



# LAKE OF THE PRAIRIES CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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## RIPARIAN STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

**Program Definition:** The Lake of the Prairies CD is committed to limiting livestock access to dugouts, reservoirs, and other surface water sources to protect water quality, stabilize shorelines, and provide wildlife habitat. The Board will provide reimbursement for fencing materials to livestock producers to mitigate livestock impact or access to a natural or artificial surface water body. In addition, relocation of livestock facilities located near surface waterbodies, perimeter fencing for swath grazing and cross fencing for rotational grazing plans will also be eligible under this program.

### Program Objectives:

- To improve water quality, by preventing elimination of wastes in the water, and by decreasing the inflow of wastes and eroded soils.
- To stabilize shorelines by reducing trampling, in order to extend the useful life of dugouts and to protect natural shoreline ecosystems.
- To provide fenced waterfowl nesting habitat adjacent to water bodies.

### Eligibility:

- Land must be within the Lake of the Prairies Conservation District.
- For riparian fencing and relocation of livestock facilities, a water body must be currently at risk of contamination due to the presence of livestock.
- Perimeter fencing will only be covered in instances of fencing annual crop land for swath grazing purposes.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### Landowner Responsibility:

- Complete project by September 30<sup>th</sup> in the year of application. Circumstances preventing project completion by September 30<sup>th</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 the proper application which is to be received at the Conservation District office;
- Sign consent of entry including any agreed upon or special conditions; and
- Provide access for inspection or evaluation by the Board at any reasonable time; and
- Provide fencing materials.

### Conservation District Responsibility:

- Provide reimbursement funding for fencing materials.

### General Terms and Conditions

- Subject to the above terms, the Agreement shall become effective and shall be binding upon both parties until terminated;
- If either party fails to meet the above mentioned responsibilities, the Agreement may be terminated by the party via written notice;
- The annual projects resulting from this program will be subject to funds appropriated;
- Technical service will be subject to the availability of staff. The District reserves the right to establish priorities for providing such services and assistance; and
- Failure of landowner to meet Landowner Responsibilities may negate him/her from other Conservation District Programs.

### Project Funding/Cost-sharing/Incentives

The Lake of the Prairies Conservation District will provide reimbursement of fencing costs at 75% to a maximum of \$2,000.00 upon verification of fencing project and provision of invoice copies.

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