

HRE 06, Southeast Wetland Restoration, Phase 2

- Restores 42 acres of wetland and 58 acres of upland habitat
- Brings economic, social and economic benefits to broad groups of people combining wetland restoration and habitat creation in context with agricultural production – demonstrating coexistence
- Provides ready public access for outdoor recreation – near a regional center; Mankato
- Restoring ecosystems creating outdoor recreation for hunting, fishing, and wildlife enjoyment is an essential part of Mankato’s long range water and land stewardship strategies to improve health of the watershed.
- Implementation will demonstrate tangible positive outcomes and encourage additional investment.
- Builds habitat quality to improve habitat suitable for grassland and wetland.
- Leverages local sales tax and land partners.
- Secondary benefits include nutrient retention, sediment reduction and flood storage.

Project Priorities:

1. Hydraulic regimen restoration/improvement
2. Permeant Vegetation establishment.

Phase 1 Update

- Initial meetings with all land owners complete and positive momentum toward purchase.
- New partnership with Blue Earth County expands land acquisition to better develop restorable wetlands, improve vegetation establishment and provide additional access.
- Final hydrology study and design underway (local cost)

