



Grant Progress Report

Habitat Enhancement Landscape Pilot 2022

Grant Title: Grams Park Prairie Restoration

Grant ID: C22-6579

Grantee: Sherburne SWCD

Fiscal Agent: Sherburne SWCD

Grant Day-to-Day Contact: Francine Larson

Grant Award (\$): \$40,000.00

Required Match (%): 25

Required Match (\$): \$10,000.00

Grant Execution Date: 06/10/2022

Grant End Date: 12/31/2024

	Total Budgeted	Total Spent	Balance Remaining*
Grant Funds	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00
Match Funds	\$15,609.00	\$24,846.01	(\$9,237.01)
Other Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$55,609.00	\$64,846.01	(\$9,237.01)

*Grant balance remaining is the difference between the Awarded Amount and the Spent Amount. Other values compare budgeted and spent amounts.

Project Abstract

Grams County Park covers more than 100 acres and is located adjacent to Lake Fremont in Livonia Township, Sherburne County. The property offers over 2 miles of walking trails in various habitat types such as tamarack bog, oak forest, and open meadow. This funding would allow for a high-quality prairie restoration that would cover approximately 24 acres of open meadow. The project area is currently established in smooth brome grass with intermittent pockets of reed canary and invasive Siberian elm. Site preparation is crucial to the success of this project; the proposal plans to incorporate a combination of prescribed burning and several sessions of prescribed grazing. Grazing has never been utilized on County parklands and will provide an excellent educational opportunity for park visitors. Grazing will not only provide a tool for site preparation before planting, but a final grazing will be completed to incorporate the seed into the ground in areas where a seed drill or packer are not practical. Once the site preparation is complete, Sherburne SWCD staff will install a mix of 28 forbs and grasses using a broadcast seeder. A volunteer field day will be organized to complete the hand seeding portion of the planting where equipment is not practical.

Proposed Measurable Outcomes

This will provide a great opportunity for education and outreach on restoration techniques and the importance of pollinator habitat. This project will not only be providing high-quality habitat for pollinators and wildlife, but will also help improve water quality, sequester carbon, and prevent soil loss.

Approximately 24 acres of prairie restored utilizing chemical free methods of site preparation. Staff and volunteers will provide planting services using both mechanical and manual means. Routine status reviews will be conducted to assess progress.

Budget Details

<i>Activity Name</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Source Type</i>	<i>Source Description</i>	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Spent</i>	<i>Balance Remaining</i>	<i>Match Fund?</i>
Education and Outreach	Education/Information	Local Fund	Local Volunteers	\$960.00		\$960.00	Y
Site Preparation	Non-Structural Management Practices	Local Fund	County Parks Department	\$6,000.00	\$10,108.39	(\$4,108.39)	Y
Project Management/Development	Project Development	Local Fund	County Parks Department	\$1,649.00	\$7,737.62	(\$6,088.62)	Y
Administration	Administration/Coordination	Current State Grant	Grams Park Prairie Restoration	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	N
Education and Outreach	Education/Information	Current State Grant	Grams Park Prairie Restoration	\$297.46	\$297.46	\$0.00	N
Site Preparation	Non-Structural Management Practices	Current State Grant	Grams Park Prairie Restoration	\$16,480.00	\$16,480.00	\$0.00	N
Prairie Restoration	Non-Structural Management Practices	Current State Grant	Grams Park Prairie Restoration	\$17,340.44	\$17,340.44	\$0.00	N
Project Management/Development	Project Development	Current State Grant	Grams Park Prairie Restoration	\$4,382.10	\$4,382.10	\$0.00	N
Prairie Restoration	Non-Structural Management Practices	Federal Funds	USFW	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	Y

Indicator Summary

<i>Indicator Category</i>	<i>Proposed Indicator</i>	<i>Total Value</i>	<i>Unit</i>
Wind Erosion (Reduction Estimates)	Soil (Est. Savings)	72	Tons/Yr

<i>Indicator Category</i>	<i>Final Indicator</i>	<i>Total Value</i>	<i>Unit</i>
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Grant Activities

Activity Name: Administration						
Activity Category: Administration/Coordination					Staff time?: Yes	
Description: Administrative time towards grant reporting and budget oversight						
Budget Details						
<u>Source Type</u>	<u>Source Description</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Last Transaction Date</u>	<u>Match Fund?</u>
Current State Grant	Grams Park Prairie Restoration	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	10/28/2023	N
Actual Results						
<u>Results</u>					<u>Date Added</u>	
					5/11/2022 10:17:58 AM	
Q2 2023 - Funds were used for grant administration and oversight					7/26/2023 10:49:12 AM	
Q3 2023 - Funds were used towards grant administration and oversight.					9/29/2023 7:35:42 AM	
Q4 2023 - Funds were used towards grant administration and oversight					12/20/2023 9:27:22 AM	

Activity Name: Education and Outreach

Activity Category: Education/Information

Staff time?: Yes

Description: Staff time and expenses to develop education materials. Staff time to coordinate and host outreach event for volunteer field day.

