Sherburne History Center Prairie

Prairie Restoration

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Palmer

Clear Lake

Project Summary

Shortly after the Sherburne County History Center was constructed, native prairie was installed on approximately 8 acres around the building and parking lot. The planting included a diverse mix of grasses and forbs that would have historically been found on that site. The border along the sidewalk was planted in a more formal fashion to demonstrate the use of native plants in an urban landscape.

Since the initial planting the prairie has been maintained with a prescribed burn in the fall of 2010 and a second in the spring of 2014. Following the 2010 burn was an over seeding of forbs. The History Center prairie provides scenic views for visitors, while providing crucial habitat for pollinators and wildlife.



Project Details	Project Funding	Project Partners
Date InstalledFall 2006	2006	Sherburne SWCD
Date Enhanced 2010	Sherburne History Center\$7,373 USFWS\$2,444	Sherburne History Center
Area8 Acres	Total Project Cost\$9,817 2010	US Fish & Wildlife Service
	Native Buffer Grant\$2,292	
	Total Project Cost\$3,767	



Fall color before burn - October 2010



Prescribed burn - October 2010



Summer in bloom after fall burn - July 2011





Prairie Smoke









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