

# 20-02 - Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project III

## Application Details

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**Funding Opportunity:** 19205-Outdoor Heritage Fund March 2022 - Round 20  
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**Program Area:** Outdoor Heritage Fund  
**Status:** Under Review  
**Stage:** Final Application

**Initial Submit Date:** Feb 28, 2022 9:04 AM  
**Initially Submitted By:** Tanner Gue  
**Last Submit Date:**  
**Last Submitted By:**

## Contact Information

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### Primary Contact Information

**Active User\*:** Yes  
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Phone  
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**Fax:** ###-###-####

**Comments:**

## Organization Information

**Status\*:** Approved

**Name\*:** Ducks Unlimited

**Organization Type\*:** In-State Non-Profit

**Tax Id:** Ducks Unlimited

**Organization Website:** [Ducks Unlimited](#)

**Address\*:** 2525 River Road

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Restricted Indirect Cost Rate: 0.0%

Unrestricted Indirect Cost Rate: 0.0%

## Budget

### Objective of Grant

#### Objective of Grant:

CCLIPIII will provide financial and technical assistance to North Dakota landowners who implement and adopt cover crop and livestock integration practices on cropland. CCLIPIII will improve water quality, soil health, and biodiversity for farmers, ranchers, wildlife, and the public of North Dakota.

#### Summary

Grant Request: \$1,609,000.00

Matching Funds: \$1,149,333.00

Total Project Costs: \$2,758,333.00

**You must have at least 25% match**

Percentage of Match: 41.67%

#### Project Expenses

Project Expense Description	OHF Request	Match Share (Cash)	Match Share (In-Kind)	Match Share (Indirect)	Other Project Sponsor's Share	Total Each Project Expense
1) Cover Crop Seed	\$450,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300,000.00	\$750,000.00
2) Permanent Grazing Systems	\$1,134,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$756,000.00	\$1,890,000.00
3) Portable Grazing Systems	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,333.00	\$33,333.00
4) Project Delivery	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$85,000.00
	<b>\$1,609,000.00</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,079,333.00</b>	<b>\$2,758,333.00</b>

#### Budget Narrative

##### Budget Narrative:

1) Cover Crop Seed will consist of a diverse, multi-species mix (at least 3 species) planted on privately owned cropland acres to be managed by livestock grazing. Cover Crop Seed will follow the NRCS Office Tech Guide Allowable Cost; the full funding rate will be determined by NRCS's practice scenario amount. This OHF grant will use 60% cost-share of these rates for agreement development, but will pay on actual cover crop seed costs. Landowners will provide the remaining 40% cost-share. This OHF grant proposal is requesting \$450,000 in cover crop seed and landowners will provide at least \$300,000 in match. 2) Permanent Grazing Systems will consist of installing permanent fence and water developments on privately owned acres to be managed by livestock grazing. Fencing will follow the NRCS Office Tech Guide Allowable Cost; the full funding rate will be determined by NRCS's practice scenario amount. This OHF grant will provide landowners a 60% cost-share payment. All fencing cost-share will be paid based on a rate per foot of fence and type of fence installed. Landowners will provide the remaining 40% cost-share. Water Developments will follow the NRCS Office Tech Guide Allowable Cost; the full funding rate will be determined by NRCS's practice scenario amount. This grant will use 60% cost-share of these rates for agreement development, but will pay on actual costs. Landowners will provide the remaining 40% cost-share. The OHF grant proposal is requesting \$1,134,000 in permanent grazing system infrastructure and landowners will provide \$756,000 in match. 3) Portable Grazing Systems will consist of installing portable windbreak panels, portable fence and portable water developments on privately owned acres to be managed by livestock grazing. The partners will provide up to 60% cost-share of actual costs for Portable Grazing Systems. North Dakota Natural

Resources Trust will provide \$10,000 in cash match. Millborn Seeds will provide \$10,000 in cash match. Landowners will provide the remaining 40% cost-share (\$13,333). This proposal does not request funding from OHF for portable grazing system infrastructure. 4) Project Delivery will consist of actual time spent by DU biologists and agronomists who will meet with landowners to provide technical assistance, complete landowner agreements, partner with state, federal, local, and nongovernmental organizations, process payments, provide agreement monitoring, and complete all grant administration. Ducks Unlimited staffing costs include staff time, benefits and travel. This OHF grant proposal is requesting \$25,000 in OHF funds and Ducks Unlimited is providing at least \$50,000 of in-kind match. Pulse USA will provide \$10,000 of in-kind match.

**Bid Attachments**

Description	File Name	Type	Size	Upload Date
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No files attached.

