

Pennington CWMA Weed Management Cost-Share Contract Agreement

Please read and fill out entire agreement. Incomplete agreements will not be processed.

Return to: Pennington SWCD – Att: Weed Management Cost-Share Program
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Land location (legal description to the nearest ¼ or ¼ section): _____

Landowner: _____ Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

MUST BE SIGNED BY LANDOWNER

Release and Hold Harmless Agreement for Weed Management Cost-Share Program

All participating landowners in the Pennington CWMA Weed Management Cost-Share Program must sign this release.

1. The undersigned wishes to participate in the Weed Management Cost-Share Program, as described in the Weed Management Plan in this Contract Agreement, for the purpose of controlling the weeds specified on the project area map included in the Weed Management Plan and for the protection of property throughout Pennington County.
2. The undersigned is a volunteer Weed Management Cost-Share Program participant, is over 18 years of age, and owns the land to which the Weed Management Plan will be applied.
3. The undersigned acknowledges that control of weeds using herbicides and mechanical and other methods can be dangerous or hazardous activities. The undersigned acknowledges that there may be hazards not immediately apparent in the use of herbicide, mechanical and/or other methods of weed control. The undersigned, therefore, certifies that he/she will strictly adhere to herbicide label restrictions if he/she applies a herbicide, rather than obtaining application services, and will exercise caution in the use of all other methods of weed control.
4. The undersigned, aware of these factors, undertakes activities in the Weed Management Cost-Share Program at his/her own risk and releases the Pennington Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) including Pennington County, Pennington County Highway Department, Pennington County Agricultural Inspector, Red Lake Watershed District, Pennington Soil and Water Conservation District, Minnesota Department of Transportation, their employees and agents and all members thereof, in their personal and official capacities, from any liability whatsoever resulting from any injury to the undersigned or the undersigned's real and personal property due to or related to the undersigned's participation in the Weed Management Cost-Share Program. This release applies whether dangers or hazards are, or are not, apparent to the undersigned.
5. The undersigned agrees to fully defend and indemnify the entities and individuals, named in Paragraph 4, from any claim or lawsuit or loss by any third party (ies) resulting from the undersigned's participation in the Weed Management Cost-Share Program, including application of herbicides to the undersigned's land.
6. Nothing in this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement shall be construed as or is intended to be a waiver of governmental immunity under Minnesota law.

Landowner Signature: _____ Date: _____

Weed Management Plan

1. Targeted invasive or noxious plant(s): _____
2. Infested acres for planned treatment: _____
3. Describe the area(s) you plan to treat: _____

4. Attach a detailed map of the project area showing location of weed infestations. Include species labels, stand densities, north arrow, any ditches, roads, fences, buildings, etc.; and any other important information.
5. Anticipated treatment date(s): _____
6. What methods of treatment will you use: _____

7. Future maintenance plans: _____

8. Name contracted services (if applicable): _____
9. Estimated cost (materials or contracted services): _____
10. Requested grant cost-share amount: _____

APPLICANT SIGNATURES

The landowner signature indicates their agreement to:

1. Grant the conservation district’s representative(s) access to the parcel where weed management will be located to assess treatment completion for payment approval.
2. I understand that I am eligible for 50% reimbursement for contracted services, 75% of material costs for landowner treatment, or the flat rate payment per acre for biological control by domestic animals. Cost-share amount not to exceed a maximum of \$500 per contract.
 - a. Ex. Hired contractor cost \$1,200. 50% cost-share with maximum of \$500 so ONLY UP TO \$500 will be reimbursed.
 - b. Ex. Landowner purchased herbicide and completed spot spraying on their property using their equipment and cost of chemical was \$500. At 75% cost-share, \$375 will be reimbursed for material costs.
3. I understand that I am not eligible for the Pennington CMWA Weed Management Cost-Share if my identified property is currently receiving state funds for weed management.

Landowner	Date
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NON-STRUCTURAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICE

Weed Management Strategy	Total Cost Estimate	Cost-Share Amount

TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT AND COST ESTIMATE

I have reviewed the site where the above listed weed management strategies are to be utilized and find that they are needed and that the estimated quantities and costs are practical and reasonable.

Conservation District Technical Representative	Date
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AMOUNT AUTHORIZED FOR COST-SHARE (ENCUMBRANCE)

Cost-sharing not to exceed \$500 or respective cost-share percent of the total eligible cost, whichever is less.

Authorized Representative	Meeting Date
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