

Nebraska Environmental Trust records

Identifier	RG0143
Creator	Nebraska Environmental Trust
Date	1993-2007
Extent	2 record center boxes, 7 binders of photographs (4 cubic feet) 6 digital files (22 mbs)

Administrative History

The Nebraska Environmental Trust Act of 1992 authorized a portion of proceeds from the state lottery to be placed in a fund “for the purpose of conserving, enhancing and restoring the natural, physical and biological environment of the state.” After voters approved the lottery in November 1992, legislation governing the lottery and distribution of proceeds was re-enacted in 1993 under LB138. Forty-four and one-half percent of lottery proceeds are put into the Environmental Trust Fund after prizes and operating expenses are paid for and the first \$500,000 of proceeds are paid to the Compulsive Gamblers’ Assistance Fund.

The 14-member Environmental Trust Board manages the Environmental Trust Fund and carries out the goals of the trust. The board leverages private funds to support short- and long-term environmental goals and provides funding for proposals according to the priorities of habitat, surface and groundwater, recycling and waste management, air quality and soil management.

Board membership includes nine members of the public appointed by the governor, with legislative approval, to six-year terms. Other members include the directors of the Department of Agriculture, Department of Environment and Energy, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure and Game and Parks Commission. Three appointees are chosen from each congressional district. Each citizen member must have demonstrated experience and interest in the state’s environment, and at least two citizen members must have experience in private financing of public-purpose projects. The Game and Parks Commission provides administrative support to the board through contract.

Source: Nebraska Legislative Council. (2021). Nebraska Blue Book 2020-21. Pgs. 708-709.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of records created by the Nebraska Environmental Trust. Records are split into series based on record type.

Series 1, Meeting minutes, spans 1993-2007. They are paper and organized chronologically.

Series 2, Grant records, span 1996-2002 and is unprocessed. Records consist of several binders containing photographs documenting the work carried out by projects funded by Nebraska Environmental Trust grants. These photos are accompanied by digital files summarizing the project applications for each year.

Access Note

These records are public and open for use per Nebraska Revised Statute 84-712.01. Photographs are unprocessed and may require additional time to pull.

Series 1: Meeting Minutes, 1993-1995, 2006-2007

Box 1	1993-1995
Box 2	2006-2007

Series 2: Grant records, 1996-2002

7 binders of photos documenting grant projects, 1996-2002
6 digital files summarizing grant projects, 1996-2002