**Match Funding**

Match Amount	Funding Source	Match Type
\$1,069,333.00	Landowners	Cash
\$50,000.00	Ducks Unlimited	In-Kind
\$10,000.00	Pulse USA	In-Kind
\$10,000.00	Millborn Seeds	Cash
\$10,000.00	North Dakota Natural Resources Trust	Cash
<b>\$1,149,333.00</b>		

**Description**

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**Directives**

- Major Directive\*:** Directive B  
Choose One
- Additional Directive:** Directive A, Directive C  
Choose All That Apply
- Type of Agency\*:** Tax-exempt, nonprofit corporation  
Choose One

**Abstract/Executive Summary**

**Abstract/Executive Summary\*:**

Some innovative farmers and ranchers in North Dakota are adopting regenerative agriculture principles and investing in novel conservation practices to build soil health, enhance operational productivity, and improve sustainability. These practices include cover crops and integrating livestock grazing on cropland. Producers have observed outstanding results, noting increased soil carbon and nutrient availability, reduced soil compaction, increased water infiltration, enhanced water quality, and increased profitability. Local benefits of cover crops and livestock integration also include enhancing existing wildlife habitat and increasing the total acreage of habitat available. At larger watershed scales, benefits include reduced flooding and sedimentation in neighboring creeks and rivers. These success stories generate much interest from neighbors and these successes can be replicated. However, there is financial risk associated with implementing new practices. Many producers can't afford that risk and they haven't been able to mitigate it because there's a lack of available conservation programs assisting with grazing infrastructure on cropland. To help, Ducks Unlimited (DU), other partners, and landowners collaboratively submitted an Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF) proposal in 2017 called the "Cover Crop & Livestock

Integration Project" (CCLIP). The OHF Advisory board approved of CCLIP's goal to offer voluntary project options that provide landowners with incentive needed to kick-start cover crops and livestock integration on cropland. CCLIP is a short 5-year program that provides landowners with 60% cost share for fence and water infrastructure on cropland, 60% cost share for 2 years of cover crop seed, and technical assistance for implementation. OHF's CCLIP was so successful, DU and landowners submitted a second phase (CCLIP2) in 2019 that expanded availability. In 4 years, 82 projects have begun that are enhancing soil health and wildlife habitat on 20,800 cropland, 28,700 grassland and 3,600 wetland acres. The CCLIP concept is a proven strategy in getting folks started using regenerative practices. Demand remains very strong. This grant proposal is called CCLIP III. This third phase of previously successful grants will keep momentum going to help producers initiate cover crop and grazing practices on 10,560 additional cropland acres, enhancing 13,000 additional grassland acres. Through CCLIP III, we're requesting \$1,609,000 from OHF to aid implementation of cover crop seed, livestock fencing, livestock water, and staffing over the next 5 years. CCLIP III will build on strong partnerships established in previous phases. DU and other conservation partner biologists will provide outreach and technical assistance. DU agronomists, Pulse USA, and Millborn Seed staff will help landowners design cover crop seed mixes. The North Dakota Game and Fish Department may provide public access incentives to interested landowners.

### ***Project Duration***

#### **Project Duration\*:**

5 years.

## Narrative

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### ***Narrative***

Briefly summarize your organization's history, mission, current programs and activities. Include an overview of your organizational structure, including board, staff and volunteer involvement.

#### **Organization Information\*:**

Ducks Unlimited (DU) conserves, restores and manages wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl. These habitats also benefit other wildlife and people. Established in 1937, DU and its partners have conserved more than 15 million acres of habitat across North America thanks to the generous contributions from more than a million supporters. Guided by science and dedicated to program efficiency, DU works toward the vision of wetlands sufficient to fill the skies with waterfowl today, tomorrow and forever. Thanks to over 85 years of success, DU is recognized as the world's largest and most effective private waterfowl and wetlands conservation organization. DU is known for our ability to partner with private individuals, landowners, government agencies, scientific communities, industry leaders and other entities to successfully deliver collaborative conservation projects. DU is a grassroots and volunteer-based organization. Our 675,000 members are conservationists and outdoor enthusiasts who reside across the United States, Canada and Mexico, including over 6,300 members in North Dakota. DU's Great Plains Regional Office, located in Bismarck, ND, employs a multidisciplinary team of engineers, biologists, scientists, agronomists, real estate and administrative support personnel. Since 1984, DU and our partners have completed over 1,300 projects impacting more than 480,000 acres in North Dakota. DU is a tax exempt, non-profit corporation under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and our Board of Directors is comprised of volunteers from across the country. For a full listing of DU's Board members, please visit: <http://www.ducks.org/aboutdu/board-of-directors/>

**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. 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.

Note: 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 involves an extenuating circumstance to [exempted activities](#) please explain.

#### **Purpose of Grant\*:**

Agricultural production in North Dakota has experienced reduced diversity over the past few decades. Historically, this landscape was marked with small mixed-operator farms incorporating diverse cropping rotations and small herds of livestock. North Dakota continues to transition to a landscape with less diverse crop rotations and annual conventional tillage practices. Livestock use and associated grassland acreage continue to decline. The primary result of decreased biodiversity at the scale of individual farms and ranches is degraded soil health. Soils in poor health have less carbon, reduced nutrient availability, increased compaction, reduced water infiltration, increased surface runoff, and reduced water quality. Ultimately, dysfunctional soils lead to reduced ecosystem function and reduced profitability for farmers and ranchers. Reduced soil health at the local farm and ranch scale can have implications at much larger watershed scales. For example, surface runoff and flooding increases the amount of sediment and fertilizers in creeks and rivers, resulting in eutrophication of downstream environments. To help, DU, other partners, and landowners collaboratively submitted an OHF proposal in 2017 called the "Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project" (CCLIP). CCLIP was a new opportunity developed to promote cover crops and livestock grazing on cropland as a management tool for improving soil health, water quality, grassland health, and wildlife habitat. Diversification of cropland systems using cover crops can improve overall soil health and functionality by restoring organic matter, increasing aggregate development, and reducing soil compaction. Very importantly, integration of livestock on cropland

takes soil health to the next level. Grazing stimulates plant root growth, distributes urine and manure, and strengthens the nutrient cycle process. CCLIP does not treat symptoms of dysfunctional soils. Rather, practices adopted through CCLIP restore soil functionality and provide long term benefits to producers' operations, local watersheds, and wildlife. The Advisory Board's support for previous CCLIP phases is an unquestionable success. In 4 short years, more than 82 different projects are enhancing soil health and wildlife habitat on more than 20,800 cropland, 28,700 grassland, and 3,600 wetland acres (Fig.1). The CCLIP concept is so effective in getting folks started using important soil health practices that DU biologists and partners are working on agreement details with more than 15 additional landowners right now (Fig. 1). Several more are waiting for technical assistance and funding. This CCLIP Phase III proposal will address the need and build on the initial success of previous phases to help regenerate soil functionality, improve water quality, and enhance wildlife habitat. The primary goal of CCLIP III is to offer voluntary working lands options that provide interested landowners with the means necessary to introduce cover crops and livestock grazing. Project partners will work with landowners to select cover crop mixes and grazing plans that address specific resource concerns and achieve operational goals. Producers enrolled in CCLIP III will plant cover crops and develop grazing systems. CCLIP III will provide up to 60% cost share on approved grazing infrastructure and two years of cover crop seed. Cost share assistance from OHF will be matched by the landowner and partners at a minimum of 40%. CCLIP III partners will help producers develop grazing plans based on duration, rest recovery time, available crop residue, and cover crops. Grazing plans will require that producers integrate livestock on enrolled cropland acres at least twice within the 5-year agreement period. By providing technical guidance and cost share for cover crop seed costs and grazing infrastructure, CCLIP III will increase long-term operational resiliency and profitability while enhancing wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities.

**Please list the counties that would be impacted by this project:**

**Counties\*:** Statewide

**Is This Project Part of a Comprehensive Conservation Plan?\*** No

**If Yes, Please Provide Copy of Plan:**

**Does Your Project Involve an Extenuating Circumstance?\*** No

**Please Explain:**

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.

**Management of Project\*:**

DU will provide management, coordination, and administration of CCLIP III. DU conservation program biologists and agronomists as well as Pulse USA and Millborn Seeds experts will work collaboratively to provide producers with program guidance and technical assistance in developing cover crop mixes and grazing systems. The North Dakota Grazing Lands Coalition (NDGLC) will also provide technical assistance through their mentoring network in the development of cover crop mixes and rotational grazing plans. DU biologists will develop site specific agreements with landowners, which include a map defining boundaries, the payment amount, and landowner match contributions. All agreements will be signed and dated by the landowner and DU. Cover crops and grazing systems on cropland and grassland will be reviewed yearly to monitor implementation and effectiveness in achieving soil and grassland health goals. Projects will be funded on a first come first serve basis until funds expire and agreements will be 5 years in length. Grant funds will be distributed to participating producers as agreement items are completed and proper documentation is provided to DU. DU biologists will coordinate the program from our office located in Bismarck, ND. Tanner Gue, Manager of Conservation Programs in North Dakota, will serve as the program coordinator. Tanner has more than 10 years of experience in delivering conservation projects for DU. DU will provide tracking and progress reporting of all landowner agreements according to grant deadlines. Maintaining good communication with agreement participants and partners is important to DU. Pulse USA and Millborn Seeds collaboration with DU biologists and agronomists to provide technical assistance concentrating on cover crop seed mixes and livestock integration will continue to be critical to the success of CCLIP III. Pulse USA is a farmer owned seed and agricultural product company that has been developing and promoting cover crop concepts for more than 10 years across the Midwest and North Dakota. Millborn Seeds has a team of specialists in the areas of cover crop and forage who have been collaborating with farmers and ranchers across the Midwest and North Dakota for 30 years. Both Pulse USA and Millborn Seeds team of representatives are experts in cover crops and are well known in the farm and agronomic research community. Pulse USA and Millborn Seeds may provide a discount on seed purchases if the landowner so chooses to purchase seed from them. On-the-ground DU biologists, agronomists, and other conservation partners will direct all producers in this project who are interested in additional cost share or public access incentives to the Private Lands Open to Sportsmen (PLOTS) program through the North Dakota Game and Fish Department (NDGFD). NDGFD will provide producers who are already enrolled in PLOTS with opportunities for additional enhancements (fire, woody removal) on their property.

