

Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist Quarterly Partners Report



Tabitha Panas — Pottawattamie, Harrison, and Shelby County October - December 2022

This last quarter before the new year, I was busy working on a number of new projects, as well as monitoring and assessing existing projects. The Loess Hills area has been busy with new Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) applications that benefit wildlife. CSP has been a new program for me, but I have enjoyed learning how to assist landowners with all CSP has to offer relating to wildlife practices. Some of the practices within these programs include prescribed fire, native species seeding, and invasive species removal.

It is important to assist existing USDA customers, as well as our new customers. One way we accomplish that is through CRP status reviews. I try to contact all landowners personally with feedback so that they can ask questions and feel comfortable moving forward in their decision-making as a land manager.



Above— a dragonfly spotted on CRP. These carnivores also benefit from the increased insects that native habitat bring. Top Left— Photo of native habitat within oak timber on a CRP status review in Harrison County. Bottom Left— Photo from a suitability and feasibility report for ground going into CRP. This landowner is looking for solutions for very sandy crop ground in the floodplain after floods created this lake and changed soils.

Quarterly Achievements

- 60 Landowner Contacts
- 12 Site Visits w Landowner
- 3 Wildlife Plans
- 1 Workshop
- 1 Habitat Proposal
- 42 Status Reviews

Thank you so much for your support! Without this partnership, I wouldn't be able to provide assistance to landowners and positively impact conservation in Iowa!

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