

Alternative Land Use Service (ALUS) Program - APPLICATION FORM

for implementing perennial grass projects

Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District

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Objective: To redirect the use of less favourable land use from agricultural production to instead establish, restore and enhance wetlands, floodplains and other water-retention areas, "Farm the best, Leave the rest." Our programming aims to improve water quality by reducing nutrient runoff and soil erosion, providing carbon sequestration and providing wildlife and pollinator habitat.

Activities: Convert cultivated land to perennial grasses along flood plains, drainage ditches and in low-lying flood prone areas.

Applicant: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Legal Description of Project Site (Qtr, Sec-Twp-Rge): _____

Civic Address (driveway number & road) _____

Estimated # of Acres: _____

Interested in adding Water Retention to project:

Project Site Sketch:

Please sketch the rough idea of your project, if known, or describe the problem for us or attach a google maps image of site. Please include any known helpful information such as direction of water flow, property lines, access roads, present land use, and any other features that may be important to this project. Any pictures of the purposed site would be helpful to help with site identification.

Terms and Conditions

Cost-share:

Approved landowner projects with the intent of removing cultivated marginal lands from production to establish and re-establish floodplains, wetlands and water retention areas:

- Cultivated Crop Land Maximum of \$100/acre annual payments plus \$100/acre of establishment costs,
- Class 4 Forage/Grazing Land \$30/acre annual payments plus \$100/acre of establishment costs
- Class 5 & less Forage/Grazing Land \$15/acre annual payments plus \$100/acre of establishment costs

Whereas, all landowners are required to remove nutrients and vegetation from the protected areas as weather permits and submit a self-report with pictures to receive full payments, failure to submit a self-report will result in a half payment and failure to comply at all will result in no payment.

The Landowner Shall:

- Indemnify and save harmless the Watershed District from any and all actions, claims, suits, demands, damages, injuries, or other loss no matter howsoever arising as a result of the construction, operation, or maintenance of the project
- Not alter, change, remove, or modify the project without written consent from the Watershed District
- Notify the Watershed District in the case of new ownership or rental change of said project land
- Keep track of in-kind contributions made towards the completion of the project;
- Where applicable, operate the control structure of the project under a plan agreed upon by the Watershed District and affected landowners
- Allow the Watershed District to place a project sign at the site to recognize the project partnership between the landowner and the SRRWD
- Allow the Watershed District to share project and participant information with funding partners.

The Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District shall:

- Approve all applications prior to establishment
- Supervise the project construction, and inspect project the following spring after establishment
- Maintain the project in co-operation with the landowner for a period of 10 years and cost share the maintenance at the same cost share % as the original agreement
- Reserve the right to undertake maintenance of the project in the case where the Watershed District Board has deemed that there is landowner negligence which is having negative implications on the site and structure, and to bill the landowner for related maintenance costs at the same cost share % as the original agreement

I, _____ hereby authorize you, your engineers, agents, and/or employees with the necessary equipment, to enter upon the aforementioned land for the purpose of water retention. I hereby declare that I have read the Conditions and I agree to abide to the said Conditions. I further agree to cooperate with the Watershed District in this regard.

Applicant signature

Date

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Sub-district _____ **Nearest Watershed** _____

Pac Recommendation: Approved Denied

Comments: _____

SRRWD Board Resolution #: _____ Work Order #: _____