

# NEBRASKA FOREST LEGACY APPLICATION

Please print or type  
 Completed applications should be mailed to:  
 Nebraska Forest Service  
 Forest Legacy Program  
 103 Plant Industry Bldg.  
 Lincoln, NE 68583-0815

The Nebraska Forest Legacy Program purchases forest lands of State and National significance in targeted areas of Nebraska so these threatened forestlands may remain intact and provide traditional forest benefits.

## Applicant Information

Landowner's name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	
Fax / e-mail:	
If there are co-owners and/or registered agents for this property, please list them on a separate sheet of paper.	

## Property Information

1.	County:	Section:	Township:	Range:	B&M	Parcel#:
2.	What is the land currently zoned as?					
3.	What are the current uses of the property?					
4.	Are there any encumbrances (liens, mortgages, easements, and/or leases) on this property? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please list and explain in the Confidential Financial Information Section.					
5.	Total property acres:			*Total acres forest:		
6.	How much of the total acres above are you nominating for the Forest Legacy Program?					
	Forest acres:	Open or cleared acres:	Acres of water:	Total:		
7.	Is any of this area Certified Forest or in a Habitat Conservation Program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If so, how many acres:					

\* "Forestlands" are defined as lands that can support 10% native tree cover under natural conditions, and that allow for management of one or more forest resources including timber, fish and wildlife, biodiversity, water quality, recreation, aesthetics, and other public benefits.

## Parcel Evaluation Section

**Landowner: Please help us picture the uniqueness of your property. Because funds are limited, this self-scoring form will help establish your preliminary ranking with the other projects submitted for consideration. You may attach extra pages, if needed.**

- 1) **Parcel Located in a “Priority” Area (50 points):** The parcel must be located in one of the four priority areas identified on the map below.
  
- 2) **Conversion Risk (50 points):** Identify and rate the risk or chance this parcel will be converted to “non-forest” uses. For example, conversion to crop land, conversion to housing or commercial development, etc.
  
- 3) **Public Resource Benefits (25 points each):**
  - a) Wildlife habitat (important species or high diversity)
  - b) Water (watershed protection/water quality)
  - c) Forest products (timber/wood products)
  - d) Aesthetics (scenic or unique landscapes)
  - e) Recreation (public non-motorized opportunities)
  
- 4) **Known Cultural Resources or Historic Value (25 points):** Material evidence of previous human occupation (e.g., petroglyphs, house pits, midden, bedrock mortars, etc.) that comprise a unique and irreplaceable resource, as do other historic features such as cemeteries, pioneer home sites, old mill sites, etc., and natural landscape features. Explain the archaeological values of the parcel.
  
- 5) **Unique Ecological Area (25 points):** In addition to the characteristics already outlined, a parcel may have other exceptional ecological conditions important to the area. Explain the other ecological values or important traits of the property (e.g., geology, proximity to public lands).
  
- 6) **Known Rare, Threatened, and Endangered species (25 points):** When forestland is in danger of conversion or destruction, the need to give special attention to rare, threatened, and endangered species of fish, wildlife, and plants increases. Explain the rare plants and habitats found on, or near, the parcel. **For more information on threatened and endangered species or Natural Diversity Data Base Sites that may be present on, or near, your property contact the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission or call the Forest Legacy Coordinator.**
  
- 7) **Size and Continuity (25 points):** Consider the size of the parcel and any other lands that are connected that will make this property stand out. Include the percentage of forestland contained within the parcel.

**8) Forest Condition (25 points):** What is the current condition of this parcel and what is the potential for improvement?

**9) Economics, and Manageability (50 points):** Even if a forested parcel is threatened with conversion to non-forest use, protecting it under the Forest Legacy Program is not always easy. Describe the level of support for your proposal and how it compliments other land conservation efforts. Include the landowner contribution.

**10) Other Considerations (10 points each):**

- a) Adjacent to other reserved forestland (parks, national forests, etc)
- b) Other community/agency/neighbor support
- c) Parcel contains riparian forest land
- d) Evidence of active forest management (planting, improvement)
- e) Forest type consistent with natural site

## Confidential Financial Information Section

The following financial, deed, and lien information shall remain confidential until such time as:

- 1) the application has been approved and all transactions are concluded, **or**
- 2) all title-holders give written permission to release the information.

### Financial Information

The following estimates are for preliminary use only. Any final offer for purchase cannot exceed fair market value, as determined by an appraisal meeting federal and/or state appraisal standards.

