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The PrairieLand RC&D Council will be applying for recycling grants from NDEQ for scrap tires and anxiously awaiting word about the used electronic collection applications. We are looking forward to holding used electronics and scrap tire collections in the early spring and summer, provided we are awarded the grant funds. This means we will need volunteers to help at the collection sites and with the marketing of these events.

The council will assist the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum with promoting a new landscape tree program. Individually potted trees will be offered for \$7 each and distributed along with the NRD tree program.

The Sustainable Ag Society Conference will be February 11<sup>th</sup> in Nebraska City and MarketPlace will be held on February 22<sup>nd</sup> in Kearney. These are all great events to learn and network!

We are looking for support to carry out our mission of *“creating a network for all citizens by providing awareness, education and leadership development to enhance the economy, the environment, the natural resources and the quality of life with a vision for the future”*.

Please consider becoming involved with the RC&D organization.

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PrairieLand RC&D  
January Council meeting  
will be held at  
the Frontier Bank in Madison  
WEDNESDAY January 18, 2012  
at 4:00 p.m.

## NDEQ

February 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for grant applications for Waste Reduction and Recycling grants.

2012 NEBRASKA Agri/Eco-Tourism Workshop  
January 31 – February 1, 2012  
Sandhills Convention Center  
North Platte, NE

Two day workshop includes general sessions, breakout sessions, networking opportunities, exhibitor booths, taste of Nebraska sampling. Keynote speaker is Dr. Kelly Bricker, a recreation, parks and tourism specialist.

Please visit  
[www.visitnebraska.gov/industry](http://www.visitnebraska.gov/industry)  
for more info and registration information.

## Lower Elkhorn NRD Tree Programs

The LENRD has added a new branch to the Conservation Tree Program. This year the LENRD has teamed with the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum to offer the Landscape Tree Program. These trees are larger than the bundles of seedlings and come in individual pots. There are 20 different varieties - mostly Oaks and Buckeyes, with a few others such as American Sycamore, to choose from. The NRD will continue to offer the bundles of 25 seedlings for \$23 after January 1<sup>st</sup> and also offers machine planting service and a weed control service with the planting. There are 39 different trees and shrubs to choose from in the conservation seedling program. Visit the website: [www.nrdtrees.org](http://www.nrdtrees.org) or contact the Lower Elkhorn NRD (402-371-7313) or your local NRCS office for more information.

# Project Updates

## Nebraska Continuous No-till

January is a busy month for the project. Mark Watson is holding his no-till coffee days on January 10, 11 & 12 in Rushville, Alliance and Sidney. These small meetings are great for in-depth and individual learning and assistance for the Panhandle producers. The Panhandle Winter No-till conference will be on on February 22-23, 2012.

The Norfolk Farm Show will be held on January 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. The rainfall simulator will be demonstrated several times a day and there will be educational seminars throughout the event.

Nebraska producers have been taking advantage of the reduced registration fee offered to Nebraska attendees to the No-till on the Plains Winter Conference in Salina on January 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. Nebraska attendees are offered a \$50 registration instead of \$150 with the grant providing the \$100 for the first 100 Nebraska producers to register.

[www.notill.org](http://www.notill.org)

## Shell Creek Watershed Improvement

The SCWIG will meet on January 10 in Platte Center.



The Shell Creek *website* is now up and running!

Please visit: [www.shellcreek.org](http://www.shellcreek.org)

## Preservation Madison, Inc.

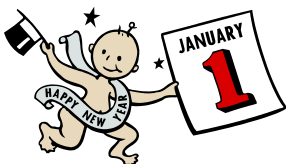
The Preservation Madison group has been busy getting quotes and beginning some of the renovations. Brass kickplates were added to the main entry, bat proofing has been completed, the wood Sunday school floor has been refinished. Quotes for the updated electrical, heating & cooling systems are beginning to come in. The group has also toured other buildings in the downtown area, with architect Bob Perrin, to determine if there are other buildings of historical value for the group to take on as projects.

## Highway 14

Please visit [www.highway14.org](http://www.highway14.org)



The Highway 14 Association will meet in Neligh on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. All members and interested parties are welcome to attend. More ideas to promote the Highway 14 corridor are welcome and great progress is being made on some ideas for information stations along the corridor .



## BuyFreshBuyLocal

Nebraska Food Coop is now offering Gift Certificates!

Kuper Farms Store in Norfolk is now a pick up point for the Nebraska Food Coop. The Coop is on a monthly delivery cycle.

Next order cycle ends

January 14th with delivery on January 19th.

[www.nebraskafood.org](http://www.nebraskafood.org)

## PrairieLand Recycling & Used Electronics Collections

Grant applications have been submitted for:  
Tilden – Petersburg – Albion – Genoa  
and Clarkson/Howells



December PAPER totals:  
4.52 tons = 9,040 lbs total

*greener fiber*



## PrairieLand Area Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Jan 11-12 - Norfolk Farm Show
- Jan 12 - Highway 14 Assoc. - Neligh
- Jan 16 - Martin Luther King Day
- Jan 18 - PrairieLand Council meeting - Norfolk
- Jan 24-25 - No-till on the Plains Winter Conf. - Salina, KS
- Jan 24-25 - Columbus Farm Expo
- Jan 26 - NE NE Travel Council - Norfolk
- Jan 28 - Comedy Fest. Amateur nite - West Point
- Jan 29 - Soup R Art - DeVent Center - Norfolk
- Jan 31-Feb 1 - Agri-Eco Tourism Conf. - North Platte
- Feb 7 - Grazing/Cover Crop - LLC - Norfolk
- Feb 8 - GAPS training - LLC - Norfolk
- Feb 11-12 - NE Sustainable Ag Society Conf - NE City
- Feb 14 - Cover Crop workshop - Columbus
- Feb 15 - PrairieLand Council Meeting -
- Feb 20 - President's Day
- Feb 22 - MarketPlace - Kearney
- Feb 22-23 - Panhandle Winter No-till Conf - Scottsbluff

Please forward events to the PrairieLand office if you would like them posted on our calendar.

Visit the website, [GreenerNebraska.org](http://GreenerNebraska.org), to learn more about the program to become a greener business and to begin the certification process.