



PROTECTING WILDLIFE AND HABITATS IN THE DAKOTAS

Across the Midwest, growers are rethinking what it means to care for the land — not just for today's crops, but for tomorrow's soil, water and wildlife. The **Second Century Habitat Fund** (SCHF) collaborates with South Dakota landowners to make that vision a reality by supporting biodiversity without sacrificing productivity.

As a committed partner since 2022, Syngenta supports SCHF's mission to advocate for habitat stewardship, collaborate with community partners, and lead conservation efforts that benefit land across South Dakota.

Together, SCHF and its partners — including Syngenta — support initiatives like the **Working Lands Habitat Program**, which helps restore marginal cropland such as saline and moist soils, field edges and other low-productivity areas. These acres are enrolled for at least five years and seeded with a perennial grass and forb mix that can be hayed or grazed as wildlife habitat.

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Syngenta's **advocacy and support** has been instrumental in helping scale habitat projects that **strengthen local ecosystems and enhance sustainability**.

This partnership is rooted in a shared belief that conservation is essential to the success of both wildlife and croplands.

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Executive Director for Second
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Beyond cropland, SCHF also works through the **Big Sioux Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program** to improve water quality, reduce soil erosion and create public fishing access. Program goals include:

- Establish 1,500 acres of permanent vegetative cover along rivers and streams
- Reduce the amount of sediment, nutrients and nitrogen entering waterbodies
- Increase local wildlife populations
- Open 250 40-acre blocks to public access
- Create 25,000 acres of wetlands and grasslands for water storage and breeding habitat



The collaboration between SCHF, partners and local landowners is more than a shared goal— it drives measurable results:

\$3.56M+

invested into
the Working
Lands Program

13,000

acres enrolled
in new prairie
grasses

158+

landowners
participating

**EXPANDED
HABITAT**

for pheasants
and other
prairie wildlife

IMPROVED

river-basin ecology
and water quality

Support SCHF's mission to conserve and expand habitat by enrolling your land or donating at www.sdhabitatfund.com.