1. What is the estimated total value of this property?
2. If only a portion of the total property is to be offered to the Nebraska Forest Legacy Program, what is the estimated value that portion?
3. How was this value determined? (Examples: landowner's personal estimate, licensed appraiser, realtor, written legal appraisal).

If appraised, date of the appraisal:

4. Are you willing to donate part or all of this property? Yes  No 
  - What percentage are you willing to donate?  25%  50%  75%  100% \_\_\_\_ Other
  - What is your approximate asking price for the interest being offered?
5. Do you have another source such as a Land Trust or another federal or state agency willing to fund part of the purchase price? Yes  No 
  - If yes, who is the partner and what is the relationship?
  - How much are they willing to contribute?

**NOTE:** *Donations may constitute a charitable contribution for income tax purposes, depending on applicable Internal Revenue Service guidelines and regulations.*

## **Landowner's Comments Section**

Other comments you may wish to add about your Forest Legacy Nomination or property uniqueness.

## **Liens and Encumbrances**

Please list any and all liens and encumbrances on the property proposed for enrollment in Nebraska's Forest Legacy Program. Examples of liens and/or encumbrances include: mortgages, utility easements, public rights of way, water flow or water use restrictions, septic systems or water easements, deed restrictions or covenants, mineral extraction rights (gas, oil, coal, stone, etc.), tax liens, dump sites, underground fuel tanks, other environmental hazards, etc.

Testimony and Permission

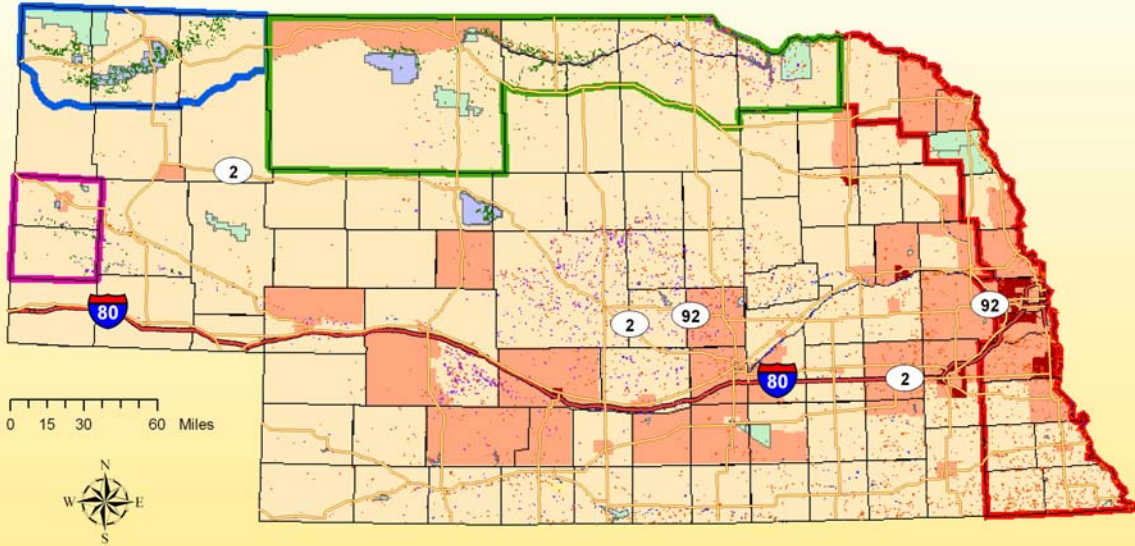
The information in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I (we), as the landowner(s) or landowner's authorized agent (proof of authorization must accompany the application) agree to allow inspection, appraisal, and survey of my property being offered for consideration under Nebraska's Forest Legacy Program. I agree to allow members of the Nebraska Forest Service, Nebraska's Forest Legacy committee or their designated staff to inspect my property at any mutually agreeable time for the purposes of this application. I understand I shall be notified in advance of all inspection visits.

I also understand that this property will not be purchased if negotiations do not reach an amicable agreement or if the property does not meet the needs or qualifications of Nebraska's Forest Legacy Program. Forest lands will only be purchased from willing sellers.

<b>Signature(s) of landowner(s) or legal agent</b>		<b>Date</b>

***Must be signed in ink***

# Nebraska Forest Legacy Areas



Forest Type		Forest Legacy Area		State & Federal Parks	
	Deciduous Forest/Woodlands		Niobrara River Valley		State & Federal Parks
	Juniper Woodlands		Pine Ridge		Other Federal Lands
	Ponderosa Pine Forests and Woodlands		Wildcat Hills		Same to Declining Population 1990-2000
	Riparian Woodland		Missouri River Corridor		Same Population to 120% Growth 1990-2000
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