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GROW Application Form

Personal Information			
Applicant Name:		Date (DD-MM-YYYY):	
Mailing Address:	Municipality/Location:	Postal Code:	
Phone:		Cell:	
E-mail:			
Property Details			
Legal Description of Project Site:			
Qtr:	Sec:	Twp:	Rg:
_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____
Other Descriptions: _____			
Is this land rented? (Y or N) _____			
If yes, has the owner allowed for consent of project? (Y or N) Is renter aware of project? (Y or N)			
If yes, please provide the name and contact information of the property owner(s) and/or renter(s)			
Owner(s):			
Renter(s):			
Land Use (check all that apply):			
Livestock/Pasture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annual Crop	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tame/Hay Land	<input type="checkbox"/>	Forest	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Native Prairie	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Idle/Undeveloped	<input type="checkbox"/>

Project Interest (check all that apply)

Wetlands (e.g. marsh, pond, slough)

Protection of existing
Enhancement of existing
Restoration of existing

If known: Class I Class II Both

Number of wetland(s): _____

Size of wetland(s) in acres: _____

Riparian Areas (edge of water body)

Protection of existing
Enhancement of existing
Restoration of existing

Known area (distance in length/acres): _____

Buffer Establishment (e.g. shelterbelt, perennial cover)

Protection of existing
Enhancement of existing
Restoration of existing

Known area (distance in length/acres): _____

Are the tree species intended for harvesting for economic benefit? (Y or N)

What tree species are you intending to plant? _____

Upland Areas (e.g. native prairie, forest, soil health improvements)

Protection of existing
Enhancement of existing
Restoration of existing

Known area (distance in length/acres): _____

Water Retention

Small dam construction
Culvert re-sizing
Berm construction

Other: _____

Project Sketch: Please indicate project location, including: rough terrain, surrounding vegetation, waterways, buildings, and use of land.



Approximately how many acres would this project cover? _____

Incentive

Are you interested in an incentive payment program? (Y or N)

Are you interested in a cost sharing program? (Y or N)

Are you interested in signing a 10-year term agreement? (Y or N)

Do you have or would like to develop an Environmental Farm Plan? (Y or No)

If yes, please provide EFP certificate # _____

SLWD GROW Program Terms & Conditions

Objective:

- To protect watershed resources using EG&S programs
- To protect Class 1 & 2 wetlands through incentives for landowners
- To protect riparian areas by eliminating grazing pressure
- To minimize effects of spring flooding by slowing run-off
- To maintain local soil health, and to reduce soil loading rates downstream

Eligibility:

- Project location must be within the Swan Lake Watershed District
- Must fall within the target area(s) of the GROW Program

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Roles & Responsibilities:

The Applicant Shall:

- **Allow consent of entry onto property for purposes of the project (i.e., monitoring);**
- Provide access for inspection, evaluation, or further assessment of the project by the Watershed District at any reasonable or future time;
- **Not alter, change, remove or modify the project** without prior authorization of the Watershed District;
- Ensure agricultural use and other practices do not alter or effect the integrity of the project
- Be responsible for routine maintenance of the project area including but not limited to; mowing, cleaning of runways, etc.;
- Grant the Watershed District the right to use any information related to this project for educational or promotional purposes; and
- **Indemnify and save harmless the Watershed District from any and all actions, claims, suits, damages, injuries, or other loss no matter howsoever arising as a result of the construction, operation or maintenance of the project.**

The SLWD Shall:

- Reserve the right to reasonable access to project areas for tours, educational purposes or to inspect the condition of the project site at any time following completion of the project; and
- Arrange for necessary equipment for construction;
- Supervise project to ensure construction is completed according to approved project designs;
- Provide incentive payments and assessments for a period of no more than 10 years if project is approved by the Local GROW Committee.

Project Funding/Incentives:

The Swan Lake Watershed District will fund GROW Program projects on a case-by-case basis depending on available program funding. Projects may be eligible for funding up to 100% of project costs.

I understand and agree to the terms and conditions outlined in the above document

Landowner Signature

Date

Project Description

What are your intentions and overall goal(s) of your property?

What are the primary reasons for pursuing a project?

Does the proposed project have more than one GROW priority outcomes?

Does the proposed project have a combination of GROW and other SLWD activities?

Are there topography changes or elevation points that effect the project?

Is the proposed project location on land that is at risk for high erosion events?

What soil class and/or type is your land where the proposed project is located?

Does the proposed property have annual crop or marginal lands?

When is seeding taking place? Has it been affected by this potential project factors?

Does the landowner of proposed project own the responsibilities of the short- and long-term benefits of the GROW Program? For example, able to appropriately engage in recommendations provided by assessments, e.g., mow grass, remove timber, apply seed mix, etc.?

Are there known invasive species on proposed project property (e.g., leafy spurge)?

Are there known crop and/or livestock diseases or pests on proposed project property (e.g., root rot)?

Are there known Species at Risk on proposed project property?

Are there habitat benefits for potential Species at Risk?

[Comments/Notes:](#)

Project Proposal

Answer all that apply to your specific project proposal

Reduces Vulnerability to Flooding and Drought

- Is the project located near a water source? If yes, please provide the name of the watercourse
- Does the project location have water source(s) on-site? If so, what class type? (e.g., wetland class, stream/creek, etc.)
- How much water (in acres) is on-site and how long is the water stored at this location?
- Are there water quality issues in channels and/or other water bodies?
- Is there field run-off from blocked drains or crossings with excess residue/topsoil?
- Are there effects of high-water events (e.g., spring flooding - erosion, excess water)?

Improves Water Quality and Reduces Nutrient Loss to Water

- Is there preventative measure(s) needed to reduce flooding, divert/reduce water flow, or infrastructure related issues impeding productivity?
- Do you allow for a buffer area (e.g., minimum 10ft or 3m from a water source) on the proposed property?
- Is there a healthy riparian habitat on your proposed project land property?
- Is there known aquatic ecosystems in nearby water source(s) to the proposed project?

Potential to Mitigate and Adapt to Climate Change

- Do you use agriculture land management practices on your proposed project land (e.g., zero till or shelterbelts)? If no, would you be willing to participate in a tree planting (shelter belt) activity?
- Does your property have pasture and/or hay lands with a diversified plant species mix (e.g., native grass species with different root depths)?
- Is livestock on the property? If yes, how large is your herd? If yes, would you be interested in participating in our alternative watering system program?