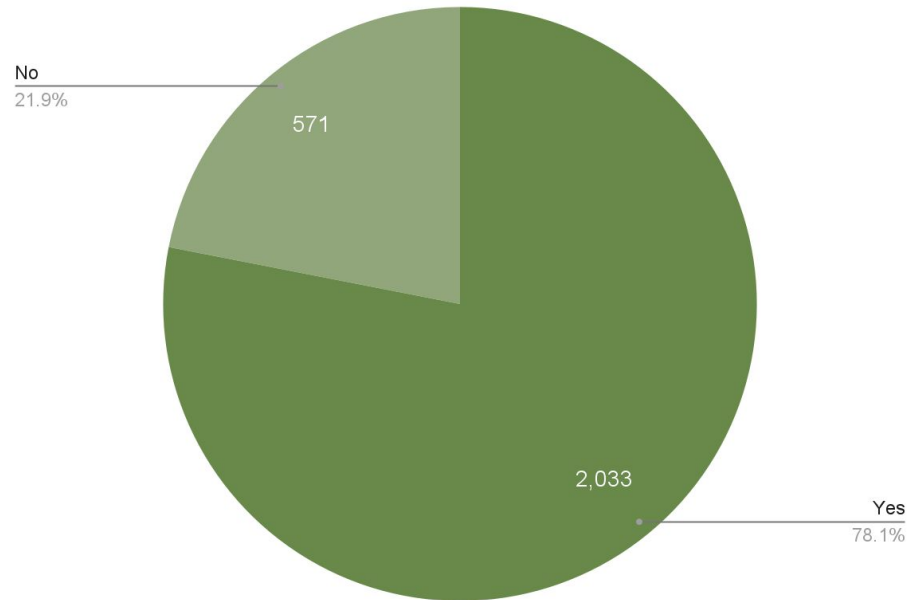


#### Common Other Responses:

- KZUM Radio - How's It Growing
- Friend/Family Member
- Employer/Co-worker



## 4. Have you heard of LPSNRD before?





## 5. **If yes, list what you know LPSNRD is involved in, including services, programs, and/or projects.**

Common Responses:

- Planting trees and tree planting programs
- Land management, protecting land from floods, groundwater protection, land preservation, water quality
- Conservation, improvements, and protection of resources and nature
- Educational programming, partner with schools
- “Usually here trying to make improvements, but always seems to be talking and nothing more.”



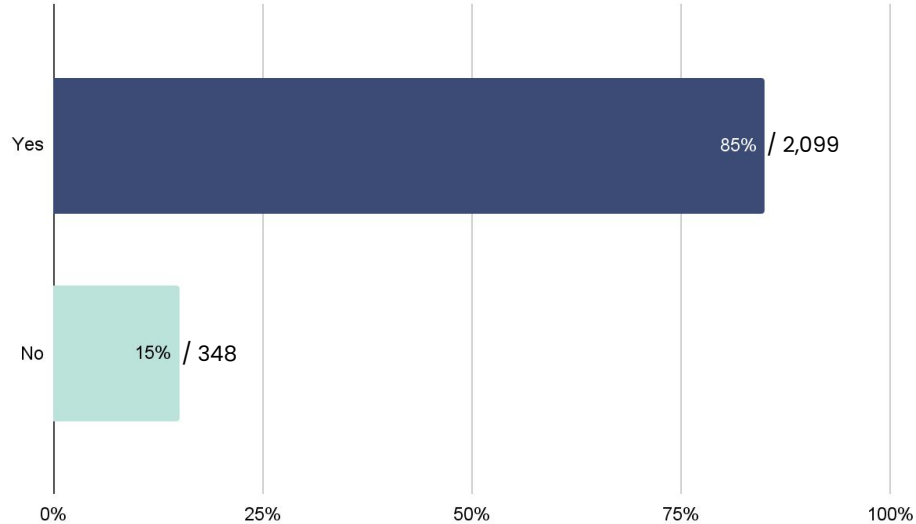
## 6. Please rank the following topics in order of importance. 1 being your top concern.

Top Concern & Average Score (lower number = higher concern)

1. **Climate Change** (2.9)
2. **Environmental Education** (3.8)
3. **Wildlife Habitat** (4.6)
4. **Steam Stabilization** (4.7)
5. **Flood Management** (5.8)
6. **Erosion Control** (6.0)
7. **Forestry** (6.7)
8. **Groundwater** (7.8)



## 7. Are you concerned about water issues locally in the coming years? (Including quantity and quality)





## 8. If yes, what are your water-related concerns?

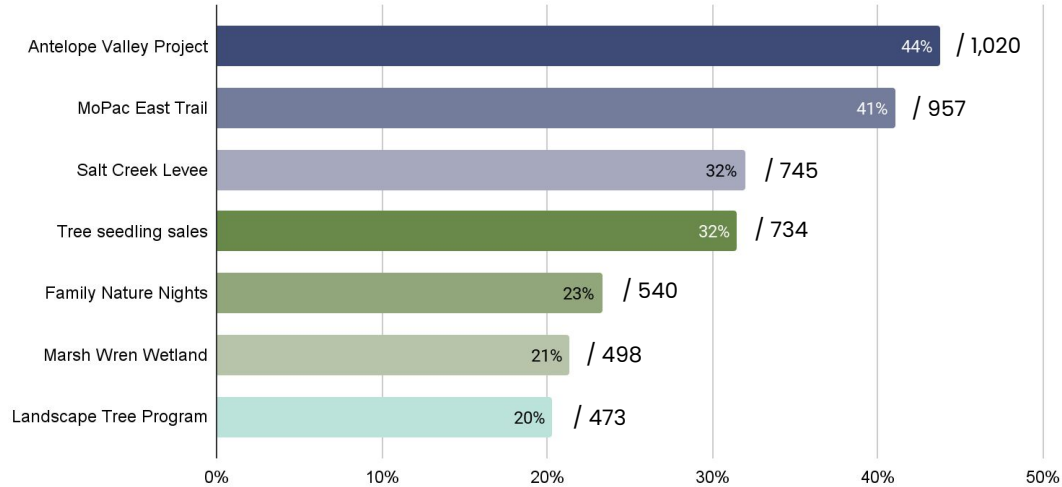
Select up to three.

Water will be polluted	64% / 1,337
I will not have enough water	45% / 943
Water issues affecting health	41% / 845
Water issues affecting wildlife or the environment	38% / 794
Water issues affecting water recreation	29% / 596





## 9. Which of the following LPSNRD programs or projects are you familiar with? Select all that apply.

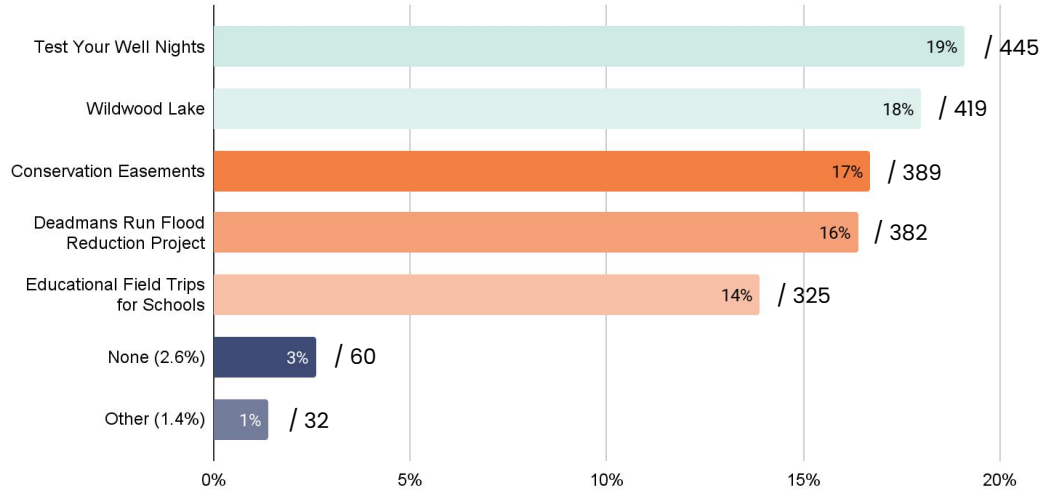


### Common Other Responses:

- Pollinator Program
- Earth Wellness Festival
- Cost Share



## 9. Which of the following LPSNRD programs or projects are you familiar with? Select all that apply.

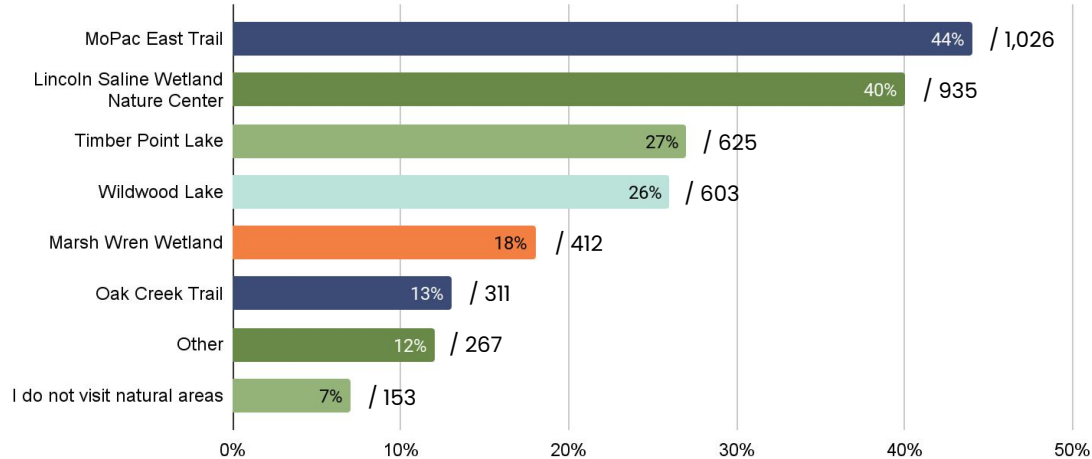


### Common Other Responses:

- Pollinator Program
- Earth Wellness Festival
- Cost Share



## 10. What is your preferred LPSNRD natural area to visit? Select all that apply.

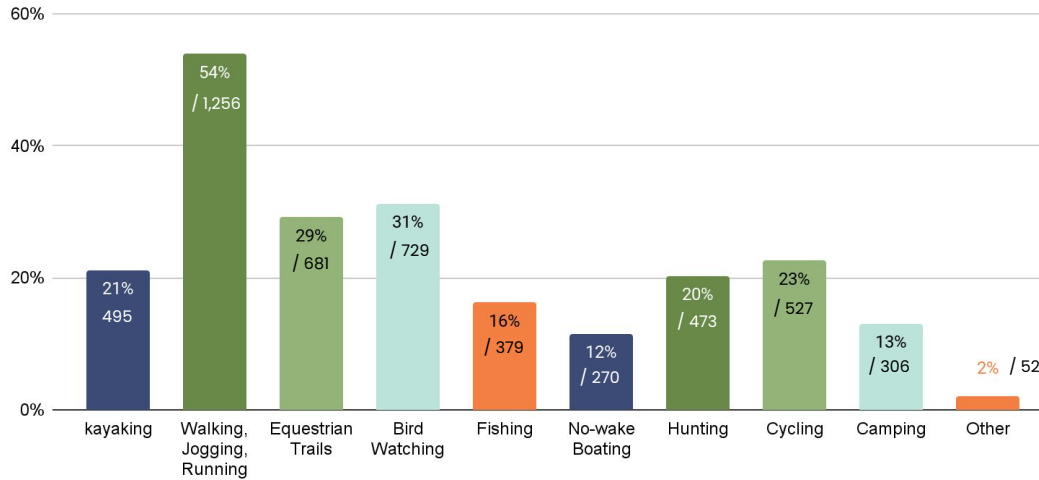


### Common Other Responses:

- Merganser Lake, Wild Plum Lake, Holmes Lake, Conestoga Lake
- Pioneers Park, Wilderness Park
- Platte River Bridge/Platte River State Park
- Would like to visit, but unfamiliar with these areas



