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Outdoor Heritage Fund Status and Final Report Form/Guidelines

This report is used to show progress of grant projects funded through the Outdoor Heritage Fund. Status Reports and the Final Report must be submitted as required in Contract.

Contract Number 011-130	Report Date 12/31/2023	Period Covered by Report 11/01/2022-12/31/23
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Project Name
Urban Woods and Prairies Initiative Expansion

Project Sponsor Name
Audubon Great Plains

Responsible Official (Last, First Middle) Joshua Lefers	Responsible Official's Title Director of Conservation
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Financial Update

Please provide the following information regarding the funding for your project based on the contract award:

	Funds Spent THIS Reporting Period*	Total Funds Spent to Date	Balance of Remaining Funds
Match Funding		\$18,612.47	\$71,387.53
In-kind Funding	\$152,944.06	\$83,091.85	-\$69,122.91
OHF Funding	\$182,836.00	\$342,773.46	\$4,390.74
Total	\$335,780.06	\$444,477.78	\$6,655.36

Do you anticipate needing to request a grant extension? // Yes /x/ No

If yes, please explain:

Work Completed during Period Covered by Report:
(This information will be posted on the Outdoor Heritage Fund/Industrial Commission website)

*As appropriate please provide copies of receipts for purchases.

Over the last year, Audubon Great Plains' Urban Woods and Prairies Initiative continued to find success in project growth and the establishment of healthy, diverse native plant communities. Below are the accomplishments delivered in each North Dakota UWP city, including Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks and Minot.

Bismarck – MNL (Minnesota Native Landscapes) continued Integrated Vegetation Management at Atkinson Park and Zonta Park. Three site visits between June and September were conducted. Clairmont Park was planted with native species in spring 2023.

Grand Forks – Integrated vegetation management by MNL continued at Sertoma Park and the English Coulee throughout the growing season, with three site visits conducted between June and September.

MNL removed buckthorn, honeysuckle, and Russian olive on the newly enrolled UND coulee site. The 2-3 acres of prairie within the project area continues to be prepped for restoration by MNL.

Fargo –Integrated prairie management continued at Heritage Hills, Forest River, Bison Meadows, Pontes Prairie, Unicorn Park, Lions Conservancy Park, Wildflower Prairie, Iwen Park-no mgmt. in 2023 because of major construction project, Legacy Park, and Crofton Coves. Buckthorn removal was conducted at Lemke Park, Forest River, Heritage Hills, and Lions Conservancy during December 2022 and January 2023.

MNL also completed erosion repair at the retention pond at Briarwood which included reseeding native species.

Audubon Dakota partnered with North Dakota State University for migratory and breeding bird research at the Fargo UWP nature parks. The student completed the second season of surveys May 2023.

Minot – Integrated vegetation management was completed at Nubbin Park as well as a fall dormant mowing of the entire site. Oak Park was forestry mowed to manage invasive vegetation in December of 2023.

Photos of work completed are welcome (If appropriate, please submit photos of key elements of the project completed or in progress during reporting period) Do not exceed five photos per project report.

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