

**5 YEAR ADOPT A ROADSIDE PRAIRIE PERMIT**

Black Hawk County Road Department

316 East 5th Street, Room 211

Waterloo, IA 50703

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Permit Number:

New Application
Renewal

Owner/Applicants Name		Address	
Phone Number	Fax Number	City	State Zip
Cell Phone Number		Email Address	
Contractor's Name		Owner Address	
Phone Number	Fax Number	City	State Zip
Cell Phone Number		Email Address	
Location			
Road Name	Section No.	Township (87, 88, 89, 90) N	Range (11, 12, 13, 14) W
Location Description (map will be provided to mark area of interest)			

Permit Fees:

New Application: \$50.00. Additional signs are \$25.00 each. The fee includes 2 signs and posts. The signs are to be picked up at 1329 Longfellow Ave, Waterloo, IA 50703 -or- 316 E 5th St, Room 211, Waterloo, IA 50703

**Total Number of Signs:
(2 signs and posts included)**

Renewal Application (no cost) After 5 Years is up.

Acceptance of Conditions

I certify that the statements contained in the application are true and correct and that I will comply with the conditions outlined in this permit.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Roadside Biologist _____ Date _____

Black Hawk County Engineer _____ Date _____

Comments / Additional Requirements

1. APPLICANT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- a. Applicant **MUST** contact **Iowa One Call** for utility locations within the sign post areas. A request can be made by calling (800) 292-8989 or on their website at Iowa [One Call - Contractors](#) and requires at least a 48 hour notice. **NO SIGN POSTS MAY PLACED UNTIL LOCATIONS HAVE BEEN MARKED.** Keep the "Iowa One Call Work Request Number" for this number, it is your confirmation that a work request was made.
- b. The applicant shall take all reasonable precautions to protect and safeguard the lives and property of the traveling public and adjacent property owners. The applicant's maintenance of said area shall be carried on in such a manner as not to interfere with or interrupt traffic on said county roads.
- c. Additional Prairie Restoration signs and post can be purchased at the County Engineers Office for \$25.00 each. Signs and posts will be picked up at the Longfellow Shop at 1329 Longfellow Ave, Waterloo, IA 50703. Signs must be displayed in a visible location at each end of the Adopt a Roadside Prairie Permit area of. These signs must be mounted at least 4 feet above the ground line and within 3 feet of the back slope and right of way line.
- d. The applicant will be responsible for getting rid of noxious weeds and shrubs by means of pulling or mowing in set prairie restoration. All new seeding maintenance will be done by applicant. New seeding maintenance includes at least 2 mowing's with in year 1 of the seeding. Year 2 of the seeding the applicant will have the option of mowing depending on weed pressure. Year 4 or 5 the applicant will need to preform a prescribed burn. If management activities on the prairie restoration listed above are not fulfilled, then the county will come and manage said prairie as a normal management and the permit will be null in void. The applicant agrees to make any corrections to the work upon the request from the Road Department.
- e. Tree cutting and removal is prohibited under this permit. Tree removals may be performed under a Work in County Right-of-Way permit or by the Road Department.
- f. The application is only good for right-of-way adjacent to property owned or maintained by the applicant.
- g. Noxious weeds are to be eradicated by June 1st under Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardships (IDALS) Code 58 and Iowa Code 317.1(A). are listed below.
 - i. **IDALS Code 58 priority weeds to be managed are:**
Class A noxious weeds: Palmer Amaranth (*Amaranthus palmeri*)
Class B noxious weeds: Canada Thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), Teasel (*Dipsacus spp.*), Leafy Spurge (*Euphorbia esule*), Bull Thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*), European Morning Glory or Field Bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*), and all other species of thistle belonging in the genus of *Carduus*.
 - ii. **Noxious Weeds listed under Iowa Chapter 317.1(A) to be managed are:**
Quack grass (*Elymus repens*), Perennial sow thistle (*Sonchus arvensis*), Horse nettle (*Solanum carolinense*), Perennial pepper-grass (*Cardaria draba*), Russian knapweed (*Acroptilon repens*), Buckthorn (*Rhamnus spp.*), Butterprint (*Abutilon theophrasti*), Cocklebur (*Xanthium strumarium*), Wild mustard (*Sinapis arvensis*), Wild carrot (*Ducus carota*), Sheep sorrel (*Rumex acetosella*), Sour dock (*Rumex crispus*), Smooth dock (*Rumex altissius*), Poison hemlock (*Conium maculatum*), Wild sunflower (*Helianthis annuus L.*), Puncture vine (*Tribulus terrestris*), Shattercane (*Sorghum bicolor*).
- h. This permit does not prohibit herbicide applications by utility companies or other companies.

2. HOLD HARMLESS: The Applicant shall indemnify and hold harmless Black Hawk County

- a. its agents and employees, from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses including attorneys' fees arising out of or resulting from the performance of the work, provided that any such claim, damage, loss or expense is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to the damage to or destruction of tangible property (other than the work itself) including the loss of use resulting therefrom, and is caused in whole or in part by any negligent act or omission of the outside party or its subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, regardless of whether or not it is caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder.
- b. from any damage that may result to said roadway because of the construction, operation or maintenance of said facility and/or connecting facilities and shall reimburse Black Hawk County for any expenditures it may have to make on said highway on account of said construction, operation or maintenance by the applicant, and shall replace and restore any roadway, including surface and sub-surface materials. The applicant shall also hold Black Hawk County harmless from any damages that said County would otherwise be responsible for, that flow directly or indirectly from said project, because of construction, operation, or maintenance of said facility.
- c. agrees that for all work done in the county road right of ways, easements and county property, it shall be solely responsible for work zone safety and shall hold the County harmless and agree to indemnify the County for all claims that arise from its work in the right of way, and further, it agrees that it will adhere to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) during the project. The utility owner, or their contractor, is responsible for providing, installing, maintaining, and cleaning warning signs and protective devices; removing warning signs and protective devices when the work is complete; and providing flaggers for the protection of the traveling public and workers on the site.