



SECOND CENTURY HABITAT AND ACCESS INITIATIVE

HABITAT PROGRAMS

WORKING LANDS PROGRAM

- » Working lands program designed to establish wildlife habitat on saline and moist soils, field edges, and low quality soil hilltops.
- » Eligible statewide.
- » Contract enrollment is for 5 years.
- » Minimum enrollment size is 10 acres.
- » Maximum acres per participant is 160 acres.
- » Fee hunting establishments are not eligible.
- » Haying or grazing is allowed August 1 through March 1.
- » One-time incentive payment of \$150 per acre.
- » The program seed mix is provided at no cost.
- » One-time \$10/acre/year to enroll in Walk-In Area access program.

FOOD AND BROOD HABITAT PLOTS PROGRAM

- » Free corn, sorghum, and brood mix seed is available.
- » Annual payment: \$20 per acre or \$40 per acre if planted on Walk-In Area.
- » Food plots remain unharvested through winter.
- » Maximum enrollment of 10 acres per quarter section and 30 acres per landowner.
- » Payments made in February.

WOODY HABITAT PROGRAM

- » Woody habitat plantings are designed to provide ground level wildlife cover during winter conditions.
- » Minimum planting allowed for enrollment is 8 rows wide and 1 acre in size.
- » GFP one-time cost share payment: 75% of total project costs up to \$10,000 per planting.
- » Payments made upon project completion.

HABITAT FENCING PROGRAM

- » Fencing projects designed to protect new or existing habitat such as trees or food plots from livestock.
- » GFP one-time cost share payment: 100% of fence material costs up to \$1,000 per fence project.
- » Payments made upon project completion.

NESTING HABITAT PROGRAM

- » Establish undisturbed nesting habitat for pheasants and ducks (10 acre minimum), and create pollinator habitat.
- » GFP one-time cost share payment: 100% of seed and planting costs up to \$125 per acre.
- » Cost-share is not available on other conservation program acres (e.g. CRP or WRP).
- » Payment made upon project completion.

WETLANDS/GRASSLANDS/GRAZING PROGRAM

- » Provides landowners with technical and financial assistance through a variety of cost-share incentives to implement wetland and grassland conservation practices beneficial to wildlife while also meeting land use goals on working farms and ranches.
- » Projects include: Wetland Restorations; Wetland Creations and Enhancements; Fencing and Water Development on Managed Grazing Lands; Grassland Restorations; Riparian Pastures; and Wildlife Friendly Fence in pronghorn range.
- » Cost share rates vary by specific practice.

Landowners participating in GFP Private Lands Habitat Programs must allow reasonable public use of their property.

ACCESS PROGRAMS

WALK-IN AREA PROGRAM (WIA)

- » The WIA program leases private land with valuable hunting opportunity for public hunting access (foot-traffic only) in exchange for an annual payment and protection from liability (SDCL 20-9-15).
- » WIA enrollment deadline is May 1st.
- » A one-time bonus payment (either \$2.50 or \$5/acre per year, depending on location) for multi-year contracts on undisturbed CRP or WRP habitat.
- » Annual payment rates vary by location, habitat quality, and hunting opportunities provided, and are made in February following the fall hunting season.

CONTROLLED HUNTING ACCESS PROGRAM (CHAP)

- » CHAP is a cooperative effort between private landowners and GFP to provide limited public hunting access on private land.
- » Landowners enrolled in CHAP determine the number of hunters allowed per day, game species hunted, and when hunting occurs within existing seasons.
- » Payment rates are based on hunter use days.

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