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### Conservation Projects and Agriculture

Conservation organizations provide opportunities for farmers and ranchers to develop projects and practices that improve soil health, grass management, and conserve soil to protect and improve their farm and ranch land and their bottom line. Maintaining a positive cash flow and improving soil and grass resources enhances wildlife habitat. Organizations such as Ducks Unlimited, Delta Waterfowl, Pheasants Forever, Audubon Dakota, and North Dakota Natural Resources Trust work with farmers and ranchers and local soil conservation districts to develop the projects that fit into their operations. Federal cost-share dollars no longer cover the conservation practice needs for farmers and ranchers. The Outdoor Heritage Funds (OHF) helps conservation organizations step in to try to fill the gap. There are willing farmers, ranchers, and conservation organizations ready to create a partnerships to fund and install conservation projects on private land. North Dakota policy makers need to make sure these partnerships can grow by maintaining a well-funded and managed funding opportunities, such as the OHF. Agriculture and conservation organization partnerships are a win-win for North Dakota.

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