

Outdoor Heritage Fund Grant Application



The purpose of the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund is to provide funding to state agencies, tribal governments, political subdivisions, and nonprofit organizations, with higher priority given to projects that enhance conservation practices in this state by:

Directive A. Providing access to private and public lands for sportsmen, including projects that create fish and wildlife habitat and provide access for sportsmen;

Directive B. Improving, maintaining and restoring water quality, soil conditions, plant diversity, animal systems and by supporting other practices of stewardship to enhance farming and ranching;

Directive C. Developing, enhancing, conserving and restoring wildlife and fish habitat on private and public lands; and

Directive D. Conserving natural areas and creating other areas for recreation through the establishment and development of parks and other recreation areas.

Exemptions

Outdoor Heritage Fund grants may not be used to finance the following:

- A. Litigation;
- B. Lobbying activities;
- C. Any activity that would interfere, disrupt, or prevent activities associated with surface coal mining operations; sand, gravel, or scoria extraction activities; oil and gas operations; or other energy facility or infrastructure development;
- D. The acquisition of land or to encumber any land for a term longer than twenty years; or
- E. Projects outside this state or projects that are beyond the scope of defined activities that fulfill the purposes of Chapter 54-17.8 of the North Dakota Century Code.

NO CONSIDERATION:

In addition to those specific items in law that are ineligible for funding, in the absence of a finding of exceptional circumstances by the Industrial Commission, the following projects will NOT receive consideration for funding:

- A completed project or project commenced before the grant application is submitted;
- A feasibility or research study;
- Maintenance costs;
- A paving project for a road or parking lot;
- A swimming pool or aquatic park;
- Personal property that is not affixed to the land;
- Playground equipment, except that grant funds may be provided for up to 25% of the cost of the equipment not exceeding \$10,000 per project and all playground equipment grants may not exceed 5% of the total grants per year (see Budget Form for how this will be calculated);
- Staffing or outside consultants except for costs for staffing or an outside consultant to design and implement an approved project based on the documented need of the applicant and the expenditures may not exceed 5% of the grant to a grantee if the grant exceeds \$250,000 and expenditures may not exceed 10% of the grant to a grantee if the grant is \$250,000 or less (see Budget Form for how this will be calculated);

- A building except for a building that is included as part of a comprehensive conservation plan for a new or expanded recreational project (see Budget Form for definition of comprehensive conservation plan and new or expanded recreational project); or
- A project in which the applicant is not directly involved in the execution and completion of the project.

Application Deadline

Applications for this grant round cycle are due on **April 1, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. CT.** All information, including attachments, must be submitted by that date. See instructions below for submission information.

Instructions

Please download this Word document (available on the Industrial Commission/Outdoor Heritage Fund Program website at <http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm>) to your computer and provide the information as requested. You are not limited to the spacing provided except in those instances where there is a limit on the number of words. After completing the application, save it and attach it to an e-mail and send it to outdoorheritage@nd.gov or print it and mail it to the address noted in the next paragraph.

Attachments in support of your application may be sent by mail to North Dakota Industrial Commission, ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund Program, State Capitol – Fourteenth Floor, 600 East Boulevard Ave. Dept. 405, Bismarck, ND 58505 or by e-mail to outdoorheritage@nd.gov. The application and all attachments must be received or postmarked by the application deadline. You will be sent a confirmation by e-mail of receipt of your application.

You may submit your application at any time prior to the application deadline. Early submission is appreciated and encouraged to allow adequate time to review your application and ensure that all required information has been included. Incomplete applications may not be considered for funding. **Any item noted with an * is required.**

Oral Presentation. Please note that you will be given an opportunity to make a ten-minute Oral Presentation at a meeting of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board. These presentations are strongly encouraged.

Open Record. Please note that your application and any attachments will be open records as defined by law and will be posted on the Industrial Commission/Outdoor Heritage Fund website.

Name of Organization: United Prairie

Federal Tax ID#: 77-0639875

Contact Person/Title: John DeVries, President of United Prairie

Address: 260 Front Street

City: Sheldon

State: North Dakota

Zip Code: 58068

E-mail Address: unitedprairie@mlgc.com

Web Site Address: <http://www.unitedprairie.org>

Phone: 701-793-06668

Fax # (if available)

List names of co-applicants if this is a joint proposal: Lauren Dennhardt, Assistant Professor at Valley City State University

MAJOR Directive: (select the Directive that best describes your grant request)*

Choose only one response

- Directive A**. Providing access to private and public lands for sportsmen, including projects that create fish and wildlife habitat and provide access for sportsmen;
- Directive B**. Improving, maintaining and restoring water quality, soil conditions, plant diversity, animal systems and by supporting other practices of stewardship to enhance farming and ranching;
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Additional Directive: (select the directives that also apply to the grant application purpose)*

Choose all that apply

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Directive D. Conserving natural areas and creating other areas for recreation through the establishment and development of parks and other recreation areas.

Type of organization: (select the category that describes your organization)*

State Agency

Political Subdivision

Tribal Entity

Tax-exempt, nonprofit corporation.

Project Name: Prairie to the People

Abstract/Executive Summary. An Executive Summary of the project stating its objectives, expected results, duration, total project costs and participants.* (no more than 500 words)

We are seeking \$38,978 from the Outdoor Heritage Fund to launch Prairie to the People. The goals are to educate the public on the value of native prairies, provide pollinator habitat, and add natural beauty to public spaces in North Dakota by creating small prairie plots. Many of the state's most prized prairies are out of the public's eye, depriving most North Dakotans of the opportunity to see a beautiful prairie. Prairie provides many economic benefits such as recreational opportunities, cleaner water, and pollinator and wildlife habitat. This project would provide North Dakotans with an accessible point of beauty, pride, and education.

We plan on accomplishing Prairie to the People's goals by creating pocket prairies, which are small plots built as low-maintenance, highly diverse prairie sites in high-traffic public spaces. Our approach is unique because we will utilize seedlings or bareroot plants in combination with weed barrier to produce low-maintenance, beautiful prairie. This method is necessary because a typical prairie restoration will take 3-5 years to become established. In a public space, we need instant results.

The pocket prairies will be provided to both K-12 schools and municipalities. Our approach to the two groups will be slightly different. For municipalities, we will send out brochures to interested parties. From that list, we will plant the pocket prairies for them and provide consultation and support into the future. For K-12 schools, this project will also be an educational effort known as Grow Club Kits. We will send a brochure to 200 schools in Eastern North Dakota detailing the kit's contents: establishment of a pocket prairie, a 72-plant plug tray, soil and seeds for indoor/outdoor plug propagation, and a newsletter.

For both the municipalities and K-12 projects, our aim is sustainability. By using landscape fabric to prevent weeds, the hearty prairie plants will have instant success. In addition to the planting, we will also establish a sign in both K-12 and municipality projects to educate the public and acknowledge our funders.

In addition to the two projects listed above, we will restore one small, two-acre prairie at Valley City State University. This will be planted by seed unlike the other projects. However, we have great sources of volunteer labor to ensure the project is a success.

Creating small, public locations which highlight beautiful, local species provides many benefits. Primarily, educating the public on our local flora and providing low-maintenance beauty will be a huge asset. Only people already interested in the prairies take the time to visit a remnant prairie. This project will allow more people to appreciate them on a regular basis and see the value. Secondly, these pocket habitats will provide necessary food and shelter to local pollinators.

Project Duration:* (Please include information regarding the intended time schedule for drawing down funds if your application is approved by the Industrial Commission.)

We intend to draw down the funds over three years. In the first year, we will print brochures and prepare Grow Club Kits and send them out to 200 schools and 50 municipalities in Eastern North Dakota, make follow-up calls and plant a target of 10 pocket prairies. We will also plant the prairie at VCSU. In 2020, we aim for 20 pocket prairies and in 2021 30 pocket prairies.

Amount of Grant request \$ 38,978

Total Project Costs \$ 56,120

(Note that in-kind and indirect costs can be used for matching funds)

A minimum of 25% Match Funding is required. Amount of Matching Funds \$11,642 (in-kind) and \$5,500 (cash).

Please indicate if the matching funds will be in-kind, indirect or cash.

Source(s) of Matching Funds:

Please provide verification that these matching funds are available for your project. Note that effective as of July 1, 2015 no State General Fund dollars can be used for a match unless funding was legislatively appropriated for that purpose.

