

MEMORANDUM

TO: Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee

SUBJECT: Whitted Creek Stream Restoration Project
Grant Applications Results

DATE: February 25, 2009

FROM: Martin P. Cleveland

In September 2008, grant applications prepared by the NRD's consultant, CH2MHILL, and submitted to Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund (NET) for \$300,000 and Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) for \$300,000 for the construction of the referenced project located near 25th and Capehart Road in Bellevue, NE. The estimated project construction cost is \$998,650, so the District's share would be approximately \$398,650.

In February, 2009, NET informed the District that the Whitted Project is recommended for a grant award of \$300,000 (see attached letter) and DEQ informed the District that the project has been awarded \$300,000 in Section 319 funds by the agency (see attached email). The fact that both entities awarded funds for the project construction demonstrates their interest in this type of project. Note the public outreach that is required.



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February 6, 2009

Mr. Martin Cleveland, PE
Papio-Missouri River NRD
8901 South 154th Street
Omaha, NE 68138-3621

FEB - 9 2009

RE: Project Number 09-104 - Whitted Creek Stream Restoration Project

Dear Mr. Cleveland:

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Board of the Nebraska Environmental Trust met on Thursday, February 5, 2009, to adopt a preliminary set of recommendations for funding in the 2009 grants cycle. We are pleased to inform you that your project was found eligible and your application was recommended for a grant award in the amount of \$300,000.00 for one year. Terms are specified in the enclosed Rating Results Sheet. The Statement of Eligibility and the Rank Order List for 2009 applications are also enclosed.

The enclosed Rating Results Sheet indicates "optional" points for geographic location. These points are an optional tool for the Board to utilize as necessary to ensure a more equal distribution of Trust funds across the state. This year projects located in District 5 received up to 20 points and projects in District 6 received up to 15 points. All others received zero points for geographic location. The Rating Results Sheet also indicates "optional" points for Feature Program Bonus Points. Thirty-five (35) extra bonus points may be awarded to projects that meet all of the extra criteria outlined in the application package, which encourages large-scale collaborative projects with significant environmental impact.

THE NEXT STEPS:

The Board is accepting written public comment on these recommendations through Wednesday, April 1, 2009. Persons wishing to comment may do so by writing to our office, or may appear in person at a public hearing to be held at 1:30 p.m., on Thursday, April 2, 2009, at the Nebraska Environmental Trust Office, 700 South 16th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. Your appearance at this meeting is optional; it is not necessary to assure your award. Following the hearing the Board will vote to award grants. Eight of fourteen board members are required to vote in the affirmative in order to change the recommendations. You will be notified by mail, following the April 2nd board meeting, of the formal action taken regarding your application.

To celebrate your success as a grantee, the Trust will be hosting four Grantee Seminars; in Lincoln, Grand Island, Norfolk and North Platte. Complete details will be coming soon.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES NOW:

Several very important documents are enclosed with this mailing. Please read each carefully and return the required materials to our office no later than March 20, 2009. A postage paid envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

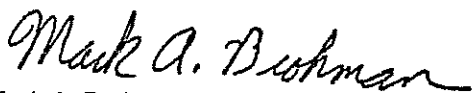
1. **GRANTEE INFORMATION FORM.** This form must be completed and returned to the Trust Office no later than March 20, 2009. Complete the information requested in sections 1 through 3 and mark the check boxes at the bottom to ensure you have completed and returned the required documents.
2. **2009 CONTRACT BUDGET SUMMARY.** This form must be completed and returned to the Trust Office no later than March 20, 2009. When you file requests for disbursement of your grant, you will be required to identify the budget category from this budget summary for each expense for which you request disbursement from your grant. Requests for disbursement that do not match your contract budget will be denied.

This is your opportunity to fine-tune your budget and make minor modifications and clarifications. You **MUST** complete a new budget summary even if your grant was fully funded. Please copy the budget categories for year one onto the BUDGET SUMMARY form with modifications (if applicable) and return it to the Trust Office. This form **must** be signed by someone authorized to obligate your organization.

3. **ACH ENROLLMENT FORM.** Please follow the directions provided with the form. You will need to select a payment option for disbursement of grant funds – if you select direct deposit then you and a representative from your bank must complete the enrollment form and return it to our office.
4. **PUBLIC INFORMATION PLAN.** The Trust is emphasizing renewed attention to publicizing the good works our grants support. We will require a plan of public information activities for each grant awarded. Our Public Information Officer will work with you to promote your project and the Trust's support. You may return a draft plan outline to us anytime between now and the return of your signed grant contract in April.