## 11. When visiting a LPSNRD natural area, what types of recreation do you enjoy? Select all that apply.

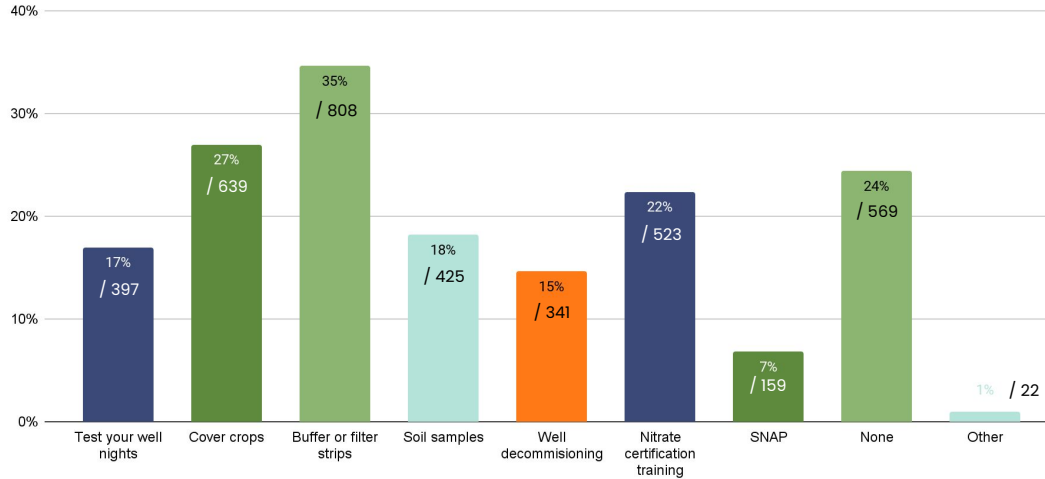


### Common Other Responses:

- Picnics
- Observing/Views
- I don't visit these areas



## 12. Have you participated in any of the following pertaining to groundwater quality? Select all that apply.

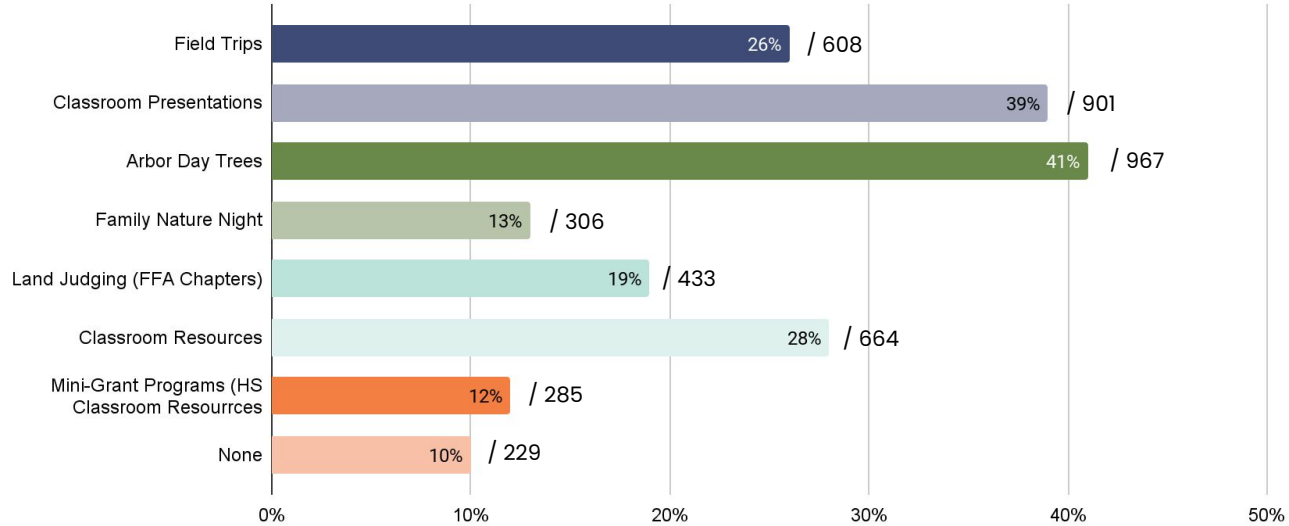


### Common Other Responses:

- Test well water
- Water quality testing
- Field trip/Student research



### 13. Have you, or anyone you know, ever participated in the following programs? Select all that apply.





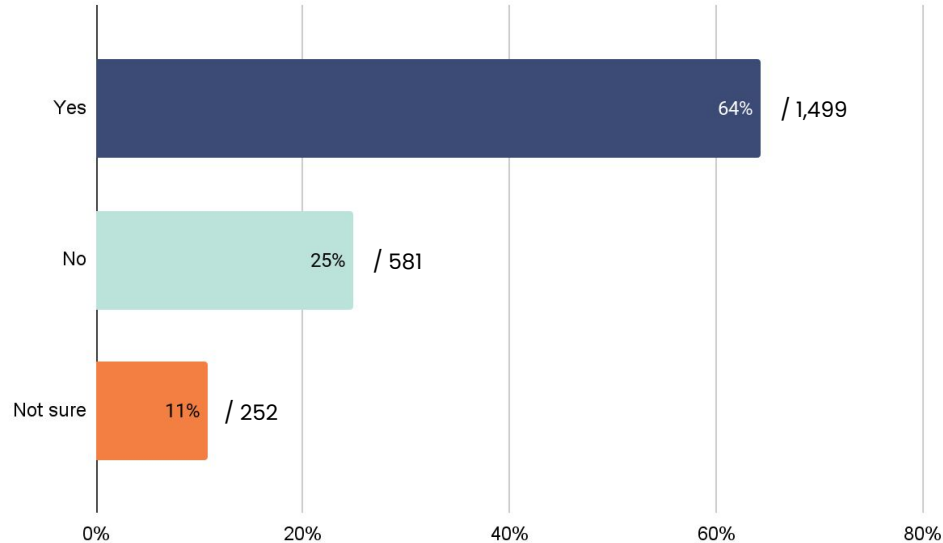
## 14. Please rank the following natural resource areas issues in order of importance. 1 being your top priority.

Top Concern & Average Score (lower number = top priority)

1. Maintaining Lakes for Recreation (2.0)
2. Maintaining Trails for Recreation (2.7)
3. Providing Youth Opportunities - Nature Education (3.4)
4. Conserving Natural Areas (4.5)
5. Helping landowners Conserve and Protect Soil (4.8)
6. Flood Damage Reduction (5.4)
7. Groundwater Quantity (6.2)
8. Groundwater Quality (6.9)



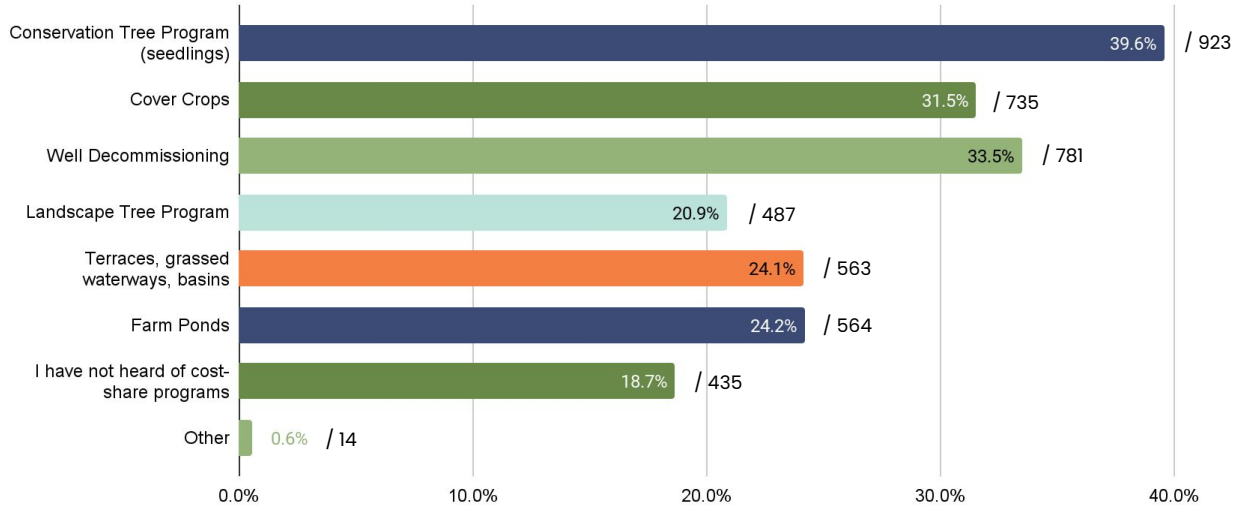
## 15. Are you aware of LPSNRD cost-share programs (working with landowners to protect and promote natural resources)?





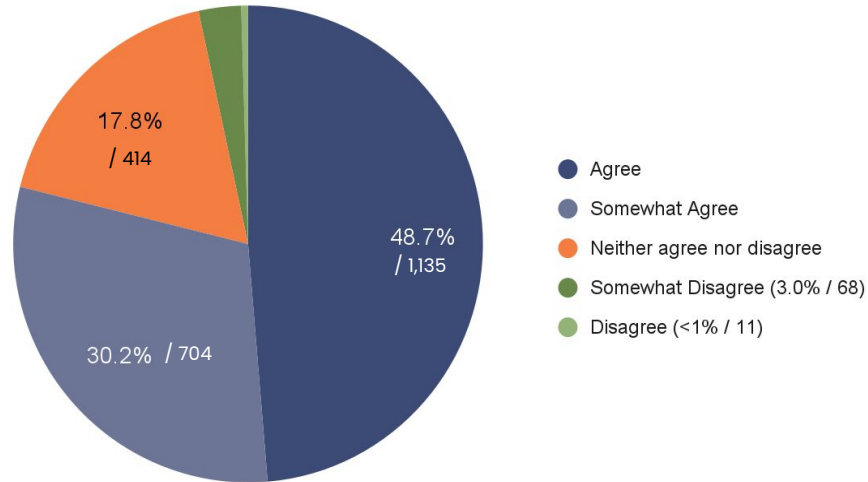


## 16. Which of the following LPSNRD cost-share programs are you aware of?





**17. To what degree are you in favor of landowners' ability to enter into conservation easements with LPSNRD to protect and/or preserve natural areas, such as prairies, woodlands, wetlands, wildlife habitat, and ag land?**



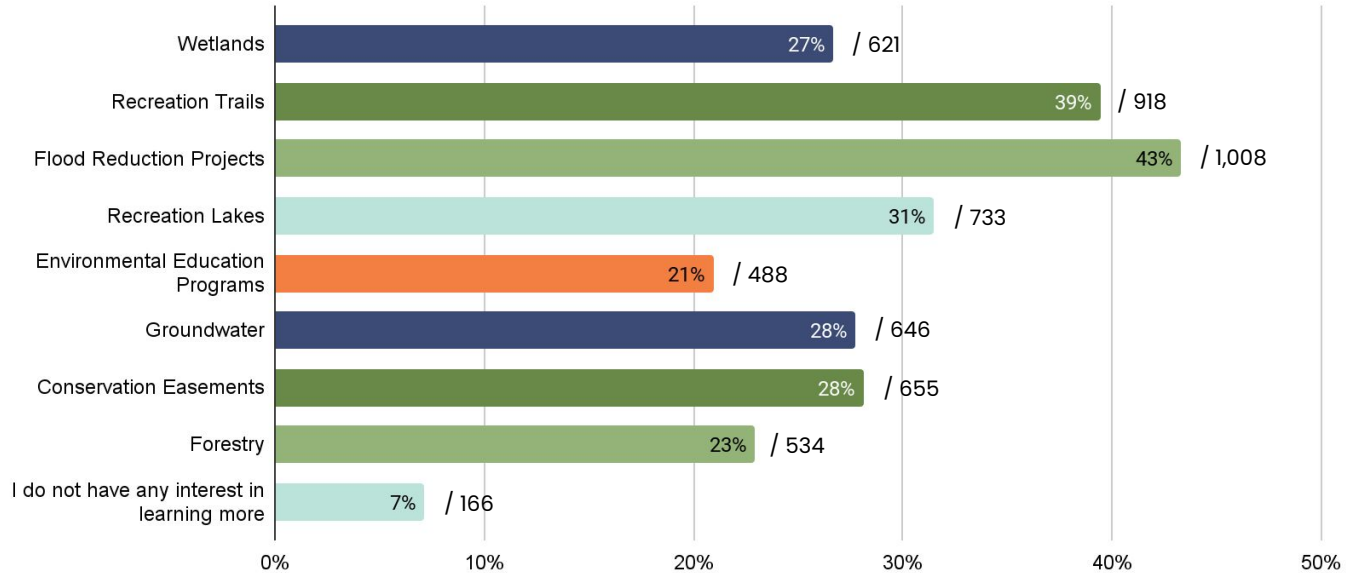


**18. What efforts do/would you support to improve our resiliency (ability to withstand or recover) from flooding along Salt Creek? The Salt Creek Floodplain extends along Salt Creek from southern Lancaster County to Ashland, where Salt Creek flows into the Platte River. Select all that apply.**

Voluntary buyouts or relocated flood-prone buildings	45% / 1,039
Low-impact development regulation	43% / 990
Update floodplain maps	33% / 776
Develop higher floodplain management standards	31% / 716
Construct dams to detain floodwater	30% / 691
Flood Proof flood-prone buildings	21% / 490
Preserve “open” floodplain property	21% / 487
Setbacks and riparian preservation	17% / 389
Cluster subdivisions	12% / 287
None	1% / 28

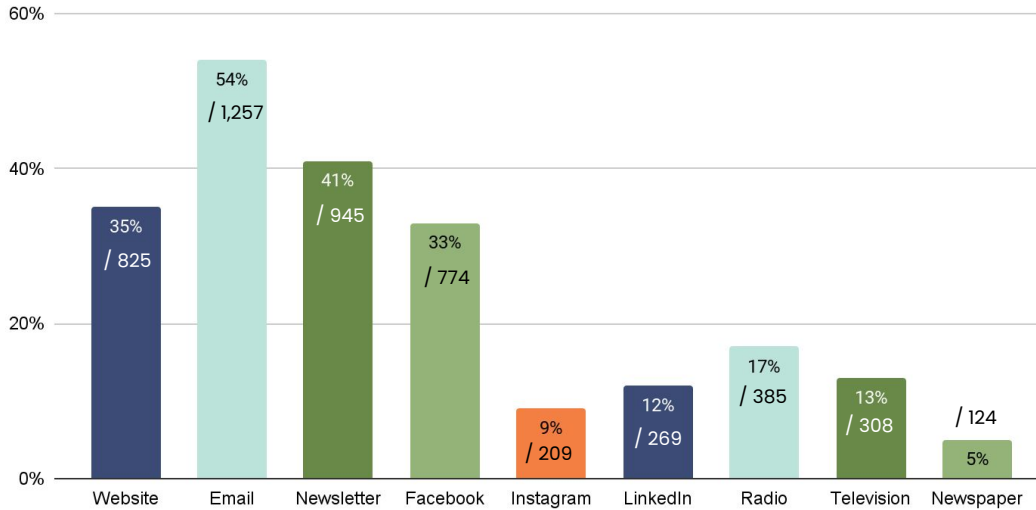


## 19. What LPSNRD programs interest you most to learn more about? Select up to four.



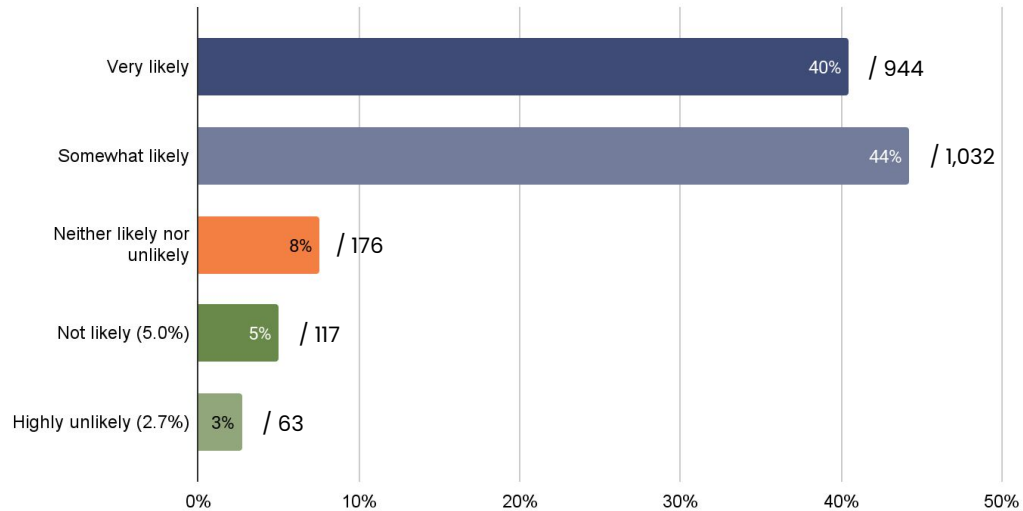


## 20. Select up to three choices of how you prefer to learn about LPSNRD programs and projects.





## 21. If you, or someone you know, needs more information about the topic of natural resources, how likely are you to contact or refer someone to LPSNRD for more information?