Indicate how the project will be funded or sustained in future years. Include information on the sustainability of this project after OHF funds have been expended and whether the sustainability will be in the form of ongoing management or additional funding from a different source.

**Sustainability\*:**

Collaborative working lands conservation programs like CCLIP III are a win-win-win for 1) our farmers and ranchers, 2) our natural resources and wildlife, and 3) the public of North Dakota. For most landowners, CCLIP III is the only opportunity available that assists with cover crops and livestock integration on cropland. By providing long-lived grazing infrastructure on cropland, the likelihood is very high that farmers and ranchers will continue managing for soil health and functionality using regenerative conservation practices like cover crops and livestock grazing long after the life of the 5 year agreement. Proven interest in the project area is overwhelmingly positive indicated by landowner-based Soil Conservation District boards' support and producers ready to enroll in the concept (Fig.1). Many of these landowners who are educating themselves on cover crops and the concept of soil health want to complete the cycle by integrating livestock. Further, Ducks Unlimited biologists and agronomist are actively monitoring important soil health parameters on several projects with landowners. Face to face with our hands in the soil, producers and conservation professionals are learning about soil health together. Ducks Unlimited staff is fostering community learning and accelerating adoption of these practices for the long term. CCLIP III is the catalyst to elevate regenerative principles and conservation practices to a broad geography in North Dakota.

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

**Partial Funding\*:**

Ducks Unlimited thanks the OHF Advisory Board and North Dakota Industrial Commission for their past full support of CCLIP grant phases. Partial funding would result in fewer producers having the opportunity to enhance their farming and ranching operations by improving soil health on cropland and grassland health on pasture. Partial funding would also reduce this project's capacity to minimize soil erosion and improve water quality in wetlands, streams and rivers in North Dakota. Further, less habitat acres would be enhanced for wildlife. If the proposal receives partial funding, this will also reduce the amount of cash and in-kind match available by Ducks Unlimited, partners, and landowners.

If you are a successful recipient of Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars, how would you recognize the Outdoor Heritage Fund partnership? \* There must be signage at the location of the project acknowledging OHF funding when appropriate. If there are provisions in that contract that your organization is unable to meet, please indicate below what those provisions would be.

**Partnership Recognition\*:**

CCLIP III will provide OHF partnership and funding recognition in the following ways. 1) CCLIP III will include the OHF logo on all landowner agreements. 2) OHF will also be mentioned as a partner and funding source in all discussions with landowners in the delivery of this project. 3) DU has placed signs with OHF logos on projects from previous CCLIP phases when agreed upon by the landowner (Fig. 2). DU staff will continue to do that. 4) All CCLIP III distributed information for outreach and/or media will identify OHF as a partner and funding source. Examples of such outreach and media include but are not limited to landowner workshops, landowner field days, national DU press releases, and the DU website. 5) All presentations or discussion with partners and/or other organizations will also acknowledge OHF as a partner and funding source.

Do you have any supporting documents, such as maps or letters of support that you would like to provide? If so, please provide them in a single file.

**Supporting Documents\*:**

Yes

**If Yes, Please Provide Copies in a Single File:**

[CCLIP3\\_partner\\_letters\\_figures.pdf](#)

Awarding of Grants - Review the appropriate sample contract for your organization. [Sample Contract](#)

**Can You Meet All the Provisions of the Sample Contract?\***

Yes

If there are provisions in that contract that your organization is unable to meet, please indicate below what those provisions would be:

**Provisions Unable to Meet:**

**Tasks**

*Tasks*

Task	Start Date	Completion Date
1) Coordination Meetings	06/01/2022	06/30/2024
2) Program Promotion	06/01/2022	12/31/2026
3) Landowner Coordination	06/01/2022	12/31/2026
4) Progress and Budget Tracking	06/01/2022	12/31/2027

**Description of Tasks**

**Please Describe Tasks:**

1) Coordination Meetings of conservation partners and DU staff to discuss delivery options, priorities, and funds available. 2) Promotion and Marketing of OHF's CCLIP III. 3) Landowner Coordination visits by phone and in person to determine project development locations. DU staff will provide technical assistance, check on progress and assist in payments. 4) Progress and Budget Tracking of grant funds obligated and grant funds spent. Complete scheduled status reports and final report to NDIC.

**Deliverables**

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Deliverable	Quantity	Unit of Measurement, if applicable
1) Grazing Systems on cropland acres	10560	acres
2) Cover Crops on cropland acres	10560	acres
3) Enhanced adjacent pasture & native rangeland	13000	acres

**Certification**

**Certification**

**Certification:** Yes

**Name:** Tanner Gue  
First Name Last Name

**Title:** Manager of Conservation Programs, North Dakota  
Title

**Date:** 02/25/2022

**Internal Application Number**

#ID: 20-02

Figure 1

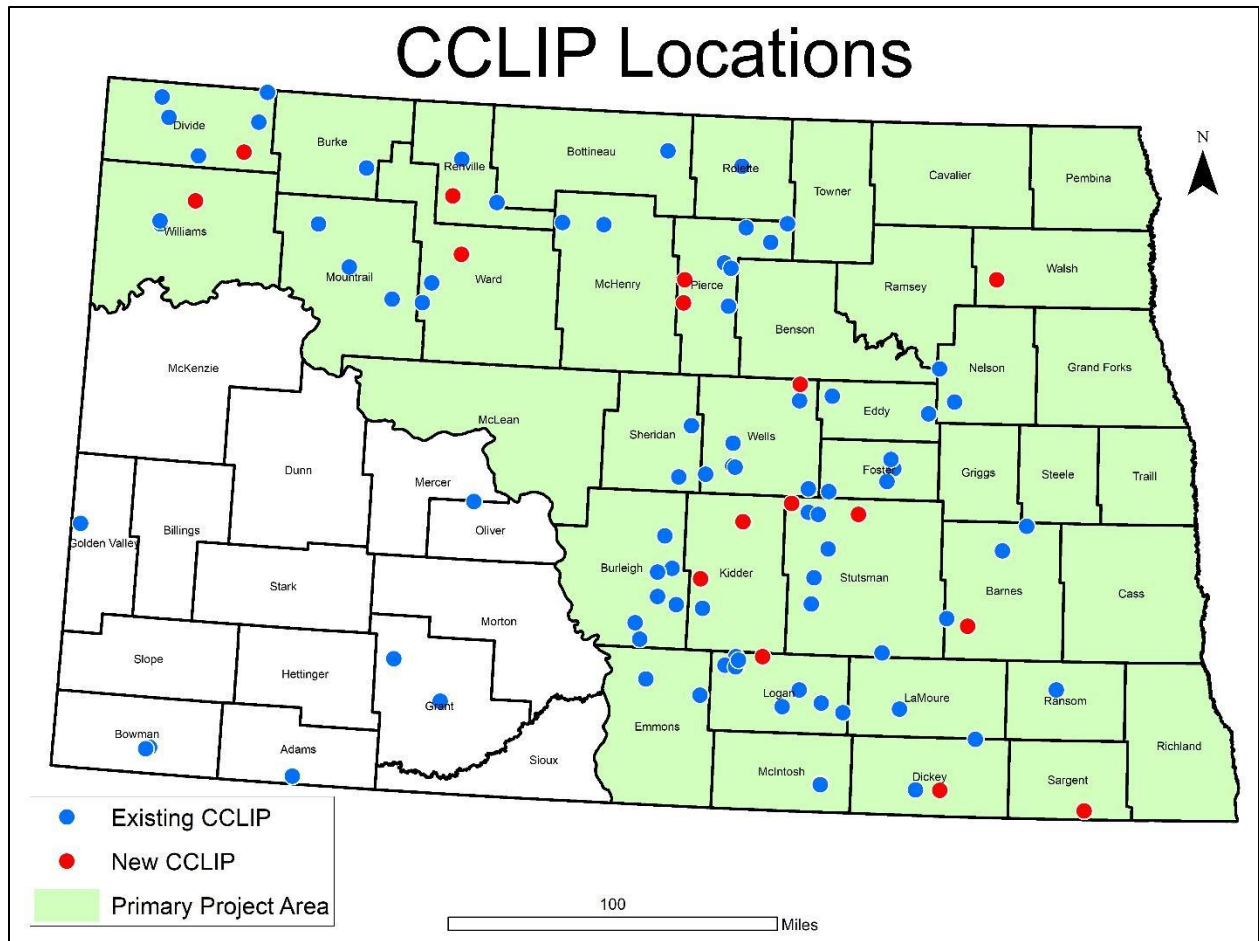


Figure 1: Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project Area with existing project locations from previous phases and new proposed project locations. Up to 10% of CCLIP3 funding to be allocated to projects outside of the primary project area.

