

**Recent Grant Awards
Conservation Partners Grant Program
2004 - 2009**

Anoka	Andover High School High School Wetland Restoration Project	Restore wetland area by removing invasive species and planting native species. Outcomes include: improved wildlife habitat, improved storm water treatment, an educational tool for education professionals. Partners include: MN Tree Trust, Coon Ck Watershed District,	12,469
Anoka	County of Anoka Reforestation Initiative	Removal of invasive species and reforestation in areas affected by Dutch Elm Disease and Oak Wilt in Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park. Reforestation efforts would be focused on the planting of bare root trees and spring ephemera's utilizing native plant materials.	18,000
Anoka	Anoka Conservation District Herb Beach Site Restoration	The site will be restored to 3 types of native communities, including 1) Dry prairie, 2) Oak Savanna 3) Oak forest.	19,000
Anoka	Anoka Conservation District Sandhill Crane Buckthorn Control	Control light buckthorn in a high quality natural area before it can take hold.	5,563
Blue Earth	City of Mankato Minnesota River River Bank Restoration	Construction of bend way weirs and re-grading and restoration of 1300 feet of riverbank along the Minnesota River to repair erosion problem. Restoration will be with native plantings and stone.	18,000
Carlton	Band of Fond du Lac Nature Trail Habitat Restoration	Restore native habitat along cultural trail. Produce and print interpretive brochures.	10,000
Cass	Lake Washburn Association Lake Washburn Restoration Project	Restore 700-800 feet of shoreline on 4 private properties, including erosion control. Original Grant \$10,000 reduced to \$2,700.	2,700
Chisago	Natural Resources Restoration, Inc. Interstate State Park Habitat Restoration	The rock outcrops towering above Highway 8 in Interstate SP will maintain remnant native herbaceous vegetation but these plant communities are threatened by invasive native and exotic woody species. Best management practices will include prescribed burns and the cutting of woody species	3,520
Clay	Concordia College Prairie Restoration Study	This research will measure plant diversity in 10 restorations and then relate this to bird, mammal, and invertebrate/insect communities. We will combine these data with satellite imagery to develop protocols for surveying MN prairie remotely. Results will help determine the value of future	13,297
Crow Wing	City of Breezy Point Pelican Woods Cemetery Native Plant Restoration	Restore prairie and plant native species at cemetery	5,000

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Crow Wing	Fifty Lakes Foundation Shoreline Restoration Project	Improve lake water quality by restoring lake shore vegetation on approximately 20 local lakes. Other benefits will include increased habitat for native species and educating the public about best management practices and care of lake environments.	10,000
Dakota	City of Cottage Grove NSP Prairie Restoration	Restore 26 acres of prairie and oak savanna in the NSP greenway corridor and install two interpretive signs to share natural history information with greenway users.	20,000
Dakota	Gun Club Lake WMO Environmental Monitoring of Nicols Fen	Collect groundwater and stream flow data to identify locations where surface water infiltration may be encouraged or improvements constructed that will directly benefit the supply of groundwater resources to the Nicols Meadow area. This area includes a calcareous fen and two	19,000
Dakota	School of Environmental Studies Birch Pond Restoration	Restore Birch Pond ecosystem by improving water quality and habitat for fish and other vertebrates, manage storm waters, introduce plant macrophytes and emergent plants.	11,697
Dakota	City of South St. Paul Mississippi River Reg. Trail Vegetation	Restore vegetation along a 4.2 mile segment of the Mississippi River regional trail in South St. Paul.	20,000
Faribault	Faribault County SWCD Bass Lake Watershed Study	The Bass Lake Watershed project will determine if the changes in land use, implemented best management practices, and overall changes in watershed management have enhanced the water quality of the lake in the last decade.	8,000
Fillmore	Fillmore County SWCD Pond Restoration	Abate soil erosion by restoring water and sediment control structures in trout stream watersheds by providing up to \$1000 cost share to landowners.	20,000
Hennepin	Central Middle School Ecology Lab Oak Forest Restoration	Remove invasive species and restore native plant species at school's 3.5 acre outdoor laboratory. Site includes several species of oak and smaller amounts of sugar maple, basswood and other trees.	2,700
Hennepin	City of Edina Buckthorn Abatement Master Plan Study	Inventory and analysis management plan for removing and controlling buckthorn and introducing native plants to 440 acre park. Original grant \$5,000 reduced to \$408	408
Hennepin	City of Minneapolis Above the Falls - Shoreline Restoration	Restoration of 400 feet of Mississippi River riverbank and bluff areas along the east shore near Broadway Ave with native plant materials (Application: Activity #2)	9,500
Hennepin	City of New Hope Victory Ponds Native Planting & Interpretation	Create two wetlands and plant native species adjacent to Victory Pond	9,450