\$3,000 from Cass County Soil Conservation District, \$2,500 from North Dakota Natural Resource Trust, \$2,700 from Valley City State University volunteer labor, and \$8,092 in in-kind from United Prairie.

Certifications *

X I certify that this application has been made with the support of the governing body and chief executive of my organization.

O I certify that if awarded grant funding none of the funding will be used for any of the exemptions noted on Page 1 of this application.

Narrative

Organization Information – Briefly summarize your organization’s history, mission, current programs and activities. *

Include an overview of your organizational structure, including board, staff and volunteer involvement. (no more than 300 words)

United Prairie Foundation (UPF) maintains a headquarters in Sheldon, North Dakota that is managed by a local steering committee and operated at the Sheldon Community Center. There are four members on the board of directors: John DeVries (president), Jorgen Nokleberg (vice-president), Cyril Booth (treasurer), and Mike Martin (secretary). Most recently, the UPF acquired a piece of property in Enderlin, North Dakota for a 20-year term that is currently being developed as a Community Garden and Prairie Center. Like the Foundation’s Sheldon location, the Community Garden and Prairie Center will be managed by a local steering committee and provide services to the community. The Foundation is a true community partnership with the skills and capabilities to complete an eastern North Dakota Educational Prairie Establishment Program. The greenhouse will be completed in Fall 2018 to further propagate plants in a more spacious area than the small greenhouse used in the past.

The Valley City State University Fisheries and Wildlife program began 10 years ago and has grown to consist of 80 students who are eager and willing to work on this project. Students take a number of prairie focused classes such as Range Management and Restoration Ecology. In the past, students have helped build two pollinator gardens and planted an orchard consisting of more than 80 trees.

Our team is uniquely well-qualified to accomplish this project. The UPF planted 700 acres between 2002 and 2018 as a way of propagating and harvesting more local seed. In addition, we have three plots of nursery stock totaling 20 acres of mature prairie plants that will be utilized in this project as bare root plantings.

Other partners within this project include Wahpeton Park Board, Monarch Joint Venture, North Dakota Game and Fish, the city of Enderlin, Cass County Soil Conservation, and Chahinkapa Zoo.

Purpose of Grant – Describe the proposed project identifying how the project will meet the specific directive(s) of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Program *

Identify project goals, strategies and benefits and your timetable for implementation. Include information about the need for the project and whether there is urgency for funding. Please indicate if this is a new project or if it is replacing funding that is no longer available to your organization. Identify any innovative features or processes of your project. Please note that if your proposal provides funding to an individual,

the names of the recipients must be reported to the Industrial Commission/Outdoor Heritage Fund. These names will be disclosed upon request.

If your project includes tree/shrub/grass planting, please provide a planting plan describing the site design, planting methods, number of trees/shrubs by species and stock size, grass species and future maintenance. A statement certifying that the applicant will adhere to USDA-NRCS tree/shrub/grass planting specifications along with the name of the governmental entity designing the planting may be substituted for a planting plan.

If your project includes Section 319 program funding, please provide, in detail, the specific best management practices that will be implemented and the specific projects for which you are seeking funding.

If you are requesting funding for fencing, please note that the Board/Commission's preference is for a minimum cost share of 40% by the recipient. Please include detailed information on the type of fencing to be installed, whether funding is requested for boundary fencing, new or replacement of existing fencing, and/or cross fencing.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The United Prairie Foundation has been working in North Dakota for 14 years. In that time, they have learned how to successfully restore many prairies, harvest seed, and plant local sites. The greatest need identified by the organization is education. For anyone who has worked in prairie restoration, describing the value of prairie falls flat compared to seeing and experiencing a prairie. This realization led to the concept of Prairie to the People.

UPF has streamlined the prairie restoration process and identified that planting small, easy to manage prairies provides instant success rather than waiting on a large multi-year project to payoff. Of course, larger projects are important for wildlife habitat, but a need for education to impart the natural beauty this state contains is also necessary. Coupling areas that could use low-maintenance beauty with the educational component is what Prairie to the People will accomplish.

After successful pocket prairie pilot projects at Liberty Middle School in West Fargo, another in Enderlin, ND, and a Railroad Prairie Project in Sheldon, ND, the decision to go forward on Prairie to the People solidified.