Figure 2



Figure 2: Ducks Unlimited biologists and agronomists have placed signs with the OHF logo on projects from previous CCLIP phases when agreed upon by the cooperating landowner. Ducks Unlimited staff will continue this practice to recognize OHF as a partner for CCLIP3.



February 25, 2022

Ducks Unlimited Inc.  
Mr. Tanner Gue – Manager of Conservation Programs  
2525 River Road  
Bismarck, ND 58503

RE: Ducks Unlimited Cover Crops & Livestock Integration Project (CCLIP3)

Dear Mr. Gue:

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. The Department's Private Land Initiative (PLI) is the mechanism for delivering the mission onto the private landscape. A main component of PLI includes the Private Land Open To Sportsmen (PLOTS) program, which creates or enhances habitat on private lands and provides public access for walk-in hunting.

Previous phases of the CCLIP have proven to be effective and well received by producers. Interest in cover crops continues to grow, but the CCLIP's unique feature of integrating livestock and installing grazing infrastructure on cropland is an important component to help diversify and maintain our states ranching communities.

As you work with producers on CCLIP, we encourage you to make private landowners aware of opportunities for additional habitat management, cost share, and incentives for walk-in hunting access through the PLOTS program, and refer interested producers to Department private lands staff.

We are pleased to provide our endorsement of the Ducks Unlimited Cover Crops & Livestock Integration Project grant proposal, and look forward toward its future opportunities and accomplishments.

Sincerely, -

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeb Williams", written over a horizontal line.

Jeb Williams  
Director

Governor  
Doug Burgum

Director  
Jeb Williams

Deputy Director  
Scott A. Peterson



## North Dakota Grazing Lands Coalition

February 16, 2022

Karlene Fine  
North Dakota Industrial Commission  
ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund Program  
600 East Boulevard Ave., Dept. 405  
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Ms. Fine:

Please accept this letter of support by the North Dakota Grazing Lands Coalition (NDGLC) for Ducks Unlimited's "Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project III" Outdoor Heritage Fund proposal.

NDGLC is a grassroots group organized in 1996 to promote the health and sustainability of North Dakota's 13.5 million acres of grazing lands. Coalition members have a strong focus on managing for soil health and biodiversity to promote sustainable farming and ranching. NDGLC supports the "Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project III" as it seeks to provide financial assistance for North Dakota farmers and ranchers to introduce cover crop practices and develop grazing infrastructure necessary for livestock integration on cropland. This continued effort will help producers improve soil health, grassland health, grazing infrastructure and grazing systems. It is a core belief of ours that through voluntary actions, respect for private property rights, and education on the benefits of well managed grazing resources, their goals are achievable.

Again, we are happy to support this important effort that promotes sustainable farming and ranching in North Dakota.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry Doan".

Jerry Doan  
NDGLC Chairman





United States Department of Agriculture

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February 14, 2022

Karlene Fine, Executive Director  
North Dakota Industrial Commission  
ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund Program  
600 East Boulevard Ave., Dept. 405  
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Ms. Fine:

I have reviewed the Ducks Unlimited Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project 3 proposal. It fits very closely with the goals of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to assist private landowners and operators with voluntary conservation technical assistance and to address natural resource concerns of habitat degradation for wildlife, soil health, and plant diversity in North Dakota.

The proposal meets the conservation needs of both crop and livestock producers on private lands. The project leverages resources through partners and participants to implement conservation technical and financial assistance on both crop and grassland.

Sincerely,

*Jennifer m. Vetter*  
Acting for

MARY E. PODOLL  
State Conservationist



Keith Trego  
*Executive Director*  
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February 17, 2022

Karlene Fine, Executive Director  
North Dakota Industrial Commission  
ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund Program  
600 East Boulevard Ave., Dept. 405  
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Ms. Fine:

The North Dakota Natural Resources Trust mission is to preserve, enhance, restore, and manage wetlands and associated wildlife habitat, grasslands, and riparian areas in the state of North Dakota. Please accept this letter of support for Ducks Unlimited's third phase of the "Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project" Outdoor Heritage Fund proposal. The Trust will provide \$10,000 in cash match towards the grant.

