EQIP 2014
IOWA WILDLIFE STATE SUB-ACCOUNTS

EQIP 2014
FORESTLAND HABITAT PRACTICE LIST

EQIP Financial Assistance is available for all listed practices at the 50% Payment Rate (PR) rate. Higher Payment Rates may be available for Historically Underserved applicants or for applications located in identified priority areas. Practices not on this list must be pre-approved through the NRCS State Office before implementation.

Forestland Habitat

The purpose of this category is the enhancement of existing forestland habitat for forestland associated priority wildlife species.

NRCS Practice Standards to conduct the above are (Practice lifespan in parenthesis):

472 Access Control (10 Years)
Contract acres must be excluded from domestic livestock grazing for duration of contract.

327 Conservation Cover (5 Years)
The purpose of this practice is to establish vegetative cover for erosion control, forage, water quality, and/or wildlife habitat.

647 Early Successional Habitat Development/Management (1 Year)
The purpose of this practice is to develop wildlife edge habitat through a combination of methods to disturb established vegetation on non-erosive soils. The manipulation includes mowing, light disking, timber feathering, herbicide application, and/or green browse establishment. This manipulation will allow for the growth of annual and perennial weeds and for planting wildlife food to improve wildlife habitat. See the "Attracting Iowa Wildlife on Private Lands" for additional information.

382 Fence (20 Years)
This practice is applied to accomplish the following objective: exclude domestic livestock from areas that should be protected from grazing to improve the areas for wildlife.

142 Fish and Wildlife Habitat Plan written (1 Year)
This is a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) to support wildlife habitat development.

106 Forestry Management Plan (1 Year)
This is a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) to support forestry management.

666 Forest Stand Improvement (10 Years)
The purpose of this practice is to improve understory aesthetics, wildlife habitat, or recreation in forestland including savanna.

315 Herbaceous Weed Control (5 Years)
Financial assistance is limited to use for habitat improvements through invasive species control on non-grazed forestland and sites managed as prairie remnants.

146 Pollinator Habitat Plan written (1 Year)
This is a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) to support the development of pollinator habitat.

338 Prescribed Burning (1 Year)
The purpose of this practice is to use controlled fire to manipulate existing vegetative cover to remove built up organic residues, control invasive grass and woody species, or provide for improved wildlife habitat. Burning is only allowed based on NRCS District Conservationist verifying the prescribed burning plan meets EQIP plan objectives.

112 Prescribed Burning Plan (1 Year)
This is a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) to support the development of a Prescribed Burn Plan that is a site specific plan developed with a client which addresses one or more resource concerns on land through the use of fire.

612 Tree and Shrub Establishment (15 Years)
The purpose of this practice is to establish woody plants for erosion control, watershed protection, wildlife habitat, and control-drifting snow, reduce water pollution, or beautify an area.

490 Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (1 Year)
The purpose of this practice is to prepare land for establishing a stand of trees to enhance wildlife habitat.

645 Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (1 Year)
The purpose of this practice is to create, maintain, or enhance habitat suitable for sustaining desired kinds of upland wildlife.

Operation and Maintenance (Term of Contract)
It is the landowner responsibility to maintain the acres covered in this contract through the life of the contract. Any activity that is not explicitly described in this contract must have the approval of the NRCS district conservationist prior to the start of that activity. Any deviation from this agreement may result in the participant being in violation of the long-term contract.

EQIP 2014
GRASSLANDS HABITAT PRACTICE LIST

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Grasslands Habitat

The purpose of this category is the enhancement of existing grassland stands and creation of new grassland habitat for the priority grassland wildlife species. This would include the enhancement of pastureland, establishment of native grasslands, and the enhancement of native prairie areas to provide improved habitat for grassland associated species.

NRCS Practice Standards to conduct the above are (Practice lifespan in parenthesis):

472 Access Control (10 Years)
Contract acres must be excluded from domestic livestock grazing for duration of contract.

314 Brush Management (10 Years)
The purpose of this practice is to selectively remove unwanted woody species to improve forage production, native prairie production and/or wildlife habitat.

327 Conservation Cover (5 Years)
The purpose of this practice is to establish vegetative cover for erosion control, forage, water quality, and/or wildlife habitat. See attached IA CPA4, Seed Plan.

647 Early Successional Habitat Development/Management (1 Year)
The purpose of this practice is to develop wildlife edge habitat through a combination of methods to disturb established vegetation on non-erosive soils. The manipulation includes mowing, light disking, timber feathering, herbicide application, and/or green browse establishment. This manipulation will allow for the growth of annual and perennial weeds and for planting wildlife food to improve wildlife habitat. See the "Attracting Iowa Wildlife on Private Lands" for additional information.

382 Fence (20 Years)
This practice is applied to accomplish the following objectives: exclude domestic livestock from areas that should be protected from grazing, or subdivide grazing land to permit use of grazing systems to improve the areas for wildlife.

142 Fish and Wildlife Habitat Plan written (1 Year)
This is a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) to support wildlife habitat development.

512 Forage and Biomass Planting (5 Years)
The purpose of this practice is to establish adapted and compatible species, varieties, or cultivators to maintain or enhance wildlife habitat and to reduce soil erosion.

110 Grazing Management Plan (1 Year)
This is a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) to support the development of a Prescribed Grazing Plan that is a site specific plan developed with a client which addresses one or more resource concerns on grazing lands.

315 Herbaceous Weed Control (5 Years)
Financial assistance is limited to use for habitat improvements through invasive species control on grazed pastureland and sites managed as prairie remnants.

516 Livestock Pipeline (20 Years)
To convey water from a source of supply to points of use for livestock, wildlife, or recreation.

146 Pollinator Habitat Plan written (1 Year)
This is a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) to support the development of pollinator habitat.

338 Prescribed Burning (1 Year)
The purpose of this practice is to use controlled fire to manipulate existing vegetative cover to remove built up organic residues, control invasive grass and woody species, or provide for improved wildlife habitat. Burning is only allowed based on NRCS District Conservationist verifying the prescribed burning plan meets EQIP plan objectives.

112 Prescribed Burning Plan (1 Year)
This is a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) to support the development of a Prescribed Burn Plan that is a site specific plan developed with a client which addresses one or more resource concerns on land through the use of fire.

528 Prescribed Grazing (1 Year)
The purpose of the practice in EQIP Wildlife applications is to utilize the controlled grazing of cattle to manipulate vegetation for the benefit of wildlife species and control unwanted vegetative species. Grazing will only be allowed based on an approved grazing plan prepared by the NRCS district conservationist. Grazing is not guaranteed and will only be used when it is determined to meet program guidelines and necessary for wildlife habitat productivity. There are two Prescribed Grazing practice scenarios eligible under EQIP Wildlife (Grassland) sub-accounts. These are “Deferment for Wildlife” and “Long Term Deferment.” The scenario description for these scenarios includes the following purpose: “improved nesting habitat for wildlife species.”

643 Restoration and Management of Rare and Declining Habitats (1 Year)
Restore and manage unique or declining land or aquatic, native habitats. Provide habitat for rare and declining species. To restore, conserve, and manage native plant communities and increase native plant community diversity.

645 Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (1 Year)
The purpose of this practice is to create, maintain, or enhance habitat suitable for sustaining desired kinds of upland wildlife.

614 Watering Facility (20 Years)
To provide watering facilities for livestock and/or wildlife at selected locations in order to provide erosion control, to protect streams, and water supplies from contamination by providing alternative access to water and to protect vegetative cover through proper distribution of grazing.

Operation and Maintenance (Term of Contract)
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EQIP 2014
RIVERINE HABITAT PRACTICE LIST

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Riverine Habitat

The purpose of this category is the enhancement of aquatic habitat for selected fish species through Improvement to in-stream areas and streambanks below the normal high water line. It also includes reconnection to the stream of backwater and oxbows areas in the floodplain.