NEED FOR PROJECT

Our food system and natural areas are in peril due to loss of habitat and pollinators. Since 2006, beekeepers have seen an alarming bee loss of 30% on average per year (PennState College of Agricultural Sciences 2018). Our once abundant monarch butterfly has declined by 90% in the last two decades (Mizejewski, 2017). Both small and large plots provide necessary habitat for pollinators. Prairie to the People will provide necessary habitat along with education about pollinators. The understanding of this important ecosystem service will encourage other projects that enhance the state.

GOALS

Our main goal is to establish public prairie spaces. This goal directly addresses the objectives of the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund Program, primarily meeting **Directive D: Conserving natural**

areas and creating other areas for recreation through the establishment and development of parks and other recreation areas; and secondarily through Directive C: Developing, enhancing, conserving and restoring wildlife and fish habitat on private and public lands.

The goal of this project is to model and create beautiful prairie accessible to the public. This will enhance community and outdoor spaces while providing a model of what we as North Dakotans inherited in our natural landscape. It is very difficult to describe the beauty of the prairie. This allows us to demonstrate to kids and adults why their prairies are worth preserving.

It is also important to provide children with the opportunity to connect with the land and help plant their own prairie, whether it be on school campus or a local gun range. The educational benefit of children planting their own prairie and feeling pride in something they added to their community is priceless.

These pocket prairies will also provide habitat for the pollinators that are currently in decline, which will secure our food system and provide added beauty to the public.

The unique aspect of our project is our seed source. United Prairie has worked tirelessly to preserve our local ecotypes and propagate them in this landscape. These pocket prairies will help ensure that our local vegetation is common rather than a rare sight.

INNOVATIVE FEATURES

By using the expertise of United Prairie, we can bring prairie to the people on a large scale. These projects will provide beauty to many public spaces. By using prairie ecologist specialists on educational projects, we are maximizing dollars spent on public knowledge and pollinator health.

Mizejewski, David. 2017. New numbers show monarch butterfly populations still in trouble.
<http://blog.nwf.org/2017/02/new-numbers-show-monarch-butterfly-populations-still-in-trouble/>

PennState College of Agricultural Sciences. 2018. *Globally Pollinators are in Decline*.
<https://ento.psu.edu/pollinators/resources-and-outreach/globally-pollinators-are-in-decline>

Smith, Daryl. 2010. *The Tallgrass Prairie Center Guide to Prairie Restoration in the Upper Midwest*.
University of Iowa Press.

Counties impacted by project:

Cass, Barnes, Richland, Ransom, Trail, Steele, Nelson, Ramsey and Griggs.

Management of Project – Provide a description of how you will manage and oversee the project to ensure it is carried out on schedule and in a manner that best ensures its objectives will be met.*

Include a brief background and work experience for those managing the project.

John DeVries will establish the pocket prairies, grow the plants, and provide consultation and assistance to the prairies in the future. He will volunteer labor for initial site visits and consultation. He will also oversee the weeding, establishment, and educational materials for the project.

Dr. Lauren Dennhardt will manage students at Valley City State University, who will volunteer in the spring and fall to educate students, manage weeds, and help build the prairie at two local schools. The prairie at Valley City State University will be managed into the future by the students and Dr. Dennhardt.

Evaluation – Describe your plan to document progress and results. *

How will you tell if the project is successful? Please be specific on the methods you will utilize to measure success. Note that regular reporting, final evaluation and expenditure reports will be required for every grant awarded.

Our goals span three years. In summer 2019, the goal will be to plant 10 pocket prairies and the prairie at VCSU. If both are completed, we will be on track. In summer 2020, our goal is to plant 20 pocket prairies and ensure there are minimal weeds in the previous 10. If all 30 prairies are established with fewer than one weed per four square feet, we will consider that a success. We will evaluate prairies ourselves or by working with partners depending on the available skills. The VCSU prairie will likely have more weeds, but we will evaluate this based on hours of volunteer labor and weed management (60 hours per year). In summer 2021, our goal is to plant 30 pocket prairies and ensure there are minimal weeds in the previous 30. We would evaluate this similarly to the previous year.

