5. Wetland Habitat Restoration	Grant Rate	Grant Ceiling	Application Due
		\$15,000 Excavation	
	75%	\$5,000 Planting	November 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2022

#### **Purpose:**

Wetland projects designed to improve local water quality, habitat, and floodplain capacity.

# **Category Guidelines:**

- Projects will follow NPCA wetland design standards.
- Livestock must be restricted from the project area.
- All projects must have a **minimum 5m vegetated buffer** surrounding most (approximately 80%) of the wetland. Projects without a vegetated buffer will not be considered for funding.
- Projects must be proposed in areas with suitable soils and topography to be considered.
- All necessary permits/permissions must be obtained before project commencement.
- Projects must utilize appropriate sediment control and mitigation measures (i.e., silt fencing).

# **Eligible Projects:**

• Creation or enhancement of wetlands.

### **Eligible Costs:**

- Contractor labour and planting services.
- Excavation costs.
- Plant material.
- NPCA Restoration Permit
- Habitat enhancement features.
- Tenant farmer crop loss reimbursement (case specific).
- NPCA Administrative costs- Project management, project implementation, planting plan design, site supervision.

# **Ineligible Costs:**

- Ponds designed for irrigation/aquaculture.
- Maintenance costs incurred after the establishment of plant material.
- Fish stock.
- Aeration equipment.
- Relocation of established trees.
- Establishment of trees or shrubs that are intended for harvesting for economic benefit (i.e., Christmas trees, nursery trees, etc.).
- Caliper-sized trees.
- Landowner labour costs.
- Non-NPCA Administrative costs Project management costs, wetland design costs, site supervision.

#### **Potential Key Performance Indicators:**

- Hectares of wetland created
- Square metres of wetland enhanced
- Trees planted
- Shrubs planted
- Herbaceous plants planted