

# The official rules of The North Platte Natural Resources District Conservation Tree Contest.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

The Conservation Tree Contest ("Tree Contest") is open only to legal residents of the North Platte Natural Resources District (which consists all of Banner, Garden, Morrill, and Scotts Bluff; and the southern third of Sioux County. All the counties are located in the State of Nebraska. Employees of The North Platte Natural Resources District (NRD), as well as the immediate family (spouse, parents, siblings, and children) and household members of those employees, are not eligible to enter. The contest is for conservation trees only.

## **SPONSOR**

The Conservation Tree Contest is sponsored by The North Platte Natural Resources District, 100547 Airport Road, Scottsbluff, NE 69361 ("Sponsor").

## **ENTRY PERIOD**

The Conservation Tree Contest entry period will start September 25, 2016 and will end January 27, 2017.

Entries submitted before or after the Entry Period will not be eligible. Sponsor's computer is the official time-keeping device for the Tree Contest.

## **WHAT TO ENTER**

The North Platte NRD is committed to protecting our natural resources and conservation trees provide so many benefits to our natural world. Trees provide protection from the wind for fields, shelter for wildlife and cattle, food sources, living snow fences, and many more. The NRD is asking people to develop conservation plans involving trees to help spread the word about the importance of trees. The contest entry should include the following:

- Cover Letter which includes name, address, and phone number of the entrant.
- Location of property and owner of property if not the same as the entrant.
- Write-up explaining why you are proposing the design, the benefits the trees/shrubs will provide, how they will be used.
- A scaled, detailed map (hand-drawn or computer generated) showing the whole plan, including the trees/shrubs and any other conservation

measure you are incorporating into the plan.

The North Platte NRD and designated judges shall determine entry eligibility in its sole and absolute discretion.

## HOW TO ENTER

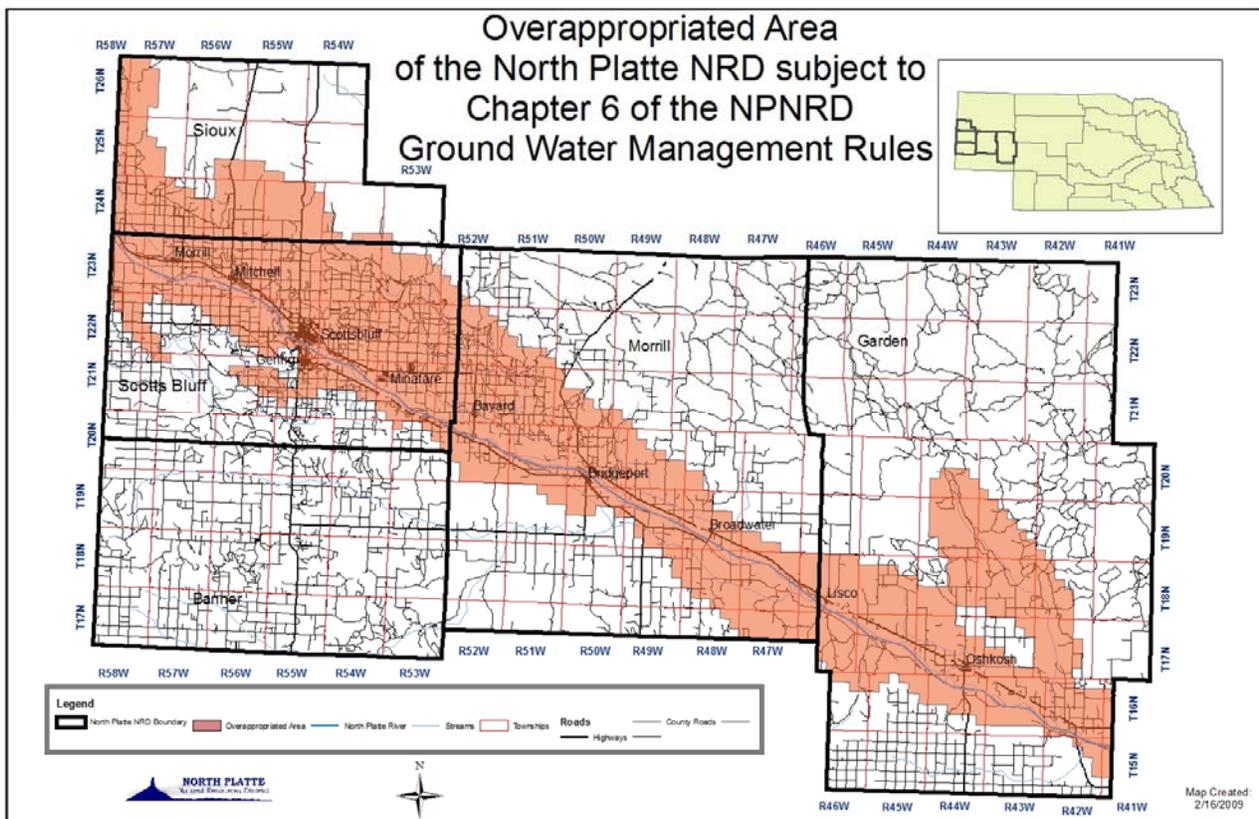
Entry packets can be sent to the North Platte Natural Resources District, P.O. Box 280, Scottsbluff, NE 69363 or they can be emailed to [dwolf@nprnd.org](mailto:dwolf@nprnd.org). If you are emailing your entry, please type Conservation Tree Contest in the subject line.

