



HA07 - SRRWD Habitat Restoration Program Previous Funding Project Status

Project Completion Status By Percent - Color Guide

0-33%	33-66%	66-99%	100%
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Phase	Funds Received	Approx. Funds Spent	Approx. Funds Left	Project Title	Est. Cost	Project Status
1	\$655,000	\$655,000	\$0	Wedge, White, Fountain Fish Barriers	\$ 655,000	Completed
2	\$2,577,000	\$2,577,000	\$0	SRR Headwaters Project	\$ 2,577,000	Completed
3	\$1,827,000	\$1,827,000	\$0	Albert Lea Lake Dam and Fish Barrier	\$ 1,827,000	Completed
4	\$2,414,000	\$2,403,250	\$10,750	Pickereel Lake-Adjustable Outlet	\$ 615,250	Completed
				Upper and Lower Twin Lake Fish Barrier and Reclamation	\$ 743,750	Completed
				Upper Twin Water Level Control Station	\$ 397,500	Completed
				Wedge Creek Reach #6 Wetland	\$ 243,570	Completed
				Wedge Creek Restoration Reach #6	\$ 450,800	Completed
5	\$1,200,000	\$1,153,785	\$46,215	Wedge Creek Reach #1 Vegetative Restoration	\$ 72,450	Completed
				Pickereel Lake Site #12 Channel/Wetland Restoration	\$ 40,250	Completed
				Targeted Habitat Acquisition; Owens Property	\$ 400,000	Completed
				Miller Tract - Wetland Restoration	\$ 201,250	Completed
				Targeted Habitat Acquisition; Mud Lake Property	\$ 140,000	Completed
				Targeted Habitat Acquisition; Schroeder Property	\$ 280,000	Completed
6	\$1,779,000	\$754,900	\$1,024,100	IC & E WPA Wetland Enhancement	\$ 67,725	Touch-up Work; Complete by May of 2022
				Targeted Habitat Acquisition; Orr Property	\$ 666,750	Completed
				Headwaters Stream Bank Habitat Restoration	\$ 775,625	Project out for Bid, Complete by March 2022
				Vandegrift Wetland Restoration	\$ 225,625	Awaiting Final Permitting; Going out for Bid Soon
7	\$1,421,000	\$29,800	\$1,391,200	Targeted Habitat Acquisition; Belshan Property	\$ 456,025	Executed the Option to Purchase; Closing Fall of 2021
				Shell Rock River Streambank Restoration	\$ 615,000	Project out for Bid, Complete by March 2022
				Orr Wetland Restoration	\$ 371,250	Final Design in Progress; Out for Bid Soon
8	\$2,046,000	\$568,600	\$1,477,400	Fountain Lake In-Lake Habitat Restoration	\$ 1,324,775	Beginning Stages of Engineering
				Targeted Habitat Acquisition; Church Lake Property	\$ 609,000	Completed
				Fountain Lake Pioneer Lakeshore Restoration	\$ 137,225	Completed
9	\$1,918,000	\$122,300	\$1,795,700	Targeted Habitat Acquisition; Shell Rock River Glenville Property	\$ 132,610	Completed
				Targeted Habitat Acquisition; Bancroft Property	\$ 857,900	Executed the Option to Purchase; Closing Next Month
				Bancroft Wetland Restoration	\$ 365,000	Awaiting Final Acquisition
				Panicum Prairie Enhancement Project	\$ 477,500	Beginning Stages of Engineering
10	\$1,547,000	\$0	\$1,547,000	Targeted Habitat Acquisition; Pickereel Lake Property	\$ 1,347,000	Survey/Appraisal In Progress
				IC & E WPA Wetland Enhancement	\$ 200,000	Beginning Stages of Engineering

Contact Courtney Phillips, Program and Project Manager, at 507-379-8782 or emailing courtney.phillips@co.freeborn.mn.us with questions



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August 23, 2021

David Hartwell
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
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Re: Shell Rock River Watershed District Habitat Restoration Program

Mr. Hartwell:

Freeborn County Environmental Services is pleased to write this letter in support of the Shell Rock River Watershed District's Habitat Restoration Program. This program aligns with the goals within the Freeborn County Comprehensive Water Plan, as well as the draft Shell Rock-Winnebago Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan.

The Shell Rock River Watershed District continues to complete projects that show measureable and lasting results, offering improvements to our natural resources and water quality. Freeborn County Environmental Services strongly supports these endeavors and we kindly request the support of the continued habitat restoration projects within the watershed.

