

**Saline Wetlands
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Implementation Plan for the Conservation of Nebraska's Eastern Saline Wetlands

Although several existing programs are able to address saline wetland conservation, they alone have not been able to ensure the long-term protection of this resource. The Implementation Plan seeks a partnership approach to address the conservation of saline wetlands and the needs of the community. In order to achieve the objectives and strategies of the implementation plan, cooperation between landowners, conservation interest, and governmental agencies must be developed and sustained.

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Saline wetlands provide habitat for a variety of native plant and animal species and are ideally located to provide recreational opportunities and flood protection.

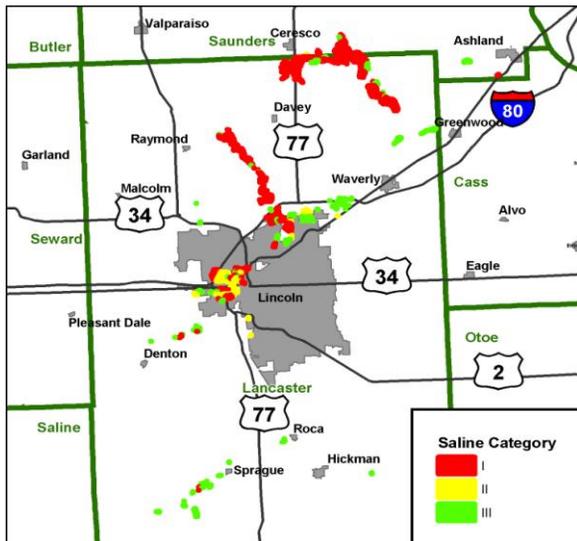


Saline Wetland Conservation

Nebraska's Eastern saline wetlands are the most limited and endangered wetland type and vegetation community in the state and are considered critically imperiled in Nebraska. Past impacts have resulted in the degradation of nearly 90% of the saline wetlands and those remaining face continued threats.

There are a number of options available to landowners and the community to protect the fragile saline wetlands and preserve a legacy for future generations. Some of these options include incentive-based programs that provide interested landowners with opportunities for the conservation of wetland sites.

It is recognized that many of the saline wetlands are on private lands and have been sustained by private landowners voluntarily. Programs will continue to support these sustainable use efforts.



Conservation Options

Private Land Programs – These programs provide both technical and financial assistance to landowners for the implementation and use of conservation practices. Saline wetland partners who can provide a conservation easement:

- Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (NRD)
- Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
- USDA-Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCS)

Conservation Easement – A legal agreement between the landowner and a qualified organization that permanently protects land while the landowner continues to own it. The agreement will state how present and future owners can use a property. Saline wetland partners who can provide a conservation easement:

- Lower Platte South NRD
- The Nature Conservancy
- City of Lincoln
- USDA- NRCS

Land Acquisition – Willing landowners want to conserve their land by selling or donating the land outright to a public agency or land conservation organization. This option allows the public agency or organization to have full control over a property's future. Saline wetland partners who can acquire property:

- Lower Platte South NRD
- The Nature Conservancy
- Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
- City of Lincoln

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* Note – There are other partners available who can also provide these options. Listed partners can provide you further assistance.