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St. Paul District

## Reference: National Wetland Plant List (NWPL)

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### Availability of the National Wetland Plant List 2020 Update

#### 2020 NWPL Update

On November 2, 2021, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), as part of an interagency effort with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), published a final rule in the Federal Register announcing the availability of the 2020 NWPL. The Federal Register Notice for the 2020 NWPL update can be found here:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/11/02/2021-23891/national-wetland-plant-list>

#### NWPL Updates in the St. Paul District

Regions within the St. Paul District include the Great Plains (GP), Midwest (MW), and Northcentral and Northeast (NCNE). The following changes to the NWPL are now applicable in the St. Paul District:

Species	Region	Proposed 2020 NWPL Rating	Final 2020 NWPL Rating
<i>Acontinum noveboracense</i>	MW	FACW	FACW
<i>Aconitum noveboracense</i>	NCNE	FAC	FAC
<i>Apios priceana</i>	MW	FACU	FACU
<i>Asclepias meadii</i>	MW	FACU	FACU
<i>Asplenium scolopendrium</i>	NCNE	UPL	UPL
<i>Boltonia decurrens</i>	MW	FAC	FACW
<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i>	NCNE	FACU	FACU
<i>Cirsium pitcheri</i>	MW	FACU	FACU
<i>Cirsium pitcheri</i>	NCNE	UPL	UPL
<i>Dalea foliosa</i>	NCNE	FAC	FAC
<i>Dalea foliosa</i>	MW	FAC	FAC
<i>Lespedeza leptostachya</i>	MW	FACU	FACU
<i>Lespedeza leptostachya</i>	NCNE	FACU	FACU
<i>Ligustrum lucidum</i>	GP	FACU	FACU
<i>Peucedanum palustre</i>	NCNE	OBL	OBL
<i>Physaria globosa</i>	MW	FACU	FACU
<i>Platanthera praeclara</i>	GP	FAC	FACW
<i>Platanthera praeclara</i>	MW	FAC	FACW
<i>Platanthera praeclara</i>	NCNE	FACW	FACW
<i>Spiranthes diluvialis</i>	GP	FACW	FACW
<i>Trifolium stoloniferum</i>	MW	FACU	FACU

## About the NWPL

The NWPL provides plant species wetland indicator status ratings, which are used in determining whether the hydrophytic vegetation factor is met when conducting wetland delineations under the Clean Water Act and wetland determinations under the Wetland Conservation Provisions of the Food Security Act. Other applications of the NWPL include wetland restoration, establishment, and enhancement projects. The list is effective as of 2 November 2021 and will be used in any wetland delineations performed after this date. Completed wetland delineation/determination forms should reference the version of the NWPL used to complete the form. The final NWPL is available at <https://wetland-plants.sec.usace.army.mil/> (preferred browsers are Chrome and Firefox).

## Further Information and Questions

Additional Information concerning the NWPL can be found on the NWPL website: <http://wetland-plants.usace.army.mil/>. Questions concerning the 2020 NWPL updates within the St. Paul District can be directed to Marissa Merriman (651) 290-5362 or [Marissa.V.Merriman@usace.army.mil](mailto:Marissa.V.Merriman@usace.army.mil).