

Pollinator Safety Corners

Program Guidelines



**PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT**
Finding Solutions Today for a Secure Tomorrow.

This program is offered throughout the Papio-Missouri NRD. Minimum of 1 acre, maximum of 3 acres. Project areas of more than 3 acres can be accepted with approval of Pheasants Forever and the Papio-Missouri River NRD.

Allotment of Funds

Funding for the program is available on a first come, first serve basis.

Funding Sources

Funding comes from Pheasants Forever and the Papio-Missouri River NRD. Funds will cover the cost share for seed for projects, project signs, annual contract payments, program promotion, biologist technical assistance, program administration, and any other agreed upon expenses. The Papio-Missouri River NRD may provide cost-share assistance for establishment.

The Papio-Missouri River NRD will be invoiced annually for 50% of annual costs.

Program Forms

Signed contract
Map outlining the project area
W9
Direct Deposit form (optional)

Program Requirements

- Must be located on or adjacent to an intersection.
- The goal of the program is to establish new wildlife and pollinator habitat on areas that do not have sufficient wildlife and pollinator habitat as well as increasing visibility of intersections for safety concerns.
- Minimum of 1 project sign on each area. Signs will be supplied.
- Violation of the contract will result in forfeiture of funds. Future annual payments will not be made and past annual payments and cost share of the seed mixture will be invoiced to the landowner.
- Project size is a minimum of 1 acre and maximum of 3 acres. Projects over 3 acres will be subject to PF and NRD approval.

Sign Up Dates

There will be no official sign up dates for the program, it will be offered on a first come, first served basis; with approval from the PF State Office and the Papio-Missouri River NRD. When annual funding is exhausted, landowners will be placed on a waiting list for evaluation the following year.

Seed Mixtures

Seed mixtures will be designed by a Pheasants Forever Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist (FBWB). Only approved seed mixtures can be planted and no substitutions can be made without approval from the Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist.

Seed mixtures can be drilled or broadcasted with broadcast being preferred. Mowing may need to be conducted in order to keep annual weeds low prior to establishment. Vegetation height should not exceed 3ft.

Seed can be ordered through Pheasants Forever by contacting Ashley Nelson at asnelson@pheasantsforever.org or 308-850-8395. If ordering through another vendor, detailed invoices must be submitted for 75% reimbursement.

If the seed is ordered through Pheasants Forever, the landowner will be invoiced 25% of the cost. If the seed is not ordered from Pheasants Forever, the landowner will submit the seed invoice for 75% cost share reimbursement.

In order to ensure timely shipping of seed mixtures, contracts should be sent to the PF State Office before April 15th. Seed will be shipped directly to landowners if ordered through PF. Seed will be shipped with fluffy seeds separated from slick seeds for use in a no-till grass drill. If the landowner plans on broadcast seeding, the acres will need to be adjusted accordingly.

Local Pheasants Forever chapters have no-till grass drills for rent. To locate a local drill visit www.nebraskapf.com/chapter-equipment/

Annual Payments

Five year contracts are required. \$250 per acre maximum for annual payments. The first annual payment will be mailed in June from Pheasants Forever one year following the planting (for example, a spring 2021 planting will receive the first annual payment in June of 2022). Direct deposit is optional and encouraged for faster and more secure payments. A W9 form is required for vendor setup before the first payment is made.

Project Signs

At least one project sign will be posted by the landowner or FBWB on each project area and left for the duration of the contract period. Signs will be provided at no cost to the landowner.

Ineligible costs

Landowners are responsible for site preparation and maintenance of the site. PF and the NRD will not cost share for drill rental, site preparation, planting costs, fencing, weed control, etc...

Monitoring

Monitoring will be done annually by a Pheasants Forever Farm Bill Biologist and/or the Papio Missouri River NRD before annual payments are issued to ensure program compliance. Monitoring forms will be filled out and sent to the PF State Office at mpatten@pheasantsforever.org.

Program Tracking

The Pheasants Forever State Office will track program results and provide them to the NRD and PF chapters annually or upon request. Results will include dollars spent, acres, maps, legal addresses, and counties.

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