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Landowners Support Conservation!

One of the greatest characteristics of North Dakota is the willingness of our landowners to participate in conservation programs that fit their operations and benefit our State and citizens. Over 10,000 of our farmers and ranchers participated in the recent Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Countless others have protected grasslands and wetlands, waterways, tree plantings, or participated in many other beneficial programs. Our State benefits from these program through improved water quality, abundant wildlife, protection from soil erosion, and outdoor recreation opportunities. But without programs that work for landowners and their operations the multiple benefits to our citizens from these conservation programs will disappear and this cooperation is wasted. Therefore, we need to support a diverse suite of programs that are supported by landowners and provide broad conservation values to our State.

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