



Westlake Watershed District

"Local People Working Together to Conserve and Enhance Local Resources"

FORAGE SEED ASSISTANCE APPLICATION FORM

Name of applicant; _____

Address; _____ Phone #: _____

Legal description of **Home**; Quarter _____ (Sec.) _____ (Twp.) _____ (Rge.) _____

Legal description of **Project**; Quarter _____ (Sec.) _____ (Twp.) _____ (Rge.) _____

R.M. of _____ Sub-District# _____

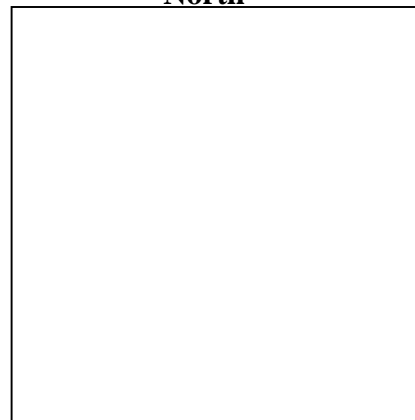
No. of acres applying for: _____ (max. 50 acres)

Reasons for applying to Forage Seed Assistance Program (select all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase hay/pasture acres | <input type="checkbox"/> Erosion control of land (identify below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marginal land conversion | <input type="checkbox"/> Alongside creek/waterways |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forage establishment in low-lying wet areas | <input type="checkbox"/> On light windblown soil |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial incentive/cost-saving | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ |

Project Diagram: (area represents one ¼ section). Show the proposed area of forage establishment and any landmarks, yard sites, roads, streams, treed areas, etc.

North



Important Program Information:

The Forage Seed Assistance Program is a **rebate** program. Landowners should apply to the program before purchasing their seed. Applications will only be approved for Forage Seed purchased and seeded in the same year. Eligible **landowners will be responsible for ordering and picking up their own seed.** Once seeded, landowner will bring in their paid receipt(s) for forage seed to the Westlake Watershed District office. A payment of \$15.00 per acre (at the discretion of the board) to a maximum of \$750.00 (50 acres) will be the rebate paid to a landowner. ***Subject to budgeted funds available*** Please read all terms, conditions and responsibilities listed on the reverse side of this application form.

I hereby declare that I have read and understand the terms and conditions of the Forage Seed Assistance Program, and hereby agree to abide by the said terms and conditions if my application is accepted.

Signature of Landowner:

Date:



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FORAGE SEED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (please keep this page for your information)

Program Definition: The Westlake Watershed District (WWD) will pay a portion of the seed costs for forages sown on erosion-prone, previously flooded or marginal land. The landowners are responsible for purchasing the seed. The varieties of seed will also be determined by the landowner. The WWD will provide funding for certified seed only.

Program Objectives:

- To control soil erosion on light textured and agriculturally marginal soils
- To protect and profit from saline soils
- To boost organic matter levels through incorporating vegetation into the soil.
- To ultimately enhance agricultural productivity and encourage efficient land management.

Eligibility:

- **One application per farm (jointly owned quarters count as one application for either tenant);**
- Crown Land must be made out in Leasee's name
- Only applications that are approved will receive program funding rebate.
- ***Subject to budgeted funds available***

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Applicant Responsibilities:

- Submit properly filled out application **before** purchasing forage seed to the WWD office for the year the program is offered;
- Submit copied receipts to the WWD office in which the application was approved before September 30th in order to receive reimbursement payment;
- Shall not cause damage to the forage stand for a minimum of four years;
- Replace at 100% cost if damage is result of any of the above; Do not sell, trade, or exchange seed.
- Provide access for inspection, district signage or evaluation by the Board at any reasonable time

WWD Responsibility:

- Provide reimbursement at \$15.00 per acre (at the discretion of the board) to a max. of \$750 (50 acres) paid to a landowner. ***Subject to budgeted funds available***
- WWD is not responsible for seed germination and or quality of the forage seed.
- Return original receipt to the landowner after a copy is taken by the WWD.
- Will adjust reimbursement if landowner does not purchase the recommended rate of seed to establish the amount of acres applied for.

General Terms and Conditions

- Subject to the above terms, the Agreement shall become effective and shall be binding upon both parties until terminated;
- If either party fails to meet the above mentioned responsibilities, the Agreement may be terminated by the other party via written notice;
- Technical service will be subject to the availability of district staff. The District reserves the right to establish priorities for providing such services and assistance; and
- Failure of applicant to meet Applicant Responsibilities may negate him from other Watershed District programs.

Project Funding/Cost-sharing Incentives

Cost sharing between the WWD and the approved applicant shall be defined as a \$15.00 per acre (at the discretion of the board) reimbursement to a maximum of 500 pound (50 acres) to the approved applicant once stand establishment is verified and original receipts are provided to the WWD.