

6. Upland Habitat Restoration/Creation	Grant Rate	Grant Ceiling	Application Due
	75%	\$5,000	November 1, 2019
<b>Purpose:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhancing/ creation of upland terrestrial habitat including meadows and pollinator habitat.</li> </ul>			
<b>Category Guidelines:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Livestock must be restricted from the project area</li> <li>Projects must be proposed in areas with suitable soils and topography to be considered</li> <li>All necessary permits/permissions must be obtained before project commencement</li> </ul>			
<b>Eligible Projects:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upland prairie/meadow/savannah/grassland creation/restoration</li> <li>Pollinator habitat creation/restoration</li> <li>Buffer strips on natural features</li> <li>Shrub thickets</li> </ul>			
<b>Eligible Costs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contractor labour and planting services</li> <li>Seeding equipment rental</li> <li>Site preparation</li> <li>Plant material</li> <li>Habitat enhancement features</li> <li>Fencing to restrict livestock access</li> </ul>			
<b>Ineligible Costs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintenance costs incurred after the establishment of plant material</li> <li>Relocation of established trees</li> <li>Landowner labour costs</li> <li>Administrative costs</li> </ul>			
<b>Potential Key Performance Indicators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hectares of Upland habitat restored/ created</li> <li>Trees planted</li> <li>Shrubs planted</li> <li>Herbaceous plants planted</li> </ul>			

## **Upland Habitat Restoration Evaluation Matrix**

*Mailing Address:*

*Watershed:*

*Project Description:*

### **Application**

Does this project fit within the guidelines? (Yes/No)

Complete application? (Yes/No)

Is the applicant willing to sign a project agreement? (Yes/No)

### **Project Evaluation**

Upland Habitat Size (Select one)

> than 1/4 acre (1 point)    1/4 Acre to 1/2 acres (2 points)    ½ to 1 Acres (3 points)

1-5 Acres (5 points) 5 Acres + (7 points)

Does the project area contribute to a headwater area (watershed of 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> order stream)? (3 points)

Watercourse through or adjacent to planting (within 30m) (Select One)

Cold Water System (4 Points)    Warm Water System (3 points)

Part of a larger naturalization project? (1 Points)

Increase connectivity to existing habitat, reducing fragmentation (Select one)

Corridors <50m wide (2 point) Corridor 50-100m wide (4 points) Corridors >100m wide (5 Points)

Increase habitat to adjacent or surrounding a significant feature, PSW (3 points)

Does the surrounding landscape support a diversity of land uses (hedgerows, riparian, wetland, etc.)? (3 points)

Is the project adjacent to an existing upland habitat? (2 points)

Replanting in damaged or degraded habitat? (2 points)

Additional sources of funding? (choose one)

Funding secured (3 points)    Unsecured but pending (2 points)

Does the site fall within the Priority Areas for Water Quality Improvement? (2 Points)

### **Staff Comments:**