Congratulations on your successful application! Please feel free to contact our staff or me if we can provide any further information or answer any questions.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Brohman
Executive Director

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Enclosures: 2009 Rating Result Sheet
Statement of Eligibility
Grantee Information Form
Contract Budget Summary
Public Information Plan

ACH Form/Instructions
2009 Rank Order Listing of Applications
Return Envelope

2009 Rating Results

Application # 09-104
 Sponsor Name: Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District
 Project Name: Whitted Creek Stream Restoration Project

Ratings Statement	Points Available	Average Rating
Advances Trust Priorities	25	16.00
Sound Planning and Design	25	20.00
Direct Measurable Environmental Benefits	20	13.60
Cost-Effective	20	12.80
Duration of Benefits	15	12.00
Matching (non-state) resources (monetary & in-kind)	15	12.60
Prevents Contamination/Degradation of Resources	15	11.40
Many people or communities served	15	10.80
General public benefit	10	6.40
Public/Private Partnerships	10	4.80
Economic Impact	10	5.20
Evaluation Plan	10	5.20
Unique Need	5	2.20
Public Health	5	3.00
Innovation	5	3.20
Replication Potential	5	4.20
Individual or Local Initiative	5	2.80
Sub-Total		146.20
Feature Program Bonus Points (35 available)		
Geographic Distribution (20 points available in District 5) (15 points available in District 6)		
Grand Total		146

Recommendation: We recommend funding this project \$300,000 this year.

Signed: Mark A. Brohman
 Mark A. Brohman for Barb Batie, Grants Committee Chair

**NEBRASKA ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST FUND
STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY**

AWARD YEAR: 2009

Project Number: 09-104
Sponsor: Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District
Project Name: Whitted Creek Stream Restoration Project

Criteria:

1. Environmental Acceptability:	The project results in net gain.	☒
2. Environmental Benefits:	The project will provide clear and direct environmental benefits.	☒
3. Trust Board Priorities:	The project makes a real contribution to achieving defined priorities.	☒
4. Public Benefits:	The project will benefit the general public.	☒
5. Technical Feasibility:	The project appears technically feasible.	☒
6. Financial Feasibility:	The project appears financially feasible.	☒
7. Provide Regulatory Assistance:	The project does not provide direct assistance to a regulatory program.	☒
8. Implement Regulatory Assistance:	The project does not implement actions mandated by regulation, except to remediate soils or groundwater.	☒
9. Private Benefits:	The project does not provide primarily private benefits nor relieve any entity of private liability.	☒
10. Financial Hardship:	The beneficiaries of this project could not afford the costs of the benefits without financial hardship.	☒
11. Eminent Domain:	The project does not assist in the acquisition of property through eminent domain.	☒

Project was found eligible ? Yes

SIGNED:

DATE: 2/5/09

Mark A. Brohman

Mark A. Brohman for Barb Batie, Grants Committee Chair

GRANTEE INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT. RETURN THIS FORM TO THE NEBRASKA ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST OFFICE NO LATER THAN MARCH 20, 2009.

Project Sponsor: Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District
Project Name: Whitted Creek Stream Restoration Project
Application Number: 09-104

1. Legal Name and Address of the Grantee organization as it should appear on the contract:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ORGANIZATION WEB PAGE ADDRESS: _____

2. Name and Contact information for the person authorized to sign the contract: (Director/Manager)

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

DAYTIME PHONE: () _____ ALTERNATE PHONE: () _____

FAX: () _____ E-MAIL: _____

3. Name and Contact information for Grant Manager - the person who will file reports and be available to the Trust to provide information as needed.

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

DAYTIME PHONE: () _____ ALTERNATE PHONE: () _____

FAX: () _____ E-MAIL: _____

Document Checklist: (Return these documents by March 20, 2009)

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ACH Form – completed and enclosed

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Contract Budget Summary – completed and enclosed

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Public Information Plan – completed and enclosed

(OR)

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Public Information Plan – will complete and send with final contract



NEBRASKA ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST FUND 2009 CONTRACT BUDGET SUMMARY

Project Sponsor: Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District

Project Name: Whitted Creek Stream Restoration Project

Application Number: 09-104

Project Budget for April 2009 through June 2010

A	B	C	D	E	F
1. Source of Funds ►	NETF GRANT				
2. Budget Category ▼					
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18. TOTALS					

**Authorized
Signature :** _____

Date: _____

**NEBRASKA ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST FUND
INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTRACT BUDGET SUMMARY**

It is important that we are able to determine from this summary the specific activities you expect to fund with your grant. Please contact the office if you have questions or would like assistance. This summary will be considered a binding attachment to your grant contract.