**22. Please provide additional information about your needs, opinions, and concerns about natural resources in our area and/or LPSNRD's programs and projects.** (Optional)

See Appendix for complete responses.



## **SUMMARY OF KEY INSIGHTS**





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- Almost 3 times more responses were captured in 2023 than in 2019.
- Over half of the respondents reside in a city. *(see question #1)*
- Approximately  $\frac{1}{3}$  of those surveyed are between 25-34 years of age, and 60% of respondents are between the ages of 25-54. *(see question #3)*
- Approximately 50 respondents were under the age of 17. *(see question #3)*
- The majority of respondents learned of the survey through email (34%) or Facebook (23%). *(see question #4)*
- 78% of those surveyed had heard of LPSNRD prior to taking the survey. *(see question #5)*



# SUMMARY OF KEY INSIGHTS

- Planting trees and tree planting programs was one of the most common responses when asked to list what they know LPSNRD is involved in. *(see question #6)*
- The top three topics important to those surveyed are climate change, environmental education, and wildlife habitat. *(see question #7)*
- 85% of respondents are concerned about water issues, with water pollution being the top concern. *(see question #8 & #9)*
- The top three projects respondents report knowing about are the Antelope Valley Project, MoPac East Trail, and Salt Creek Levee. Closely following are Family Nature Nights and the Marsh Wren Wetland. *(see question #10)*
- MoPac East Trail and the Lincoln Saline Wetland Nature Center are the top choices for respondents to visit. *(see question #11)*
- The activity most enjoyed at a LPSNRD natural area is walking/jogging/running. *(see question #12)*



# SUMMARY OF KEY INSIGHTS

- Maintaining lakes and trails for recreation is the most important natural resource area issue for respondents. *(see question #15)*
- 64% of respondents are aware of cost-share programs. *(see question #16)*
- The Conservation Tree Program is the most well-known cost-share program. *(see question #17)*
- 36% of the respondents report being not aware or unsure of cost-share programs before seeing examples. After reviewing programs, only 18.7% report a lack of awareness of cost-share programs. *(see question #16 & 17)*



# SUMMARY OF KEY INSIGHTS

- The top two efforts respondents support to improve flood resiliency are **voluntary buyouts or relocated flood-prone buildings and low-impact development regulation.** *(see question #19)*
- The top four LPSNRD programs that interest respondents to learn more about are **flood reduction projects, recreation trails and lakes, groundwater, and conservation easements.** *(see question #20)*
- The two preferred methods of how respondents prefer to learn about LPSNRD programs and projects are **by email and the newsletter.** *(see question #21)*
- **84.73% of respondents are very likely or somewhat likely to contact or refer someone to LPSNRD for more information on natural resources.** *(see question #22)*



# APPENDIX

Q5: If yes, list what you know LPSNRD is involved in, including services, programs, and/or projects.

### **Responses**

Provides services to Nebraskas landscapes

They are involved in making dams and controlling bodies of water.

my dad works there. they preserve the land

we fish at several LPSNRD lakes

Groundwater testing and protection.

Flood control on NRD properties and cooperation with private landowners to control runoff

Master Gardener living on the the north bank preserve.

They run some programs designed to encourage conservation. My info on these is not really current.

Water quality, recreation, conservation, sustainable agriculture, etc

Groundwater protection, recreation and wildlife areas, tree planting programs

Planting trees, protecting from floods

Water trees dams trails parks

Water and land resources etc

Usually here how trying to make improvements, but always seems to be talking and nothing more.

Public access to hunting and fishing

Prairie Corridor, wilderness park

Land management, camping, public events.

Bike trails, water quality studies

Water conservation

Groundwater appropriation, irrigation wells,

Elected representatives

Water shed projects, offering incentives for landscaping that reduces runoff, helping develop our waterway system to avoid flooding

Just heard the name before

Q5: If yes, list what you know LPSNRD is involved in, including services, programs, and/or projects.

### **Responses**

Maintenance of waterways, including dams, weirs, reservoirs, & levees in the lower Platte drainage area. Also provide tree saplings for planting. Informing the public about water issues including conservation of Salt Flats, pollution, water usage, care of land around bodies of water.

As a teacher with Malcolm Public Schools we have had the opportunity to raise butterflies each year through your amazing gift of this project.

I have a raingarden in my front yard helped funded by the watershed project

Improve environment. Provide trees. Keep a watch on water and land.

Dead mans run upgrade

Cost share, tree program, well protection

Programs

Lakes, tree planting, various natural resource conservation programs.

Flood reduction

Conservation, improvements, and protection of resources and nature

Tree program, nrd recreational areas, drainage projects

Tree seedlings for sale, trail projects

Cost-share programs, ground water quantity and quality management, salt Creek levee, etc  
lots!

Water management, environmental impacts, general concerns about our natural environment

Educational programming

Parks, trees, trails, wildlife, waterways/groundwater; surveys with wildlife

Antelope Creek project, trail maintenance, water quality and use regulations.

NRD areas

They partnered with us at our kids' school a few years ago to present nature topics to the kids. I know they also work on groundwater, landowner/conservation easement issues, pollinators, rain gardens, trails and other recreation, etc.

They have come and presented to my students.

Live in SID#23, concerned about water quality in our water tower system

Conservation of natural resources

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## **Responses**

projects

Groundwater plan

Engineering design of constant source energy heat pump environment system

Protect biodiversity, regulate runoff, improve water quality, regulate microclimate, provide food and industrial raw materials, and provide tourism resources

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Groundwater plan

Protect biodiversity, regulate runoff, improve water quality, regulate microclimate, provide food and industrial raw materials, and provide tourism resources

Engineering design of constant source energy heat pump environment system

Environmental education programme

The Groundwater Program, which helps landowners improve the conservation and production of their farmland.

Help preserve Nebraska's resources by offering Free tree seedlings, cost share multiple things like dams and field levy's to prevent erosion. Maintain area lakes and swamp grounds, trails and other natural resources in Nebraska

Greater improvement

regulate microclimate, provide food and industrial raw materials, and provide tourism resources

To the land owners to provide support for the more than \$1 million of cost allocation, to implement best management practices.

Monitoring of water quantity and water quality of groundwater.

An elected board of directors composed of members.

I believe you're focused on improving the natural environment in areas around the Platte River, but I am not familiar with specific programs.

Protect biodiversity, regulate runoff, improve water quality, regulate microclimate, provide food and industrial raw materials, and provide tourism resources

develop and manage recreational trails

being among the first of the NRDs to utilize conservation easements as a resources protection tool

Engineering design of constant source energy heat pump environment system



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### **Responses**

This has played a positive role in promoting the construction of nature reserves.

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It's a natural resource district with a climate management plan and things like that

It's a natural resource area with wildlife habitat and other plans

Nature conservation program

Management erosion control

Environmental help

A protection and maintenance of habitat conditions for the survival of natural animals

LPSNRD services

Nature conservation program

Management erosion control

This is a nature reserve plan that makes a great contribution to nature conservation

Planned stormwater management

It's a natural resource area with stormwater management and things like that

Erosion control

Environmental help

LPSNRD services

Protecting nature contributes to environmental protection

Protect the green environment

Planned stormwater management

Plan wildlife habitat

LPSNRD services

It's a natural resource area with wildlife habitat and other plans

The establishment of these nature reserves has played an important role in promoting the development of national nature reserves and the protection of biodiversity

Protect the green environment

Q5: If yes, list what you know LPSNRD is involved in, including services, programs, and/or projects.

### **Responses**

Flood management

Environmental help

This is a nature reserve plan that makes a great contribution to nature conservation

It is a natural resource area that is a constant source energy heat pump environmental system engineering design aspect

He is a natural resource district with flood management

It's a nature reserve whose primary responsibility is to manage national forests

It has played a positive role in promoting the construction of nature reserves in other departments.

Environmental help

A protection and maintenance of habitat conditions for the survival of natural animals

Habitat conservation and management for animals

Environmental protection

environment

Conservation, trees, water management, soil testing

Nature conservation program

wildlife habitat

groundwater

erosion control

erosion control

flood management

Project arrangement

forestry

Information resource planning

groundwater

forestry

climate change

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### **Responses**

Not sure on projects, but I vote for the board at election time.

Tree planting, programs on protecting clean water, trail development, parks development and maintenance.

Maintaining water safety and measuring algae, etc.

I live adjacent to Marsh Wren and are familiar with that restoration project. I spend free time at Little Salt Creek and Shoemaker too.

Flood control, conservation of resources, climate change, animal home protection

Trails, Water projects

Trails, recreation, groundwater, conservation, forestry, education

many

I've bought trees from them before and signed up for the backyard pollinator program this year.

Well monitoring

Public recreational lakes and private lakes/ponds.

Water, Trails, Education on Resources, Farm owner help with cost shares

Flood control, environmental concerns, bike trails,etc

Don't really know

Spanning parts of several counties: Lake and stream management, including access and environmental protection; public lands management, including management of a growing network of recreational trails.

Improvement projects to areas to improve water conservation.

Trees

Educational Programs in local schools

This is a nature conservation organization that has made great contributions to nature conservation over the years

Our Vision: "Protecting our natural resources for future generations."

Our Mission: "Maintain a sustainable environment through the conservation of land, water and wildlife."

Protecting our natural resources for future generations

Very professional

Education

I don't know much about it, but I have heard about it.

Q5: If yes, list what you know LPSNRD is involved in, including services, programs, and/or projects.

### **Responses**

projects

Seedling and bare root bulk sales, backyard prairie grass project, sending staff out to give advice about planting trees, grass, and shrubs

Mopac Trail, Tree planting, maintaining some wildlife areas such as Wildwood

Water shed management with flood dams and levees. Trails and wildlife management

Natural resources protection including erosion, flooding, ground and surface water

Water as far as lakes and tree sales

Prairie Pollinator Program

Wetland conservation and land

Dam building and water use

The NRD overlooks wetlands, creeks, rivers, and trails.

Good service, quality projects

Wildlife habitat

Stormwater management

Ground water

Flood management

Erosion contro

Climate change

I do not know what LPSNRD does

wet land protection

vegetation protection

land resources

forest resources

Water recreation?

climatechange

erosioncontrol

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### **Responses**

wildlife habitat

environmental education

The flood plain expansion.

procreation

Water recourse management, floodplain/levee management, trails, public outreach for native plant material/sustainability programs, environmental education

Major Projects

Landowner Cost-Share

Environmental Education

groundwater

environmental education

Landowner costs are split

wildlife habitat climate change

groundwater erosion control

flood mangement stream stabilization

Climate change stormwater management wildlifelifehabitat

Only know what I read in the news.

CLIMATE CHANGE ENVIRNOMENTAL EDUCATION

GROUNDWATER FORESTRY WILDLIFE HABITAT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATIN

Street trees, trees in general (selling/advising). Water management surface and underground. Recreation. Trails and lakes.

Trees, environment, ground water

Flood Control. Conservation. They will pick up your trash bags after picking up trash on their controlled land.

Supply Trees for planting

Chemigation, nitrogen management, land and resource management, water testing

tree seedling distribution, bike path

Flood control, lakes, parks.

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## **Responses**

Habitat management

Lower Platte South Natural Resource District. Check ground water, plant trees, flood water management.

River cleanup, tree plantings, conservation projects

tree programs

That you could buy native trees in bulk for acreages

flood prevention, and tree and plant promotion

Water source management

Water, rec, shelterbelts

water and/or land conservation, flood control

pappio creek maint ,spraying, flood control

Vegetation management, water resources, lake management

environmental education

Youth assistance program

offered to all landowners in the district hoping to enhance native grass and forb diversity on their property

Educate public on natural resources

Stewards of waterways and associated issues like erosion, flood control and wildlife.

LPSNRD is comprised of a six county area of southeastern Nebraska, including nearly one million acres and 350,000 residents.

LPSNRD is governed by a 21-member, elected Board of Directors.

Vision: "Protecting our natural resources for future generations."

Mission: "Maintain a sustainable environment through the conservation of land, water and wildlife."

The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District operates and maintains 200 flood control dams, 13 miles of levees, approximately 12 miles of urban stream channels, 50 miles of trails, 9 wildlife management areas, 11 public wetlands, and monitors ground water quantity and quality.

Each year they also provide over \$1M in cost-share assistance to landowners to install best management practices.

Nature conservation program

Forestry environmental education

to protect the environment

Q5: If yes, list what you know LPSNRD is involved in, including services, programs, and/or projects.

### **Responses**

Family nature night

forestry

Family Nature Nights, Test Your Well Nights, Tree seedling sales, Landscape Tree Program.

I haven't heard of it

services

I don't know much about that at the moment

It's about natural resources

community

I know there's news.

All I know is there's news.

I don't know the name of the project

Environmental protection and climate change, forestry

Climate, forestry

Water environmental protection measures

Never participated.

improve environment

Conservation Easements

Green plant conservation

Natural viewing

Landscape Tree Program

Family Nature Nights

Plant conservation

involved

I don't know what services and plans or projects are available.

I don't know which ones.

Q5: If yes, list what you know LPSNRD is involved in, including services, programs, and/or projects.

### **Responses**

Land management, water resources, environmental education

LPSNRD board is made up of publicly elected individuals who work towards protecting out natural resources and habitats. They help educate people through out their district on important topics. They work on projects such as watershed management. They provide water testing to communities they serve along with other essential services.

water resources protection

Environmental protection, water resources protection, etc

Can't think of them off the top of my head. Sorry!

flood management

Groundwater, forest products

Flood management

Flood management

Natural resources

Environmental protection

Experience sharing

Community fellowship.

Advanced project.

Large scale project.

Water source protection

forestry

Emerging projects.

Community service.

