



## Alternative Land Use Services

### What is ALUS?

ALUS helps farmers and ranchers restore wetlands, reforest, plant windbreaks, install riparian buffers, manage sustainable drainage systems, create pollinator habitat and establish other ecologically beneficial projects on their properties.

What's more, ALUS provides **per-acre annual payments** to ALUS participants to recognize their dedication to managing and maintaining all the ALUS projects on their land.

### What are ecosystem services?

ALUS helps farmers and ranchers establish and maintain projects that produce ecosystem services, meaning: the essential things produced by healthy ecosystems upon which all living things rely. These include clean air, clean water, flood mitigation, climate adaptation, carbon sequestration, species at risk habitat and all our native bees and pollinators.

### What kind of projects does ALUS fund?

Here are a few examples of the kind of projects ALUS funds, with the kind of ecosystem services they provide:

- Projects for expanded riparian buffer zones that provide critical wildlife habitat and improve water quality.
- Projects for new, enhanced or restored wetlands that improve water quality and can protect communities against spring flooding and offset the impact of droughts.
- Projects for new, enhanced or restored native prairie that enhances natural grazing, haying options, and critical habitat for species at risk.
- Projects for pollinator hedgerows that provide habitat for native bees which in turn pollinate our agricultural crops and wild plants.
- Many other types of projects that produce valuable ecosystem services

### What kind of incentive payments are available?

Project Types	Incentive Payments
Projects done on cropland (E.g shelterbelts, native seeding, etc.)	\$50.00/ac
Projects done on pasture/hay land (E.g. shelterbelts, native seeding, etc.)	\$30.00/ac
Conversion of cropland to perennial forages	\$30.00/ac (half payment if hayed)
Enhanced wetlands larger than 2 acres	\$20.00/ac
Enhanced wetlands smaller than 2 acres	\$30.00/ac
Enhanced riparian areas	\$20.00/ac
Enhanced natural water runs and creeks (excluding crown land)	\$10.00/ac
Bluebird boxes	\$5.00/house
Hen houses	\$10.00/house
Restoration of wetlands	Negotiable – Follow projects done on crop or pastureland payments