Budget Details

<u>Source Type</u>	<u>Source Description</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Last Transaction Date</u>	<u>Match Fund?</u>
Current State Grant	Grams Park Prairie Restoration	\$297.46	\$297.46	\$0.00	12/08/2022	N
Local Fund	Local Volunteers	\$960.00		\$960.00		Y

Actual Results

Results Date Added

5/11/2022 10:18:33 AM

Funds were used towards the cost of MNL speaker during legislative tour of practices

7/26/2023 10:50:17 AM

Activity Name: Prairie Restoration

Activity Category: Non-Structural Management Practices

Staff time?: No

Description: Cost associated with the purchase of material and installation of tall grass prairie and mesic prairie mix.

Budget Details

<u>Source Type</u>	<u>Source Description</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Last Transaction Date</u>	<u>Match Fund?</u>
Current State Grant	Grams Park Prairie Restoration	\$17,340.44	\$17,340.44	\$0.00	09/23/2024	N
Federal Funds	USFW	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	09/16/2022	Y

Actual Results

Results

Date Added

	5/11/2022 10:19:56 AM
Funds were used towards the cost associated with the purchase of material and installation of tall grass prairie and mesic prairie mix.	7/26/2023 10:52:06 AM
Funds were used towards the cost associated with the purchase of material and installation of a low diversity mix of native seed and live plants	9/26/2024 2:58:43 PM

Activity Name: Project Management/Development

Activity Category: Project Development

Staff time?: Yes

Description: Staff time towards coordination and management of project including contractor oversight and volunteer coordination.

Budget Details

<u>Source Type</u>	<u>Source Description</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Last Transaction Date</u>	<u>Match Fund?</u>
Current State Grant	Grams Park Prairie Restoration	\$4,382.10	\$4,382.10	\$0.00	10/26/2024	N
Local Fund	County Parks Department	\$1,649.00	\$7,737.62	(\$6,088.62)	06/08/2024	Y

Actual Results

Results

Date Added

	5/11/2022 10:18:58 AM
Funds were used towards coordination and management of project including contractor oversight.	7/26/2023 10:52:43 AM
During the 4th quarter of the HELP grant staff sent updated parcel information to BWSR and the completed Action Plan. Sherburne County received the Blazing Star Award from Conservation MN for their restoration efforts and partnerships at Grams Park. The County Parks Department and partnering agencies were recognized at a County Board meeting at the end of December. The final activities are being planned for spring and summer of 2024 and will include one final grazing and planting of live plugs.	12/20/2023 9:25:22 AM
Q1 2024 - Partners met to discuss the final activities planned for spring and summer of 2024 and will include one final grazing and planting of live plugs.	6/20/2024 1:46:52 PM

Results **Date Added**

Funds used towards the coordination and management of the final activities remaining on the project including one final grazing and planting of live plugs. 9/26/2024 3:02:37 PM

Funds used towards the coordination and management of the final activities remaining on the project. 11/22/2024 3:50:37 PM

Activity Name: Site Preparation

Activity Category: Non-Structural Management Practices **Staff time?:** No

Description: Costs associated with a prescribed burn and 3 prescribed grazing sessions.

Budget Details

<u>Source Type</u>	<u>Source Description</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Last Transaction Date</u>	<u>Match Fund?</u>
Current State Grant	Grams Park Prairie Restoration	\$16,480.00	\$16,480.00	\$0.00	09/27/2024	N
Local Fund	County Parks Department	\$6,000.00	\$10,108.39	(\$4,108.39)	09/27/2024	Y

Actual Results

Results **Date Added**

5/11/2022 10:21:29 AM

Funds were used towards the costs associated with a prescribed burn and 2 prescribed grazing sessions. 7/26/2023 10:53:31 AM

Funds were used towards the costs associated with the final round of prescribed grazing sessions. 9/26/2024 3:00:22 PM