

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Private Lands Habitat Program

The goal of GFP's Private Lands Habitat Program is to help landowners establish or manage habitat on private land to enhance reproduction, recruitment and survival of wildlife. Practices include habitats specifically managed for wildlife and management practices on working grasslands. All projects are subject to approval by a GFP private lands habitat biologist. Cooperators must allow some amount of reasonable public use.

Food Plots

- Food plots must remain unharvested through winter.
- Annual payment of \$20 per acre for food plot acres (\$50/acre for food plots enrolled in a public hunting access program).
- Free food plot seed is available from GFP each spring (corn, sorghum, brood mix).
- Maximum of 10 acres per quarter section and 30 acres total per landowner.

Woody Habitat

- Plantings are designed to provide ground-level cover during winter conditions.
- Plantings must be at least 8 rows wide and a minimum of 1 acre in size.
- GFP cost-shares 75% of total project costs, up to \$10,000 per planting. (90% if planting is enrolled into public hunting access program)

Grassland Establishment

- Native grass and forb seed mixes are the priority and plantings must be at least 10 acres.
- Landowners are reimbursed 100% up to a maximum of \$125/acre for seed costs.
- Cost-share is NOT available on CRP or WRP plantings or hay land.
- Additional incentives available if plantings are enrolled into public hunting access program

Perennial Brood/Pollinator Plots

- Designed to provide high quality native perennial habitat for broods and pollinators
- Landowners are reimbursed 100% up to a maximum of \$150/acre for seed costs
- Individual plantings must be a minimum of 2 acres and a maximum of 9 acres

Grassland/Grazing Management Practices

- To enhance grazing management opportunities and plant community health on working grasslands
- Cost-shared practices include:
 - ✓ Perimeter and cross fence
 - ✓ Woven-wire fence replacement in pronghorn range (wildlife friendly fence design)
 - ✓ Water development - stock tanks, pipeline, rural water hook-ups, wells, solar pump units
 - ✓ Multi-purpose stock/wildlife impoundments
 - ✓ Wetland restorations
 - ✓ Grassland establishment
 - ✓ Riparian pastures
 - ✓ Habitat exclusion fencing
 - ✓ Additional incentives available if enrolled into public hunting access program

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