Volunteer service

environment

forestry

services

I went on a field trip with LPSNRD and learned about their services and programs.



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### **Responses**

Environmental Education

I know all about lpsnrd

Environmental work and legal representatives

Environmental support of our resources

A wide range of wetlands conservation and habitat betterment programs.

managing water resources

Not really sure just know I have heard the name before.

Planting, land- water conservation

Protecting natural resources, working with cities, farmers

land conservation

Conservation Tree Program

Green plant maintenance

environmental renovation

conservation work

Missouri river flooding, erosion, wildlife control.

trail projects

I know your mission is to manage the natural resources in the area you govern.

Continue watch on erosion and the way our river runs. Checking the health of the species found in the river and around it.

Water

We have purchased trees from you to plant on our land just recently and in the past.

Dams and waterways

Flood Control, natural resource management, trees and plants, etc.

Dams, trails, trees, terraces, flood control

I'm not sure.

Groundwater management. Erosion , education , streams and flooding, Climate Change

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### **Responses**

Water and soil conservation. Recreation on lakes and trails.

Unfortunately I know little

I believe works with the parks and the biking trails though my memory is a more in passing thing than a certain of. Acronyms can often blur together.

Wildlife habitat, water conservation

Public lands, natural resource conservation, landowner conversations, outreach, activism

Wildwood lake, wetlands and the tree program.

Preservation of land for natural use and including flood prevention.

Trails, watershed management, tree planting stuff, stream/flood things

Conservation and Education. Field trips for schools. Maintaining areas for recreation

Water resource infrastructure

Groundwater monitoring, well testing

I know there are projects around waterways and flood control. Also involving wild spaces, but I'm not sure of specifics.

Groundwater protection/management, tree giveaways, general natural resources management

Trails, ground water, field trips

I work nearby

Environmental education, tree plantings, water conservation projects

flood management, erosion control

Trail maintenance, wetland protection, flood control,

Trails

Lots of hunting land involved

land conservation, waterways, trails, education

Conservation

Tree purchase program

Education programs (my son attended through LPS and loved it)

I just know of you from voting.

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### **Responses**

School programs

Limiting irrigation

Flood control dams, trails

tree seedlings, watersheds, programs for school kids

I know that LPSNRD is involved in conservation projects meant to protect ground and surface water, and they work with state and local governments to achieve those ends.

Ground water monitoring, water quality, public outreach.

Wildlife

Conservation projects, Lake Wanahoo

The LPANRD uses conservation techniques to create a sustainable environment for resources such as water, land, and wildlife.

Fishing and hunting areas close to home

dont know

Camping, water shed

Protecting our water resources, environment etc

flood control, wildlife habitat, public lakes and trails, environmental education, water quality conservation

I work at Olsson so I'm more familiar with LPSNRD than the average Joe.

Trees, groundwater issues, recreation sites

I'm an LPS science teacher

Antelope valley project, environmental education, conservation work, trails and wetlands

Services

Trees, pond classes

They take care of ground water, help the community, backyard prairie program, plant trees,

Not aware of any projects.

Environment reclamation and utilities

Environment

Lake wildwood

Q5: If yes, list what you know LPSNRD is involved in, including services, programs, and/or projects.

### **Responses**

Nature nights, cost sharing programs, field trips, trail maintenance

Tree program

They operate and maintain dams/levees, trails, wildlife management areas, wetlands, and monitors ground water.

Preserving our groundwater, flood control, preserving our wildlife.

Not much honestly

Water conservation, water quality, water recreation, wildlife habitat.

Mopac

Trails, Earth Wellness Festival, water conservation

Water, soil, ag cost share, saline wetland restoration, trails, community water system protection

Flood protection, conservation efforts, education for the public about nature

Not sure what they are involved in but was just concerned about quality of water

trails, levies, stormwater, lakes & streams

water quality protection, water conservation, school education

I like the way they maintain water projects and public access to them. The tree giveaways are nice way to encourage people to improve the environment.

Watershed management , environmental issues

Water conservation.

Maintain natural resources in the lower Platte area

Water projects

LPSNRD provides renewal and preservation of Nebraska's precious natural environment, particularly focusing on water issues. This is accomplished through meaningful partnerships with other public and private entities. LPSNRD also provides vital policy improvements and access to grant funding.

Tree sales, managing land, water resources

Flood control, recreational projects, education

Floodplain, levees, Dams, farm conservation, trees

many things

Q5: If yes, list what you know LPSNRD is involved in, including services, programs, and/or projects.

### **Responses**

I have heard the name, but unfamiliar with what LPSNRD does.

Elected board. Tree planting

Water resources, habitat, landowner programs, recreation areas.

LPSNRD provides services that improve and protect the environment. They champion and implement flood control initiatives.

Recreation areas, landowner conservation programs, water protection, Mopac gap, trails, coordination with private/public entities, watershed management, agricultural BMPs

Watershed management, windbreak planting

Tree program

Dams and other flood control projects

not heard of LPSNRD before

Trails, lakes, and other water projects.

I work for the NW Dept of Natural Resources so I have intimate knowledge of the NRD programs.

Trees, groundwater, natural resources

Mopac trail, prairie corridor, Salt creek levy(?), ice/flood monitoring on the Platte, free saplings

LPSNRD is involved in school education programs and strives to help protect our soil and water.

Environmental education, soil conservation, flood control. salt creek, storm water management, water quality and quantity, irrigation Management

Seedling trees

New to area so not sure

floodplain stuff

Environmental Education, Stormwater, Groundwater, Tree Programs, Stream Maintenance, Trail Maintenance, Recreation Area Maintenance, Restoration Projects, Flood Control

None

Floodplain projects

Not really

Conservation. Forestry. Recreation. Wetlands. Flood control. Ground water. And so on.

Q5: If yes, list what you know LPSNRD is involved in, including services, programs, and/or projects.

## Responses

I do not know about LPSNRD projects

Studying waterways ?

Trails, Hunting, Water quality, Habitat

Environmental protection, natural animals and plants, etc.

I don't know

The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (LPSNRD) is comprised of a six county area of southeastern Nebraska. The Mission of the LPSNRD is to maintain a sustainable environment through the conservation of land, water and wildlife. The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District operates and maintains 180 flood control dams, 13 miles of levees, approximately 12 miles of urban stream channels, 50 miles of recreational trails, 9 wildlife management areas, 11 public wetlands, and monitors groundwater quantity and quality. LPSNRD also provides project planning and management for additional projects/studies, environmental education, and administers programs that provide annually over \$1M in cost-share assistance to landowners to install best management practices (terracing, meters, buffer strips, well decommissioning, etc.) to improve our water quality and protect our natural resources.

Groundwater plan, environmental education plan, Plan to keep special land in natural state

Cost-sharing programs Ground Water programs Environmental education programs

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clothes

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Ground Water programs

Cost-sharing programs Ground Water programs

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Ground Water programs

Community Forestry Program Landscape Tree Cost-Sharing Program

wild animal

Water conservation, Managing lakes, recreation areas, and public spaces., Projects like building dams, flood prevention, etc., Tree ordering program., Conservation easements?

Managing some trail networks.

Q5: If yes, list what you know LPSNRD is involved in, including services, programs, and/or projects.

## **Responses**

Water conservation

flood management

Recreation areas, tree plantings, ground water monitoring

Trails

Mainly used for PC, mobile phone, server.Face the electronic market.

Management of local natural resources

Wetlands projects , water quality, flood protection

some courses

1. Transportation, warehousing and postal services,
2. Information transmission, computer services and software,
3. Wholesale and retail trade

LPSNRD is responsible for monitoring natural resources and the use of natural resources in SE Nebraska. I contacted LPSNRD a few years ago to come out to Malcolm High School (where I teach) to share information and do a demonstration about groundwater. We also lined up a visit to Wildwood Lake to explore and learn more about the NRD lake and water habitats.

education, Protecting our land, wetlands, protecting from flooding; helping with Capitol Beach, grants for trees in a communi

Floodplain management, watershed management, tree planting programs, backyard habitat programs, management of NRD lakes.

Trails maintenance

Trees

Trees

Educates, protects, maintains and facilitates natural areas of Nebraska.

LES - Sustainability Festival

Wetlands, hazard relief, recreation areas, public education on general environmental issues and subjects going on locally

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, CONSERVATION, FLOOD CONTROL

Offshore CO2 capture and storage projects

Assess, measure, etc

Drainage control, recreation area management, tree, shrub and pollinator programs.

natural resource conservation water quality and quantity

Q5: If yes, list what you know LPSNRD is involved in, including services, programs, and/or projects.

### **Responses**

Maintenance of NRD properties - waterways.

groundwater, invasive species

Trails, conservation

Bike trail, NRD lakes, various wellhead and similar projects

Backyard pollinator program, maintaining flood waterways, maintaining trails in the city, tree planting program

Water runoff/quality from farmland, rural drinking water, wellhead, tree planting

watershed protection, tree programs, recreation - trails and lakes

Water and trail management

Flood control. Tree planting. Conservation. Waterway management. Cover crop planting.

Trees

Conservation, planting trees, providing educational programs, flood plain control

I know of educational resources

Water quality, water flow, agricultural run-off impacting lakes and streams, fish, water birds, migrating birds, drainage from feedlot waste

Salt creek and water stuff

Tree program, trails

Tree planting, conservation easement, natural resource and environmental education, water control structures, buffer strips, etc.

Education of youth. Waterway development and water retention. Erosion prevention.

Mostly i know about fishing lakes that fall under LPSNRD

Environmental

Tree programs, water conservation

1. It helps ground water conservation.
2. It helps students with environmental education.
3. It has tree programs to help individuals.
4. It helps protect safe water supply.

We get the newsletter, I like the seedling program



Q5: If yes, list what you know LPSNRD is involved in, including services, programs, and/or projects.

### **Responses**

Maintain public natural water areas

Elected reps make policy and assess taxes

Educate the public

Conduct research

Professionally I've worked with your tree seedling program, groundwater management plan, Section 408 USACE and construction stormwater programs. Personally I've been a huge fan of your programs all along. I've also had friends/family sit on your board of directors. Huge fan.

Multiple conservation-related projects, water quality promotion, water conservation initiatives, and education about natural resource use

Don't really know what they do. Maybe take care of waterways and dams

I know nothing, just that it exists

LPSNRD has provided activities and resources for my Kindergarten classroom.

Preserve natural resources..

Recreation and outdoor activities for youth

Start small and protect the earth

Take care of the environment.... Cherish water resources

Call on more people to protect the ecological environment

Call on more people to protect the earth and protect the environment

Ecological environment starts from self

The earth's ecological environment must be protected

It is everyone's responsibility to take care of the earth

We should all cherish water resources

Conservation

There are fewer and fewer good drinking water resources

I am a teacher and they provide worms for our earth unit each year.

flood protection, tree planting opportunities, educational programs for kids, hiking and biking trails.

Environmental programs, education programs (when I taught 5th grade we went to EWF every year), tree programs

Q5: If yes, list what you know LPSNRD is involved in, including services, programs, and/or projects.

### **Responses**

Ground Water retention

Trails, flood control, water usage

Antelope creek, Platte River ice monitoring, prairie polinator, conservation & community programs for forestry

I've followed NRDs since their creation

Newsletter

Water shed, water quality, flood control and prevention, trails and public waters, bulk tree sales, groundwater monitoring.

Integrated Management Planning, Basin Water Management Planning, Drought Planning

I have an extensive knowledge of LPSNRD programs and know many of the board members and staff. Groundwater monitoring and education, flood control projects, recreation, general environmental education including children's events, water quality monitoring and projects, pollinator projects, etc

Bank stabilization in Lincoln, Ashland, Hickman, and other areas: Antelope Valley flood control; Mopac East, Oak Creek, and Homestead rec trails; flood control dam projects.

Antelope project

Waterways and groundwater

Programs at the school because I am a teacher at Louisville Public Schools.

water

Misuse of funds that were intended for natural resource protection (flood / erosion control), for bike paths and other recreation that are popular but do nothing to protect the environment.

Flood control, erosion control, recreation areas, know voters elect board members, collaboration with other agencies, periodically publications in newspaper

Tree and water programs

Trees, wetlands

Flood control, recreational trails

Extrapolating from the North Platte NRD: water quality and quantity monitoring, tree planting programs. I just moved here and found a brochure about LPSNRD. I should read it.

Flood control projects, trees, environmental education

I'm familiar with NRDs, as I've spent the last 33 years working as a professional in the water quality/pollution control sector.

Q5: If yes, list what you know LPSNRD is involved in, including services, programs, and/or projects.

### **Responses**

Well water testing, sub-development, floodplains, erosion control, outreach, camps for kids

As an educator, I'm most familiar with programs related to education. However, I'm also familiar with the NRD's management of wetlands and other protected areas.

Projects, and services

Flood mitigation., Water permits, education, stormwater management, maintaining salt creek levee system, cover crop incentives, soil conservation

Saline wetlands, Salt Creek, recreation trails, easements

Tree program, ponds, lakes, recreation areas, flood control, hunting areas, water conservation.

Trail and lake maintenance

Drainage projects, sells trees, protects the wetlands.

Resource management

Not a lot. I know they work to manage water, keeping it safe for consumption and conservation for the population and wildlife

Trails, dams, channels, wetlands, water quality

We have had LPSNRD come out to our school for several family nights! These are educational s fun for our students! Adam did a tree presentation for my students last year and he's coming back this year!!

Flood and land management tree planting education about nature

Natural resources

The purpose of the NRD is to protect water and other natural resources. I think most of its services are for landowners, that is, farmers.

Ground water, trees, watershed

Conservation of land, wildlife, water etc

Groundwater studies, surface water and drainage area management, etc.

All of the items in the next question, and also offering dormant bareroot trees and shrubs at a very reasonable price.

Offers trees & shrubs. Did a landscape plan for our 3 acres. Flood control ponds

Read the NRD insert in the Lincoln paper.

Educational outreach curriculum, waterways and the effects on our ponds, rivers, and streams. Making our environment sustainable.

Q5: If yes, list what you know LPSNRD is involved in, including services, programs, and/or projects.

### **Responses**

Water mgmt. Land mgmt

Providing presentations for classrooms in the elementary school, hosting the Earth Wellness Festival for Lincoln Public Schools, and doing outdoor education classes for high school students. They also provide outdoor education for the community.