NRCS Practice Standards to conduct the above are (Practice lifespan in parenthesis):

472 Access Control (10 Years)
Contract acres must be excluded from domestic livestock grazing for duration of contract.

314 Brush Management (10 Years)
The purpose of this practice is to selectively remove unwanted woody species to improve forage production, native prairie production and/or wildlife habitat.

327 Conservation Cover (5 Years)
The purpose of this practice is to establish vegetative cover for erosion control, forage, water quality, and/or wildlife habitat.

342 Critical Area Planting (10 Years)
The purpose of the practice is to establish vegetative cover on critical eroding areas created during installation of conservation practices.

382 Fence (20 Years)
This practice is applied to accomplish the following objectives: exclude domestic livestock from areas that should be protected from grazing, or subdivide grazing land to permit use of grazing systems to improve the areas for wildlife.

142 Fish and Wildlife Habitat Plan written (1 Year)
This is a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) to support wildlife habitat development.

110 Grazing Management Plan (1 Year)
This is a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) to support the development of a Prescribed Grazing Plan that is a site specific plan developed with a client which addresses one or more resource concerns on grazing lands.

516 Livestock Pipeline (20 Years)
To convey water from a source of supply to points of use for livestock, wildlife, or recreation.

338 Prescribed Burning (1 Year)
The purpose of this practice is to use controlled fire to manipulate existing vegetative cover to remove built up organic residues, control invasive grass and woody species, or provide for improved wildlife habitat. Burning is only allowed based on NRCS District Conservationist verifying the prescribed burning plan meets EQIP plan objectives.

112 Prescribed Burning Plan (1 Year)
This is a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) to support the development of a Prescribed Burn Plan that is a site specific plan developed with a client which addresses one or more resource concerns on land through the use of fire.

528 Prescribed Grazing (1 Year)
The purpose of the practice in EQIP Wildlife applications is to utilize the controlled grazing of cattle to manipulate vegetation for the benefit of wildlife species and control unwanted vegetative species. Grazing will only be allowed based on an approved grazing plan prepared by the NRCS district conservationist. Grazing is not guaranteed and will only be used when it is determined to meet program guidelines and necessary for wildlife habitat productivity. There are two Prescribed Grazing practice scenarios eligible under EQIP Wildlife (Grassland) sub-accounts. These are "Deferment for Wildlife" and "Long Term Deferment." The scenario description for these scenarios includes the following purpose: "improved nesting habitat for wildlife species."

643 Restoration and Management of Rare and Declining Habitats (1 Year)
Restore and manage unique or declining land or aquatic, native habitats. Provide habitat for rare and declining species. To restore, conserve, and manage native plant communities and increase native plant community diversity.

580 Streambank and Shoreline Protection (20 Years)
The purpose of this practice is to improve fishery habitat by reducing streambank cutting and sloughing. This is accomplished through bank shaping, placing of riprap and other materials, installation of fish habitat structures, and seeding the disturbed areas.

395 Stream Habitat Improvement and Management (5 Years)
The purpose of this practice is to provide suitable habitat for desired aquatic species and a diverse aquatic community. Provide channel morphology and associated riparian characteristics important to desired aquatic species. Provide aesthetic values and recreational opportunities associated with stream habitats such as angling and fish viewing.

587 Structure for Water Control (20 Years)
This practice may be applied as a management component of a water management system to control the stage, discharge, distribution, delivery, or direction of water flow.

614 Watering Facility (20 Years)
To provide watering facilities for livestock and/or wildlife at selected locations in order to provide erosion control, to protect streams, and water supplies from contamination by providing alternative access to water and to protect vegetative cover through proper distribution of grazing.

657 Wetland Restoration (15 Years)
The purpose of this practice is to restore hydric soil conditions, hydrologic conditions, hydrophytic plant communities, and wetland functions that occurred on the disturbed wetland site prior to modification.

Operation and Maintenance (Term of Contract)

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EQIP 2014
WILDLIFE HABITAT PRACTICE LIST

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Wildlife Habitat

The purpose of this category is the establishment or enhancement of herbaceous, woody or wetland habitats to provide for all stages of the targeted wildlife species lifecycle needs.

