

Do You Meet the Existing Condition Requirement?

To qualify for a habitat restoration, the project area must be a turfgrass (lawn), impervious surface (such as a driveway), highly eroded natural area, or other condition as deemed eligible by staff. **During your pre-application site visit**, staff can help determine if your project idea would qualify as a habitat restoration project or other project type.

Required Application Materials

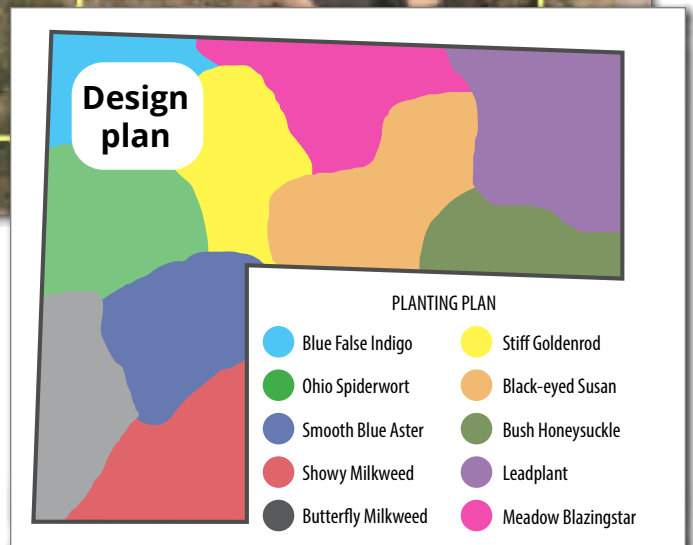
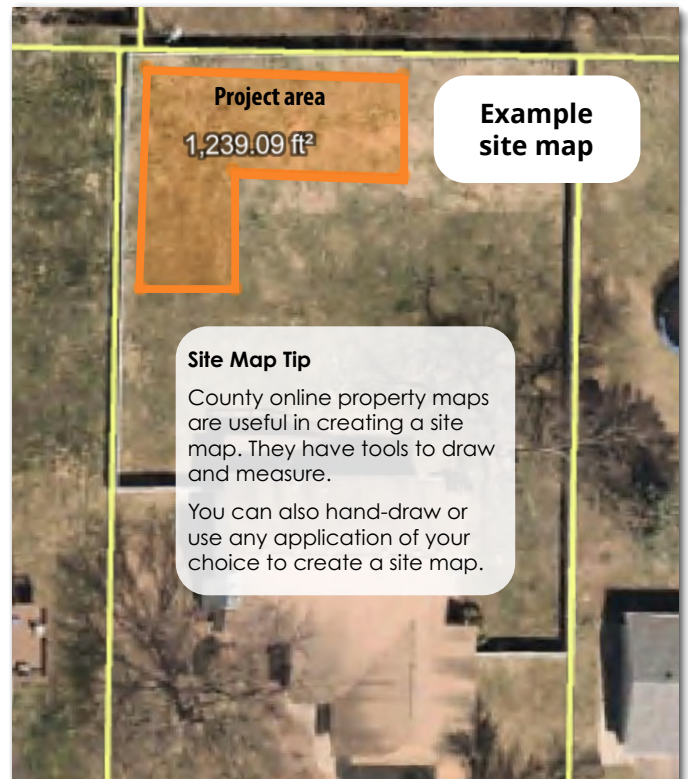
In addition to filling out the online application form, you'll need to submit:

- 1. Current photos** of your proposed project site
- 2. Site map** that shows project boundary in relation to applicant's property lines.
- 3. Design plan** to show layout of project; if installing plants, a planting plan will be needed
- 4. Detailed, itemized cost estimate** with separate line items for materials, labor, etc.
- 5. Detailed native plant list** (refer to RPBCWD Native Plant Requirements)
- 6. Habitat restoration plan**
The application requires a habitat restoration plan that provides a detailed description of methods and materials proposed for restoration. At minimum, the restoration plan must include:
 - Site preparation methods including weed control
 - Erosion control techniques and materials
 - Seeding technique and rate (if seeding is used)
- 7. Maintenance plan**
A plan to maintain the habitat restoration after installation must also be provided. You should plan to maintain your site at least 5 years (residential grantees) or 10 years (other grantees). At minimum, the maintenance plan should answer these questions:
 - How often do you plan to monitor and perform maintenance of the restoration site?
 - What chemical and/or mechanical methods will you use to control invasive and weedy species?
 - If you plan to use herbicide, what products/active ingredients do you plan to use? Always follow herbicide label instructions.



Interested in a simple project?

If you are looking to simply add native plants to your yard or existing landscaping, check out the **Native Plant project**. This simple Stewardship Grant provides cost share money to offset the cost of purchasing native live plants and seeds. RPBCWD native plant requirements apply.



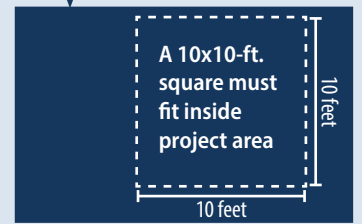
Project Shape

Your habitat restoration project can be any shape you want as long as it is in one piece, meets the minimum 250 square footage, and the length and width can accommodate a 10-foot by 10-foot square inside.

Minimum Size Requirement

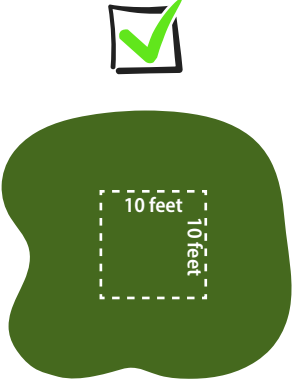
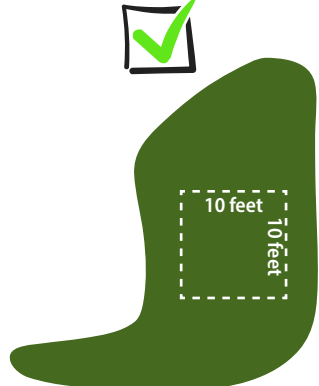

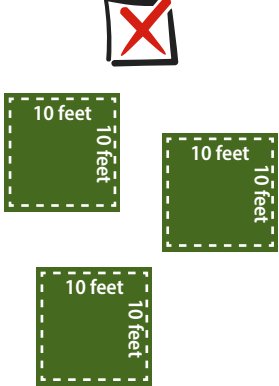
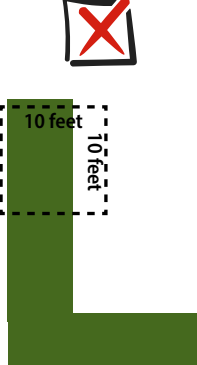
The project area can be any shape as long as it is at least 250 contiguous square feet in size and can fit a 10x10-foot square inside the shape.

Minimum project size: 250 square feet



(Contiguous = In one piece)

EXAMPLES OF SHAPES THAT DO & DON'T WORK

 <p>WHY DOES THIS SHAPE WORK?</p> <p>Project area is at least 250 contiguous square feet in size <u>and</u> can fit a 10x10 ft square within.</p>	 <p>WHY DOES THIS SHAPE WORK?</p> <p>Project area is at least 250 contiguous square feet in size <u>and</u> can fit a 10x10 ft square within.</p>	 <p>WHY IS THIS SHAPE NOT ALLOWED?</p> <p>Project area is NOT 250 square feet in size.</p>	 <p>WHY IS THIS SHAPE NOT ALLOWED?</p> <p>Project area is at least 250 square feet in size but it's NOT contiguous (area is divided in pieces).</p>	 <p>WHY IS THIS SHAPE NOT ALLOWED?</p> <p>Project area does NOT fit a 10x10 ft square inside its boundary.</p>
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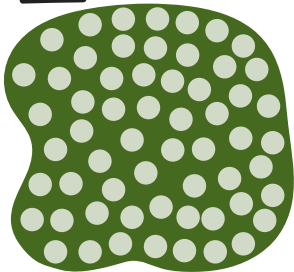
Planting Approach

NON-NATIVE PLANTS ARE NOT ALLOWED

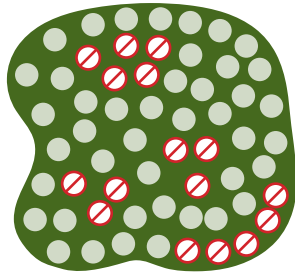
Only native plants are allowed in your habitat restoration area. We will allow an already existing healthy, non-invasive, non-native tree to remain within the project area.



ALL NATIVE PLANTS



INCLUDES NON-NATIVE PLANTS



MIMIC NATURE

The goal of a habitat restoration project is to mimic nature in form and function. Plantings should be close enough that, as they grow, most gaps will fill in over the next few years.

If you prefer a more organized appearance, plant species in groups or blended drifts. To convey intention, have a border or edging along your project — a mowed strip is an easy, inexpensive border.



SAVE MONEY, PLANT SMALL

To promote cost savings and purchase of young plants, RPBCWD has a maximum allowable amount for plants. See project Award Maximums handout for more info.

See RPBCWD Native Plant Requirements for minimum quantities and bloom distribution.