

POLLINATOR SAFETY CORNERS

MAKING RURAL INTERSECTIONS SAFER WITH HIGH-QUALITY HABITAT



Program Overview

The Pollinator Safety Corners program offers landowners incentives to establish new habitat at rural intersections where tall crops may obstruct the view of approaching traffic. Participants plant a diverse mix of short grasses and wildflowers to help provide an adequate sight distance at intersections. This program is limited to cropland within the Papio-Missouri River NRD.

Program Highlights

- 1 to 3-acre enrollment
- More habitat, safe driving
- 75% cost-share on seed mix
- 5-year contract with annual payment of \$250/acre



TALL CORN CREATES BLIND CORNERS

Rural intersections are dangerous when tall crops obstruct the view of approaching traffic. Drivers should be able to see clearly so that there is sufficient time to slow or stop and avoid a crash with cross traffic. With your help, we're making roadways safer for our families and neighbors.



A SMART APPROACH TO ROAD SAFETY

Approach site triangles provide drivers with a clear view of other vehicles approaching. A 1-acre corner provides drivers with a sight distance of 328 feet (295 ft + 33 ft right-of-way). The recommended sight distance for a yield controlled approach is 320 feet, assuming a design speed of 50 mph.



STOP AND SMELL THE FLOWERS

How often do you encounter drivers who fail to yield or roll through stop signs? At intersections it can be difficult to anticipate the actions of other drivers. Especially, when you can't see them. Safe drivers take time and enjoy the journey. Life is too important to be in a hurry.

Eligible Land

Cropland areas adjacent to an intersection are eligible to enroll in the Pollinator Safety Corners program. Corners must be at least 1 acre in size and no more than 3 acres. Enrolled acres are seeded with a mix of low-growing grasses and wildflowers to benefit pollinators while increasing visibility at rural intersections. The program is available throughout the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District.

Contract Length

Contracts for land enrolled in the Pollinator Safety Corners program are 5 years long and cannot be renewed after expiration.

Payments

Pheasants Forever provides 75% cost-share for the seed mix. Participants are responsible for the cost and labor associated with site preparation, seed establishment, annual maintenance, and weed control. Project signs are provided at no cost to the landowner.

In exchange for participating in the Pollinator Safety Corners program, landowners receive an annual rental payment of \$250 per acre for each year of the 5-year contract. Program funding for Pollinator Safety Corners comes from Pheasants Forever and the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District.

Enrollment and More Information

Please complete and return a Notice of Interest form if you wish to join us in creating habitat and safer intersections. Submitting a form does not guarantee acceptance into the Pollinator Safety Corners program. You will be contacted by Pheasants Forever when funding is available to verify your interest in the program and complete a program contract.

Pheasants Forever administers the program and provides technical assistance. For more information about Pheasants Forever and its programs, visit NebraskaPF.com or contact your local Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist.