

Native plant Program



SaskPower Shand Greenhouse has developed a program to custom grow forbs and grasses for reclamation and conservation projects in Saskatchewan.

Why?

Hardy grasses, colorful flowers and durable shrubs once covered all of our province.

But demand for land use, cultivation and development has destroyed or threatens native vegetation that evolved over thousands of years.

Preserving, restoring and protecting species of native plants is important for soil conservation, wildlife habitat, agriculture and our prairie heritage.

Now there's a growing need for native plant material for conservation projects throughout Saskatchewan.

What is the program about?

SaskPower Shand Greenhouse will custom grow native plant materials for specific projects within the province. The greenhouse is eager to develop and share propagation knowledge about native species in an effort to encourage growth of a native plant industry in Saskatchewan.

This program does not intend to compete with Saskatchewan's commercial growers. In fact, it may work in cooperation with native plant producers to develop cultural procedures or to produce crops where economic risks or quantities are prohibitive for commercial growers.

Who may apply to this program?

Non-profit and charitable organizations, corporations and government agencies, commercial enterprises, private corporations and businesses may apply for plant material for:

- land reclamation
- erosion control
- creation of new wildlife habitat
- enhancement of existing habitat/prairie
- any environmental use of native plants

Where have projects already been carried out?

Native plants have already been grown for projects throughout Saskatchewan, including:

- the Regina Plains Native Prairie Restoration Project, where 30 species of grasses, forbs and shrubs are helping restore and expand natural habitat. Species include white prairie aster, prairie cinquefoil, prairie sage and June grass;
- the Last Mountain Lake National Wildlife Area, where seed from 26 native forb and 6 native grass species was collected from the area, propagated at the greenhouse, and used to reestablish habitat for migratory waterfowl. Species include harebell, gaillardia, sweet grass and sand grass;
- a Rare Plant Mitigation Project near Estevan, in which Luscar Limited is propagating white milkwort, whorled milkweed, purple coneflower, bird's foot trefoil and salt bush, to address the removal of native pasture;
- a Cogema Resources Inc. project using green alder plantings to protect ponds and roadways at their McLean Lake and Cluff Lake mines from erosion.



SaskPower is committed to

protecting the environment while operating in a manner that will, to the greatest extent possible, conserve natural resources, maintain natural systems and preserve natural diversity.

Together, we can work to restore Saskatchewan's native landscape.

How do I find out more?

For application forms and detailed information about this program, please contact:

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