Conservation, water resources

Flood prevention, ground water safety

Environmental Education

flood management, tree planting, cover crops

They give presentations in my classroom/school each year around Earth Day

They visit our classroom to do tree presentations and also work with water sources in and around Lincoln.

Natural resources management activities- flood risk reduction, groundwater management, drought, soil health, hazard mitigation coordination, chemical irrigation, well capping assistance, tree planting

Trails, conservation, flood control

I just know the LPSNRD manages a few rec areas I like to fish at

Salt Creek Levee patrol. Selling cheap trees. Field Trips and presentations with students. Groundwater monitor.

Numerous projects for groundwater, saline wetlands

I'm not sure of any specific program/projects but I believe its involved in managing area natural resources like land, water, grasses and trees.

Water, land, education, farming, trees, wildlife

tree planting/sales, water quality programs, conservation education

Flood control projects, natural resource management like streams, trails etc

Work with folks employed at LPSNRD through my place of employment.

Forestry projects, Salt Creek floodplain conservation and stabilization, erosion control

Educating students about lower Platte south and taking care of it. Grant services for child care providers to implement natural resources in their playground setting.

Stream maintenance, flood protection, trees

Water resource protection and management

resource management

Q5: If yes, list what you know LPSNRD is involved in, including services, programs, and/or projects.

### **Responses**

Waterways, education

Unsure

wildlife and environment conservation and education/outreach, natural resource protection, wildlife management areas

well abandonment program, flood control

Nothing comes to mind

Trail and waterway projects.

Water and resource management

UNL student, the LPSNRD website, interest in NE natural resources and policy

Conservation

watershed projects

Services

Creek/river issues

Flood control, habitat, helping land owners

Conservation land water and wildlife.

Environmental programs, education.

Manage the great recreational trails.

Cost sharing for water and flood prevention.

Wildlife projects.

Soil conservation, trees, habitat

water management, trees to plant, flood control,

Conservation of water and land resources

Groundwater and salt creek

Wetlands, Water supply and quality, trees for planting, lots more

Dams

Non profits being able to plant trees

Trails, rec areas, flood control

Q5: If yes, list what you know LPSNRD is involved in, including services, programs, and/or projects.

### **Responses**

Landscaping Tree Program and tree seedling program

Keeping ground water safe

Trails and watershed management.

Protection of ground water, Forestry, Environmental education

Flood prevention/mitigation, Salt Creek management, SCTB, and other natural resource management

I served on the board for 3 terms. Trails, recreation, well head protection, flooding, conservation easements, etc  
ground water, seedlings, erosion, flood control

Ground water type projects

Waterway management, bike/horse/walking trails, chemical/fertilizer use that can affect water quality

Managing trails and waterways, public education, environmental projects

Land treatment, well decommissioning, trees, trails, flood control, recreation

Flood control water quality and wild life management

All sorts of natural resource projects

Irrigation management, tree programs, Rec areas, Mopac trail

Flood control and trails

Manages water utilization

I am familiar with some of the bodies of water they manage and have been to a few events they have sponsored.

Groundwater, trails, soil conservation, flood monitoring and protection, cost share for well decommissioning, conservation easement

Water management, Tree seedlings, Grass /land management

Flood control, groundwater testing, tree and pollinators planting,

NRD Lakes and Rec areas

All I really know about LPSNRD are from stories I see in the newspaper about programs designed to be beneficial to the environment and preserving our natural resources.

Flood reduction, ground water, tree planting, and recreation

Conservation programs including the tree program and various preservation projects within the District.

Flood control, recreation area mgmt, ground water and surface water monitoring, wildlife mgmt, habitat protection and restoration

Q5: If yes, list what you know LPSNRD is involved in, including services, programs, and/or projects.

### **Responses**

Not much!

Management of resources. Monitoring resources

Storm water management, groundwater management, erosion control, trees, pollinators, outdoor recreation

Natural resources sustainment and improvement

Just the general existence, nothing specific

Wildlife habitat, flood control & recreational activities

Water quality

Educational programs for schools

Trees, dams, conservation, native plants, flood prevention

Flood control, ground water, recreation, tree programs

Being a city girl I know darn little about the NRD, but know they work for conservation and proper use of our natural resources.

Trees

School programs, lakes

Flood control, Conservation

Working to restore natural resources in NE for the ecosystem to flourish. Native plants, groundwater etc

Protecting waterways, preventing flooding and erosion, developing and preserving hiking/biking trails

Salt Creek management, flood plain management, wildlife management areas

Pollinator habitat project, tree, CPR, rainscapping

environmental protection

Cherish water

make oneself an example

Love water

caring Earth

water saving

water resource

Q5: If yes, list what you know LPSNRD is involved in, including services, programs, and/or projects.

### **Responses**

Protect water resources

protect the environment

environmental protection

Waterways. Trails.

Flood water control nrd lakes, Environmental issues , Windbreaks etc

Streams, dams, water protection, well abandonment,

Water quality and usage

Conservation - water, land, wildlife, and natural resources

Wildlife management areas

Recreation areas

Subsidizing landowner infrastructure that supports conservation

tree program, programs for schools (I used the butterfly info when teaching 2nd graders

Animals, conservation, trails

Watershed and water quality projects, Trails like the MoPac, Salt Creek Levee and Oak Creek

Trees, pollinator plantings, flood mitigation

Trails, Groundwater, Recreation areas, Surface water

Trees, surface water, flood control

Groundwater and trail maintenance

Pretty sure you guys have a bunch of water projects and lakes

I've only heard of it. I might have heard about it after the AltEn pesticide environmental issue.

Trails

Water management, recreation facilities, conservation,

I only knew of it's existence

Tree planting

Any and all Natural resources.

Water Dams lakes



Q5: If yes, list what you know LPSNRD is involved in, including services, programs, and/or projects.

### **Responses**

Funding assistance, grants, education for all ages, trails and trail users, keeping good plants/removing troublemakers, providing info and lobbying in unicameral, rural and urban water projects, camping!!!! and other rec uses

Education, watershed management and development, ground water management and conservation and more

Deadman's Run flood reduction project, Bathroom renovations at Mopac

The saplings sales and my rain garden

Trails

I know they work with LPS and educate children and their families

Ground water quality

Recreation, education, restoration

Wildlife, waterways, dams, wetlands

trails

The project phases generally include initial study, design, permitting, land rights and construction

I mostly know it exists but am not aware of the specific programs or projects that are ongoing.

NRD lakes for public recreation & best practices for natural resources befitting our area

Flood control, Antelope Vallet project, classes, etc

MoPac Trail, bike trails to Beatrice and Omaha

Water mansgement and creek flow projects, Education boxes fornclassroims

Trails, water quality, flood control, cost share programs

We've been in contact with LPSNRD in regards to issues with where water gathers following rain/snow melting in our neighborhood.

Environmental protection first

Blue of the sky

Take care of the earth

The source of life

Man and Nature

Protect the environment

Q5: If yes, list what you know LPSNRD is involved in, including services, programs, and/or projects.

### **Responses**

protect the environment

natural conservation

Protect the earth

Primitive ecology

Watershed and water management

Salt Creek Tiger Beetle protection

Trails, conservation, recreation, salt valley lakes, dead mans run, taxes, farm waterways, trees,

I have lived in rural Ne and work at AKRS

Average windbreaks and Trees

Elections

Salt Creek Levee & Wilderness Park as a flood plain, Salt Valley lakes, trails, wetlands.

LPSNRD is involved with projects that promote conservation

Groundwater, storm water

They sell tree seedlings to landowners, are responsible for the upkeep of various lakes and wetlands in the area, and are involved with bank stabilization and trail maintenance.

Flood control, tree plantings, little salt creek wetland improvements, public outreach

EQUIP

\* Natural resources issues related to water and watersheds in the District

\* collaborative habitat and watershed projects related to wildlife and water

\* educational activities related to water, watersheds and animals/plants/people who depend on them

I love the programs where you Come to schools to teach about trees and students get to take a tree home!

Wagon Train

I'm not exactly sure of the names but overall natural resource management issues

Environmental projects

Flood control, recreation, education, environmental enhancement, havitst

Unsure, I just know they exist and are an important part of keeping our area functioning in a safe and sustainable way.

Q5: If yes, list what you know LPSNRD is involved in, including services, programs, and/or projects.

## **Responses**

Tree giveaway

Lakes, bike trails, flood control, education.

I'm familiar with the tree planting and the flower/ grass plots also. And they help control water in streams and creeks. And propose good practices in planting

Flood control, natural resorted conservation, recreational opportunities.

Protecting our water, distributing trees managing lakes

Keeping and obtaining knowledge about water system, waterways or areas around water systems to be sure water is flowing properly and providing safety for the citizens who live in the county involved.

water quality, quantity, soil erosion, trails, flood control lakes, best management practices

Water, flood, trees

Trails, dams, flood prevention, wetlands.

Prairie Corridor, management of local recreation areas and wildlife protection areas

Groundwater quality and quantity management, recreation/trails, soil management and protection.

Advocacy and regulatory activities for the Lower Platte Natural Resources District

I have visited several of the NRD parks and read their newsletters.

Flood control, Conservation, Water quality, Trees

Most everything!

Water conservation, lakes, trees, wells, and so on.

LPSNRD is a local government agency that helps reduce flooding along the lower Platte River and tributaries and lakes. In addition, they provide recreational areas (water access and fishing, hiking, and possibly hunting and camping), wildlife and habitat conservation, and groundwater monitoring.

The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (LPSNRD) is comprised of a six county area of southeastern Nebraska, including nearly one million acres and 350,000 residents. LPSNRD is governed by a 21-member, elected Board of Directors.

Just only know about the organization and the basics on what they do.

Backyard pollinator projects, River I've monitoring, conservation forestry, Reimbursing part of the cost of nursery trees, removing invasive tread in public parks and trails

Providing service to public recreational areas, conservation/protection of our resources. Provides trees for acreages.

Q5: If yes, list what you know LPSNRD is involved in, including services, programs, and/or projects.

### **Responses**

Management of groundwater use, and quality. Develop watershed plans preventing floods, which may include construction of dams and levies. Provide outreach to public on NRD responsibilities. Provide funds for habitat. The Antelope creek project in Lincoln added quality of life and flood control.

Water shed projects in Antelope Valley.

Trails

Climate

1. To conduct preliminary investigation of the project, collect and sort out relevant data, formulate preliminary feasibility study report of the project, and provide suggestions for decision makers. Coordinate to formulate and declare Project Report materials.

Watershed and flood management, water quality, conservation, education

Tree planting, flood control on Platte River and within Lincoln, trail development and maintenance, conservation of prairie and natural species, education of children and public in general regarding conservation efforts, maintenance and sustainability of ground water resources

Don't know, I have just recognize the name.

Conservation efforts, NRD Lakes/Rec areas, watershed projects

Antelope valley project, water well testing, agricultural apologists

tree planting, ground water protection

Tree planting projects and projects that involve water issues such as creating or restoring storm ditches.

Stewards of natural resources in our area and state. Tree planting programs, flood control, educational programs, soil erosion minimization. They are a body of approval when new projects/development on county & state land. I believe at least Low Platte receives funds from our property taxes.

Recreation and water, fishing

Ground Water Quality, Recreation, Flood Control, Wetland Protection, Tree Planting, and other environmental issues.

Land & water stewardship

Preservation of the environment, enhancing opportunities for responsible development

Natural resource area

Natural resource area

Natural resource area

Improve the environment and transportation

Q5: If yes, list what you know LPSNRD is involved in, including services, programs, and/or projects.

### **Responses**

Improve the environment and citizens' living conditions

Flood control

Water and recreation

Backyard prairie program, community assistance for environmentally sustainable projects

Flood control, bike trails, education—adults & children

Trees. Water resources

Natural resource area

Some waterway projects in our area

Conservation- watersheds

Education, offering native plants for sale, research

Monitors water quality, offers tree seedlings for windbreaks, watershed maintenance, education programs, hiking trails

Tree planting. Flood control. Recreation

We have visited NRD parks and projects

Soil conservation, tree/ shrubs, public conservation projects

Trees, watershed, trails, parks, flood control

Flood prevention, erosion prevention, trails and maintenance

it is so important

Flood control, trails, trees, lakes, camping

Water and wildlife conservation, education, natural resource development, habitat development , reearch and investigations of water allocation

Public Awareness

NRD recreational area maintenance, environmental protection, habitat improvement

Wildlife Habitat Protection

In general, management of & advocacy for natural resources (water, crops, etc) that would otherwise be neglected if not over developed.

Q5: If yes, list what you know LPSNRD is involved in, including services, programs, and/or projects.

### **Responses**

Water shed, trees both rural and urban advise, water wells, educational programs for both adults and youth. Field trips, classroom visitation, Family Nature Nights. School partner programs.

I know they're involved with Parks & Rec, Pioneers Park, UNL, and events/activities for families.

Trail services, natural resource management via lakes in this section of the Platte River watershed, arboriculture water conservation and other water issues.

tree program

Watershed mgmt

Natural systems Prairies, riparian habitats, ground water, supplying tree seedlings/native seeds to residents and lots more.

Water management, flood control, conservation projects

Watershed projects, planting trees

Tree programs, including sales and credits to help people buy trees. Trail and park maintenance and building projects. Flood control.

Monitoring of water quality and quantity.

education, conservation, water regulation, remediation, environment, flood control

Education resource for schools about the environment, importance of conservation of water quality

Protect our natural resources for future generations, maintain sustainable environment by protecting land, water and wildlife

I'm a water resources engineer so I have a decent idea of what the NRDs are involved in. Flood control, water resources, natural habitat, etc.

Various dam projects, updates and renovation projects

flood prevention, water quality, wet land management and education

Educating youth and community

flood control groundwater recreation

none

Area issues concerning the upkeep and preservation of our surrounding community natural resources.

trees, water

Ground Water, water quality, lakes, recreation, soil conservation, env education, trees, maintenance of certain waterways, flood protection

Q5: If yes, list what you know LPSNRD is involved in, including services, programs, and/or projects.

### **Responses**

Field trips for Lancaster County students to PPNC and Spring Creek.

Ground Water programs to help landowners improve conservation and production on their farmland, environmental education programs, programs to keep special tracts of land in their natural state.

Protect the environment, wildlife, prevent debris flow.

Protection measures for forestry

alittle

program

tree sales , water quality, flood control

Promote and increase your customers.

natural resources

safety consciousness

climate change

Free tree programs

Watershed management, trails, trees, wildlife management

Environment, climate, animals, natural resources.

