



Program Benefits

There are few contractors with the experience and expertise to provide Native Warm Season Grass (NWGS) establishment and follow-up services for landowners. Currently, landowners wanting to establish NWGS must do the planting, site prep, and maintenance themselves. This approach leads to unnecessary stand failures and discouraged land managers who do not become the advocates needed to promote NWGS establishment.

Beginning with seed procurement, site preparation, planting, and recommendations for stand management, the AGRI Landowner Assistance Program is designed to eliminate the barriers of native plant habitat establishment.

To get started, simply go online and fill out an application for assistance

www.acadianarcd.com

or call 337-896-0362 ext 3

Funding and technical assistance for this initiative is being provided by

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries,
Atchafalaya Chapter of Quail Forever,
USDA - Natural Resource Conservation Service,
Acadiana RC&D Council, Inc.



The **Acadiana RC&D Council** is a non-profit organization that addresses the social, environmental and economical concerns of south central Louisiana.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or a part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

To file a complaint of discrimination write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



Landowner Assistance Program

For more information
please call: 337-896-0362 Ext. 3
or visit:

www.acadianarcd.com



Acadiana Resource Conservation
& Development Council, Inc.

Acadiana Grassland Restoration Initiative

Grasslands are among the most imperiled systems in Louisiana. Conversion of grasslands to cropland, introduction of non-native pasture grasses, and widespread use of non-selective herbicides has caused serious damage to this important system. Native pastures, uncultivated areas, field borders, fence rows, and ditch banks were among the areas that provided grassland habitat in the agricultural landscape.

In addition to providing habitat for grassland birds, establishment of diverse grasslands will reduce erosion, sedimentation, and nutrient runoff into surface waters. and could reduce maintenance of edge-of-field roads and in-field levees.

The Acadiana RC&D Council and Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries have developed a project to address the challenges of establishing Native Grass Systems (NGS) and native forbs on and around working farmlands.



Fee Schedule

For each case a site visit must be made for technical advice, and this service is provided free of charge. Other custom site preparation services available - subject to site conditions and contractor costs.

We offer several site preparation options:

Bush hogging:	\$5.00 / acre
Disking	\$5.00 / acre
No-till Planting	\$10.00 / acre
Burning / Fire	\$25.00 / acre

Chemical Site Prep	Low:	\$2.50 / acre
	Med:	\$5.00 / acre
	High:	\$10.00 / acre

You may provide your own seed or we offer the following 4 mixes depending on your needs:

Single Species (Pasture/Biomass)	\$80 / acre
Wildlife Habitat Mix	\$100 / acre
Restoration Mix	\$110 / acre
Custom Mix	Market Value

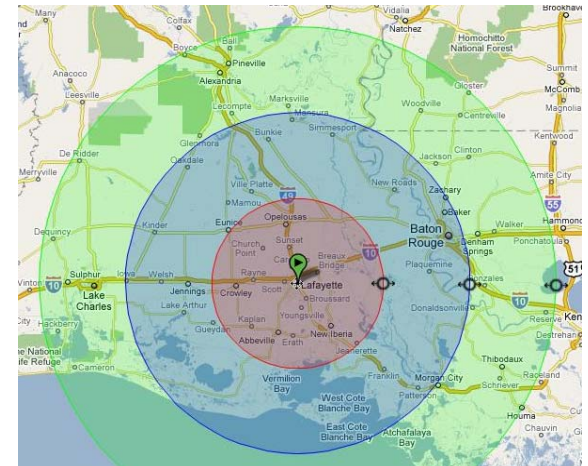
Please note:
Only native plant species will be considered for this project



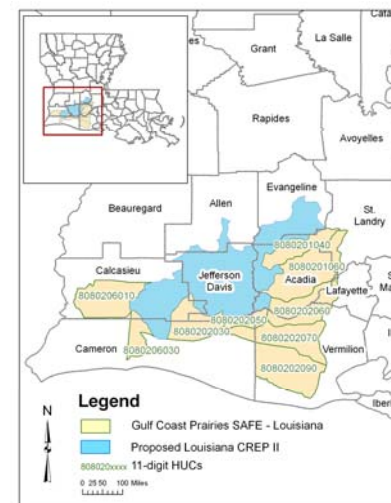
Mobilization Fee

Distances for Three Zones:

Red Zone	\$50.00
Blue Zone	\$100.00
Green Zone	\$150.00



Mobilization fee applies to each treatment of your site.



AGRI Supports

CREP
SAFE
CPSS
WHIP
EQIP