Progress Report for the
Middle Northeast Community Wildfire Protection Plan

The Community Wildfire Protection Plan has been completed!

In March 2021 the Nebraska Forest Service initiated preparation of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for the middle northeast part of Nebraska, including Antelope, Boone, Colfax, Madison, Pierce, Platte, Stanton, and Wayne Counties. The purpose of the plan is to provide a tool for effectively managing fire and hazardous vegetative fuels and to bolster collaboration and communication between the various agencies and organizations who manage fire in central northeast Nebraska.

Having a CWPP in place allows the Nebraska Forest Service to apply for federal grant dollars to cost-share forest fuels reduction treatments in at-risk areas within the boundaries of the CWPP. It also may increase opportunities for counties, municipalities, and rural fire districts to seek grant funding for activities related to fire protection.

The whole process generally takes less than a year. Here is a snapshot of what’s been accomplished so far and what still needs to be completed:

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<tr>
<td>Identify stakeholders and establish steering committee</td>
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<td>News release, solicit stakeholder input; identify data needed</td>
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<td>Gather baseline data; develop maps and tables</td>
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<td>Identify critical infrastructure; conduct risk analysis</td>
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<td>Develop Action Plan and recommendations</td>
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<td>Prepare draft document</td>
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<td>Public review of draft CWPP</td>
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<td>Incorporate comments and finalize CWPP</td>
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<td>Adoption by local officials</td>
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<td>Publish and distribute final CWPP</td>
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