



# LAKE OF THE PRAIRIES CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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## GRASSED WATERWAY PROGRAM

### Definition:

A grassed waterway is a broad, shallow, swale-shaped channel with adjacent buffer strips protected by grass, legumes or other vegetation. These waterways are designed to carry surface run-off across agricultural land with minimal soil erosion.

### Program Objectives:

- To prevent soil erosion in cultivated soils
- To protect surface water quality
- To provide wildlife habitat
- To produce forages for harvest; can provide recompense the grassed channel establishment costs
- To prevent channel erosion and soil erosion on adjacent lands

### Eligibility:

Waterway must:

- Be within the Lake of the Prairies Conservation District;
- Be an on-farm runway;
- Be able to be maintained as a grassed waterway without altering its course or flow; and
- Require stabilization to prevent channel erosion or erosion to adjacent agricultural land

## Terms and Conditions

### Applicant Responsibility

- Complete project by August 31 in year of application. Circumstances preventing project completion by August 31<sup>st</sup> must be reported to the Lake of the Prairies Conservation District Board.
- LPCD may offer to extend funding until October 31<sup>st</sup>, based on landowner circumstances.
- Request assistance by attached application, which is to be received at the LPCD office;
- Provide consent of entry including any agreed upon or special conditions;
- Provide sufficient room for construction;
- Seed a companion crop on land adjacent to the grassed waterway, if recommended by the Board;
- Remove all brush piles, stones and other debris after construction as designated by the LPCD;
- Mow or swath the waterway at least once a year prior to freeze;
- Shall not break pasture, burn, use as a roadway, cultivate parallel to or in any way cause or permit to be caused damage to the grassed waterway for a minimum of 4 years; and
- Replace at 25% cost if damage to the grassed waterway is the result of the neglect of any of the preceding.

### Project Funding/ Cost-sharing/ Incentives

- All project-planning costs will be borne by the LPCD. Project construction costs for the grassed waterway construction will be cost-shared in the ratio of 25% Registered Owner and 75% Conservation District up to a maximum \$2000.00 per waterway.

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