You must complete this form even if there are no changes from the original budget submitted in your application.

This budget form is for the period of April, 2009 through June 30, 2010 only. If your project is recommended for more than one year of funding, we will ask for additional budget information at the time the additional year(s) are funded. We only need the current year's budget information at this time.

If this is your second or third year of funding please include the balance of your current grant into the total budget you submit for this year. We will combine the grants into the new grant number and transfer the balance. (new award amount + balance of current grant = Total in NETF Column - Line 18)

If you need more rows or columns, please copy this form as needed and number the pages.

BUDGET CATEGORIES - COLUMN A (LINES 3-17)

Please list each category of expenditures you anticipate in this project. These may correspond with your usual accounting categories. (Examples: sediment removal, engineering/design, equipment, personnel)

SOURCE OF FUNDS - LINE 1

Column B has been completed with "NETF GRANT" for you to represent our contributions to the project. You will need to show the actual amount of Environmental Trust Funds you are expending for each budget category in Column B.

Columns C-E should reflect your other contributing partner information. Identify each partner on Line 1 in Columns C-E. Identify each partner and then indicate their financial contribution or in-kind contribution for each applicable budget category. Please indicate in-kind contributions by writing "in-kind" in the cell, along with the estimated \$ value of the contribution.

TOTALS

Please add across each line 3-17 and place the totals in Column F of the form. ($3B+3C+3D+3E = 3F$ - then repeat for each budget category line)

Then add up the totals in Columns B-F and place the totals on line 18 of the form. ($3B+4B+5B...17B = 18B$ - then repeat for each column)

Cell 18F should be your total project budget amount with all contributions included.

If you need more than one page to show all of your partner contributions, please write "continued" in Column F on page one and show all the totals on the last page only.

Please be sure to keep a copy of this form, so that you may reference it when requesting reimbursement.



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2009 PUBLIC INFORMATION PLAN

The Nebraska Environmental Trust is renewing its emphasis on grantee publicity. The value of our grants is only appreciated through familiarity with these great projects. To help you begin to think about ways you can be more effective in this process, we have developed the following outline.

A completed outline must be submitted to the Trust no later than when you return your signed grant contract in April. Naturally, we are eager to have these *as soon as possible* to begin working with you.

Grant #: 09-104 **Project Sponsor: Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District**

Project Name: Whitted Creek Stream Restoration Project

Name of public information contact for grant publicity: _____

Title: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Phone #: _____ **Fax:** _____

Publicity Opportunities:

Events. Many projects sponsor public events or dedications, volunteer recognitions, etc. Trust staff can attend and participate, help distribute media announcements, and provide materials at these events. List any events you anticipate and tentative dates if known:

(Examples: Annual Meeting, County Fair, Project ribbon cutting, workshops, conferences, exhibitions.)

News Releases. Most projects have periods of greater activity that are good opportunities for media contact. List activities and tentative dates if possible:

(Example: spring planting, work days, project launch day)

Signs and adhesive stickers. The Trust can supply logo stickers for equipment in several sizes, metal signs, and brass plaques. Indicate whether any of these might be applicable to your project, and estimate numbers please:

(over)

Your brochures, newsletters, and publications. Consider what print materials or handouts you might use for your project and how the Trust logo and grant acknowledgement language could be included. Trust staff will be happy to work with you in designing new materials.

Trust brochures, newsletters and annual reports. The Trust can supply a variety of printed materials to you for distribution to grantee beneficiaries, event participants, or for distribution in your office. Please indicate any opportunities you can identify to use these materials. Estimate numbers needed.

Your website. We ask that you place a Trust logo and notice of your grant on your website, especially if the content discusses the grant. A link to the Trust website is fantastic—and we would love the opportunity to place a link to your website on our pages.

Trust monthly newsletter – If you have a project launch, a project update or an event that is “newsworthy,” please keep the Trust posted. We would be happy to include details of your event in our newsletter if it coincides or relates with our theme.

