

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

- **Eligibility:** Land must meet Farm Service Agency (FSA) crop history requirements and a minimum of one year of ownership.
- **Incentive:** Annual rental payment based upon the three predominant soils in enrollment area and 50% cost-share to establish the practice. Special practices may have extra incentives such as: a 20% higher rental rate, a practice incentive payment, or an \$75-\$100/acre one-time signing bonus.
- **Practices:** Practices include but are not limited to: filter strip, riparian buffer, upland wildlife habitat, and wetland restoration. There are many practices designed to target specific conservation or wildlife needs, e.g. pollinator habitat.
- **Length:** 10-15 year contract; depending on practice.



Monarch butterfly feeding on rough blazing star in a CRP native prairie planting

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

- **Incentive:** One-time, flat-rate payment based off the specific practice being implemented.
- **Practices:** Practices include but are not limited to: native grass and wildflower plantings, tree and shrub plantings, timber stand improvement, prescribed burning, edge feathering, cover crops and firebreaks.
- **Length:** Dependent on the practice: 5 years for native grass and wildflower plantings; 10 years for timber stand improvement; 15 years for tree and shrub plantings.

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

- **Incentive:** Annual payment for conservation practices currently being implemented as well as one-time, flat-rate payment(s) for additional conservation activities implemented during contract.
- **Practices:** Practices include but are not limited to: native grass and wildflower plantings, tree and shrub plantings, timber stand improvement, prescribed burning, edge feathering, cover crops and firebreaks.
- **Length:** 5 year contract; some conservation activities may have practice lifespans beyond contract.



High-quality, diverse native prairie established with financial assistance through EQIP.

Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)

- **Improving Working Lands for Monarch Butterflies**
- **Summary:** This program leverages existing USDA conservation programs with private financial support to further increase delivery and impact. The 'Monarch RCPP' provides special funds within EQIP and CSP for specific conservation practices to benefit monarchs in Iowa and the nine other states in the breeding range.

If you have questions about these programs or are interested in applying, please call or visit your local USDA Service Center. Contact information can be found online at <https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=ia>.

Other Programs for Monarchs & Pollinators

Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP)



- Cost-Share: 75% on the actual or estimated cost, whichever is less.
- Practices: native grass and wildflower plantings, tree and shrub plantings, woodland improvement such as timber stand improvement or windbreaks.
- Practice Lifespan: 20 year maintenance agreement on native grass and wildflower plantings and tree or shrub plantings; 10 year maintenance agreement for timber stand improvement.
- Minimum Size: 5 acre minimum for timber stand improvement; 3 acre minimum for tree/shrub plantings.

Trees Forever Pollinator Habitat Conservation



- Cost-Share: 50% up to \$1000 of the expenses to install or improve pollinator habitat and can be used in conjunction with other cost-share programs.
- Eligible plants include native wildflowers and grasses, shrubs, and trees.
- Minimum Size: No minimum size or cropping history requirements.
- Contract Length: 10 year maintenance agreement

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Service Program



- Cost-Share: Determined by type of project and funding available at the time of request.
- Practices: Native prairie establishment, wetland restorations, brush management, timber stand improvement and more to improve fish and wildlife habitat on private land.

Prairie Partners

- Cost-Share: 50% cost-share (in form of voucher) on the cost of the native grass and wildflower seed component on eligible projects.
- Minimum size: 2 acres, no cropping history required.
- Contract length: 10 years



Iowa Native Seed
Growers Association

On your Own

- It's not a requirement to use a cost-share program to create high quality wildlife habitat.
- The advantages of doing work on your own include: avoiding program restrictions and requirements, no contract length, no paperwork, and no waiting period.
- Technical assistance is still available to landowners not wishing to use a cost-share program.

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