CERTIFICATION OF NATIVE PRAIRIE, WETLAND, OR WILDLIFE HABITAT FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

Note: Applications for tax exemption must be filed with local assessor by: February 1st.

I (We) hereby request that the property described below be certified for property tax exemption under Chapter 427.1, 1991 Code of Iowa, and Iowa Administrative Code NRC 571--25. Included with this application is an aerial photo identifying the area to be exempted.

Legal Description: _____ ¼ of the _____ ¼ of Section _____ .

Township _____ Range _____ in _____ County, Iowa.

Congressional Township Name: _____

Size of area to be certified: _____ acres

The area to be exempted is defined as (check one):

☐ Native Prairie ☐ Protected Wetland ☐ Wildlife Habitat ☐ Restored Wetland

I (We) swear or affirm to be the legal owner(s) of the property described in this application and that the information provided herein is true and correct:

(Landowner Signature)	(Date)	(Landowner Signature)	(Date)

PLEASE PRINT:

(Landowner Name)

(Address)

(City/State/Zip)

(Telephone Number)

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CERTIFICATION -- FOR DNR USE ONLY

I hereby certify that the property described above ☐ is ☐ is not eligible for property tax exemption.

(Signature)	(Date)	(Name) Wildlife Biologist, Iowa DNR

Comments: _____

DEFINITIONS

Native Prairie: Lands that have never been cultivated, are unimproved, and are natural or restored grasslands wherein at least fifty percent (50%) of the plant canopy is a mixture of grass and forb species which were found originally on Iowa's prairie lands. There are no acreage limits for this exemption classification.

Wildlife Habitat: Parcels of land of two acres or less which are devoted exclusively for use as habitat for wildlife and are protected from all other uses of any kind.

Wetland: An area of two or more acres in a natural condition that is mostly underwater or waterlogged during the spring growing season and is characterized by vegetation of hydric soils.

A. **Protected Wetland:** A type 3, type 4, or type 5 wetland as described in Circular 39, Wetlands of the United States. A protected wetland does not include land where an agricultural drainage well has been plugged or land within a drainage district or levee district.
B. **Restored Wetland:** A wetland that has been previously drained and cropped, but has been restored under a nonpermanent agreement with the DNR, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, county or private conservation group.