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Executive Director Corner

I hope everyone was able to get at least a partial view of the eclipse this week. After all the hype, I was hoping I would not be disappointed. I had a perfect viewing spot in the dead center of the State on a high point with a 20 mile view to the south and west. I was not disappointed. The darkness, the temperature change, the reaction of animals, the corona around the sun at total coverage and the strange light just before and after the total coverage of the sun, were unbelievable. If you missed it, be sure and look up some of the great photos or video of the event. I have seen several dozen photos from across the State and they were very impressive, but still can't compare to the actual event live.

It is State Fair time already. If you get to the Fair this year, stop by our booth inside the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission's area in the Nebraska building, just inside the west main entrance to the Fair. We might have something fun for you.

We had our third quarter board meeting in Bellevue at Fontenelle Forest earlier this month. The Trust board spent a half of a day doing visits around the Omaha area. We visited the water display at the Omaha Children's Museum, a wire separator at Scrap Central, some great habitat and educational opportunities at Heron Haven,



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Under the Sink's household hazardous waste disposal, Lauritzen Garden's water retention and native plantings, Spring Lake Park's lake restoration and the solar project at the Henry Doorly Zoo.

Husker football and volleyball are here. The volleyball team is enjoying a number four ranking, but the football team failed to make the top 25. There are a lot of questions about the football team on both sides of the ball and the wildcard of injuries will probably play a huge role in the team's success this season.

Watch out for kids while driving and have a safe end of the summer.

Mark A. Brohman
Executive Director

Grants Deadline Approaching!

The Trust office has been busy with phone calls and meetings with lots of inquiries on the upcoming deadline and how proposals may be submitted. Before submitting a proposal, applicants can always contact the Trust and discuss their concept with staff or ask for assistance in meeting application requirements. Our deadline for the submission of General and Recognition Grants is Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

There are three options for submission of a completed application for 2018:

On-line submission - The web address for online application is <https://environmentaltrustgrants.org>. If using the on-line application, no additional material will need to be mailed to NET.

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Electronic submission - The Trust will accept submission of an application using our electronic application form. The electronic submission must be received by the Trust by midnight CDT on the application deadline date and a hard copy of the application must be received by the Trust no later than 5.00 p.m. CDT on the Friday following the deadline date. The electronic submission must be complete and include all information required in a hard copy submission. Completed applications can be e-mailed to the [Grants Administrator](#). The electronic form is available for download on the Trust's website. Click on link [here](#).

Hard-copy submission - The Trust will also accept traditional submissions of applications. One copy of the completed application must be postmarked on or before the application deadline date, September 5, 2017. Hard copy submissions should be mailed to: The Nebraska Environmental Trust, P.O. Box 94913, Lincoln, NE 68509.

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environmentaltrust.org



Jim Hellbusch

Jim Hellbusch is Appointed as Nebraska Environmental Trust Chairman

The Nebraska Environmental Trust is pleased to announce that Mr. Jim Hellbusch has been appointed as the New Chairman of the Nebraska Environmental Trust Board. Mr. Jeff Fassett, Director of the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, was appointed Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Hellbusch owns Duo Lift, a company that manufactures wagons, trailers, running gears and various farm equipment to enhance farming operations. Today, Duo Lift

manufactures one of the largest lines of fertilizer trailers and running gears in the country and is known throughout the industry as a manufacturer of high quality equipment with special emphasis on safety. Duo Lift also manufactures commercial over-the-road custom designed trailers to fill specialty requirements.

Mr. Hellbusch was appointed to the Trust board on March 19, 2015 and will serve till March 10, 2021.

Mr. Hellbusch added, "I am looking forward to my term as Chairman of the Nebraska Environmental Trust Board to make more Nebraskans aware of the role of the Trust in Nebraska. I am proud to be a part of the process to enhance and preserve our bountiful and thriving natural resources."

Executive Director for the Trust, Mark Brohman said, "I am excited to work alongside Mr. Hellbusch and other board members to fulfill the vision of the Trust. Mr. Hellbusch and his company designed some of the first recycling trailers in Nebraska and that design is still being used today."

Nebraska Environmental Trust Awards Bonus Points to North Central Nebraska Projects for 2018 Grant Cycle

In a continuing effort to support natural resource projects across Nebraska, the board of the Nebraska Environmental Trust will award bonus points to 2018 grant applicants in only one of the seven geographical areas across the state.

