

Programs for Wildlife Habitat

Trees Forever Pollinator Habitat Conservation

- Cost-Share: 50% up to \$1000 of the expenses to install or improve pollinator habitat and can be used in conjunction with other cost-share programs.
- Eligible plants include native wildflowers and grasses, shrubs, and trees.
- Minimum Size: No minimum size or cropping history requirements.
- Contract Length: 10 year maintenance agreement



The Bee & Butterfly Habitat Fund

- Cost-Share: Free seed mix to establish high quality, diverse plantings for monarch butterflies and bees.
- Options: Receive an annual payment based on land use as well as incentive payment for establishment.
- Contract Length: 3-6 year contract agreement
- Minimum Size: Project size can vary from 1 to 20 acres in size. No cropping history required.



Partners for Fish and Wildlife Service Program

- Cost-Share: Determined by a FWS Private Lands Biologist and funding available at the time of request.
- Practices: Pollinator habitat, wetland projects, native grass and wildflower seedings, brush management, timber stand improvement and others to improve fish and wildlife habitat on private land.



Iowa Habitat and Access Program (IHAP)

- Eligibility & Minimum Size: Must be at least 40 acres of land with adequate or the potential for adequate wildlife habitat. The landowner must be willing to open to public for walk-in hunting from Sept 1—May 31.
- Cost-Share: Flat rate paid for habitat improvement, restoration or establishment. The DNR biologist will monitor the wildlife habitat area after improvements are made to ensure no modification or destruction occurs to the IHAP improvements.
- Contract Length: 3-10 year contracts



PF/QF Chapter Funding

- Sometimes, local Pheasants Forever or Quail Forever chapters will have funding available to help out additionally with wildlife projects. This is on a chapter-by-chapter and case-by-case basis. You can go to www.iowapf.net to find your local chapter representative or ask your local Farm Bill Biologist.



On your Own

- It's not a requirement to use a cost-share program to create high quality wildlife habitat.
- The advantages of doing work on your own include: avoiding program restrictions and requirements, no contract length, no paperwork, and no waiting period.
- Technical assistance is still available to landowners not wishing to use a cost share program.

If you have questions about these programs or where to apply, contact your local PF Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist or NRCS Service Center.



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Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

- **Eligibility:** land must have specific cropping history established with Farm Service Agency and have 1 year of ownership.
- **Cost-Share:** An annual rental payment is paid on these acres based upon the 3 predominant soils. There are many practices to fit different areas of a farm or to encompass a whole field. Some practices may have extra incentives such as: an extra 20% bonus on the rental rate, up to 50-90% cost-share for establishment, or an \$75-\$100/acre one time signing bonus.
- **Practices:** Practices include but are not limited to: filter strip, riparian buffer, upland wildlife habitat, pollinator habitat and wetland restoration.
- **Contract Length:** 10-15 year contracts; depending on practice.



Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

- **Cost-Share:** paid on a flat rate based off the practice being implemented.
- **Practices:** Practices include but are not limited to: native grass and wildflower plantings, tree and shrub plantings, timber stand improvement, prescribed burning, edge feathering, cover crops and firebreaks.
- **Practice Lifespan:** dependent on the practice: 5 years for native grass and wildflower plantings; 10 years for timber stand improvement; 15 years for tree and shrub plantings.

Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP)

- **Cost-Share:** 75% on the actual or estimated cost, whichever is less.
- **Practices:** native grass and wildflower plantings, tree and shrub plantings, woodland improvement such as timber stand improvement or windbreaks.
- **Practice Lifespan:** 20 year maintenance agreement on native grass and wildflower plantings and tree or shrub plantings; 10 year maintenance agreement for timber stand improvement.
- **Minimum Size:** 5 acre minimum for timber stand improvement; 3 acre minimum for tree/shrub plantings.

Prairie Partners

- **Cost-Share:** 50% cost-share on the seed for any native grass and wildflower planting.
- **Minimum size:** 2 acres, no cropping history required.
- **Contract length:** 10 years

Iowa Native Seed
Growers Association



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