

# *Private Lands Habitat Management Cost-Share Programs*

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# *MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS*

## *USDA Farm Bill*



- ❖ **WHIP** (Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program)
- ❖ **EQIP** Environmental Quality Incentives Program)



Farm Service Agency

- ❖ **CRP** (Conservation Reserve Program Mid Contract Management)

# *MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS*

## *US Department of Interior*

### *US Fish & Wildlife Service*



- ❖ **Partners For Fish & Wildlife**
- ❖ **NAWCA North American Wetlands Conservation Act**
  - Prairie Pothole Joint Venture
  - Upper Mississippi / Great Lakes Joint Venture

# *MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS*

## *State of Minnesota*



- ❖ Heritage Enhancement
- ❖ PHIP (Pheasant Habitat Improvement Program)
- ❖ Turkey Stamp (Online Grant)
- ❖ Non Game Funds
- ❖ Forestry DOF State C/S Program
- ❖ Native Buffer Cost Share Program
- ❖ RIM Cost Share (Reinvest In Minnesota)



# *MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS*

## *Non Government Organizations*



- ❖ Pheasants Forever
- ❖ National Wild Turkey Federation
- ❖ Ducks Unlimited
- ❖ Minnesota Deer Hunters Associations
- ❖ Local Sportsman's Clubs
- ❖ The Nature Conservancy
- ❖ Minnesota Waterfowl Association



# ***PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS***

## ❖ **WHIP** (Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program)

Flat Rate Based on 75% C/S  
Non Federal Program Land  
No Land Payment Involved

## ❖ **EQIP** (Environmental Quality Incentives Program)

Flat Rate Based on 50% C/S  
Some Program Incentives  
Non Federal Program Land  
\$1,000.00 in Commodities Sales



# ***PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS***

## **❖ CRP (Conservation Reserve Program Mid Contract Management)**

50% NTE Rate

2 Mid Contract Management Practices on 15 year Contract

1 Mid Contract Management Practice on 10 Year Contract

Practice Has to Take Place Between Years 1 & 7



# ***PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS***

## ❖ **Partners For Fish & Wildlife**

No Association with  
Federal Funds

50%-100% Cost Share

Priority on Easements

Focus on Waterfowl and Grassland  
Bird Habitat

High Priority at least 40 acres

## ❖ **NAWCA (North America Wetland Conservation Act)**

Grant Funds, usually through club.

50% non Federal Match Required

Focus on Waterfowl and Grassland  
Bird Habitat





# ***PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS***

## ❖ **MN DNR Grants**

**Heritage Enhancement & PHIP** (Pheasant Habitat Improvement Program)  
Focused on Grassland and Wetland Habitat.

**Turkey Stamp** – Woodland Projects through local club.

**MN DNR DOF State C/S Program** Forest Stewardship Plan Required, Flat Rate Payment

Private Lands Specialist or Area Wildlife Manager May Set Limits.

**LIP** (Landowner Incentives Program) **Non Game** Funds focused on Species in Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN)



## ❖ **Native Buffer Cost Share Program**

75% Max Cost Share

At least 15 Year Contract

Prairie Seeding must be Local Seed Sources, Tree Removal, Prescribed Burning, Seed Harvest, Site Prep and a Rental payment (3 yrs X 75% of the Rental Payment)

**Must Achieve 25 species goal**

Administered By Local SWCD'S (Soil & Water Conservation Districts)



# *RIM Cost Share*

- ❖ Applications taken on “Case by Case” basis.
- ❖ A Practice Implementation/Amendment Request Form has to be Completed at your local SWCD office.
- ❖ 100% Cost Share NTE \$300 or \$600 per acre.
- ❖ Eligible practices: Wetland Restoration, Native Grass Establishment, Brome Conversion to Natives, and Tree Planting.



# ***PRESCRIBED BURNING***

- ❖ **WHIP** \$45 - \$56 per ac.
- ❖ **EQIP** \$30 - \$38 per ac.
- ❖ **CRP (MCM)** 50% NTE  
\$30 - \$40 per ac.
- ❖ **MN DNR PHIP, Heritage** -  
Set by Specialist
- ❖ **MN DNR DOF State C/S  
Program** - \$35 per acre
- ❖ **Native Buffer Cost Share  
Program** 75% C/S





# ***TSI & TREE/BUCKTHORN REMOVAL***



- ❖ **WHIP \$113 - \$553 per ac.**
- ❖ **EQIP \$104 - \$369 per ac.**
- ❖ **CRP (MCM) 50% NTE \$15 per ac.**
- ❖ **USFWS Partners For Fish & Wildlife 50% - 100%**
- ❖ **MN DNR DOF State C/S Program \$25 - \$89 per acre.**
- ❖ **MN DNR Heritage, PHIP, Turkey Stamp, Non Game – Set by Specialist**
- ❖ **Native Buffer Cost Share Program 75% C/S**

