

Costs Associated with Plantings

Landowner is responsible for 100% of the seed costs for any planting option. Cost of seed must be paid in advance of planting. Seed will be purchased by Black Hawk County Conservation Staff.

Field preparation for any planting option is responsibility of the landowner.

Seed Mix: Cost Dependent on seed mix desired or specified in CRP plans and quantity.

Tractor, Planter & Operator:

\$150.00 up to 3 acres

Additional Acres: \$50.00/acre

Food Plot plantings: 3 acre Maximum

Other planting options: 10 acre Maximum

Planting Services Scheduling:

- On a first-come-first-served basis
- Dependent on staff workload and availability
- Dependent on weather conditions

The mission of Black Hawk County Conservation is to; enhance the quality of life and stimulate economic development in Black Hawk County by providing open space, outdoor recreation, education and resource management.

If you have ever found yourself asking the question;

“What can I do on my property to help with the conservation of natural resources?”

Contact our Wildlife Conservationists. They will work with you and your specific property to help develop the habitats that will serve to provide the most positive environmental impact possible.

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Landowner Assistance Program



Black Hawk County Conservation's *Landowner Assistance Program* provides professional assistance to private landowners who wish to maintain, develop and/or improve their lands.

Development of quality wildlife habitat through good land stewardship benefits the environment and the communities we live in.

Filter Strips, Buffer Strips, Terraces & Water Ways

The benefits of filter strips, buffer strips, terraces and water way plantings are plentiful.

All of these plantings serve to;

- Control soil erosion by wind & water
- Improve soil quality
- Improve water quality by trapping sediment, chemicals and other contaminants from runoff
- Improve fish and wildlife habitat
- Helps reduce flooding

Prairie Plantings

Prairie habitats host many plants that are rarely found in other habitats. Prairies boast many environmental benefits such as;

- Reduction of soil erosion with deep, drought resistant root systems that hold the soil
- Water conservation as these deep root systems absorb water effectively filtering and slowing water during heavy rain events
- Habitat for many nesting birds as well as amphibians, reptiles, several mammals and insects

Pollinator Plantings

Pollinator plantings are vital to the production of seeds and are necessary for many plants to reproduce. These plantings help to improve water quality, plant and insect conservation and the overall health of any ecosystem.

Consider including pollinator seed mixes in your prairie plantings to maximize the environmental and habitat benefits.

CRP Plantings

If you are looking for someone to help you implement an existing Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) plan, we can help. Contact our Wildlife Conservationists to schedule a meeting to review your CRP planting plan.

Food Plot Plantings

Food Plots offer many benefits to wildlife as well as humans. Food plots offer;

- Supplemental wildlife nutrition
- Protection from predators
- Attracts wildlife for viewing and/or hunting

Seed choice will determine the method of planting. Larger seed will be broadcast while smaller seed can be drilled. Food Plot plantings limited to 3 acres or less.

Tree Planting Equipment Rentals

Black Hawk County Conservation offers rental of the following tree planting equipment;

- 3 Point Tree Planter: \$25.00/Day
- Tree Spade Bar: Free use with \$50.00 refundable deposit