

CERTIFICATION OF NATIVE PRAIRIE, WETLAND, OR WILDLIFE HABITAT FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

Note: Applications for tax exemption must be filed with local assessor by: February 1st.

I (We) hereby request that the property described below be certified for property tax exemption under Chapter 427.1, 1991 Code of Iowa, and Iowa Administrative Code NRC 571--25. Included with this application is an aerial photo identifying the area to be exempted.

Legal Description:	¼ of the	¼ of Section		
Township	Range	in	County, Iowa.	
Congression	nal Township Name:			
Size of area to be certified:		acres		
The area to be exempted	ed is defined as (check one):			
Native Prairie	Protected Wetland	Wildlife Habitat	☐ Wildlife Habitat ☐ Restored Wetland	
I (We) swear or affirm provided herein is true		property described in this	application and that the information	
(Landowner Signature) (Date)		(Landowner Signature) (Date)		
PLEASE PRINT:		PLEASE PRINT		
(Landowner Name)		(Landowner Name)		
(Address)		(Address)		
(City/State/Zip)		(City/State/Zip)		
(Telephone Number)		(Telephone Number)		
I hereby certify that the	CERTIFICATIO e property described above is	N FOR DNR USE ONLY is is not eligible for prope	rty tax exemption.	
(Signature)		(Date) (Name)	Date) (Name) Wildlife Biologist, Iowa DNR	
Comments:		DEFINITIONS		

<u>Native Prairie:</u> Lands that have never been cultivated, are unimproved, and are natural or restored grasslands wherein at least fifty percent (50%) of the plant canopy is a mixture of grass and forb species which were found originally on lowa's prairie lands. There are no acreage limits for this exemption classification.

<u>Wildlife Habitat</u>: Parcels of land of two acres or less which are devoted exclusively for use as habitat for wildlife and are protected from all other uses of any kind.

<u>Wetland:</u> An area of two or more acres in a natural condition that is mostly underwater or waterlogged during the spring growing season and is characterized by vegetation of hydric soils.

- **A.** <u>Protected Wetland:</u> A type 3, type 4, or type 5 wetland as described in Circular 39, Wetlands of the United States. A protected wetland does not include land where an agricultural drainage well has been plugged or land within a drainage district or levee district.
- **B.** Restored Wetland: A wetland that has been previously drained and cropped, but has been restored under a nonpermanent agreement with the DNR, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, county or private conservation group.