Forestry Erosion Control

All aspects of the integrated natural resources management plan are maintained.

Building terraces, providing seedling trees, maintaining lakes for recreation

Tree program is the biggest I know of. Water runoff control and park projects.

Flood prevention, preserving natural resources, groundwater, cost sharing programs, conservation easements, trails, educational field trips, pollinator program, selling trees and shrubs.

Natural resource management and stormwater management in the lower south platte watershed.

Finding a second water source, environmental protection, conservation, planting native trees and plants.

The NRD is tasked with maintaining the Salt Creek Levy system. The NRD also played a huge and consequential role with Antelope Valley. Also the NRD creates bike trails. But most recently I learned that the NRD has numerous tree programs too.

Flood control, tree and plant programs

Q5: If yes, list what you know LPSNRD is involved in, including services, programs, and/or projects.

### **Responses**

Helping to provide opportunities for community forestry, providing printed information on its programs in the newspaper, groundwater education for youth.

Tree planting conservation

Trails, trees, wells,

Tree planting program

Educational programs for each elementary student in the county. Middle school and high school education. Water testing and planning for water usage and drainage. Stocking lakes. Trees provided for planting. Legislative contact and education. Land judging and field trips. Environmental education for students and the public.

Cut a ditch through Lincoln, Soil conservation, Getting easements on private property for the government, Water quality, Maintaining abandoned railways, Program to destroy wetlands for development (mitigation)

Trees sales, groundwater management, flood control, wildlife mgmt., public recreation, soil and water conservation, nature nights, environmental education, water sheds, ground water

Bank stabilization, flood control

Lakes such as Wildwood Lake, trails such as Oak Creek.

Trails, Watershed

Recreation opportunities, flood control, preservation of the earth

Bike trails, waterway care and safety, and fun educational commercials, along with social media contests.

Tree programs

Flood control, tree distributions for plantings, trails, observations areas for various prairies, wetlands, hiking biking trails.

landowner cost share programs, tree program, flood control

LPSNRD works to preserve and protect the natural resources in our watershed area that includes Lincoln and surrounding counties that are part of the Lower Platte South Watershed. Stewardship activities include cost sharing with rural land owners on a wide variety of best practices such as cover crops and well metering. LPSNRD also collaborates with a wide variety of public and private entities to preserve and protect such natural resources as fisheries, wildlife, soils, streams, rivers, lakes and groundwater. In addition to these projects the LPSNRD protects citizens through flood mitigation, and enhancing soil health. The NRD also offers robust education opportunities to citizens, through partnerships with schools and local conservation groups to interest and engage people in protecting the natural resources that nourish our communities and lives.

Watershed conservation/ maintenance; habitat/public land conservation; weed/invasive species control; conservation easements



Q5: If yes, list what you know LPSNRD is involved in, including services, programs, and/or projects.

### **Responses**

Sponsoring field trips to Pioneers Park Nature Center

Education support for K12 field trips and lessons.

Landscape Trees, Forestry, water projects

NRD are involved in many 'saving' projects all across the state. Saving the environment.

watershed control, trails, tree plantings, recreation, fishing, & maybe, just maybe climate control

Groundwater, Forestry and Wildlife, Erosion Control, Flood Management, Education

Trees and pond maintenance.

Working with creeks/streams, plantings,landscaping, commuity projects,culvert,flood mitigation,conservancy,public awareness of natural resources,pollution,project cost efficiencies, stewardship and "green" stuff. Keep up the good work!

I believe LPSNRD is involved in community grant projects that help protect water sources and habitats.

soil, water, air and habitat conservation tree planting,

I've just heard of it

trees

water projects

Trails, groundwater protection, wells, flood control, education, trees.

outdoor education through school field trips, water quality testing, bare root tree program

Conservation of land for public purposes.

Tree programs, groundwater programs, environmental education

Flood Mitigation, Flood Control, Groundwater quality and quantity management, I&E, and other NRD activities.

Flood management, Wildlife, Fishing

Planting trees, erosion control

Trails, environmental education, water quality protection, tree sales/planting

Environmental Education, Water rights, Well water testing, Native tree planting, Native Prairie planting, Nature Nights, Earthwellness Festival

Conservation, Tree planting, watershed planning, Groundwater management, and education.

public education, school programs, wildlife, etc

Q5: If yes, list what you know LPSNRD is involved in, including services, programs, and/or projects.

### **Responses**

Flood control, land management, water quality

everything water and natural resource related in the region

Wet program certified. Read website and send students to your website

Free Trees, erosion control, classes on conserving water and erosion controls, dams, and water shed protection, well water capping.

Groundwater, land conservation, recreation, trails, education, hunting and fishing opportunities, storm water, flood protection and monitoring, wetlands, prairies, and forestry and tree programs

Env Education programs! Field trips, groundwater

Planting seedlings, educational programs, conservation.

water issues, trees, plantings, land management education...

Forestry projects (tree purchase assistance, native sapling annual purchase options, city projects, etc), in school lecture and teacher aid materials, and general education conservation education via social media.

Better planning, utilization, and sustainability

Prairie Corridor

Maintaining trails

Tree give away, platte river state park/wagon train field trips

I honestly don't know aside from hearing of it before

Cost share for conservation of our natural resources. Sponsoring land judging and other school conservation learning events.

ground water quality, ground water quantity, watershed protection, tree planting, flood control

-Community cost-share initiatives for natural resources / infrastructure improvements

-Stream Stabilization projects

-Educational programs

-Rain barrel program

-Backyard Pollinator Program

-Recreation areas

Native grass, trees cost sharing

LPSNRD provides many activities and information for our school.

education, outreach, support for community members

Q5: If yes, list what you know LPSNRD is involved in, including services, programs, and/or projects.

### **Responses**

Recreation, soil and water conservation, trees, flood control  
trail maintenance, wildlife areas, water way management  
ground water, surface water projects, community trees  
Outdoor Experiences for LPS students (Wildwood, Platte River State Park)

Restoring and preserving Nebraska Salt Marsh Project  
I've ordered trees over the years, and gone to a couple seminars.  
Bank Stabilization  
Flood Control Watershed Project Dams  
Antelope Valley Flood Control Project  
Flood Control Non-Watershed Project Dams  
Flood mitigation, Water quality and quantity, Protecting the natural resources in our area. Protecting and restoring natural habitats.  
Educating the public on what's so special about the LPS watershed area.

Tree and water programs

Earth Wellness Festival, LPS field trips

I am aware of the services, but especially use the education piece for my classroom!

watershed mgmt/flood control; groundwater mgmt; rec areas; bike trails; tree seedlings program

Well decommissioning cost share, helping landowners with soil conservation and creating buffer strips to keep water clean, helping landowners create windbreaks, taking care of bike trails in the district, caring for the saline wetlands north of Lincoln, and other stuff that I can't remember right now.

Bank Stabilization

Flood Control Watershed Project Dams

Antelope Valley Flood Control Project

Flood Control Non-Watershed Project Dams

Stream Interventions

Trails/Conservation Corridors

Environmental education, flood risk mitigation, storm water management, outdoor recreation/trails, tree planting program,  
Natural resource preservation and education. I think of Nature Nights in schools and water way management like S. Salt Creek work.

Q5: If yes, list what you know LPSNRD is involved in, including services, programs, and/or projects.

### **Responses**

Many of my students are engaged with learning through work with McKenzie Barry

Lower South Platte River Field trip

Resource integration

Protecting Wetlands, Tree program, flood control, watershed management

I know about their work with Lincoln area schools in providing hands-on field trip opportunities.

bike trails, creek maintenance, storm water runoff, dams, planting trees, water quality

Schools

Flood control and Tree purchases through the NRD.

Most things as I am a Director

Water steam projects, antelope valley....

soil and water conservation.

maintaining erosion control in streams and rivers.

hiker-biker trails construction and maintenance.

providing tree and shrubs for rural plantings.

providing cost-share on larger tree purchases.

ground water quality and quantity, wetlands, public lakes, soil conservation, flood control, streambank stabilization, conservation

easements, trees, environmental education, etc

Tree planting, water sampling, trail maintenance

Trees

watershed dam projects, conservation practice programs, natural recourse education, flood control projects, recreation facilities,

wetland restoration etc..

Flood control measures

Storm water retention

Erosion control

Clean water measures

Conservation

Conservation, Water quality issues tree plantings, habitat projects, outdoor recreation

Tree program, dam monitoring, grass/pollinators program

Q5: If yes, list what you know LPSNRD is involved in, including services, programs, and/or projects.

### **Responses**

Use of cover crops to reduce soil nitrate nitrogen leaching from the Waverly Water Supply Reserve

Conservation cost share, flood control, trees, stream erosion

flood protection, conservation projects as well as taking care of a good stretch of my favorite trail...MOPAC east from 98th

Recreation Areas, Flood Management

I purchase trees and shrubs every year

tree and seed give aways - flood control - water management

I own a farm and have bought prob 500 trees and planted them

Providing native plants/seeds to the public.

Water source protection

Water quality testing

Safe use of water

Reduce pollution

Polluted water

Water resources production

Trees make water

Groundwater

The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District operates and maintains 200 flood control dams, 13 miles of levees, approximately 12 miles of urban stream channels, 50 miles of trails, 9 wildlife management areas, 11 public wetlands, and monitors ground water quantity and quality.

The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (LPSNRD) is comprised of a six county area of southeastern Nebraska, including nearly one million acres and 350,000 residents. LPSNRD is governed by a 21-member, elected Board of Directors.

Each year we also provide over \$1M in cost-share assistance to landowners to install best management practices

I don't know yet

Reduce water pollution

Reduce emission pollution

Protect water quality

Q5: If yes, list what you know LPSNRD is involved in, including services, programs, and/or projects.

**Responses**

Natural environment protection

Energy conservation and emission reduction

Natural resources

groundwater preservation, local preserves, watershed management, local recreation areas, etc

Trail management

Q9: Which of the following LPSNRD programs or projects are you familiar with? Select all that apply.

### **Other Responses**

Local well protection

Recreational fishing lakes

Classroom butterflies

Backyard pollinator

Oak creek trails and all the other lakes you manage

Flood control on weeping water creek

I haven't heard of many of these but I wish I knew more about.

Merganser, Tanglewood, wild plum, cotton tail

Abandoned well capping cost sharing

cost share

You have some exciting pollinator habitat programs that, I would guess, overlap with flood protections and soil health

Work with City of Lincoln and others on storm water management, including implementation of BMP for water quality and quantity

Cover crop incentives

Educational Outreach--Talks in classrooms about trees and what the LPSNRD is

grants for child care providers

Earth wellness festival, groundwater monitoring and management

Pollinator planting

Pollinators gardens

Pollinator habitat

I read your quarterly newsletter

I've fished various NRD lakes in your jurisdiction

Prairie grass and forb seeds

Pollinator program.

Pollinator planting program

Q9: Which of the following LPSNRD programs or projects are you familiar with? Select all that apply.

**Other Responses**

Earth Wellness Festival partner.

Small fishing lakes

Project Wet

Saline Wetlands Partnership, Backyard pollinator program, Jamaica/homestead trail, Prairie Corridor

Conservation cost share

Wellhead Protection

Earth Wellness Festival

Upper Salt Creek Watershed dams,



Q10: What is your preferred LPSNRD natural area to visit? Select all that apply.

**Other Responses**

I have visited all, but not regularly

Merganser, Wild Plum

Mostly visit state facilities

Pioneers park

Walking issues prevent me from accessing

Homestead Trail

Chalco / Wehrspann Lake

I haven't necessarily visited these areas, but am now interested in doing so.

Fishing at local streams rivers and lakes

Salt Creek Levee

did not know you could visit hose sites

Usually spend time boating on the Missouri River

haven't gone in a long time

papillion lake

I visit natural areas often but none of these NRD options are very close to me.

I haven't been to any of these places but am glad to now know they exist.

Waterford lake

Merganser, wild plum

Little Salt Fork Marsh and Little Salt Springs

I didn't know about some of these places, but am excited to visit them soon!

I haven't visited any NRD lands yet, but I intend to this summer.

Meadowlark

Wilderness Park

All are on my todo/tosee list

Na

Q10: What is your preferred LPSNRD natural area to visit? Select all that apply.

**Other Responses**

capitol beach trail

Pioneers Park

Platte River State Park

Conestoga Lake

We usually visit state parks

Dead Man's Run

I haven't visited any of these

Need to visit more of the areas mentioned in this survey!

Flood control sites.

Branched Oak

I'm too new here to have visited places yet. I would be interested in info.

Spring Creek Audubon Center, Holmes Lake,

Wild Plum Lake, Tanglewood Lake, Merganser Lake, Cottontail Lake, Meadowlark Lake, and Red Cedar Lake

Pioneer's Park, Wilderness Park

Lied Bridge

I heard of mopac trail for bike riders but I haven't heard of the other areas.

tanglewood

Merganser Lake

Would like to visit, but am unfamiliar with the above areas

I have difficulty walking, so I don't visit hiking trails. But I enjoy the bike paths.

All other hiker/biker trails

Salt creek levee trail

I do not visit these listed. Pioneers Park, Bison Trail, state parks

For nature I just walk our land

I love natural areas but have yet to visit these

Q10: What is your preferred LPSNRD natural area to visit? Select all that apply.

### **Other Responses**

Jack Sinn salt marsh up by Ceresco. Holmes and Pawnee

Cottontail Lake

Wagon Train

Need a map and information to visit!

Red Cedar Lake

Lied Bridge

Pioneer park, Holmes lake, Antelope Valley trails

Pioneers park and nine mile prairie

Meadowlark Lake

Have a hard time w most natural areas bc VERY allergic to weeds and trees

Cottontail

none near me mostly for Lincoln

my main concern is flood control need more road dams built

I don't know any of these so I need to do some research to see what I have an interest in.

Haines Branch Prairie Corridor

Bluestem

Upper Salt watershed lakes

Antelope Valley Trails & waterway corridor

Cottonwood Lake

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I have not visited any. But would like to.

NRD Adjacent Parks

Small fishing lakes

we end up going to other areas or on farm mostly...just by happenstance

Wagon Train, Platte River State Park

Q10: What is your preferred LPSNRD natural area to visit? Select all that apply.

**Other Responses**

While I do spend a lot of time outside, I don't specifically go to any of these places

All

I have not visited any of these yet, but am interested in learning more about them and visiting.