Trust Digital Photo Library – Deposit/share your project photos with our digital photo library. The Trust is always looking for ways to promote grantee projects in our Annual Report, Trust brochures and our website. We welcome your input/creativity by e-mailing high resolution photos to be stored in our photo library. Also, be sure to include the name of the person that took the photo and which organization it belongs to, to ensure necessary credits are given to the photographer. These photos may be e-mailed to: sheila.johnson@net.ne.gov

Other. You are a creative professional. How else can we promote these important projects?

Direct Deposit Enrollment

Attached is the State of Nebraska ACH Enrollment Form if you wish to have your grant funds deposited directly into your bank account. The State requires that any one disbursement of \$25,000 or more must be wired directly to your account - checks cannot be used in these cases.

If your organization is a state agency you will not need to complete the ACH Enrollment Form, just mark the box below to receive all payments by IBT and return this form.

We encourage the use of the direct wire to your account when there will be multiple disbursements throughout the grant period. If your grant is for a single piece of equipment or will most likely be disbursed in one or two payments (under \$25,000) then we would suggest not setting up the direct deposit and we will send you a check. If you already have been set up for ACH with the State then we will use that account unless you inform us not to.

Please print or type the information on the form. Your organization should complete the Vendor information section and sign the form at the bottom. You will need to have your bank complete the financial institution section and sign the form at the bottom as well.

Please indicate your choice below: (PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY MARCH 20, 2009)

- ☐ I have previously set up a direct deposit account and would like to continue using the same account with no changes.
- ☐ I have previously set up a direct deposit account but would like to change account information. Please complete the form and return it by March 20, 2009.
- ☐ I would like to set up a new direct deposit account. Please complete the form and return it by March 20, 2009.
- ☐ I do not wish to set up a direct deposit account at this time. Disbursements may be made by check. (if payments will be under \$25,000)
- ☐ Not applicable – We are a state agency and all payments may be made by IBT.

Sponsors Authorized Signature
Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District - 09-104

Date

****THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED BY ALL GRANTEES BY MARCH 20, 2009.**

STATE OF NEBRASKA ACH ENROLLMENT FORM

Mail or Fax to:

Nebraska Environmental Trust
700 South 16th Street
P.O. Box 94913
Lincoln, NE 68509-4913

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Change

If you have an questions when completing this form, please contact the State Treasurer's Office:

State Treasurer
Attn: Treasury Management
Rm. 2005, State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509
Phone: 402-471-2455
Fax: 402-471-0816



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The information below should be completed by the vendor. If the vendor has any questions, please contact the State Accounting Division at 402-471-2581.

It is the Financial Institution's responsibility to assure the accuracy of the following banking information. If there are any questions, please contact the State Treasurer's Office at 402-471-2455

Vendor Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Federal Tax ID #: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone #: _____

Fax #: _____

May this authorization be used for? (check one)

_____ All payments by the State of NE

_____ Only NE Environmental Trust payments

Financial Institution Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

ACH Coordinator: _____

Phone #: _____

Fax #: _____

Nine Digit Routing Transit #: _____

Depositor Account #: _____

Depositor Account Title: _____

Type of Account:

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Checking

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Savings

It is the responsibility of the state vendor to obtain the ACH payment related remittance information from their financial institution. The State of Nebraska sends this information through the ACH network with the payment to your financial institution. Please contact the ACH department at your financial institution regarding the services your bank provides to obtain the payment information.

(Please Print or Type – Signature Required)

Vendor Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

(Please Print or Type – Signature Required)

Bank Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

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2009 Preliminary Rank Order List

