

**Progress Report for the
Southeast Nebraska Community Wildfire Protection Plan
The Community Wildfire Protection Plan has been completed!**

In late 2019 the Nebraska Forest Service initiated preparation of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for southeast Nebraska, including Butler, Cass, Gage, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Sarpy, Saunders, and Seward 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 southeast 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 about a year or less. Here is a snapshot of what's been accomplished:

Task	Status
Identify stakeholders and establish steering committee	Completed 10/18/2019
Organizational meeting, solicit stakeholder input; identify data needed	Completed 11/26/2019
Gather baseline data; develop maps and tables	Completed 3/10/2020
Identify critical infrastructure; conduct risk analysis	Completed 3/31/2020
Develop Action Plan and recommendations	Completed 4/2/2020
Prepare draft document	Completed 5/21/2020
Public review of draft CWPP	Completed 7/24/2020
Incorporate comments and finalize CWPP	Completed 7/24/2020
Adoption by local officials	Completed 8/26/2020
Publication and distribution of final CWPP	Completed 9/7/2020

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