

## CENTRAL PLATTE NRD WINDBREAK AND WEED BARRIER

### Purpose of Cost Share Practice:

*To reduce soil erosion from wind, to protect plants from wind related damage, to alter the microenvironment for enhancing plant growth (reduced evapotranspiration), to manage snow deposition, to provide shelter for structures, livestock, and recreational areas, to enhance wildlife habitat (by providing travel corridors, winter cover, food, or other benefits), to provide living noise screens, to provide living visual screens, to provide living windbreaks against airborne chemical drift, to delineate property and field boundaries, to improve irrigation efficiency, to enhance aesthetics, and to increase carbon storage.*

When cost share funds are no longer available from Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program, applications for cost share for a windbreak and/or weed barrier may be made under this program. *Cost share is not available for windbreak renovation or drip irrigation.*

The cost share rate is 50% of actual costs or 50% of county average costs whichever is less, up to a maximum of \$3,000.00. With a minimum of 200 trees ordered to create a windbreak. Weed barrier will be cost shared as long as 200 trees are ordered. There is NO cost share available for replacement trees.

**All cost share forms must be completed by August 1<sup>st</sup> in order to receive payment.**

Use Central Platte NRD Tree Planting Cost Share Forms. Applications must be in the name of the landowner with corresponding social security number or tax ID number.

Applications for cost share are not effective until approved by the NRD Board of Directors. Once approved, the landowner will be notified by NRD.

Claims for payments will not be accepted more than nine months from the date the application is approved. There are no extensions.

Items of cost for which reimbursement is claimed must be supported by documentation of payments made. Sales tax is to be included for cost share.

The landowner must agree that if any or all of the installed practices shall be removed, altered, or modified so as to lessen their effectiveness without consent of the NRD for a period of ten years after the date of receiving payment, that portion of the claimed amount shall be refunded to the NRD.

US Citizenship must accompany application.