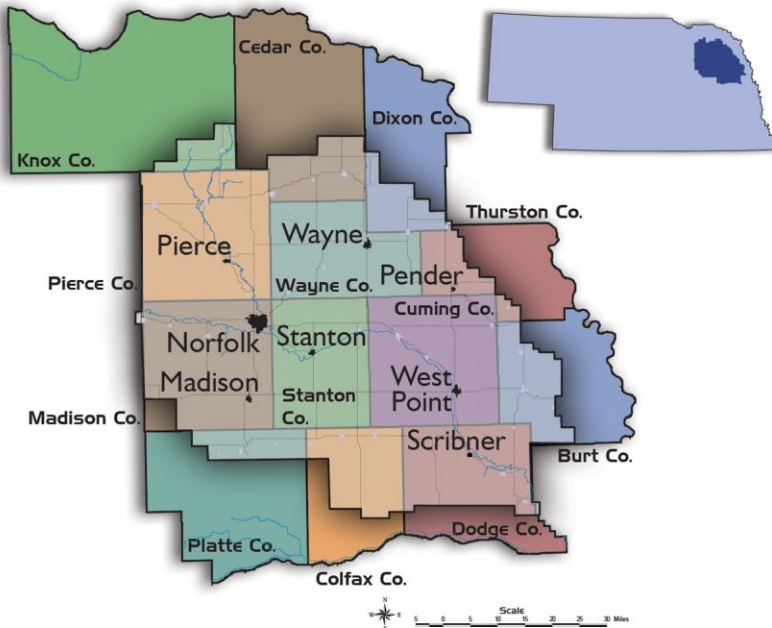


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Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts
Making the Good Life Better Since 1972

Spring 2019



LOWER ELKHORN NRD

LENRD QUICK FACTS:

The Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District (LENRD) serves the people in all or parts of 15 counties in northeast Nebraska, and is governed by a 15 member Board of Directors elected by the people of the district.

Our Mission:

“Striving to improve the quality of life for all citizens of the *Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District* by promoting and demonstrating sound methods of stewardship which conserve, develop and manage all natural resources.”

Protecting Lives - Protecting Property - Protecting the Future

Historic storms devastate Nebraska

March 2019 will go down in history books and in the memories of so many as one of the most devastating times for Nebraskans from the panhandle all the way to the southeast corner of the state.

The blizzard, ice jams, snow melt, heavy rain, and flooding that rolled across Nebraska will take time to recover from.

The Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District (LENRD) monitored the infrastructure across the area during and following the historic flooding events in March.

LENRD General Manager, Mike Sousek, said, “Without the investments that previous community leaders put into place

years ago, this historic event could have been much worse. Without the Willow Creek dam 1 ½ miles southwest of Pierce, and the Flood Control Levee protecting Norfolk, these cities would have been under water.”

The Willow Creek flood-control structure held back water that would have otherwise affected the communities of Pierce, Hadar, and Norfolk as well as the streams along the Elkhorn River and downstream landowners, county roads, and bridges.

Sousek continued, “Not only did the dam help to alleviate further damages to downstream landowners, towns, and villages, but

it also helped protect the levee in Norfolk. Investments in flood control levees and dams strengthen and preserve communities.”

Did flooding affect your water well? You can pick up water test kits from our office.

Visit the website below for a clearinghouse for ag and livestock assistance - <http://www.nda.nebraska.gov/resources/index.html>

Improving the Quality of Life

Cost-share & financial assistance opportunities

Landowners within the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District (LENRD) boundaries, have an opportunity to apply for assistance in the following categories:

Management Practices:

Cover Crop Incentive

Nutrient Management Incentive

Soil Moisture Sensors



Structural Practices:

Planned Grazing Systems

Terraces

Water & Sediment Control Basins

Grade Stabilization Structures

Small Dams

Vegetative Practices:

Filter Strips

Windbreak/Shelterbelt Installation and Renovation

Grass Seeding of Highly Erodible Land

Grassed Waterways

Field Borders

Contoured Grass Strips

Conversion of Irrigated Cropland to Irrigated Grazing Land

Communities/Public Entities:

Community Forestry Program

Recreation Area Development

Urban Conservation Practices



Conservation Tree Program: Order forms available November-March

More LENRD Facts:

- The LENRD has distributed over 4 million trees to customers across our 15 counties.
- 72 road structures have been constructed since 1972 to replace old, worn out bridges.
- The LENRD has sold 2,042,165 feet of weed barrier through the Conservation Tree Program, which equals approximately 386 miles.
- Rural Water Systems provide a reliable supply of quality drinking water to a large number of rural customers and small communities. The LENRD has worked with various local, state, and federal agencies to provide area and regional water supply systems for people across the district.
- The LENRD requires the installation of a flow meter on all high capacity wells, pumping more than 50 gallons per minute.
- The LENRD Board of Directors held a public hearing last August to receive public input on the goals and objectives of the Integrated Management Plan to protect our groundwater.

Concerned about your natural resources? So are we. Give us a call or stop by our office. We have programs to fit both urban and rural lifestyles. Our staff and directors are here to serve you - we're your *local* voice for natural resources management.



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www.nrdnet.org and
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