What are the Choices and Benefits? Matching Objectives to Programs and Getting Additional Help

-Complementary Programs-

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Different Types of Wetlands
Different Types of Social/Economic Drivers

Photo by: Shelly Kelly, Sandhills Task Force
Need to tailor the actions to the wetland type and local heritage and economy
Many wetlands are highly altered
Most wetlands need management
Wetland restoration and management is often complicated.

When you reach the edge of your knowledge---
get help!
Need input from different disciplines
Bio-engineering Teams
Need for a Partnership Approach

The whole can be more than the sum of its parts
Partnering vs. Partnership
both have their role
NRCS

State Wildlife Agency

Conservation Organization

Partnership

Partnering
Successful partnerships are not forced from the top down.
Sign this MOU and we’ll all be happy
Money is needed, but it is **not** all about the money!
Successful, long-term partnerships require:

- Social capital (relationships)
- Trust, communications, consistent participation
Regional and State Contact Information

Click on the appropriate Region of the map below to find your Partners for Fish and Wildlife State Coordinator.

https://www.fws.gov/partners
Rainwater Basin Joint Venture

Photo by: Niki Messmer

Implementation Plan for the Rainwater Basin Joint Venture
A Summary

Photo by: Ryan Askren
Kissinger WMA

Pre-Restoration

Post-Restoration
Sandhills Task Force

Sandhills Task Force Strategic Plan
Where the People and Land are One

Images of a group of people, a grassy landscape with a windmill, and a lake.
Saline Wetland Conservation Partnership

Nebraska’s Eastern Saline Wetlands Conservation Plan 2018

An update of:

Photo by: Mike Forsberg
Partnership Success Recommendations:

- Need to focus on an area with similar natural and human resources
- Requires time and personal relationships
- Need an implementation plan
- Need a go-to person who is responsible for the success of the partnership
Although my familiarity is with Nebraska, I know that there are great partners and partnerships throughout the country.

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https://www.aswm.org

https://www.fws.gov/partners

https://mbjv.org/joint-venture-map
Thank You!

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