Rating	Sponsor	App. No.	Project Name	Award	Intent: Yr.2	Intent: Yr.3
194	Quail Forever	09-119	A Mobile Prescribed Burn Unit	\$60,000	\$0	\$0
190	Northern Prairies Land Trust	09-134	Tallgrass Prairie Conservation on Private Lands III	\$217,000	\$217,000	\$216,000
174	Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture	09-184	Biomass Energy System	\$360,000	\$0	\$0
171	Central Platte Natural Resources District	09-113	Platte Basin Habitat Enhancement Project	\$1,275,000	\$725,000	\$1,000,000
167	Quail Forever - Wachtel fur Immer	09-108R	No-till Grass Drill	\$15,000	\$0	\$0
167	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	09-188	Loess Canyons Rangeland Restoration and Enhancement	\$150,000	\$0	\$0
164	Southwest Nebraska Weed Management Area	09-127	Republican River Riparian Improvement Project	\$300,000	\$0	\$0
162	Eastern Loess Canyon Rangeland Alliance	09-170	Invasive Species Control in an Ecologically Sensitive Landscape	\$35,660	\$0	\$0
159	CLEAR Team	09-154	Community Lakes Enhancement and Restoration (CLEAR) Team	\$450,000	\$0	\$0
158	Lower Niobrara Natural Resources District	09-102	Irrigation Water Management Monitoring Program	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
158	Nebraska Forest Service	09-141	Pine Ridge Stewardship and Legacy Project: Ferguson Property Acquisition	\$240,000	\$0	\$0
158	Millard West High School	09-172R	Wetlands Rehabilitation	\$14,710	\$0	\$0
155	Lower Big Blue Natural Resources District	09-132	Big Indian 11A Watershed Improvement Project	\$275,000	\$0	\$0
155	Rainwater Basin Joint Venture	09-176	Wetland Habitat Restoration, Protection, Enhancement	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$0
154	Rainwater Basin Joint Venture	09-129	Mae Carey Estate Working Landscape Easement	\$183,489	\$0	\$0
154	Nebraska Cattlemen	09-168	Leopold Conservation Award Video Project	\$6,575	\$6,575	\$6,575
153	Ducks Unlimited, Inc.	09-126	Platte River Revolving Lands Program	\$500,000	\$0	\$0
153	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	09-145	Wood Duck WMA Addition: An Elkhorn Confluence Habitat Conservation Project	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0
152	Nemaha Natural Resources District	09-128	Duck and Buck Creek Watershed Management Plan: Implementation of Best Management Practices	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$50,000
152	Ducks Unlimited, Inc.	09-131	"Roundouts" in the Rainwater Basin	\$300,000	\$0	\$0
151	Middle Niobrara Natural Resources District	09-110	Investigation of Aquifer Properties and Assessment of Spatial and Temporal Data Network in the Middle Niobrara NRD	\$173,000	\$0	\$0

Rating	Sponsor	App. No.	Project Name	Award	Intent: Yr.2	Intent: Yr.3
151	Nebraska Partnership for All-Bird Conservation	09-148	Building Capacity for Effective Bird Conservation in Nebraska	\$40,000	\$0	\$0
151	Nebraska Department of Agriculture	09-151	Nebraska Noxious Weed and Invasive Weed Initiative	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000
150	West Central Weed Management Area	09-118	Invasive Species Control Along the Platte River	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$200,000
150	WasteCap Nebraska	09-161	Take-it-Back Nebraska	\$207,076	\$232,766	\$0
149	Lower Platte South Natural Resources District	09-112	Eastern Nebraska HEM Aquifer Mapping	\$200,000	\$0	\$0
149	University of Nebraska - Lincoln	09-164	Nebraska Master Naturalist Program: Recruitment, Training, and Management of Conservation Volunteers	\$65,000	\$50,000	\$55,000
147	Pheasants Forever - Nemaha Valley Chapter	09-107R	No-till Grass Drill	\$15,000	\$0	\$0
147	Pheasants Forever - Little Blue River Chapter	09-115R	No-Till Grass Drill	\$15,000	\$0	\$0
146	Tri-Tails District, Longs Peak Council, Boy Scouts of America	09-101R	Fort Robinson Tree Replant	\$11,500	\$0	\$0
146	Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District	09-104	Whittled Creek Stream Restoration Project	\$300,000	\$0	\$0
146	Wayne, City of	09-105	South Logan Creek Bank Stabilization and Restoration	\$87,450	\$0	\$0
145	High Plains Weed Management Association	09-125	North Platte River Invasive Species Follow-Up Project	\$400,000	\$300,000	\$0
145	Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District	09-179	Pigeon/Jones Creek Site 15	\$685,000	\$0	\$0
144	Nebraska Weed Control Association	09-153R	2009 NAWMA Conference	\$12,500	\$0	\$0
144	South Platte Natural Resources District	09-167R	Southern Panhandle Grass Drill	\$15,000	\$0	\$0
143	Nebraska Partnership for All-Bird Conservation	09-149	Grassland Improvement Program	\$200,000	\$0	\$0
143	Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition	09-182	Grazing Lands Monitoring Program for Plant Health and Soil Quality	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
142	Ducks Unlimited, Inc.	09-187	Spotted Tail Water Enhancement Project	\$156,294	\$0	\$0
141	Lincoln, City of	09-133	NDOR/Salt Creek Floodplain Property	\$44,110	\$0	\$0
140	Nebraska Academy of Sciences, Inc., The	09-111	Nebraska Environmental Public Information and Education MiniGrant Program	\$55,997	\$0	\$0
140	National Wild Turkey Federation	09-121	Republican River Riparian Buffer Restoration	\$100,000	\$0	\$0
137	Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory	09-190	Habitat Conservation in the Kimball Grasslands Biologically Unique Landscape	\$79,496	\$0	\$0
136	Crane Meadows Nature Center	09-114	Educating a New Generation of Environmentally-Committed Nebraskans	\$100,000	\$80,000	\$60,000
134	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	09-136	Lewis and Clark State Recreation Area Shoreline Stabilization	\$370,000	\$300,000	\$110,000
134	Lower Platte South Natural Resources District	09-137	Denton Area Grasslands Conservation Easements	\$150,000	\$250,000	\$0

