

MINNESOTA NATIVE PRAIRIE BANK

Rewarding your commitment to conservation.

Goal

Provide protection of native prairie on private lands through the use of conservation easements.

Benefits to Landowners

Landowners can retain some agricultural uses such as grazing, haying and seed harvest

- Guidance and assistance with management of prairie
 - Prescribed burns
 - Tree and brush removal
 - Seeding and restoration
 - Invasive species control
- Prairie Stewardship, Grazing, and Haying Plans

Eligibility

- Privately owned remnant prairie tracts that have never been plowed
- Moderate to high quality prairie

Evaluation Factors

Prairie properties are ranked by the quality of their ecological attributes

- The size, quality and biodiversity of the prairie
- Known occurrences of or habitat for rare species
- Location in relation to State Prairie Conservation Plan priority areas and other protected prairie lands

Enrollment Process

- Information and applications given to landowners by DNR staff or local partners (Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Fish and Wildlife Service, Pheasants Forever, etc.)
- Site brought to Regional NPB staff's attention
- Regional NPB staff conduct a site visit to evaluate the site for enrollment priority
- Landowner is informed of ranking
- DNR continually works down ranking list as funds become available
- Easement acquisition process will take approximately one year

Payment

- 65% of marginal agricultural land value as determined by the Board of Water and Soil Resources, which is determined to be 65% of the Township Non-Crop Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) rate
- Reduction in payment for grazing, haying & seed harvest rights retained

For more information or to have a parcel reviewed for possible enrollment please contact one of the following Regional Prairie Specialists.