Weed management will be accomplished through UPF by consulting with schools and spraying when necessary. Weeds should not be an issue because of weed barrier. After a few years, weeds should be minimal in these well-established prairies, due to weed-free fabric and mulched beds, but if an aggressive weed such as Canada thistle invades, we will provide support.

Financial Information

ATTACHMENT: **Project Budget – Using the standard project budget format that is available on the website at <http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm> , please include a detailed total project budget that specifically outlines all the funds you are requesting. Note that a minimum of 25% match funding is required.***

The project budget should identify all matching funds, funding sources and indicate whether the matching funds are in the form of cash or in-kind services. Effective July 1, 2015 no State General Fund dollars can be used for a match unless funding was legislatively appropriated for that purpose. As noted on the standard project budget format, certain values have been identified for in-kind services. Please utilize these values in identifying your matching funds. **NOTE: No indirect costs will be funded.**

X I certify that a project budget will be sent to the Commission*

Sustainability – Indicate how the project will be funded or sustained in future years. *

Include information on the sustainability of this project after all the funding from the Outdoor Heritage Fund has been expended and whether the sustainability will be in the form of ongoing management or additional funding from a different source.

UPF is a well-established organization within the state. UPF will continue providing support to the pocket prairies project into the future with guidance and consultation in the case of a few weeds. The way in which the prairies will be planted will also require minimal to no additional work because we will be using weed barrier and planting in a fashion that would block out any potential weeds.

Partial Funding – Indicate how the project will be affected if less funding is available than that requested. *

If funding is reduced, this will limit our capacity to plant the ideal number of pocket prairies, the reduction in funding will be proportional to the 60 pocket prairies we would ideally plant. For example, a reduction of 25% of the funding would mean our aim would switch to 45 pocket prairies.

Partnership Recognition - If you are a successful recipient of Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars, how would you recognize the Outdoor Heritage Fund partnership? * Please note it is a requirement that there be signage at the location of the project acknowledging the funding from the Outdoor Heritage Fund if appropriate for your project.

The primary way we will recognize partners is to acknowledge them on our educational signs. At the bottom of each sign, we'll have a list of partners associated with this project.

There will also be an effort to advertise the project in papers such as the Fargo InForum and other local papers along with local radio stations. Our funders will be mentioned in each interview. We will also acknowledge our funders on the flyers that will be sent out to the schools and municipalities.

Scoring of Grants

All applications will be scored by the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board after your ten-minute oral presentation. The ranking sheet(s) that will be used by the Board is available on the website at <http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm> .

Awarding of Grants*

All decisions on requests will be reported to applicants no later than 30 days after Industrial Commission consideration. The Commission can set a limit on duration of an offer on each application or if there isn't a specific date indicated in the application for implementation of the project, then the applicant has until the next Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board regular meeting to sign the contract and get the project underway or the commitment for funding will be terminated and the applicant may resubmit for funding. Applicants whose proposals have been approved will receive a contract outlining the terms and conditions of the grant. Please note the appropriate sample contract for your organization on the website at <http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm> that set forth the general provisions that will be included in any contract issued by the North Dakota Industrial Commission. Please indicate if you can meet all the provisions of the sample contract. If there are provisions in that contract that your organization is unable to meet, please indicate below what those provisions would be. *

Yes, we can meet the specifications of the contract.

Responsibility of Recipient

The recipient of any grant from the Industrial Commission must use the funds awarded for the specific purpose described in the grant application and in accordance with the contract. The recipient cannot use any of the funds for the purposes stated under Exemptions on the first page of this application.

If you have any questions about the application or have trouble submitting the application, please contact Karlene Fine at 701-328-3722 or kfine@nd.gov

Revised: December 14, 2017

Prairie to the People Budget and Budget Narrative
Budget

Project Expense	OHF Request	Applicant's Match Share (Cash)	Applicant's Match Share (In-Kind)	Applicant's Match Share (Indirect)	Other Project Sponsor's Share	Total Each Project Expense
Plant or seed	5,880	\$0	\$2,100	0	\$0	7980
Labor	\$9,900	0	5850	0	0	15750
Site preparation	250	0	0	0	250	500
Travel	15690	0	92	0	0	15782
Grow club kits	6018	0	2750	0	0	8768
Greenhouse	0	0	0	0	6,100	6100
Signs	1240	0	0	0	0	1240
Total Costs	38,978	0	\$10,792	\$	\$6,350	56120

Budget Narrative

Plants

For the Pocket Prairie project, 14 bare root plants at \$7.00 a piece, will cost \$98.00. We plan on planting 60 of these for a total of \$5,880.