Not sure what areas fall into this group

Platte River Pedestrian Bridge

Platte River Bridge

Q11: When visiting a LPSNRD natural area, what types of recreation do you enjoy? Select all that apply.

### **Other Responses**

Visiting state areas for boating, fishing, camping

I'm not much of an outdoor person.

Swimming

I often pick up trash when I go walking or biking.

Enjoy The view

anything that has disability access

never been to any

i do not visit natural areas

If I did go I'd like kayaking and camping

IF I did it would be walking

Dog walking, edible plant foraging

Drawing and writing while in nature.

Picnic

I don't visit.

Don't participate

Educational studies of our environment of soil, water, and air.

Hiking

Running

These are areas that I feel would be important but have not visited the above sites

Need to visit your lakes to try kayaking

I enjoy seeing the NRD perform it's original mission before they tried to be a parks department.

Handicapped so don't visit

none

Paddle boarding

SCTBs

Q11: When visiting a LPSNRD natural area, what types of recreation do you enjoy? Select all that apply.

### **Other Responses**

None

None

I don't usually go because people have made it too loud to enjoy peace in nature.

I enjoy the biking trails.

Hiking

have not visited

Swimming

Nature bathing

None

Hiking

Picnic areas

None I am 83 years old and can't do these things any longer - I just try to read and be informed about such things.

None

Picnicking

walking when I was younger

Hiking trails

Using the outdoor space to do something like work, mail, have lunch

canoeing

None

Unfortunately, picking up litter.

Looking at watching observing grassland / wetland / prairie ecosystems.

I don't visit the NRD sites, I go to state and national parks.

Canoeing

don't visit the areas

I previously answered that I do not visit natural areas, so this question should offer a N/A choice.

Q11: When visiting a LPSNRD natural area, what types of recreation do you enjoy? Select all that apply.

**Other Responses**

Using nets to try and catch snails and other organisms with students

none

Q12: Have you participated in any of the following pertaining to groundwater quality? Select all that apply.

### **Other Responses**

Rain gardening/scaping

Interested though

Installed natural slate patio to allow for optimum drainage and minimize runoff

Picking up trash

Forestry event in plattsmouth

UNL student research

Nitrate well water testing. (Back home on the acreage)

N/a

I have participated in the GC Resolve water quality test

I have my water tested

Annual groundwater consumption metering/reporting from waterwells with a >50gpm pump rate.

As a city dweller and person who's worked on water quality projects, I've promoted efforts like the above, but not had a personal use for them

Only as a professional in public health advocating for people to access LPDNRD for such services

Live in an urban area - have a rain water garden

Water testing. Previous job.

I have not participated, but support these programs for others who qualify. I helped start the wellhead protection effort in Ashland trying to get nitrate filters installed in house

Test well water every so often

Groundwater education and public events to help citizens understand the value of NRD programs.

Reading NRD newsletter as resource for lookup/research into similar programs, online information/articles and content.

Nine

Field trip



## Q16: Which of the following LPSNRD cost-share programs are you aware of?

### **Other Responses**

Heard about the conservation tree program on kzum.

Backyard pollinator

just heard about the landscape tree program today

N/a

conservation habitat easements, shelter programs, prescribed fire

N/a

none

Prairie Pollinator program, I read about in the Wahoo Newspaper

May have read about some of these - but don't know much about any of them.

farm ponds and flood control are very important

Pollinator Planing Program

I tried to use the landscape trees program, but the cost share was so low and the regulations so difficult that the program was not worth the effort

Infrastructure improvements, i.e. storm sewer fix

Technical assistance, but not cost sharing on farm dam construction.

Q22: Please provide additional information about your needs, opinions, and concerns about natural resources in our area and/or LPSNRD's programs and projects. (Optional)

### **Responses**

I've lived here 60 years and you pay farmers to take out their trees and waterways then you turn around and pay them to put them in- that angers me. There is no wildlife in the country around Davey anymore, because the farmers have removed all of the habitat. I also think too much is spent on trails in Lincoln by the NRD. Let Lincoln finance their own trails. Our village wells are getting higher in nitrates, yet you don't seem to prevent the problem of too much fertilizer on the fields. On a related note, I am really surprised that with all of the nitrate and other pollution problems, that you would let Lincoln dump the sewer sludge on local fields. This just seems wrong.

The way capitalism works allows property owners a great deal of latitude to do things profitable in the near term without thought to future needs. It will be a hard push, especially now, to prevent such actions.

Just smart ecology

Water quality is very important

I am very concerned about water management. I grew up on a farm that did not utilize irrigation. I do not feel we should be wasting water on keeping lawns green. I am very concerned about corporations not being held accountable like the disaster near Mead. I am concerned about nitrate levels in our water in Nebraska. We all need to think about managing our resources long term instead of right now. Profits > protecting our resources seems to be the norm for farmers now.

Thank you for all that you do!

Over usage of sprinklers in cities of water for keeping "green" grass, especially in new professional builds and existing ones.

Nitrate levels in groundwater

I appreciate the important work you are doing!

County board blindly oking small 3 acreages with minimal water supply.

We're lucky to have the NRDs in Nebraska. They do important work to help conserve and preserve our natural environment. I hope they also work with Native tribes to include them in the work and any long-term planning.

I wish there was more information available

Recruit more talents

To have a comprehensive understanding of the environment of enterprise management, it is necessary to have a perfect thinking model, so as to ensure that the ability to play in the right place.

Hold a seminar

Q22: Please provide additional information about your needs, opinions, and concerns about natural resources in our area and/or LPSNRD's programs and projects. (Optional)

### **Responses**

More publicity to attract talents

Publicize and organize more activities

Think about the thinking level, influence the action, and then do the technical level of specific operations

Enhance the thinking level of the big picture, more projects present

Protect biodiversity, regulate runoff, improve water quality, regulate microclimate, provide food and industrial raw materials, and provide tourism resources

We can draw on a wide range of talents

More vegetation

Nature reserves change, make a great contribution to nature protection

More projects can be implemented

Can advertise more, let people realize the importance of this

Protect biodiversity, regulate runoff, improve water quality

It is hoped that more protected areas can be developed and more publicity can be made to make more people understand the importance of nature conservation

We will strengthen publicity and education in nature reserves and guide the public to consciously participate in ecological protection

We will improve the spatial distribution of nature reserves

Strengthen the construction of the protection and management team of nature reserves

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We will improve the spatial distribution of nature reserves

We can provide young people with opportunities to visit and let them know the importance of environmental protection

I hope we can better protect wild resources and protect the earth

Q22: Please provide additional information about your needs, opinions, and concerns about natural resources in our area and/or LPSNRD's programs and projects. (Optional)

### **Responses**

The control of pollution and the economy's consumption of resources

Protect trees

Solicit the opinions of the people

Protect water resources

From the little I know, I love what you guys are doing. The cost sharing programs are great. The "put these in order" questions were very difficult because they were all important. First is climate change. 1B (and essentially the same thing in my opinion) is quantity and quality of water. Right below that is wildlife conservation. Then flood management stuff. Then education. Lastly recreation, which is great, but can't really take precedent over the rest. I hope you continue to preserve the environment as best you can, encourage people to participate through education and cost sharing programs, and get the youth involved with things like field trips.

Irrigation well development reports that need to be paid by the NRD..not the landowner. The reports benefit all in the district. Otherwise it appears the Big Hand of Government once again gets into our pocket.

I don't know much about LPSNRD so would like to know more. I inherited a very small family farm and need help maintaining it in an affordable manner. While this farm is not in the Lower Platt South area, maybe I can learn ways to keep the farm self sustainable.

I think the LPSNRD team does a great job of covering ground water, education, trail support , cost shares and many other things that help resources in our district.

Land conservation and flood control should be your primary focus not recreation like bike trails!

I hope you can explain and publicize this plan more and help us to have a deeper understanding of this plan

Education

Building more connections between landowners and NRD could be a fruitful goal. Perhaps providing contact information for the different divisions encouraging questions and communication from landowners needing more education, or a forum for landowners to help each other if there isn't already one.

I live near wetlands at northland preserves. The mosquitoes are so bad. How can we reduce them safely

Strengthen management of protected areas

Q22: Please provide additional information about your needs, opinions, and concerns about natural resources in our area and/or LPSNRD's programs and projects. (Optional)

### **Responses**

Keep up the great work

Water quality and state actually enforcing pollutants in ground water. Not really within LPSNRD jurisdiction!

Volunteering.

I appreciate the work you all do.

I want to protect wildlife habitat, and continue to enjoy the Wilderness hiking trails, and the many lakes for kayaking.

how does a person find out about a "flood plain area near there home?? (as in more information on it ?)

Leading young people to understand the global landscape changes.

Prevent poachers from harming wild animals

Limit the flow of people in some places rich in natural resources

Educate children to love wild animals from childhood

Divide some human activity areas and wild animals as far as possible

Cultivate children's awareness of environmental protection from an early age

Can collect donations from people who love the environment and animals

Actively hold relevant lectures in the school

Set up rescue personnel in places where wild animals live

Protect wild animals and try not to be disturbed by humans

Set up some wildlife reserves

Set up some natural resource reserves

More parks can be set up

More forests can be arranged in some places

Give more living environment for wild animals

More forest and lake construction

information projects

I don't know much about it yet

We should save water

Q22: Please provide additional information about your needs, opinions, and concerns about natural resources in our area and/or LPSNRD's programs and projects. (Optional)

### **Responses**

Cut down fewer trees

Improve the natural environment and give it protection.

Hope to better protect the environment

Protect water resources

If the water quality is not improved, is there any danger for children?

information

save resources

Control flooding of weeping water creek

Fracking waste water contamination of the aquifer. Forestry management dealing with climate crisis.

End taxpayers welfare used to enrich crony capitalist millionaire politicians and their billionaires donors.

Stop the nonsense of using toxic chemicals along waterways.

Hold businesses accountable for their toxic waste practices.

I would like to see more information around and on the news about it and the importance.

The programs need continued and possibly increased attention in advertising all that you do. Using all of the above

Also getting young people's attention by taking them outdoors to the sites rather than just telling them facts indoors

I would like to know more but have not searched before for the information. Hearing more sounds good so hopefully after the survey I have the motivation to search.

Future groundwater availability.

I'd like to help with field trips or youth fishing sometime

The ranking of importance was really difficult because all of those things are so important. I'm really glad that LPSNRD is doing this work, even if I don't know many specifics.

Thank you for doing the field trips for students and maintaining the trails.

I would guess the NRD could use more funds and more personnel

Q22: Please provide additional information about your needs, opinions, and concerns about natural resources in our area and/or LPSNRD's programs and projects. (Optional)

### **Responses**

Native plant landscaping

Prairie preservation

Information about tree programs

Need for more unbiased stream gaging and groundwater gaging. To many discrete water level reading don't give much context to real groundwater fluctuation need real time monitoring.

Amount of trash at merganser nrd

Would like more education opps like your tree workshop, lots of new neighbors & houses going up outside of Lincoln.

Homeowners like myself greatly benefit from these.

I think all of your programs are important. I mostly have participated in your education programs as a parent and teacher. I also use some of the recreation areas and plan to visit more. Thank you for the important work you do!

Pond management, cost share wells

I think for the future water supply of both Omaha and Lincoln population a lake with hydroelectric damn and water treatment should be installed in Ashland

Keep up the good work

Glad for your support of our local environment.

Thank you for the opportunity to complete the survey. Use the results wisely..

Just think it is necessary to get word out to let people know what important work is taking and more that needs to be done. Don't push climate change nonsense!

Please keep climate in mind

Tell the public more about your programs. They sound interesting.

Info on elected positions and candidates, I have no idea who I'm voting for or what they do.

I think that NRDs do important work.

LPSNRD is terrible about maintaining easements and leaves partners high and dry. Very disappointed in the leadership and the lack of follow through.

Most of your programs seem focused on agriculture

Q22: Please provide additional information about your needs, opinions, and concerns about natural resources in our area and/or LPSNRD's programs and projects. (Optional)

### **Responses**

I'm still not entirely sure what this group does (even after taking the survey). I'm also unsure about some of the more technical terms mentioned in this survey.

Please consider providing trash service

I am interested in how LPSNRD is participating in and encouraging Net Zero Carbon projects. Are they working on purposefully creating carbon sinks?

My top priority would be preserving natural areas with climate change in mind. I am deeply worried about worsening drought and flooding.

Keep monitoring ground water levels to protect homeowner wells from irrigators

I wish there was more about you when new people like myself move to the area

I am concerned about development in / around wetlands and habitat loss. I am concerned about urban heat island effect in Lincoln.

Everything starts with climate change. EVERYTHING.

Homeowners and businesses need to have more laws/regulation/enforcement/ education on lawn care/pesticide/herbicide/ icemelt application!!!! Everyone uses way too much and leaves it all over the sidewalks to enter into our storm drains and drinking water affecting people, animals, and the environment

There is a big problem with management of building along the Platte with big Sandy, Sandy pointe, and lake allure erecting flood control measures that will negatively affect surrounding residents and land owners.

people and businesses need to have more laws/regulation/enforcement/ education on lawn care/pesticide/herbicide/ icemelt application!!!! Everyone uses way too much and leaves it all over the sidewalks to enter into our storm drains and drinking water

Beware of floods and natural disasters.

I live in Lincoln now for college, but I once lived east of Brainard. I wish the oak creek trail and Timber point were maintained better. I would also like more natural areas/conservation.

Water quality

Please keep fighting the floods!

i still feel that we do not know enough about the important work you do.. you have many tax dollars. Good to know. Not sure how best to do it. invite folks to a meeting



Q22: Please provide additional information about your needs, opinions, and concerns about natural resources in our area and/or LPSNRD's programs and projects. (Optional)

### **Responses**

Don't really have any. Would like to see less building in the floodplain since we are the ones causing the problems with more pavement and destruction of habitat. Somehow incentivize landowners to stop tearing out trees unless they are invasive like the cedars. Better land management along streams, no farming say 50ft on either side of a waterway.

Wish they could help plant trees

I live on an acreage outside of Lincoln with farm ground and a small pond.

Are we going to be prepared for any extra dry or extra wet seasons coming? I know in the past it's affected many farmers and Recreation areas along with wildlife areas

I am originally from Mead NE and am concerned about the impact of the ALTEN disaster and how this will affect water, air, ground quality to all areas and communities affected.