From its inception, the Trust has played a role as facilitator between agricultural and conservation interests. In addition to facilitating and funding sound, on-the-ground conservation of natural resources, our goal is to identify common issues and create dialogue. Along with its agricultural and conservation partners, the Trusts advocates for recognition, appropriate development, and protection of North Dakota's unique natural resource values.

The Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project has provided North Dakota farmers and ranchers with the financial assistance needed to kick-start sustainable agricultural practices that meet their operational goals and diversify their operations while improving soil health, water quality, grassland health, and wildlife habitat. This goal is consistent with the Trust's mission and we are happy to provide our endorsement of Ducks Unlimited's grant proposal and look forward the accomplishments.

Sincerely,

Keith Trego  
Executive Director

To preserve, enhance, restore, and manage wetlands and associated wildlife habitat,  
grasslands, and riparian areas in the state of North Dakota.

Attn: Jared Knock  
Millborn Seeds  
2132 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave.  
Brookings, SD 57006

February 22, 2022

Karlene Fine, Executive Director  
North Dakota Industrial Commission  
ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund Program  
600 East Boulevard Ave. Dept 405  
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Ms. Fine:

I am writing to document Millborn Seeds' support of Duck's Unlimited proposal to Outdoor Heritage Fund for the Cover Crop and Livestock Integration Project 3 Proposal. Millborn Seeds' is familiar with the proposal, understands general expectations, and supports the efforts to address the natural resource concerns identified therein.

Millborn Seeds is prepared to allocate a \$10,000 contribution to the project if it is successfully selected for funding. This program is a great win for North Dakota Landowners and stakeholder who enjoy the rural recreation provided by positive land use activities undertaken on private lands.

At Millborn Seeds our employees are committed to Leading a Land Use Movement which encourages and supports landowners willing to invest in practices which support the conservation and restoration of our nation's natural resources. This project represents a chance to facilitate a positive change on the landscape of North Dakota, establishing critical habitat for multiple species of wildlife. We hope that our contributions and support benefit both the organizers and participants in this program.

Sincerely



Business Development  
Authorized Signatory for Millborn Seeds



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February 15, 2022

Karlene Fine, Executive Director  
North Dakota Industrial Commission  
ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund Program  
600 East Boulevard Ave., Dept. 405  
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Ms. Fine:

Please accept this letter of support by Pulse USA for the Ducks Unlimited "Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project III" (CCLIP3) Outdoor Heritage Fund proposal. This project simultaneously serves farm producer interests and benefits a diverse group of North Dakota stakeholders. The first and second phase of CCLIP was a resounding success and we know that CCLIP3 will aim to build on that success.

Pulse USA is an employee-owned agricultural seed company. We have been on the forefront of cover crop development and implementation since 2007. We worked closely with Burleigh County Soil Conservation Service after the drought of 2006 to implement cover crop practices and education in our region. Our interest in cover crops has always been as a tool for the farmer to restore soil health, minimize long term input costs and create additional revenue streams for already working lands to benefit the farmer. Our team of representatives are well recognized by the farm community and research stations for their practical knowledge of cover crop objectives, mixes, benefits and agronomics. Advice that our team of highly qualified employees provide is based on knowledge and experience gained with our customers, continuing education, and interactions with scientists, extension agents and others across the state and nation.

We are very pleased to provide in-kind staff support and technical assistance for this project dedicated to providing simple and flexible options that work for both the producer and wildlife. Pulse USA representatives will work closely with on-the-ground Ducks Unlimited biologists to help producers design specific cover crop seed mixes based on the producer's operational goals and needs. In addition, North Dakota producers enrolled in the Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project may also receive a discount on Pulse USA cover crop seed mixes if they chose to procure them through Pulse USA.

As with the first and second phase of the project, CCLIP3 has tremendous potential to deliver, through a broad-based partnership, additional working lands options for landowners that achieve "win-win" solutions for both North Dakota producers and natural resources.

Sincerely,

Emily Paul, Sales and Product Development Director, Pulse USA

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Karlene Fine  
North Dakota Industrial Commission  
ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund Program  
600 East Boulevard Ave., Dept. 405  
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Ms. Fine:

Please accept this letter of support by the Burleigh County Soil Conservation District Board for Ducks Unlimited's "Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project III" (CCLIP III) Outdoor Heritage Fund proposal. This project's primary objectives are to help producers enhance soil health, reduce input costs for cash crop production, reduce feeding costs for cattle, and enhance grassland health. These goals align well with our natural resource concerns and conservation goals in Burleigh County.