# ***EARLY SUCCESSIONAL HABITAT DEVELOPMENT and MANAGEMENT***

*(Brush Mowing or Shearing, Edge Feathering)*

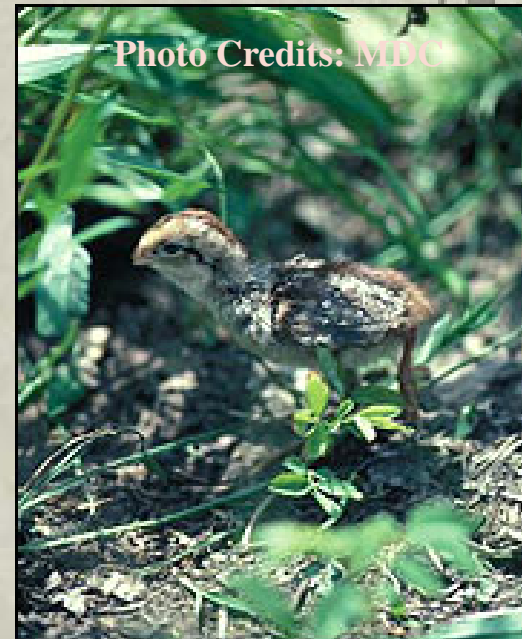
- ❖ **WHIP** \$75 to \$159 per ac.
- ❖ **EQIP** \$50 to \$106 per ac.
- ❖ **CRP (MCM) 50% NTE**  
\$15.00 per ac.
- ❖ **USFWS Partners For Fish & Wildlife** 50% - 100%
- ❖ **MN DNR Wildlife** - Set by Specialist
- ❖ **MN DNR DOF State C/S Program** \$32 - \$75 per acre





# ***LIGHT DISKING***

- ❖ **CRP (MCM) 50%  
NTE \$8.00 per ac.**





# ***INTERSEEDING NON-NATIVE CONVERSION***

- ❖ **WHIP** \$138 - \$169 per ac.
- ❖ **EQIP** \$85 – 149 per ac.
- ❖ **CRP (MCM) 50% NTE** \$30 - \$40 per ac. (an additional \$20 per ac. Can be added for site prep and \$8 per ac. Can be added if mix contains 8 oz. of forbs per ac.)
- ❖ **Partners For Fish & Wildlife** 50% - 100%
- ❖ **MN DNR PHIP or Heritage** - Set by Specialist
- ❖ **Native Buffer Cost Share Program 75% C/S**
- ❖ **RIM Cost Share** 100% NTE \$300 per acre



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# ***WETLAND RESTORATION***



- ❖ **WHIP (Rate per structure)**
- ❖ **EQIP (Rate per structure)**
- ❖ **Partners For Fish & Wildlife**  
50% - 100%
- ❖ **MN DNR Heritage, PHIP,**  
**Duck Stamp - Set by Specialist**
- ❖ **RIM Cost Share 100% NTE**  
\$600 per acre

# *SHOULD I PLANT TREES?*



- ❖ Am I managing for only Pheasants?
- ❖ Do I have quality winter cover within 2 miles or less? (*Emergent wetlands with large stands ( $\geq 10$  acres) of cattail, Phragmites, or sandbar willow provide excellent winter cover*) or

Where wetlands are not available, large (3-5 acre) shelterbelts containing  $\geq 10$  rows of shrubs and conifers can be established where they will protect heavy grass cover (e.g., 10-acre blocks of switchgrass).

- ❖ What species of trees can I plant that will not spread.
- ❖ Any food plots should be within  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile of the quality winter cover.



# ***BRUSH, EVERGREEN FORESTRY TREE PLANTING***

- ❖ **WHIP** \$164 per acre Conifers or \$254 per ac. Direct Seeding.
- ❖ **EQIP** \$0.67 per seedling or Direct Seeding \$255 per acre.
- ❖ **MN DNR DOF State C/S Program** \$155 - \$164 per acre seedlings, \$491 per acre w/ shelters. Direct Seeding \$255 per acre
- ❖ **RIM Cost Share** 100% NTE \$300 per acre



# *Low Cost Solutions*

- ❖ Sell Timber to Remove Trees
  - ❖ Allow Wood Cutting
  - ❖ Prescribed Haying and Grazing Plans With Neighbors.
  - ❖ Sell Fill to Create Scrapes
  - ❖ Burn CO-OP with Neighbors
- \*Always check with regulating authority on permits, plans, and changes in contract.*

# ***For More Information Contact:***

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## **Contact:**

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