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Hennepin	Shingle Ck Watershed Mgmt Comm. Shingle Creek Corridor Study	Prepare a corridor study for the Shingle Creek Watershed.	20,000
Itasca	Bluewater Covenant Bible Camp Native Tree Restoration	Restore 5 acres and 800 feet of shoreline with native trees and plants along an old county road alignment to prevent erosion and provide habitat.	3,828
Jackson	Heron Lake WD Sago Pondweed and Water Quality Research	Research sago pondweed and monitor water quality. A continuation of two previous partnership grants.	10,000
Kandiyohi	Ducks Unlimited Olson Lake Enhancement	This project will improve Olson Lake, a 130-acre meandered shallow lake basin that is very turbid and provides little wildlife habitat, by installing a water control structure and drawdown pipe to allow temporary water level drawdowns to rejuvenate the basin's aquatic ecology.	15,000
Kittson	Nature Conservancy Study of Aspen Encroachment	Compare the effectiveness and costs of prescribed fire and hydroaxing + prescribed burn for managing natural communities of Tallgrass Aspen Parkland. Restoration will take place on three sites ranging from 15-20 acres each. Outcome will be increased understanding of appropriate	18,000
McLeod	City of Hutchinson Miller Woods Oak Savannah Restoration	Restore a remnant 21 acres oak savanna.	16,340
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Mower	Mower SWCD Cooperative Tree Planter	The Mower SWCD will purchase a tree planter to be used by residents in the county to plant native trees. These trees reduce soil erosion when planted as buffer strips and along stream banks and lake shores. They also provide habitat for native species of wildlife. Although there are	3,500
Multi	Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Enhancement of the Mille Lacs Lake Watershed	Project will clean up ice fishing waste at two locations on the lake, and revegetate two shoreline areas with native plant species. Benefits will include increased water quality and native habitat, and increased awareness of	2,548
Multi	Ramsey County Invasive Species Removal and Savanna Restoration	Remove invasive tree species on and adjacent to the Gateway trail where it abuts public lands in Maplewood. The sites will be burned and seeded with native grasses and forbs. Partnering with MNDNR - Trails, Maplewood Parks and Rec, St. Paul Audubon.	8,500

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Olmsted	City of Rochester	Establish native vegetation buffer to create habitat and improve water quality along a denuded portion of Willow Creek approximately 1/3rd acre in size (~500' X 30').	8,000
	Willow Creek Shoreline Restoration		
Ramsey	Community Design Center of MN	Plant 3 rain gardens and one demonstration model garden. Gardens will be located at Battle Creek School, Payne Ave between Tedesco and E 7th St., and at Jenks and Payne Ave. Model garden will be displayed at community events.	20,000
	East Side Youth Ecology Project		
Ramsey	Great River Greening	This project will restore native vegetation in Mounds Bluff Park and complete a management plan to guide future habitat restoration projects. Partners include the city of St. Paul and the Ramsey Conservation District.	12,000
	Mounds Park Inventory and Management Plan		
Ramsey	Lower Phalen Creek Project	Restore native vegetation on overlook and recreate lost wetland fen habitat.	20,000
	Vento Sanctuary Habitat Enhancement		
Ramsey	City of Maplewood	Restore oak woodlands, wetland, and savanna habitats on City Hall campus and adjacent to Gateway Trail.	20,000
	City Hall Campus Natural Restoration		
Ramsey	County of Ramsey	The 15 acre project will include a 6-acre prairie restoration, a 4-acre savanna, 3.4 acres of undesirable tree removal surrounding a 3.5 acre wetland.	18,000
	Teal Pond Restoration		
Redwood	Redwood Co. Pheasants Forever	Provide additional financial incentives to encourage greater participation in Conservation Provisions of the 2002 Federal Farm Bill. Incentives of an additional \$100.00 per acre, one time payment made to landowners enrolling land to restore habitat within 2 miles of a State Wildlife	870
	Farm Bill Program Habitat Restoration		
Rice	Rice County Forestry Comm.	Purchase tree planting machine that will be available to the public in a 4-county area.	2,459
	Tree planting machine		
Rice	Rice County SWCD	Purchase of a 10 ft Great Plains No-Till Drill.	10,725
	Native Grass No-Till Drill		
Rice	River Bend Nature Center	River Bend is home to two endangered species that are negatively impacted by Buckthorn invasion: Dwarf Trout Lily and the Wood Turtle. This project seeks to remove buckthorn from some of the highest priority Dwarf Trout Lily areas.	10,000
	Dwarf Trout Lily Protection		
Scott	Natural Resources Restoration, Inc.	At Carver Rapids, we have a unique opportunity to save a rare plant community that has escaped total destruction over the last 150 years. Best management practices will include prescribed burns, removal of native and exotic invasive woody species and herbaceous species.	9,872
	Carver Rapids Restoration		

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Sherburne	City of Becker	Restoration of 62 acres of oak woodland and 23 acres of grassland habitat along the Mississippi River on Xcel Energy land within the City of Becker. Activities include: vegetation inventory, developing a management plan, controlling buckthorn and other nonnative shrubs, cutting	10,000
	Great River Woodland Habitat Restoration		
Sherburne	City of Elk River	Restore 6.3 acres of existing prairie and oak woodland, as well as design and install an interpretive signs to share natural history information with park/trail users.	5,836
	Highland Park Prairie Restoration		
Sibley	Pheasants Forever	Restore 7 wetlands totaling 50 acres and plant 100+ acres to native grass and forb mix on a tract that has been cropped. Original grant \$15,000 reduce to \$3,000.	3,000
	Dehning Waterfowl Restoration		
Stearns	Stearns County SWCD	Enhance fish and wildlife habitat by addressing lakeside area resource concerns through implementation of conservation practices in areas identified by the Stearns County Lakeside Project. Approximately five project sites will be identified by locating priority areas and	18,000
	Fish & Wildlife Habitat Conservation		
Stearns	Stearns County SWCD	Complete approximately 12 lakeshore restoration projects to improve water quality.	20,000
	Lakeshed Naturalization Conservation Projects		
Washington	Carnelian Marine Watershed	Establish grade controls to limit down cutting, stabilize stream banks, remove buckthorn and barberry within the corridor, selectively thin trees and shrubs to improve growing conditions for ground cover, and reestablish native species.	15,000
	Silver Creek Corridor Restoration		
Washington	Natural Resources Restoration, Inc.	Afton State Park has a great diversity of topography; bluffs, ravines, hill but lack the diversity of vegetation that existed prior to settlement in the oak woodlands and open fields at the park. Work has begun and a continuation of best management practices is needed to reestablish the native	13,560
	Afton State Park Native Vegetation Restoration		

Program History

1996 - 2009
318 Projects
\$2,937,918