Rating	Sponsor	App. No.	Project Name	Award	Intent: Yr.2	Intent: Yr.3
134	University of Nebraska - Cooperative Extension	09-173	Reducing Carbon Dioxide and Other Emissions Through Residential Energy Efficient Practices	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0
133	North American Grouse Partnership - Nebraska Chapter	09-147	Nebraska Grassland and Prairie Grouse Conservation Initiative	\$0	\$0	\$0
131	Nebraska Water Center Foundation	09-180	Water for Communities	\$0	\$0	\$0
130	Platte River Basin Environments, Inc.	09-124	Centennial Creek Acquisition	\$0	\$0	\$0
129	Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force	09-152	Demonstration and Applied Research Project of Integrated Management of Invasive Riparian Vegetation in Nebraska	\$0	\$0	\$0
129	Rainwater Basin Joint Venture	09-175	Rainwater Basin Spring Waterfowl Habitat Survey	\$0	\$0	\$0
128	Niobrara Council	09-189	Preservation of Niobrara River Recreation: Tools and Education for Prevention of Bacterial Contamination	\$0	\$0	\$0
127	Lincoln, City of	09-181	Friends of the Urban Forest	\$0	\$0	\$0
126	Spencer Area Development Corporation	09-122	Spencer Pond Renovation Project	\$0	\$0	\$0
123	Schuyler, City of	09-140	South Park Lake Restoration	\$0	\$0	\$0
123	Omaha Paper Stock	09-165	Nebraska Material Recovery Center	\$0	\$0	\$0
122	Groundwater Foundation, The	09-155	Growing Groundwater Awareness in Nebraska	\$0	\$0	\$0
122	Nebraska Association of Resources Districts	09-159	Conservation Trees for Nebraska	\$0	\$0	\$0
121	Grand Island, City of	09-106	Central Nebraska Environmental Complex	\$0	\$0	\$0
121	Tri-Basin Natural Resources District	09-130	Rainwater Basin Conservation Easements	\$0	\$0	\$0
120	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	09-146	Lower Platte River Ecological Protection Area	\$0	\$0	\$0
119	Glastone LLC	09-158	Glastone	\$0	\$0	\$0
117	Ducks Unlimited, Inc.	09-186	Rainwater Basin Fencing Needs - Improving Habitat through Grazing	\$0	\$0	\$0
116	Rowe Sanctuary	09-103	Platte River Education Project	\$0	\$0	\$0
115	Omaha, City of	09-120	Cole Creek Demonstration Project	\$0	\$0	\$0
114	Groundwater Foundation, The	09-156	Infiltration: Groundwater Education that Sinks In	\$0	\$0	\$0
114	The Nature Conservancy	09-171	Leaman Tract Easement	\$0	\$0	\$0
111	Playa Lakes Joint Venture	09-177	Nebraska Landcover Accuracy Assessment	\$0	\$0	\$0
109	Nebraska Wildlife Federation	09-157	Adopt A Stream - Citizen Water Monitoring Program	\$0	\$0	\$0
108	Nebraska Alliance for Conservation and Environment Education	09-144	Advancing Environmental Literacy in Nebraska	\$0	\$0	\$0
106	Lincoln Children's Zoo	09-139	The Lincoln Safari	\$0	\$0	\$0
106	University of Nebraska - Lincoln	09-166	Habitat disturbance effects on spiny softshell turtles on the Niobrara River	\$0	\$0	\$0

