

## OHF FINAL REPORT – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Project Number: 006-085

Recipient: North Dakota Association of Soil Conservation Districts (NDASCD)

Award Amount: \$2,050,000.00

Total Project Costs: \$4,133,704.00

Total OHF Funds Received: \$1,524,397.89



**Goal of Project:** To engage environmental stewards to embrace conservation practices that promote the ecological services trees provide. This initiative will focus on encouraging and providing financial assistance to implement agroforestry practices in North Dakota. Conservation implementation of farmstead, feedlot and field windbreaks, forestry, wildlife and riparian plantings, buffers and living snow fences. Grant funds were utilized to address directive B and C in correlation to the original application. The program's tree planting assistance was provided to target the entire State of North Dakota. Landowners both public and private applied for conservation assistance.

**Work Accomplished:** Work was completed based off of actual totals that were submitted by individual SCD's. The cost share for producer reimbursement was 60% paid directly to the SCD's on behalf of the landowner. Tree plantings went through a State Historical Preservation Screening to ensure cultural resources aren't be disturbed. SCD's coordinated site visits, conservation planning, and practice installation for the allowed agreements following approval.

### Project Results:

Trees and Fabric installation totaled 2,531,568 feet equal to 478 miles

Landowner Participates 406

Total Cost of Financial Assistance \$1,524,397.89

Landowner Contribution 40% of practice cost \$1,016,265.26

**Value to North Dakota:** Trees provided opportunities to integrate productivity and profitability with environmental stewardship and result in healthy sustainable agricultural systems that can be passed down to future generations. Conservation tree plantings provide benefits for decades and make agricultural systems more sustainable by protecting crops and livestock, conserving natural resources, and improving human environments. Trees help purify the air by absorbing pollutants, protect property from wind, reduce soil erosion, provide food and cover for wildlife, and used to control drifting snow.