



Grant Progress Report

Habitat Enhancement Landscape Program 2025

Grant Title: Anoka Habitat Enhancement 2025

Grant ID: C25-0091

Grantee: Anoka CD

Fiscal Agent: Anoka CD

Grant Day-to-Day Contact: Chris Lord

Grant Award (\$): \$95,000.00

Required Match (%): 10

Required Match (\$): \$9,500.00

Grant Execution Date: 11/04/2024

Grant End Date: 12/31/2026

	Total Budgeted	Total Spent	Balance Remaining*
Grant Funds	\$95,000.00	\$238.08	\$94,761.92
Match Funds	\$17,000.00	\$221.08	\$16,778.92
Other Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$112,000.00	\$459.16	\$111,540.84

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

Budget Details

Activity Name	Category	Source Type	Source Description	Budgeted	Spent	Balance Remaining	Match Fund?
Habitat Enhancement	Non-Structural Management Practices	Local Fund	City, County, Watershed District	\$12,000.00	\$221.08	\$11,778.92	Y
Admin/Coordination	Administration/Coordination	Current State Grant	Anoka Habitat Enhancement 2025	\$5,000.00	\$68.02	\$4,931.98	N
Habitat Enhancement	Non-Structural Management Practices	Current State Grant	Anoka Habitat Enhancement 2025	\$86,000.00	\$170.06	\$85,829.94	N

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Technical Assistance	Technical/Engineering Assistance	Current State Grant	Anoka Habitat Enhancement 2025	\$4,000.00		\$4,000.00	N
Habitat Enhancement	Non-Structural Management Practices	Federal Funds	NFWF Monarch	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00	Y

Grant Activities

Activity Name: Admin/Coordination							
Activity Category: Administration/Coordination						Staff time?: No	
Description: Coordinate activities between partners. Process payments. Grant reporting.							
Carrie Taylor, Restoration Ecologist, Anoka CD, MS Land Rehabilitation, JAA in multiple ecological practices, has conducted botanical surveys and assessments, created land management plans and project designs, installed and maintained native plantings, coordinated volunteer events, administered cost share programs and grant reporting in BWSR elink. Additionally, she has attended MN native plant community, pollinator habitat and bee identification trainings.							
She will lead management plans and activities with local Partners, including with Quinn Palar (Anoka Parks), Mark Riverblood (Ramsey), Kameron Kytonen (Andover), Rachel Workin (Fridley), Lisa LaCasse and Jon Holmes (Anoka), Megan Hedstrom (Blaine), Chase Evertz (Anoka High School), Kristen Genet (Anoka Ramsey Community College), and Justine Dauphinais (Coon Creek Watershed District) to connect with planners, stormwater, parks teams and their local ecological contractors.							
Carrie will work with Kathy Berkness, ACD's Office Administrator, to process payments.							
Carrie will complete grant reporting in elink.							
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Current State Grant	Anoka Habitat Enhancement 2025	\$5,000.00	\$68.02	\$4,931.98	12/31/2024	N	
Actual Results							
Q4 2024. Set up budget sheets and site lists.							

Activity Name: Habitat Enhancement

Activity Category: Non-Structural Management Practices

Staff time?: No

Description: Habitat will be enhanced at 22 sites totaling 120 acres within the RPBB zones and habitat corridors in the north metro. Enhancement activities including weed control, site prep, seeding, and planting. The sites include: Kern Conservation Easement along the Ford Brook Corridor, Burman WMA along Cedar Creek, Coon Lake Beach prairie unit. Sites along the Rum River include two prairie units in Rum Central Regional Park, floodplain forest in Andover, prairie at Anoka High School, and savanna at the Anoka Nature Preserve. Sites along the Mississippi River corridor include prairie along Lake Itasca Trail, prairie and shoreline at Ramsey Waterfront, prairie at Mississippi West Park, floodplain forest at Kings Island, prairie at Anoka Ramsey Community College, savanna at Coon Rapids Dam Park, and riparian habitat at the Coon Creek - Mississippi River confluence. Two prairie units will be enhanced within the Rice Creek Chain of Lakes. Upland and shoreline will be enhanced at Moore Lake Park. Rare plant habitat in the dry prairie at Andover North Woods Preserve and in the sedge meadow at Blaine Lexington Cove will be enhanced.

The sites include 16 prairies, three savannas, two floodplain forests, one sedge meadow, and five riparian areas that currently have some patches of undesirable weedy species and low forb diversity. Sites will be inventoried to determine targeted weed control needs; the existing and missing species that are needed to provide continuous pollen and nectar flowers from early spring through fall; and specific plant species needed to support at-risk species. Targeted weed control, prescribed burns, haying, overseeding and follow up management will occur. Site specific custom seed mixes will help to increase biodiversity for pollinators, dragonflies, birds and other wildlife. Projects will provide shelter for overwintering and nesting sites and protection from pesticides. Increasing biodiversity will improve nesting habitat and food sources for birds.

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Actual Results

Q4 2024. Match - local seed collection. Overseeded at Burman WMA.

Activity Name: Technical Assistance

Activity Category: Technical/Engineering Assistance

Staff time?: No

Description: Inventory sites before and during management and provide guidance for best practices.

ACD will create cost share agreements with landowners and land managers to include 10-year Operations and Maintenance contracts. Land owners and land managers will be responsible for long-term maintenance.

ACD maintains a database of all best management practice projects to record accomplishments and to also create an inspection schedule. The database will be populated to trigger site inspections at the end of the first, third, fifth and ninth year following installation.

Carrie Taylor and Logan Olson will provide technical assistance with site assessments and project planning, will draft cost share agreements and will monitor sites during the grant period and conduct follow up site inspections and guidance during the 10-year effective life of the project.

Carrie Taylor, Restoration Ecologist, MS Land Rehabilitation, JAA in multiple ecological practices, has conducted botanical surveys and assessments, created land management plans and project designs, installed and maintained native plantings, administered cost share programs.

Logan Olson, ACD Restoration Technician, experience with native planting management and maintenance, administrating cost share programs, grant reporting, and public outreach.

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