Thank you,

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Mark Goskeson
Freeborn County Environmental Services



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August 24, 2021

David Hartwell
Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council, Chairman
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Mr. Hartwell,

The City of Albert Lea is pleased to write this letter in support of the Shell Rock River Watershed District proposal, the Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program – Phase X1, to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

The Shell Rock River Watershed District is a small, local agency that has and continues to accomplish measurable and lasting results with the installation of successful projects. The District has a history of collaboration with many partners, including the City of Albert Lea.

With this proposal, the Shell Rock River Watershed District is proposing numerous projects within the watershed to turn agricultural landscapes into wetland complexes, enhance streambanks and permanently protect key biological functioning parcels. The proposal builds upon past funding to transform our lakes and wildlife habitat.

We look forward to seeing the progress made by the Shell Rock River Watershed District because it aligns with the goals and priorities of the City of Albert Lea. One of the largest assets in Albert Lea is its lakes. The opportunity to restore, enhance and protect essential prairie upland, wetland, lake and streambank habitat across the watershed is critical for the benefit of fish, waterfowl, wildlife populations and reversing the trend of wetland loss and habitat degradation. The program includes projects that are prioritized on the significance of their benefits to aquatic habitat, urgency of the work, availability of leveraged funds and location of projects and agreements with relevant planning documents.

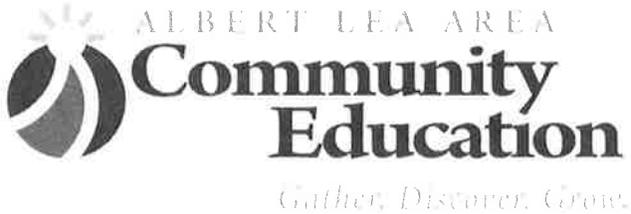
In closing, the City of Albert Lea asks for the support of the Outdoor Heritage Council to continue habitat restoration projects within the Shell Rock River Watershed.

Sincerely,

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Vern Rasmussen, Jr.

Mayor



Brookside Boathouse
Brookside Park
Albert Lea, MN 56007

August 23, 2021

David Hartwell, Chair
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
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Dear Mr. Anderson:

As coordinator of the Albert Lea Area Schools' Community Education Brookside Boathouse, it is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter supporting the Shell Rock River Watershed District's proposal: Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program- Phase XI.

The Brookside Boathouse shares the Shell Rock River Watershed District's goal to improve water quality in our area by introducing and educating people, especially youth, to our local environment. Since 2010 the Brookside Boathouse has provided canoes, kayaks, and stand-up paddle boards. The community, as well as myself, have experienced firsthand the improvements of water quality and habitat in our area. Each year the amount of people we have placed on the water is growing. Starting in 2010 with less than 400 people on the water to 2019 numbers of over 3200. Through June of 2021 we had nearly 2,000 people on the water. The enthusiasm continues to grow in not only silent water sports but with sports fishing, walkers and bikers enjoying the improved lake resources.

I understand that these habitat improvements projects benefit our area and the surrounding water quality. The Shell Rock River Watershed District has a strong history of success and cooperation with many partners, including the Boathouse in enhancing, restoring, and protecting essential lake, wetland, and stream bank habitat.

I personally asks for the Council's support of the continued habitat restoration projects within the Shell Rock River Watershed to benefit not only the waterfowl and fish habitat, but improve our areas water resources.

Sincerely,

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Scott Hanna
Albert Lea School District 241 Community Education,
Environmental Learning Center,



August 24, 2021

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
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Dear Council Members,

The Shell Rock River Watershed District has a strong history of success and cooperation with state and local partners, including the Albert Lea Lakes Foundation; with this I am pleased to write this letter of support for the Habitat Restoration Program.

We appreciate the continued effort the SRRWD has put into developing this multi-year program to transform our lake and wildlife habitat. This proposal includes projects for protecting key biological functioning parcels, restoring lakeshore and streambank habitat, and restoring vegetation for migratory fowl. All of these things are certainly important to our Albert Lea Lakes Foundation.

Residents and visitors are continuously commenting on the water quality changes that have been increasingly noticeable in the last several years. We strongly believe that a continued commitment to completing these projects will present the best possible outcomes for all creatures that wish to call our waterways home.

We appreciate your consideration of this proposal and ask for your support.

Sincerely,

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Laura Cunningham

Albert Lea Lakes Foundation-President