

## About WHIP

The USDA's Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) helps landowners enhance, protect and develop wildlife habitat on their property. Through WHIP, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) works with landowners to develop wildlife habitat plans and provides cost-share for implementing wildlife habitat management practices.

## Landowner Benefit

Landowners may receive cost-share for up to 60 percent of the average costs for implementing practices such as planting native vegetation, enhancing woodlands and streambank restoration. Landowners receive free technical assistance for accessing wildlife habitat needs, making a habitat management plan and implement practices.

Contracts last between five and 10 years, depending upon the practices installed and are limited to \$25,000. The practices can be scheduled for completions during several years, but at least one practice must be completed within the first year.

## How to Apply

WHIP is open under a continuous signup. Landowners may apply at anytime at their local USDA Service Center. However, contracts are only offered once a year after the annual ranking process.

*If you want to see more of these....*



*...WHIP can help.*

Visit your local USDA-NRCS office for more information.

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## Eligible WHIP Practices

Certain conservation practices are eligible for cost-share assistance through WHIP. The most common of these practices include:

- brush management
- conservation cover
- critical area planting
- edge feathering
- fencing for livestock exclusion
- forest stand improvement
- native seeding
- tree and shrub establishment
- pasture and hayland planting
- prescribed burning
- streambank and shoreline protection
- trout hides for streambank protection
- wetland restoration and enhancement
- windbreak establishment

For more information about how these practices can help attract more wildlife to your property please contact your local NRCS office.



**Prescribed Burning**



**Tree Establishment**



**Edge Feathering**



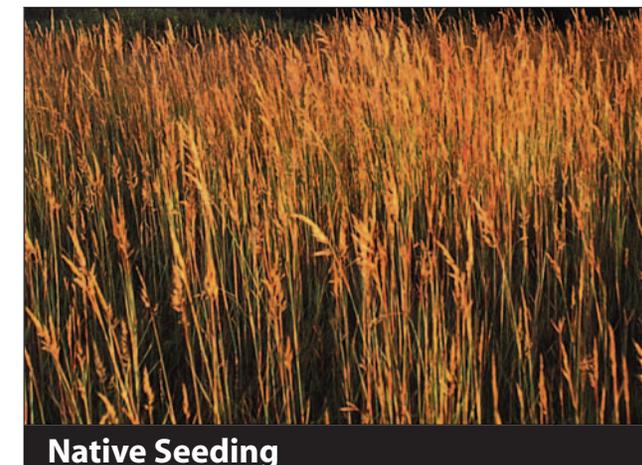
**Trout Hides**



**Brush Management**



**Forest Stand Improvement**



**Native Seeding**