

February 28, 2019

Ms. Jennifer Brinkman, Chair
Lancaster County Board of Commissioners
555 South 10th Street, Suite 110
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508



Re: Saline Wetlands Conservation Partnership

Dear Ms. Brinkman:

I am writing you on behalf of the Saline Wetlands Conservation Partnership. The Partnership was established in 2003 for the conservation of saline wetlands located in Lancaster and southern Saunders counties. Current members of the Partnership are the City of Lincoln, Lower Platte South Natural Resources District, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, and the Nebraska Chapter of Pheasants Forever, Inc.

Historically, the cooperation of the three agencies above has been formalized in multi-year interlocal agreements. The current interlocal agreement runs through June 2019. At a recent Partnership meeting there was discussion regarding the next agreement and potential additional partners. Lancaster County was a participant in the Partnership from 2002-2012, initially as a party to an interlocal agreement, and later as a funding partner by letter of commitment.

The Partnership continues to protect and restore the rare and unique Eastern Saline Wetlands located primarily in Lancaster County. As we move forward with this cooperative effort we would like to discuss with the Board of Commissioners the status of the partnership and possible future involvement of Lancaster County in the conservation efforts of this natural resource. This could include being a formal part of the next Interlocal Agreement or otherwise providing matching funds for the project. We appreciate your interest in conservation practices throughout Lancaster County and look forward to working with you in the future. If there is an opportunity to discuss at a staff meeting, please let me know. I can be contacted at 402.441.7063 (Parks) / 402.476.2729 (NRD) or tmalmstrom@lincoln.ne.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Malmstrom". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Tom Malmstrom
Natural Resources Coordinator/Park Planner II
Saline Wetlands Conservation Partnership

Cc: Lynn Johnson, Lincoln Parks and Recreation Director
Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer