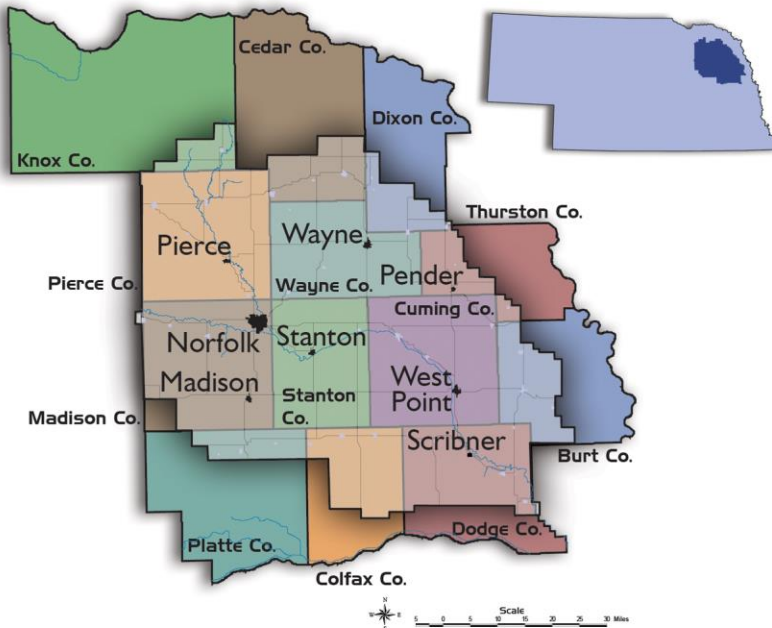


# KNOW YOUR NRD



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

Fall 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

## Sign-up begins Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> for new irrigated acres

Farmers within the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District (LENRD) boundaries, will have an opportunity to apply for new irrigated acres for 2020.

The LENRD board voted, at their August meeting, to allow up to 2,500 acres of new groundwater irrigation development in the Hydrologically Connected or 10/50 Area, and to allow up to 2,500 acres of new groundwater irrigation development in the Non-Hydrologically Connected or Non 10/50 Area.

Geographic portions of the

district that are eligible to be considered for standard variances fall within the top three categories of the classification map. Maps and applications will be available at the LENRD office in Norfolk by August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Excluded from consideration for this sign-up period will be any parcel of land located in any Quantity Management Subarea or Phase 3 Area located within the LENRD.

The board suggested an annual limit on the amount of groundwater withdrawal from wells

associated with approved variances, determined by board policy, which is subject to future modification if conditions warrant. In addition, a minimum soil score of 90 must be met for any standard variance to be considered for approval.

The board established a sign-up period to receive applications for Standard Variances between **October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 and October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.**

Contact the LENRD for more information or visit:

[www.lenrd.org/latest-news/](http://www.lenrd.org/latest-news/)

# 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 hearing in June to receive public input on the changes to the Groundwater Management Area 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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