



** SAMPLE HABITAT ACTION PLAN **

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Instructions

Complete the information below to the best of your ability. Fields that require a text answer or have a selection menu are colored gray. Click anywhere in the gray box to begin typing or to make your selection.

For the Site Preparation Summary section, your response does not need to fill nor extend beyond the size of each box -- the two largest fitting approximately 600 characters or 100 words. Be as concise or as descriptive as you'd like.

Habitat Project: Contact Information and Site Characteristics

Name:

Email:

Farm/Group Name:

Phone:

Project Coordinates:

Date of screening call:

Project Type:

☐

seeds

☐

plugs

Expected planting date:

Project size (acres or sqft):

Sun:

☐

full sun (8+ hrs)

☐

part sun (6 - 7 hrs)

☐

part shade (4 - 5 hrs)

Soils:

☐

wet or heavy soils that drain slowly

☐

medium or well drained soils

☐

dry or excessively drained soils

Weed worries:

☐

low to no weed pressure

☐

medium weed pressure

☐

high weed pressure

Slopes:

☐

no to little slope (~0°)

☐

gentle slope (1° - 5° or 1.75% - 8.75%)

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moderate to steep slope (>5° or 8.75%)



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Habitat Project: Site Preparation Summary

I. Site Description

Describe the location where the habitat will be planted

II. Existing Vegetation

Briefly describe the existing vegetation cover, noting any problematic weeds

III. Habitat Creation Strategy

Summarize the project site preparation and planting strategy

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IV. Site Preparation Method(s)

Detail your site preparation plan, methods, and timeline

V. Planting Date(s) and Seeding Practice

Note your estimated planting date and (if seeding) how you will seed the prairie mix (broadcast or drill)

VI. Operations and Maintenance

Outline your plans and timeline for post-planting maintenance (weeding, watering, etc.)



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Answer each question by selecting "yes" or "no" as it pertains to your habitat project. The prompts are designed to help you identify and evaluate the key factors that contribute to the success of your pollinator habitat project. Your honest responses can inform what aspects of your project may need additional attention, a change in strategy or location, or may be well set for success.

Site Placement

Use your project coordinates and google maps to review how your proposed habitat project fits into your farm or community property.

Is the habitat project site located close to:

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| ☐ yes | ☐ no | Existing native habitat or other wild spaces to encourage connectivity? |
| ☐ yes | ☐ no | Cropped areas that may benefit from beneficial insects and pollinators? |
| ☐ yes | ☐ no | A water source for irrigation? |
| ☐ yes | ☐ no | Other farmscape features that help justify habitat location? |

Is the habitat project site:

- | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| ☐ yes | ☐ no | Located to encourage regular stewardship attention? |
| ☐ yes | ☐ no | Accessible to farm visitors or community members? |
| ☐ yes | ☐ no | Protected from pesticides that are used in adjacent areas? |
| ☐ yes | ☐ no | Protected from weedy invasions from adjacent areas? |

I have recent photos to share that show the site area and existing vegetation.

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ☐ yes | ☐ no |
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Site Characteristics

Describe the vegetation cover, weed worries, and soil concerns.

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| ☐ yes | ☐ no | Is the site especially weedy? |
| ☐ yes | ☐ no | Will specific weeds be persistently problematic? |
| ☐ yes | ☐ no | Could the soil seed bank have an excessive amount of weeds? (Particularly for projects where fill has been brought in.) |
| ☐ yes | ☐ no | Are the soils contaminated from past land use? |

Site Preparation

Describe your site preparation plan.

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| ☐ yes | ☐ no | Will site preparation activities sufficiently terminate and control existing vegetation cover? |
| ☐ yes | ☐ no | Can site preparation be implemented by the expected planting date? |
| ☐ yes | ☐ no | Is site preparation timed appropriately to the seasons and weed life cycles? |
| ☐ yes | ☐ no | Have you accounted for the labor to conduct site prep, plant, and care for your habitat project? |
| ☐ yes | ☐ no | Are the tools, equipment, and resources for site prep, planting, and care available? |
| ☐ yes | ☐ no | Are you familiar with the different site prep practices or the cover crops that you are using in site preparation? |

Community Education

Describe what (if any) educational activities will be included in your habitat project.

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| ☐ yes | ☐ no | Are community members invited to participate in the habitat creation and care process? |
| ☐ yes | ☐ no | Are formal education activities planned as part of the habitat creation, planting, and care process? |
| ☐ yes | ☐ no | Once established, will the habitat be used for educational experiences (plant ID, pollinator monitoring, healing, etc.)? |
| ☐ yes | ☐ no | Is there an aspect of the site preparation or planting process that is novel and/or will add to the broader knowledge on habitat creation? |
| ☐ yes | ☐ no | Will you be installing plant labels, interpretative signs, or other visual cues to help call attention to or protect the habitat area? |