



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
WALLACE STATE OFFICE BUILDING
502 EAST 9TH STREET
DES MOINES IA 50319-0034

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

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: _____ 1/4 of the _____ 1/4 of Section _____
Township _____ Range _____ in _____ County, Iowa.
Congressional Township Name: _____
Size of area to be certified: _____ acres

The area to be exempted is defined as (check one):

- Native Prairie Protected Wetland Restored Wetland Wildlife Habitat Restored Wildlife Habitat

I (We) swear or affirm to be the legal owner(s) of the property described in this application and that the information provided herein is true and correct:

(Landowner Signature) (Date) (Landowner Signature) (Date)

PLEASE PRINT:

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(Landowner Name) (Landowner Name)

(Address) (Address)

(City/State/Zip) (City/State/Zip)

(Telephone Number) (Telephone Number)

CERTIFICATION -- FOR DNR USE ONLY

I hereby certify that the property described above is is not eligible for property tax exemption.

(Signature) (Date) (Name) Wildlife Biologist, Iowa DNR

The Restored Wildlife Habitat has been inspected and certified as having adequate ground cover consisting of native species. All primary and secondary noxious weeds present are being controlled to prevent the spread of seeds by either wind or water.

(Signature) (Date) (Name) Chairman, County Board of Supervisors

DEFINITIONS

Native Prairie: 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 Iowa's prairie lands. There are no acreage limits for this exemption classification.

Wildlife Habitat: 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. Restored or re-established wildlife habitats must be free of primary and secondary noxious weeds as defined in Chapter 317.1A, Code of Iowa.

Wetland: 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. **Protected Wetland:** 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.

Note:

Application for tax exemption must be filed with local assessor by:

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| Native Prairie | February 1 |
| Wetland | February 1 |
| Wildlife Habitat . . . | February 1 |