## JUDGING

Entries will be judged based on originality, functionality, composition, environmental/conservation benefits.

All judging decisions are final.

The NRD will notify the winner via the contact information provided at the time of entry.



## POTENTIAL WINNER REQUIREMENTS

Planting location must be within the boundaries of the North Platte NRD. A map of the District has been provided below. If you have any questions, please call 308-632-2749.

## **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

In the event that the operation, security, or administration of the Conservation Tree Contest is impaired in any way, Sponsor may, in its sole discretion, either: (a) suspend the Conservation Tree Contest to address the impairment and then resume the Conservation Tree Contest; or (b) award the prize(s) from among the eligible entries received up to the time of the impairment. Sponsor reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify and seek damages from any individual who tampers with the operation of the Tree Contest, violates these Official Rules, or acts in a disruptive or unsportsmanlike manner. Sponsor's failure to enforce any term of these Official Rules shall not constitute a waiver of that provision. Proof of sending any communication to Sponsor by mail shall not be deemed proof of receipt of that communication by Sponsor. In the event of a dispute as to the owner of an online entry, the authorized account holder of the e-mail address used to enter will be deemed to be the owner. The Conservation Tree Contest is subject to federal, state, and local laws and regulations and is void where prohibited.

## **RELEASE AND LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY**

By entering, you agree to release and hold harmless Sponsor and KNEB, and their respective parent, subsidiaries, affiliates, and each of their respective officers, directors, employees, and agents (the "Released Parties") from and against any claim or cause of action arising out of participation in the Conservation Tree Contest or receipt or use of any prize, including, but not limited to: (a) unauthorized human intervention in the Conservation Tree Contest; (b) technical errors; (c) printing errors; (d) late or undelivered mail; (e) errors in the administration of the Conservation Tree Contest; or (f) injury or damage to persons or property. You waive the right to claim any attorney's fees and any damages whatsoever, including, but not limited to, punitive, consequential, direct, or indirect damages.

## **PRIZES**

Prizes will be determined by the North Platte NRD staff on a yearly basis. The prizes for the 2016-2017 contest will be:

- 1<sup>st</sup>-500 trees and shrubs, and the NPNRD will help planting them
- 2<sup>nd</sup>-100 trees and shrubs
- 3<sup>rd</sup>- 50 trees and shrubs

## **PRIVACY AND PUBLICITY**

Any information you submit as part of the Conservation Tree Contest will be used in accordance with Sponsor's [Privacy Policy](#). The information you provide when you enter is provided to Sponsor. Except where prohibited, you consent to Sponsor's use of your name in any list of winners (if applicable) and for promotional purposes in any media without further payment or consideration.

## **DISPUTES**

You agree that any and all disputes, claims and causes of action arising out of, or connected with, the Conservation Tree Contest or any prize awarded shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action, and exclusively by the appropriate court located in Nebraska. All issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Official Rules, your rights and obligations, or the rights and obligations of Sponsor in connection with the Conservation Tree Contest, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of Nebraska, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law rules (whether of Nebraska or any other jurisdiction), which would cause the application of the laws of any jurisdiction other than Nebraska.

The North Platte NRD is not responsible for the care and health of the trees after they are awarded, planted, or given to the winners.

## **RESULTS**

Results will be announced on the Saturday of the KNEB Farm and Ranch show (usually around the first week in February). The results will be posted on the North Platte NRD's website, [www.npnrd.org](http://www.npnrd.org), and posted on their Facebook and Twitter pages as soon as they are available. The NRD will also issue the results to the press outlets within the District.

## **QUESTIONS**

Questions and inquiries about contest rules can be emailed to [dwolf@npnrd.org](mailto:dwolf@npnrd.org).