



# South Dakota Riparian Buffer Initiative Project Application



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Description \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Acres \_\_\_\_\_

### By signing this form, I understand that:

- This application is subject to the approval of the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) Riparian Buffer Initiative (RBI) Coordinator based on project priorities. **You must obtain prior approval for any work planned to be eligible for cost-share.**
- Cropland and pastureland immediately adjacent to the waterbody (bankfull or average high-water mark), with a minimum buffer distance of 50 feet and a maximum average distance of 120 feet is eligible for the program. Eligible waterbodies must be noted in ARSD 74:51:03:07 or ARSD 74:51:02:04 and be within the Big Sioux River Watershed, or locally designated by the local board of county commissioners as outlined in SDCL 10-6-31.7. Enrolled acres shall not be grazed May 1 through September 30.
- The qualified acre payment will equal 250 percent of the county NASS rate on cropland or pastureland for standalone RBI for 10 years. If qualified acres are paired with CRP or CREP, the acre payment will be 120 percent of the federal weighted average soil rental rate and landowner must agree to enroll ground for length of CRP contract. In addition, participants with pastureland are eligible for exclusion fencing and alternative water expenses.
- Land must have existing, or landowner must be willing to plant perennial vegetation. Vegetation may not be harvested or mowed between May 1 through August 1. Bales should be removed before inclement winter weather prevents removal which at no time shall be later than November 15.
- All invoices and receipts must be submitted to DANR to be eligible for cost-share reimbursement. Cost-share of alternative water from enrolled pasture would be available at 75% maximum cost share. Fence materials excluding cattle from enrolled pasture would be available at 100%. Grass seed would be available at 100%. Payment would be completed upon installation of materials and seeding. Alternative water shall be provided if grazing is carried out after September 30.
- The DANR, Pheasants Forever, and associated partners will be granted access and allowed to inspect the RBI acres enrolled on the property listed above throughout the lifespan of the program. Vegetative spot checks to verify program compliance will be conducted at various times during the contract term on land enrolled into the program. A minimum vegetative stand of 4-6 inches shall always be maintained.
- Once a contract is signed, I will be responsible for the maintenance of the enrolled acres for 10 years and will follow the contract and associated Management Plan for the lifespan of the program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\*\* Any questions can be directed to the RBI Coordinator Tanner Clausen (605) 362-3559\*\*

**Estimate of Potential Infrastructure Needed:**

Exclusion Fence: Linear Feet \_\_\_\_\_

Pipeline: Linear Feet \_\_\_\_\_

Tanks: # of Tanks \_\_\_\_\_

Wells: # of Wells \_\_\_\_\_

Weed Control: Acres \_\_\_\_\_

Grass Seeding: Acres \_\_\_\_\_