For the VCSU prairie, 2.1 acres of highly diverse seeds will cost \$2,100.

Labor

Contract labor is at \$30 per hour. For the pocket prairies, we would require 5.5 hours at \$30/hour for 60 prairies at \$9,900 for the installation. The site visits would require 3.5 hours of labor for 60 Pocket Prairie 210 hours at \$15/hour for a total of \$3150, which would be donated.

For the VCSU prairie, we require six hours of contract labor at \$30/hour for \$180. We also require a total of 180 hours of volunteer labor at \$15/hour for 2,700.

Site preparation

We are requesting \$500 for supplies such as weed barrier and herbicide.

Travel

Travel to VCSU for site preparation will require 168 miles at the federal mileage rate of .545 is \$92.

Travel for the pocket prairie project will require three site visits at about 160 miles per visit for a total of 480 miles at the federal rate of .545 is \$261.50 per pocket prairie for a total of \$15,690.

Travel to VCSU Site prep mileage 168 miles x fed mileage .545 = 91.56.

Grow Club Kits

Each of these will cost \$43.84 and will be sent out to each of the schools solicited consisting of the box, dirt, plug tray, 84 plugs, seeds, shipping, and flyer. For a total of \$8,768 for 200 schools.

Greenhouse

The greenhouse will be necessary for this project. The North Dakota Natural Resources Trust donated \$2,500 to build the greenhouse and a Community Garden and Prairie Center Land donor provided \$3,600 for a lease of the land.

Signs

We will provide signage for each prairie at \$20 per sign at 62 prairies for a total of \$1,240.



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United Prairie Foundation
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Sheldon, ND 58068

Letter of Support

To Whom It May Concern:

The mission of the Cass County Soil Conservation District is to inform, educate, and provide leadership in conservation and stewardship of soil, water and related natural resources. In keeping with that mission, it is important for us to partner with and support other organizations that can help promote our mission. The United Prairie Foundation is one such organization.

The UPF has been tireless in not only putting prairie on the ground, but working to educate the public on its importance to the landscape. This is critical, as our native prairies have all but disappeared from the landscape in eastern North Dakota. By planting and promoting native prairie, the public can bear witness to the beauty and importance of our native prairies.

The Cass County SCD is proud to partner with the UPF. With a minimal staff, they are able to accomplish a great deal of work. Putting conservation on the ground is of utmost importance, and the UPF excels at that task. We are fully supportive of their mission and organization.

Cass County SCD Operations Coordinator

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS	Brooks Whitmore Page	Warren Solberg Horace	Terry Hoffmann Wheatland	Brad Kellerman Davenport	Curt Knutson Page
DISTRICT STAFF	Jeff Miller	Amy Cole	Tony Peterson	Eric Dahl	Ashley Fisk

Letter of Support for United Prairie Foundation

At the Cass County Soil Conservation District, we take the restoration of native tallgrass prairie very seriously. This is a difficult task, needing willing landowners interested in the sometime tedious task of native prairie planting and maintenance. The United Prairie Foundation has been at the forefront of restoring prairie in eastern North Dakota. The Cass County Soil Conservation District is proud to lend our support to the UPF's Prairie to the People project, and have dedicated \$3,000 of funding for support of the project.

Sincerely



Jeffrey D. Miller
Operations Coordinator
Cass County Soil Conservation District

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS	Brooks Whitmore Page	Warren Solberg Horace	Terry Hoffmann Wheatland	Brad Kellerman Davenport	Curt Knutson Page
DISTRICT STAFF	Jeff Miller Operations Coordinator	Amy Cole District Clerk	Tony Peterson District Technician	Eric Dahl 319 Watershed Coordinator	Ashley Fisk Urban Conservationist

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7-10-2018

Chahinkapa Zoo

PO Box 1325

1004 RJ Hughes Dr

Wahpeton, ND 58075

Phone: 701-642-8709

It is our mission at Chahinkapa Zoo to support conservation efforts of all wildlife, including the largest of animals down to the smallest of pollinators. Therefore, we whole heartedly support the United Prairie Foundation in their effort to bring Prairie to the People.