Rating	Sponsor	App. No.	Project Name	Award	Intent: Yr.2	Intent: Yr.3
106	Nebraska Wildlife Rehabilitation, Inc.	09-183	Eastern Nebraska Prairie Habitat Restoration and Education Project	\$0	\$0	\$0
105	League of Nebraska Municipalities - Utilities Section	09-109	Water/Wastewater/Stormwater Environmental Protection Automation Network	\$0	\$0	\$0
105	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	09-150	Computer Tool for Computing, Predicting, and Assessment of Hydrologic Regime of Nebraska Streams	\$0	\$0	\$0
105	Nebraska Association of Resources Districts	09-160	Identification and Prioritization of Water Management Needs	\$0	\$0	\$0
104	University of Nebraska - Lincoln	09-117	Reusing Disposed Textiles for Composites	\$0	\$0	\$0
104	University of Nebraska - Lincoln	09-163	Invasive Species Partnerships in Management, Outreach, and Research	\$0	\$0	\$0
104	Elkhorn Sanitation Service	09-178	RecycleBank	\$0	\$0	\$0
103	U.S. Geological Survey - Nebraska Water Science Center	09-174	Quantifying the hydrologic conditions associated with and sandbar habitat impacts of the invasive common reed, Phragmites australis, on the channel of the Central Platte River	\$0	\$0	\$0
102	Center for Rural Affairs	09-169	Bird Habitat Enhancement	\$0	\$0	\$0
102	Omaha Zoological Society	09-191	Nebraska Amphibian Conservation and Education Project	\$0	\$0	\$0
100	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	09-135	Fort Kearny State Recreation Area Wastewater System	\$0	\$0	\$0
99	Nebraska Wildlife Rehabilitation, Inc.	09-185	Great Plains Technology-Infused Habitat Curriculum Project	\$0	\$0	\$0
98	Northeast Community College	09-123	College Center	\$0	\$0	\$0
96	Platte River Whooping Crane Maintenance Trust, Inc.	09-138	John's Restoration	\$0	\$0	\$0
96	University of Nebraska - Omaha	09-143	Davis Prairie Data Shack: Outreach, Education and Research on the Lower Elkhorn River	\$0	\$0	\$0
96	University of Nebraska - Lincoln	09-162	Satellite Remote Sensing Based Estimation of Evapotranspiration for Water Management for Nebraska	\$0	\$0	\$0
95	University of Nebraska - Lincoln	09-142	Hand-Held GPS and GIS Tools for In-Field Watershed and Stream Assessments for Surface Water Quality Protection	\$0	\$0	\$0
86	Wild Rose Woods, Inc.	09-116	Land Acquisition	\$0	\$0	\$0
-	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	07-103-3	Nebraska Aquatic Habitat Rehabilitation Initiative	\$175,003	\$0	\$0
-	PrairieLand RC&D Council	07-109-3	Shell Creek Watershed Improvement Project	\$150,000	\$0	\$0