NRCS Practice Standards to conduct the above are (Practice lifespan in parenthesis):

472 Access Control (10 Years)
Contract acres must be excluded from domestic livestock grazing for duration of contract.

314 Brush Management (10 Years)
The purpose of this practice is to selectively remove unwanted woody species to improve forage production, native prairie production and/or wildlife habitat.

327 Conservation Cover (5 Years)
The purpose of this practice is to establish vegetative cover for erosion control, forage, water quality, and/or wildlife habitat. See attached IA CPA4, Seed Plan.

342 Critical Area Planting (10 Years)
The purpose of the practice is to establish vegetative cover on critical eroding areas created during installation of conservation practices.

356 Dike (20 Years)
The purpose of this practice is to enhance fish and wildlife habitat or restore and maintain wetland areas.

647 Early Successional Habitat Development/Management (1 Years)
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382 Fence (20 Years)
This practice is applied to accomplish the following objectives: exclude domestic livestock from areas that should be protected from grazing, or subdivide grazing land to permit use of grazing systems to improve the areas for wildlife.

142 Fish and Wildlife Habitat Plan written (1 Years)
This is a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) to support wildlife habitat development.

106 Forestry Management Plan (1 Years)
This is a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) to support forestry management.

666 Forest Stand Improvement (10 Years)
The purpose of this practice is to improve understory aesthetics, wildlife habitat, or recreation in forestland including savanna.

512 Forage and Biomass Planting (5 Years)
The purpose of this practice is to establish adapted and compatible species, varieties, or cultivators to maintain or enhance wildlife habitat and to reduce soil erosion.

110 Grazing Management Plan (1 Year)
This is a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) to support the development of a Prescribed Grazing Plan that is a site specific plan developed with a client which addresses one or more resource concerns on grazing lands.

422 Hedgerow Planting (15 Years)
The purpose of this practice is to establish a living fence of shrubs or tress to provide food and shelter for wildlife.

315 Herbaceous Weed Control (5 Years)
Financial assistance is limited to use for habitat improvements through invasive species control on non-grazed forestland and sites managed as prairie remnants.

516 Livestock Pipeline (20 Years)
To convey water from a source of supply to points of use for livestock, wildlife, or recreation.

146 Pollinator Habitat Plan written (1 Year)
This is a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) to support the development of pollinator habitat.

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612 Tree and Shrub Establishment (15 Years)
The purpose of this practice is to establish woody plants for erosion control, watershed protection, wildlife habitat, and control-drifting snow, reduce water pollution, or beautify an area.

490 Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (1 Years)
The purpose of this practice is to prepare land for establishing a stand of trees to enhance wildlife habitat.

620 Underground Outlet (20 Years)
The purpose of this practice is to dispose of excess water without causing damage by erosion or flooding.

645 Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (1 Year)
The purpose of this practice is to create, maintain, or enhance habitat suitable for sustaining desired kinds of upland wildlife.

614 Watering Facility (20 Years)
To provide watering facilities for livestock and/or wildlife at selected locations in order to provide erosion control, to protect streams, and water supplies from contamination by providing alternative access to water and to protect vegetative cover through proper distribution of grazing.

657 Wetland Restoration (15 Years)
The purpose of this practice is to restore hydric soil conditions, hydrologic conditions, hydrophytic plant communities, and wetland functions that occurred on the disturbed wetland site prior to modification.

659 Wetland Enhancement (15 Years)
The purpose of this practice is to modify the hydrologic condition, hydrophytic plant communities, and/or other biological habitat components of a wetland for the purpose of favoring specific wetland functions or values.

644 Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (1 Year)
The purpose of this practice is to protect, develop, or improve habitat for waterfowl, furbearers, or other wetland wildlife.

380 Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (15 Years)
The purpose of this practice is to plant multiple rows of trees and shrubs to provide wildlife habitat and improve aesthetics.

650 Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation (15 Years)
The purpose of this practice is to improve existing windbreak/shelterbelt values and functions for wildlife habitat improvement.

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