In partnering with this project, we are willing to accept native pollinator and butterfly plants from the United Prairie Foundation, plant them in several areas within our zoo, and maintain them.

We will make several "pocket prairie" displays and use them as conservation teaching gardens through signage and through classes with our zoo education classes.

We have over 50,000 visitors every summer, so this should be an effective way to encourage conservation of both our native prairie plants, as well as the pollinators and butterflies that depend on these plants.

In Conservation,

Joan Zettel / Chahinkapa Zoo Horticulturist

City of Enderlin

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April 4, 2018

United Prairie Foundation
260 Front Street
Sheldon, ND 58068

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM CITY FOR GROW CLUB PROJECT

Dear United Prairie Foundation:

The City of Enderlin, North Dakota hereby extends its full support for your Grow Club mission as outlined in your project description to the city entitled "Community Garden and Prairie Center. If you need anything else from the City please let us know and the City Council will decide whether it can extend logistical support.

We wish you luck in the fulfillment of this project.

Sincerely,

City of Enderlin,



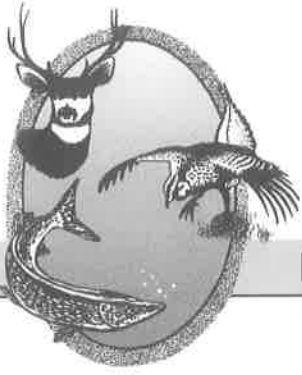
Deon Maasjo, Mayor



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DEPUTY, *Scott A. Peterson*

April 24, 2018

United Prairie Foundation
260 Front Street
Sheldon, ND 58068

RE: Community Garden and Prairie Center in Enderlin, North Dakota

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department's (Department) mission is to protect, conserve and enhance fish and wildlife populations and their habitats for sustained public consumptive and nonconsumptive use. This also includes native insects in the state, of which many are important pollinator species that are declining or at-risk. In the North Dakota State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP), several insects including the Monarch Butterfly are identified as Species of Conservation Priority. Conservation of these butterflies and other declining pollinators such as native bees, and the prairie ecosystem they depend on, is an important priority in North Dakota.

We believe the United Prairie Foundation goal to establish a Grow Club to create a Community Garden and Prairie Center supports the Department's mission and the SWAP goal of preserving the state's wildlife diversity. This project will engage the local community, promote pocket prairies that are especially crucial for species such as the Monarch, and raise awareness about prairie ecosystems in North Dakota.

We are pleased to provide our endorsement of the United Prairie Foundation's efforts in Enderlin.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Link", written in a cursive style.

Greg Link
Chief, Conservation and Communications Division
North Dakota Game and Fish Department



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To whom it may concern:

The Monarch Joint Venture is pleased to write a letter in support of the United Prairie Foundation Inc.'s proposal for funding the Community Garden and Prairie Center.

This project builds capacity for community engagement and access to local materials for prairie habitat restoration in North Dakota. The United Prairie Foundation Inc. is a Monarch Joint Venture partner organization. Their mission of prairie restoration is strongly connected to monarch butterfly conservation.

Prairie habitat is essential for supporting the declining monarch butterfly and other pollinators and wildlife. The vision for their center will provide a sustainable, long-term way to promote this critical habitat.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy Caldwell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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July 12, 2018

United Prairie Foundation / John DeVries
260 Front Street
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Dear John:

The Wahpeton Park Board supports your 'Prairie to the People' project and would be happy to be a valued partner and leader to promote and maintain plantings.

Your plans to incorporate pocket prairies to improve pollinator / wildlife habitat and provide conservation education supports our public parks-recreation mission.

There are numerous opportunities at our parks, community gardens, public buildings, city entrances, river greenway, schools, arboretum and public orchard.

We envision enhancing our partnerships with the Red River Area Sportsmen's Club, 4H, Prairie Pothole Partners, Wahpeton Public Schools, Scouts, Junior Wildlife Club and Healthy Communities to support 'Prairie to the People.'

We appreciate the opportunity to support 'Prairie to the People.'

Sincerely,

Wayne H. Beyer

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Director of Parks & Recreation
City of Wahpeton, ND