

## Project 13-203 The Nebraska Natural Legacy Project

### Project Legend:

The Nebraska Natural Legacy Project (Legacy Project), the state's first comprehensive Wildlife Action Plan, was federally approved in 2005 and revised in 2011. The habitat-based plan identified at-risk species, threats to those species, conservation actions to address threats, and 39 Biological Unique Landscapes (BULs) for effectively conserving Nebraska's biological diversity. The primary goals of "Nebraska's Natural Legacy Project: Restoring Nebraska's Unique Biological Diversity" are to continue and expand implementation of our ongoing conservation actions throughout the state by improving over 100,000 acres of habitat over the next three years.

**Proposal Context:** Statewide

**Duration:** 2011–2014

**Cost:** \$289,500 Awarded from NET

**NET Funding Objective:** Habitat

### Process:

- Some of the most common actions include invasive species removal, re-introducing natural disturbance such as prescribed fire and modifying existing management tools such as grazing.
- Conservation actions also include wetland restoration and riparian corridor improvements. Although conservation actions are designed for at-risk species, habitat restoration benefits the more common species as well.
- 14,700 students, landowners, practitioners, educators and individuals from the public were reached through Natural Legacy education and outreach programs.
- Eleven projects have influenced how conservation action is delivered among partners. The information from this grant will continue to impact future actions.

**Domains:** The restoration and conservation accomplished throughout this grant helped to improve the lives of many at-risk species. Because of this, the Environmental Domain is well represented within this grant. The Socio-Cultural Domain is also applicable because of the outreach that occurred to landowners, practitioners, and educators.

**Transferability:** A project similar to this one could be replicated in a variety of environments experiencing habitat loss.