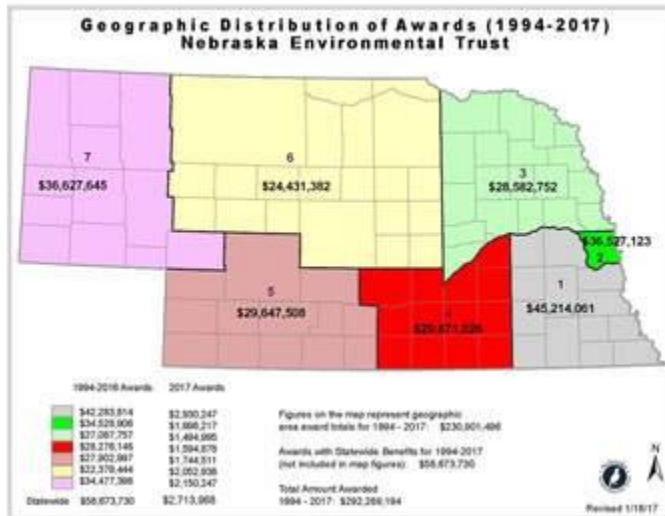
The geographical map of Nebraska showing the seven districts can be seen on the Trust website at:

www.environmentaltrust.org .

Projects based in District 6 (North Central) will be eligible for 20 bonus points in the 2018 grant cycle.

By law, the Nebraska Environmental Trust is required to ensure a geographic mix of projects over time. Geographic bonus points allow the Trust board to evaluate which areas are in need of Trust grant funds and provide an incentive to increase applications from deficient areas. District 6 has received \$24,431,382 since Trust grants began in 1994. Applications for 2018 Nebraska Environmental Trust funding are due on or before midnight Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

An online portal is now available at <https://environmentaltrustgrants.org> to submit grant applications.



Geographic Distribution of Awards Up to 2017



Invasive Species Education Trunk

Managing Invasive Species In Nebraska

*By: Allison Zach, Nebraska Invasive Species Program
Coordinator*

Over the past eleven years the Nebraska Invasive Species Program (NISP) has conducted invasive species outreach, management and research to help preserve Nebraska's

natural resources. The program is grant funded and is in the Nebraska Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. It is comprised of a full time coordinator and seasonal technicians that conduct boater surveys and outreach to the public on invasive species prevention. The NISP has been conducting boater surveys since 2012, in coordination with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, and together they have conducted over 8,200 surveys. The NISP coordinates the Nebraska Invasive Species Advisory Council which was created by legislation passed in 2012 and is comprised of invasive species experts and stakeholders. The Council acts as an advisory board on invasive species issues to the Nebraska legislature and meets on a monthly basis. In addition to coordinating the Council the NISP conducts statewide outreach on invasive species of all taxa by having booths at events and giving presentations and workshops. The NISP was awarded an NET grant in 2012 and the grant funded two 9-12 grade curriculum on invasive species of concern in Nebraska which meet state education standards. The grant also funded education trunks which are free to checkout via the NISP website <https://neinvasives.com/> for educators and include books and hands on teaching tools for all age groups. A set of 26 invasive species education cards were developed with the grant and distributed to educators statewide. The cards can be used with lesson plans, activities and curriculum available for free download on the NISP website: <https://neinvasives.com/>.

Boot brush stations, a total of 22, were produced with the grant and placed at high use trails at state and city parks throughout the state by Girl Scout troops and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. The signs alert the public to remove mud and seeds from clothing and shoes before leaving the area and to brush pets. The NISP attends state and regional conferences and collaborates with state

resource agencies and other states on outreach, management and research efforts. The NISP website has information on invasive species of concern in Nebraska and a reporting form the public can use to report invasive species sightings. The zebra mussel find at Lake Zorinsky in Omaha, NE was found because of a report via the NISP website by a Boy Scout. Learn more about invasive species of concern in the state and how you can prevent their spread at <https://neinvasives.com/>.



Technician Conducting Outreach

Upcoming Events

- Nebraska State Fair - August 25-September 4, 2017, Grand Island, NE.
- Grants deadline, Tuesday, September 5, 2017
- World O Water Festival - Saturday, September 9, 2017, Omaha, NE.
- Heron Haven Wetland Festival - Saturday, September 9, 2017, Omaha NE.
- Husker Harvest Days - September 12-14, 2017,

Grand Island, NE.

- 13th Annual Missouri River Outdoor Expo - Saturday/ Sunday, September 16-17, 2017, Ponca State Park, NE.
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