

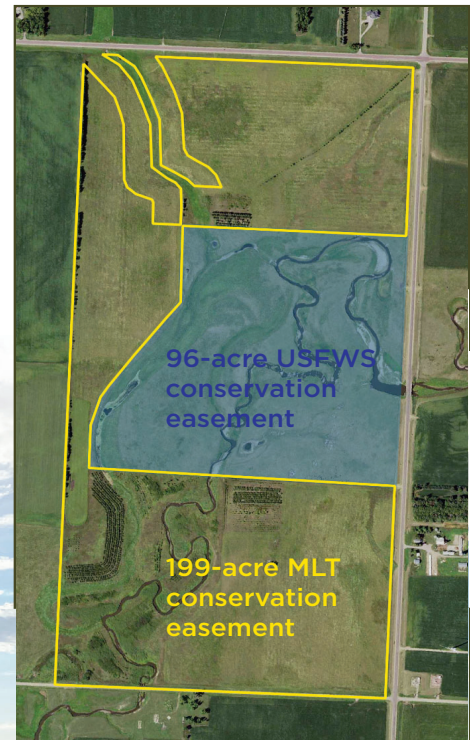
# HA15: Accelerating Habitat Conservation in Southwest Minnesota

Phase 3



## Land Protection

Using two different easement programs, the Minnesota Land Trust (MLT), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) are working jointly to protect a 295-acre property along 1.5 miles of Pipestone Creek in Pipestone County. TNC and USFWS will protect 96 acres of this property as a working grassland; the remaining 199 acres will be protected by MLT. This property provides habitat for Species in Greatest Conservation Need; the stream is designated as Critical Habitat for the federally endangered Topeka shiner.



Pipestone Creek



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Results to Date through 8/3/2023

Grant Phase	Budget						Output												
	Protection		Restore/Enhance		Total		Protection									Restore/Enhance			
							Protection Leverage			Acres Protected		Shoreline (mi) Protected			Projects	Acres Restored/Enhanced			
	Award	Spent	Award	Spent / Comitted	Award	Spent	Proposed	Actual	% of Goal	Proposed	Outcome	% of Goal	Proposed	Actual	% of Goal		Proposed	Outcome	% of Goal
2020 Southwest Minnesota 1 (In Progress)	\$ 2,478,000	\$ 2,622,780	\$ 566,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 3,044,000	\$ 3,122,780	\$ 200,000	\$ 389,200	195%	550	578	105%	0.0	9.3		5	195	126	65%
2023 Southwest Minnesota 2 (In Progress)	\$ 2,966,000	\$ 1,936,080	\$ 105,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 3,071,000	\$ 2,016,080	\$ 200,000	\$ 326,500	163%	506	550	109%	0.0	0.3		5	200	0	0%
2024 Southwest Minnesota 3 (Proposed)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		0	0		0.0	0.0		0	0	0	

Program Totals	Budget						Protection										Restoration		
	Protection		Restore/Enhance		Total		Leverage			Acres Protected		Shoreline Protected			Projects	Acres Restored			
	Award	Spent	Award	Spent / Comitted	Award	Spent	Proposed	Actual	% of Goal	Proposed	Outcome	% of Goal	Proposed	Actual	% of Goal		Proposed	Outcome	% of Goal
Complete	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		0	0		0	0.0		0	0	0	
In Progress	\$ 5,444,000	\$ 4,558,860	\$ 671,000	\$ 580,000	\$ 6,115,000	\$ 5,138,860	\$ 400,000	\$ 715,700	179%	1056	1,128	107%	0	9.6		10	395	126	32%
Totals Across All Grants	\$ 5,444,000	\$ 4,558,860	\$ 671,000	\$ 580,000	\$ 6,115,000	\$ 5,138,860	\$ 400,000	\$ 715,700	179%	1,056	1,128	107%		9.6		10	395	126	32%



### Restoration

The Gazda property in Jackson county is just one example of the work in southwest Minnesota where Minnesota Land Trust and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) are partnering to accomplish restoration and enhancement of wetland and upland habitat. This project included the restoration of native prairie, as part of a wetland complex restored by additional partners. This work restores the historic hydrology of the area and adds diversity back to the landscape. These before and after photos show the difference just one project can make.