NSWCP NC-12 Agreement Fact Sheet

NSWCP Approval
- No work can be done until the agreement is officially approved by the MNNRD.
- Project MUST be completed by June 1st of the year the windbreak was planted; FAILURE to due so WILL result in cancellation of cost share money (includes fencing, planting trees, laying of fabric, and any other items included the NSWCP project).

Fencing
- Once the NSWCP agreement is approved fencing can begin (recommend fencing before tree planting, preferable in the fall). Note: Leaving ends open will be helpful
- NRCS regulations MUST be followed when constructing the fence (regulations will be provided).
- Keep ALL receipts for the fence built (receipts are used to calculate that years average cost of fence construction).

Site Preparation
- The tree site WILL be mowed off as short as possible and all trash removed (baled, burned, etc) in the spring prior to planting. Chemical applications may also be done. This WILL be the responsibility of the landowner participating in the agreement.

Tree Planting
- Either Middle Niobrara NRD, Landowner, Private Contractor can plant the trees as long as NRCS specs are followed.
- NRCS specs MUST be followed when planting the trees (specs are available on request).
- Planting should occur as early as possible to take advantage of the longer growing season (April 1st).

Post Planting Maintenance
- Competing vegetation in row WILL be controlled for at least three years following planting. Conservation fabric can be used and is recommended for in row weed control. If conservation fabric is not used mechanical methods (mowing) WILL be done.
- Weed control MUST provide a 2-3 foot competition free zone around all trees.
- Mowing between rows at least two times during the growing season (once in the late spring early summer and once again early fall) is highly recommended.
- Gopher control WILL be done if gophers are present and/or become a problem. Trapping, poisoning, and/or other means are commonly used.
- Any problems or signs of death by insects, disease, or animal damage contact the NRD as soon as possible.

Replants
- Landowner is required to replant death loss and maintain the windbreak for the life of the contract (10years).
- NSWCP allows 50% cost share on replants for two years following planting (minimal order of 125 trees to be eligible).

Landowner MUST maintain planting site to insure at least 75% seeding survival after the third growing season. Seedlings need to be well distributed and maintain throughout the life (10years) of the NSWCP agreement.

♦ ANY VIOLATIONS OF THE NSWCP AGREEMENT WILL RESULT IN THE LANDOWNER RETURNING ♦
♦ ALL OR PARTIAL PAYMENTS RECEIVED BY THE NEBRASKA DNR AND THE MNNRD ♦

The NSWCP planting will be monitored annually by the MNNRD through a status review process. You will be notified by letter or phone when this will take place and given the opportunity to attend (these usually occur in late summer/early fall).

Landowner Signature __________________________________________ Date __________________________