

Meadowlark Initiative RCPP Fact Sheet

RCPP Project - 3293

The Meadowlark Initiative is a statewide strategy focused on two goals in North Dakota: 1) improve, increase and connect wildlife habitat, and 2) support the sustainability of new and existing livestock ranches.

Fourteen project partners have agreed to pool contributions to leverage RCPP funding using an innovative spatial modeling approach to prioritize land management and rental conservation activities. The partners aim to convert 20,000 acres of marginal cropland to diverse native perennial vegetation; enhance 50,000 acres of existing and reconstructed native grasslands; and restore and enhance 10,000 acres of wetlands within reconstructed grassland complexes.

How to Apply

Producers with land located in the project boundary are eligible to submit an application. RCPP applications are accepted year-round.

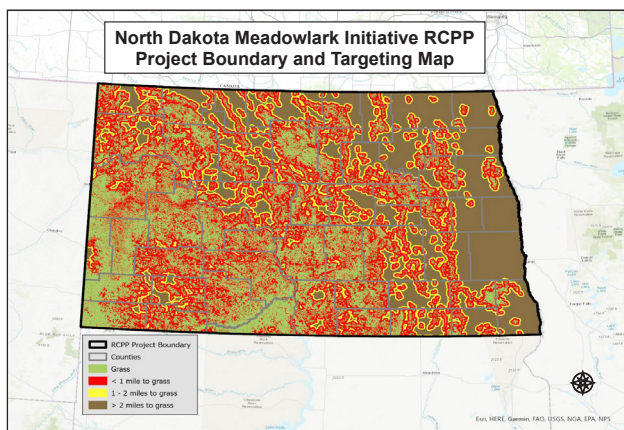
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Approved Conservation Practices

314 – Brush Management
327 – Conservation Cover
328 – Prescribed Burning
342 – Critical Area Planting
382 – Fence
390 – Riparian Herbaceous Cover
512 – Pasture and Hay Planting
516 – Livestock Pipeline
528 – Prescribed Grazing
533 – Pumping Plant
550 – Range Planting
614 – Watering Facility
642 – Water Well
657 – Wetland Restoration
RFRN – FA Rental Payment



Green areas are blocks of grass > 2 mi² that serve as anchors for the management and enhancement of adjacent grasslands, increasing habitat by decreasing fragmentation.

Red and **yellow** indicate areas within 1 or 2 miles, respectively, of anchor grasslands. These zones can be targeted for enhancement of existing grasslands or restorations of grasslands to increase patch size and connectivity.

Areas in **brown** are also suitable for enhancement and restoration, but are lower priorities because of their distance to grass anchor blocks.