Can be more improved, the quality of service

Hopefully the water will be better

Think you are doing a great job. Use the Mopac, camp at Wildwood every other year. Hear great things from farmer friends

More awareness of conservation needs and how an individual can have an impact.

I would like information on having a more environmentally friendly options to a traditional lawn

Always looking for outdoor recreation and info on new areas to visit.

Outreach to better publicize meetings and encourage public attendance.

I feel fortunate to have the LPSNRD in my state! Thanks!

More needs to be discussed for the public about how flooding effects our cities water supply.

I think conservation and wildlife habitat are more important than recreation. I wish wildlife had more space to live naturally.

I'm impressed with the LPSNRD's programs and offerings. I think you're an extremely valuable asset to watershed protection efforts.

I feel like it's important for students to learn about our environment. It would be awesome to have someone from LPSNRD come and educate my students.

Doing a good job for 60 plus years.

Q22: Please provide additional information about your needs, opinions, and concerns about natural resources in our area and/or LPSNRD's programs and projects. (Optional)

### **Responses**

Support more climate change initiatives

Support more conservation easements

I'd like to see LPSNRD explicitly make the connection between climate change and your various programs. Talk about impacts, now and in the future, and what you're doing to mitigate them.

There can never be enough research, studies, and sharing of information regarding our (residents and land owners) impact and responsibility to our environment.

Noticed what seems like a large number of trees being taken out. Seems like it is done to make more farmland.

-city runoff

-pesticides & herbicides

-lawn alternatives such as creeping thyme—less grass lawns + mowing + water consumption

Just getting to know a new area. I'm most concerned right now about resiliency to climate change effects and overcoming the lack of market value for ecosystem services.

I would like to see a concerted effort made to better educate the people of our NRD (and statewide for that matter) on water quality issues. Given my experience in water quality issues and knowledge of ground (and surface) water contamination in Nebraska, I feel that our state lags behind many others in protecting the health and welfare of our citizens by allowing the Ag industry and their lobbyists to have a disproportionate impact on water regulation and environmental enforcement. The Alt-En fiasco in Mead is a perfect example of this. I still believe this is a ticking time bomb and feel the whole matter has not been given the press coverage it deserves. It has and will continue to have a major negative impact on the immediate area and eventually all those living downstream.

Importance of instituting regenerative ag practices in watershed

Water useage.

My only need are maintaining the integrity of the banks of the drainage ravine behind our house. It was shored up a few years ago, but it has partially collapsed again and nobody seems to be doing anything about it.

I worry that the current Lincoln comprehensive plan seriously underestimates the effects of climate change on intensity and length of rainfall and does not protect areas near Salt Creek from development.

Modern industrial agriculture must change to become sustainable and not damaging to the environment.

It would be nice if flood control lakes on a developers land had fishing access. 4 parking stalls?

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### **Responses**

Climate change is affecting everyone everywhere on this planet-health, food insecurity abroad and here at home, planting crops, conserving water, etc. so many area to consider because climate change affects us all. It has taken our government way to long to acknowledge we need to even say the words climate change. We must educate using this term all the time and how we must all adjust our consumption of our natural resources. Education is key!

I think there needs to be better shoreline access at all the NRD lakes, and more firepits / campsites.

More projects and regulations need to work with land owners along floodplains who want to conserve and protect the land and waterways but don't want to give up the land in an easement or by restrictions.

More open communication with stake holders, communications should be beyond your own website and newspapers. Use modern websites like reddit.

As a homeowner in a small town, what are the impacts of managing our resources that I should know about. And how can I support these efforts.

At what point are the projects completed and the taxpayer is free of this agency.

You do great things for our community. Keep up the great work.

Glad to know you all are working to conserve and protect our resources.

This is the first I have heard of the LPSNRD. I would also like to see orgs prioritizing mitigating climate change more.

Thank you

Id like more info about planting more native and diverse plants in my yard to help the bees and other insects. Also the Japanese beetles seem to be more and more of a problem.

Please take care of the dams/structures on private property. Cost share to remove silt from private dams or make it easier to do so.

Thank you for your service knowing most of you know more about this than I do. Just don't be extreme or activists. Top concern is drinking water and availability.

Keep up the good work. You are an outstanding NRD

Would like to see more camping areas

Keep up the great work

I love the involvement of LPSNRD in the recovery and conservation of the SCTB.

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### **Responses**

Does LPSNRD work with UNL? I am in the environmental studies program and to my knowledge have not heard if this. I noticed damming salt creek was an option for one of the questions. I am heavily against this idea, as I fish salt creek a lot throughout the year and it provides the best fishing I have found in the county. Many others also fish salt creek and damming it would cause fish populations to stabilize and the variety of fishing would deteriorate. Gar would likely vanish from the Lincoln area entirely, as well as other species. This is because some fish retreat to larger parts of the creek in the winter months.

All of LPSNRD programs are important and needed. Prioritizing amongst them was difficult. Just because I or others may put certain programs lower on the list does not mean they are not valuable nor does it mean they should be defunded.

Keep up the good work!

One more thing is to do a good job of environmental protection

Groundwater is a concern.

Generally more information on the programs offered

Thank you for all you do

City-girl here thinks first of asking Lancaster County Extension for info. Hadn't occurred to me I could ask of NRD which I think of more as a farm/ranch resource. Perhaps more ads on TV about how the cities are benefiting from the NRDs. Thanks.

Flood control should be #1

I would like more information regarding soil conservation and floodplain management

Thanks you!

I'm concerned there are too many people who treat parks and wildlife recreation areas as there personal landfills

Please do as much community outreach as possible! There are so many things you offer that I was totally unaware of I think salt creek needs attention paid to angling access and management in addition to flood management. It's a great fishery, but could be excellent with a few improvements.

I really don't have up-to-date information on LPSNRD programs

Trees and shelter belt

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### **Responses**

We need more green space and natural areas in Lincoln, not just trails.

Preservation of open floodplain property and trail management is very important to me

Trendwood area would appreciate continual support and advocacy to ensure our space is managed to show respect toward families visiting the neighborhood trails and playground and homeowners by regular upkeep of the "pond"

The bike patch trail needs to connect to the bridge over the platter river

Worried about groundwater

I'm concerned that few people know enough about programs and their effects to make ballot issues actually be about the issues themselves.

Landowners need a higher percentage of cost-sharing to encourage more conservation

Would like to see option to purchase larger trees than seedlings - Trees from NNF Sandhills do always do well here in dense soil...

Love what you do. I think LPSNRD should take over Lincoln Parks and Recreation.

Protect our groundwater. No pipelines!

I enjoy the hiker biker trails and recreation areas so would like to see them maintained.

I'd love to do nitrate training and testing of local streams

I support your work

Ecological balance

Ground water levels. Conservation of wetlands and habitats while the city grows. Preserving the image of the good farmer

I wish I knew more about how to create a green lawn space that didn't require much (if any) mowing and little watering.

And to be able to do it affordable since our family is in the low income range

Thanks for everything you do!

Thanks to this survey, I will be checking the LPSNRD's website to learn more.

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### **Responses**

I like to utilize the lakes that the NRD manages. If a cost sharing project with land owners for building flood control dams occurs I think a stipulation would be to open those properties to have access to those ponds in the NE Open Water program along with at least an initial stocking of fish. I understand that some people don't take care of these and the NRD locations but hopefully with education on responsible care we could have more fishing opportunities in Nebraska.

Strengthen management

Become a little more known so people do refer to your website

Red cedar tree control. Pond health and maintenance. Nitrate testing.

Need cost share projects to make dam lakes

We realize state parks and NRD are different areas, it would be handy if there were a state map of SP and NRD areas  
natural resources

Grateful for your work and support of trails

tree replacement, tree planting, water resources

I love camping at the LPSNRD lakes, but unfortunately people leave trash. I'd like to see more signage and literature about the importance of leave no trace practices.

Water pollution and environmental damage

I tried to schedule a site consultation with the LPSNRD forester and never heard back (email or phone).

Concerned about the protection of wetland resources and the measures of flood control system

more cooperation with the state agencies especially in installing nitrate filter in every home needing them.

more road dams should be built work with the county roads department to get this done the elevated road and culverts are already in place just need risers to hold back the water work with the land owners to slow the flooding down every little bit helps

Water quality has been destroyed, worried about health.

environmental reform

Protect animal

Water first you know what I mean

Protection of natural environment and water resources

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### **Responses**

I only know about issues in the Know Your NRD flyers in the mail. I think Facebook & email would a great way to highlight projects. There needs to be information on how to contact you and the services you offer. I have lived here all my life and know very little about what you do for Lincoln and the surrounding communities. I think with global warming there needs to be more exposure for people to learn and care about our environment.

Please Save Water

I would like to see more farmers worry about what runs off their fields. And start to create more buffer strips on their ground for wildlife!

We need more terraces

You are doing important work - keep it up

I believe you do a good job with the programs and projects but would like to see more outreach in the urban core areas of Lincoln from you. A lot of Urban residents don't readily know who you guys are.

The connector trail between the MoPac terminus at Wabash needs to get connected with the Platte River Lied bridge. I like the 310th option.

The educational programs for students are excellent. Continue teaching children to appreciate and respect the environment.

SEND TREES SOONER

I have fished Wildwood and many of the lakes in the area. I have seen the degradation of these areas with trash and vandalism. I like seeing the education of children so they can get a love of nature and the outdoors.

Thank you!

I feel there is a need to encourage beaver habitat for observaton stations, flood control, recreation, climate change mitigation, surface and groundwater enhancement, etc.

I appreciate what's available in our area

Wilderness Park along Hwy 77, lack of management, very poor stand of trees where we should see native prairie. Would like to see active management of that area to improve riparian function.

The NRD activities are an essential part of the quality of life that benefits all citizens in the watershed. My goal is to raise awareness about these benefits and citizen support for NRD services and programs.

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### **Responses**

Water is our primary concern. I see zero new and novel efforts in the state legislature to create, preserve, protect water resources for future generations. One of my main concerns in town and surrounding areas is the amount of inputs people and businesses put on turf grass surrounding homes and commercial buildings. I would like to see some effort to encourage commercial and residential buildings to be surrounded by limited amounts of turf grass, and somehow incentivized to plant native grass and native plantings. I especially like to see these efforts applied to all new construction. There should be some motivation or requirement on the part of developers to plant native plantings, and to not simply rollout turf grass and sprinkler systems around every new commercial building. This seems like a worthy cause for the NRD to pick up.

Private school teachers need more information to access your resources.

To reduce pollution, not to be untreated sewage discharge at will

Protection of biological, biological and human coexistence, all in harmony with the environment

Don't introduce alien species at will, don't release animals everywhere, So as not to destroy the ecological balance.

I am interested in the Landscape Tree program. We lost 2 mature trees this year. I would like to replace with native trees.

I looked for an application on your website, but did not find.

Electricity water thrift, thrift

Drive one day less, car, riding a bicycle in a day.

To refuse the excessive packaging

Double-sided using each paper

Delawning programs

The rare wood, refused to use items

NRD is doing a really valuable service in planning and visioning. Your emphasis on protecting and conserving is great.

I would love to know more about involving these programs as part of education.

I believe interests are centering in the key areas.

We need to more trees

I'd like to know more about conservation easements, particularly if an easement resulted in lower property tax rates



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### **Responses**

The educational opportunities are amazing and provide opportunities for public school students to experience nature and learn about NRD services to which they haven't been exposed to before

Gasoline saving use, to reduce atmospheric pollution

Electricity saving use of resources

Use of water resources saving

the use of paper

Save water and electricity, don't cut down trees too much

Save water and electricity

Must treasure the water resources To cherish the water We must cherish water resources

Don't cut down trees too much

establish a new outlook

Rely on scientific and technological progress to alleviate contradiction of supply and demand

Don't waste money on climate change.

Improve ecological nature

Don't abuse resources

We should plant more trees

Concerned about water quality and quantity and urban sprawl

We need more fishing lakes! And access to NRD lakes on private property built with our taxes.

I am concerned about building in areas near wetlands and natural areas. Increases human dwellings like apartments have increased pet waste, refuse, fuel and other fluid leaks. The salt creek area will definitely suffer with more cement causing faster run off carrying trash and toxic fluids and more fecal colliforms into the creek.

Do not base decisions on climate change rhetoric. The climate has continually changed over millions of years and the landscape has adapted on its own.

I'm very interested in programs that convert farm land into pollinator habitat.

I feel protection of the of natural resources is one of the most important tasks for survival of life on our planet.

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### **Responses**

Sorting and recycling waste, we should save all kinds of resources.

Don't throw away the waste battery at random. We should collect it and hand it over to the relevant department.

To warn people not to spit everywhere, don't throw rubbish everywhere, not anywhere the domestic sewage.

Thank you for all you do.

I would like some cost-sharing options for farmers who construct terraces with risers and basins incorporated? I have done some at my own expense, but would do more with cost-sharing if standards weren't "over the top".

--Would it ever be feasible to develop a program whereby grass and leaves could be spread on row-crop ground to reduce erosion and add organic matter to the soil?

We will establish and improve a system for balancing supply and demand in territorial space

We will establish and improve a mechanism for coordinating the supply and demand of territorial space

There is a lack of overall demonstration on the use of new construction land and the impact of land occupation index items on the overall development of economy and society

A variety of trees can produce oxygen, and they can stop wind and sand, and they can stop floods.

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Maybe a few more newsletters or emails with updated projects and information.

Industrial parks occupy a large amount of land space, settled enterprises are insufficient, the space utilization rate is not high

They do a great job with students

I really dont know much about this, just what i see in the mini newsletter i get sent in the mail every few months. But i enjoy learning about whats going on

Would like to understand how LPSNRD works with groundwater protection and rural water districts.

Appreciate the care taken/provided for the MOPAC east trail. Would love to see another drinking fountain sprout up between Walton & Eagle somewhere, though.

More education and resources to use native plants on private property

We need to get people organized

Reduce vehicle emissions

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**Responses**

Optimize more locations

More people take action

Reduce dangerous areas such as swamps

Produce healthy water sources

Forest area protection

Vigorously publicize

Post more

Pollution penalty

Effectively reduce the generation of sewage

Add troubleshooting method

Protect water resources and forest resources

I enjoy the print newsletter you send out



**LOWER PLATTE SOUTH**  
natural resources district