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-	Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory	07-115-3	A Comprehensive approach to shortgrass prairie education in the panhandle of Nebraska	\$73,236	\$0	\$0
-	The Platte River Habitat Partnership	07-117-3	Evaluation, Enhancement, and Expansion of Private Lands Conservation	\$131,261	\$0	\$0
-	Nemaha Natural Resources District	07-118-3	Big Muddy Creek Watershed Project	\$180,500	\$0	\$0
-	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	07-145-3	Nebraska Natural Legacy Plan - Phase II Implementation	\$285,000	\$0	\$0
-	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	07-150-3	Corners for Wildlife	\$200,000	\$0	\$0
-	PrairieLand RC&D Council	07-160-3	Nebraska Continuous No-Till Project	\$110,000	\$0	\$0
-	Nebraska State Recycling Association	07-179-3	Recycling Equipment Grant Coordination Project	\$150,000	\$0	\$0
-	High Plains Weed Management Association	08-102-2	Nine Mile Creek Invasive Species Control Habitat Restoration	\$9,900	\$9,900	\$0
-	University of Nebraska - Lincoln	08-104-2	Advancing Tern and Plover Common Sense Conservation into the Future	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$0
-	Prescribed Burn Task Force	08-107-2	Prescribed Burn Task Force Education and Expansion Project	\$47,329	\$20,900	\$0
-	Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District	08-112-2	Irrigation Water Management Monitoring Program	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$0
-	Lower Platte North Natural Resources District	08-116-2	Lower Platte River Modeling Study	\$51,261	\$42,938	\$0
-	Upper Loup Natural Resources District	08-117-2	Development of a Hydrogeologic Framework for Selected Areas of the Upper Loup River Basins	\$143,550	\$163,020	\$0
-	High Plains Weed Management Association	08-118-2	North Platte River Invasive Species Control Project	\$200,000	\$0	\$0
-	North Platte Natural Resources District	08-119-2	Aerial Geophysical Survey of Selected Panhandle Aquifers	\$350,000	\$0	\$0
-	Northeast Nebraska RC&D	08-122-2	Invasive Species Control on Ecologically Sensitive Sites	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
-	Lincoln, City of	08-129-2	Eastern Saline Wetlands Project 2008	\$400,000	\$0	\$0
-	Central Platte Natural Resources District	08-130-2	Aquifer Tests for Defining Aquifer Parameters in Support of Magnetic Resonance Soundings for Groundwater Model Development	\$291,350	\$243,600	\$0
-	Little Blue Natural Resources District	08-131-2	Irrigation Technology to Improve Irrigation Management	\$17,250	\$12,000	\$0
-	Lincoln, City of	08-132-2	Rain Garden Water Quality Project	\$100,000	\$0	\$0
-	Rainwater Basin Joint Venture	08-134-2	Hiebner Working Landscape Easement	\$30,300	\$0	\$0
-	Nebraska Statewide Arboretum	08-137-2	ReTree Nebraska	\$333,321	\$334,169	\$0
-	Lower Big Blue Natural Resources District	08-139-2	Big Indian 11A Watershed Improvement Project	\$75,000	\$0	\$0

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-	Nebraska Department of Natural Resources	08-141-2	Riparian Vegetation Impacts on Water Quantity, Quality and Stream Ecology	\$199,470	\$0	\$0
-	Nebraska Department of Natural Resources	08-142-2	Quantifying Evaporation, Crop Evapotranspiration, and the Water Balance for Tilled and Untilled Fields	\$179,906	\$180,268	\$0
-	Northeast Nebraska RC&D	08-147-2	Organic Farming Statewide	\$90,250	\$141,000	\$0
-	Rainwater Basin Joint Venture	08-148-2	South-Central Nebraska LIDAR Project	\$28,000	\$0	\$0
-	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	08-150-2	WILD Nebraska Program	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0
-	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	08-157-2	Statewide Grassland Enhancement Project	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$0
-	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	08-158-2	Prioritized Resource Areas in the Central Basins CREP	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$0
-	Willia Cather Pioneer Memorial and Educational	08-168-2	Restoration of the Willia Cather Memorial Prairie Foundation	\$4,200	\$4,200	\$0
-	Nemaha Natural Resources District	08-169-2	High Capacity Groundwater Well Management	\$20,000	\$0	\$0
Grand Totals:				\$14,575,944.00	\$4,998,336.00	\$1,872,575.00

- Projects carried forward -- previously rated

Cleveland, Martin

From: Traylor, Elbert [elbert.traylor@nebraska.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2009 4:24 PM
To: Cleveland, Martin
Cc: Schroer, Mary
Subject: Whitted Creek Project

Martin.

Your project was accepted for funding up to \$300,000 under the non-point source Section 319 program. We are working through the final details at this time and hope to have everything completed in the next couple months. Mary Schroer will be our project manager on this project.

We now need to develop your application into a more detailed Project Implementation Plan (PIP). This plan will need to be review and approved by EPA. Hopefully our guidance will make that relatively smooth. Mary will be contacting you soon to assist you in this process.

A couple of things emerged from our review that you should consider now. We would like for the bulk of the Section 319 funds to be used for the bio-engineering work (soft engineering) further up in the stream. You can use the expenditures for the more traditional hard engineering in the lower reach as match. Also, we want a significant outreach effort in the watershed to educate property owners about the problems in Whitted Creek and steps to prevent recurrence. It is particularly important to educate property owners and park managers on proper maintenance of the biological treatments so they don't get sprayed or otherwise destroyed.

Congratulations on your successful application. I look forward to working with you on this project.

Elbert Traylor, Coordinator
NE NPS Management Program