



**BECKER COUNTY
PULLING TOGETHER INITIATIVE GRANT
COST-SHARE APPLICATION/REPORTING FORM
2007**



In 2007, limited grant funding will be available to landowners, townships, and others in Becker County for herbicide applications and other weed treatment techniques. The funding arrangement will be a cost-share for the purchase of herbicides or spray applications. Individuals interested in receiving assistance will need to fill out the application form below. Cost-share treatments will be awarded based on a ranking or priority scoring worksheet. The cost-share worksheet is located below. This will provide a fair means to determine who is eligible for the weed treatments. We are initially seeking to control small emerging priority weed infestations located in the grasslands or highly disturbed areas of the county. Emerging weed threats are the highest priority for control or eradication. The emerging threats include weeds such as: common tansy, crown vetch, spotted knapweed and wild parsnip, leafy spurge. Other emerging weed threats not listed are also critical in the county weed management plan. The smaller emerging infestation areas are much easier to control now and our hope is to prevent them from becoming as prevalent as thistle and leafy spurge are at this time. Weeds, including those on the Minnesota Noxious Weed List in highly prioritized CRP will also be considered. Other noxious or problem weeds infestations and areas will also be considered and ranked according to the priority scoring worksheet. Many weed identification sources are available for the above weeds, one being found is <http://plants.usda.gov/gallery.html>

Mail form to Becker Soil & Water Conservation District, 809 8th St. SE, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501.

Please contact Brad Grant or Marsha Watland, Becker County Agriculture Inspectors, at 218-846-7360 if you have the above listed weeds on your property or if you know of other noxious or problem weed locations. We can assist you in identifying these weeds and also provide additional information on how to apply for cost-share funds. Interested individuals who would like to volunteer with biological control efforts or mapping weed infestations are also encouraged to contact us.

Applicant Name: _____ Applicant Location: Township: _____
 Phone Number: _____ Section: _____
 Address: _____

Factor A: Weed Type per Location

- Spotted Knapweed
- Common Tansy
- Crown Vetch
- Other Secondary or Emerging Weeds or Weeds of Concern _____
- Leafy Spurge
- Wild Parsnip
- Other Prohibited Weeds _____

Factor B: Approximate Size of Infestation

- Small Patch < .5 acres
- Small Patch .5 – 2 acres
- Large Patch > 5 acres

Factor C: Approximate Weed Abundance – Plants per site

- > 500
- 100-500
- 10 – 100
- 1 – 10

Factor D: Willingness to Spray (Chemicals provided vs. commercial application costs)

- Provide own application

Factor E: Map of Spray Area (Required for cost-share)

- Check if map is included

A contract agreement will be necessary to sign in order to receive cost-share of herbicides or spray applications by licensed applicators along with a map depicting the infestation or spray application area. In signing the agreement, Becker County will have a right to map, use data, and monitor site. In addition, a proper pesticide application record must be submitted to Becker County Agriculture Inspector's office after the spray application. Failure to spray herbicides will result in a loss of cost-share assistance. In addition, a commitment for further action will be an agreement to which landowners will continually monitor and control weed infestations. CRP landowners will also have to monitor and control weeds not included on the Minnesota Noxious Weed list.