There are necessary costs associated with cover crop and livestock integration practices not limited to cover crop seed, boundary and cross fence, and water developments (wells, rural water connection, tanks, pipeline, etc).

Having financial assistance to introduce cover crop practices and develop adequate infrastructure to integrate livestock on cropland will be beneficial for producers in our area and for our natural resources.

Sincerely,



Burleigh County SCD Board

February 2, 2022

Karlene Fine, Executive Director  
North Dakota Industrial Commission  
ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund  
600 East Boulevard Ave., Dept. 405  
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Ms. Fine:

Please accept this letter of support by the Kidder County Soil Conservation District Board for Ducks Unlimited's "Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project III" (CCLIP III) Outdoor Heritage Fund proposal. The primary objectives are to help producers enhance soil health, reduce input costs for cash crop production, reduce feeding costs for cattle, and enhance grassland health. These objectives align well with our goals as a district to promote sound soil and water conservation practices in Kidder County.

There are necessary costs associated when implementing cover crops and livestock onto cropland. These practices include, but are not limited to cover crop seed, boundary and cross fence, and water developments (wells, rural water connection, tanks, pipeline, etc). The Kidder County SCD also has resources to support local producers with project installation such as no till drill rental and tree planting program for establishing field windbreaks.

Your financial support will greatly help our local producers implement regenerative practices and develop adequate infrastructure to integrate livestock onto cropland.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "H. Allen", written over a faint horizontal line.

Kidder County SCD

February 9, 2022

Karlene Fine, Executive Director  
North Dakota Industrial Commission  
ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund  
600 East Boulevard Ave., Dept. 405  
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Ms. Fine:

Please accept this letter of support by the North McHenry Soil Conservation District Board for Ducks Unlimited's "Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project III" (CCLIP III) Outdoor Heritage Fund proposal. The primary objectives are to help producers enhance soil health, reduce input costs for cash crop production, reduce feeding costs for cattle, and enhance grassland health. These objectives align well with our goals as a district to promote sound soil and water conservation practices in McHenry County.

There are necessary costs associated when implementing cover crops and livestock onto cropland. These practices include, but are not limited to cover crop seed, boundary and cross fence, and water developments (wells, rural water connection, tanks, pipeline, etc). The North McHenry SCD also has resources to support local producers with project installation such as a pipeline plow and tree planting program for establishing field windbreaks. Your financial support will greatly help our local producers implement regenerative practices and develop adequate infrastructure to integrate livestock onto cropland.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joni Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Joni Anderson  
District Manager  
North McHenry SCD



## TURTLE MOUNTAIN SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

*"The Future Is Planted Today"*

February 17, 2022

Karlene Fine, Executive Director  
North Dakota Industrial Commission  
ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund  
600 East Boulevard Ave., Dept. 405  
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Ms. Fine:

The Turtle Mountain Soil Conservation District Board is writing to express our support for Ducks Unlimited's "Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project III" (CCLIP III) Outdoor Heritage Fund proposal. The primary objectives to enhance soil health, reduce input costs for cash crop production, reduce feeding costs for livestock, and enhance grassland health, align well with our goals as a district to promote sound soil and water conservation practices in Bottineau County. Implementing cover crops and livestock onto cropland includes various practices such as cover crop seed, boundary and cross fence, and water developments (wells, rural water connection, tanks, pipeline, etc.). Turtle Mountain SCD has services to support local producers with grass/cover crop plantings through the rental of our 10ft grass/cover crop drill and tree planting program for establishing field windbreaks. Your financial support will greatly help our local producers implement regenerative practices and develop adequate infrastructure to integrate livestock onto cropland.

Sincerely,

Turtle Mountain Soil Conservation District

**WEST MCLEAN SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**140 5<sup>TH</sup> AVE SW**  
**GARRISON ND 58540**  
**PHONE: 463-2851 (ext 3)**

February 17, 2022

Karlene Fine, Executive Director  
North Dakota Industrial Commission  
ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund  
600 East Boulevard Ave., Dept. 405  
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Ms. Fine:

Please accept this letter of support by the West McLean Soil Conservation District Board for Ducks Unlimited's "Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project III" (CCLIP III) Outdoor Heritage Fund proposal. The primary objectives are to help producers enhance soil health, reduce input costs for cash crop production, reduce feeding costs for cattle, and enhance grassland health. These objectives align well with our goals as a district to promote sound soil and water conservation practices in McLean County. Implementing cover crops and livestock onto cropland involves various types of infrastructure. These practices include, but are not limited to cover crop seed, boundary and cross fence, and water developments (wells, rural water connection, tanks, pipeline, etc). West McLean SCD has services to support local producers with grass/cover crop plantings through the rental of our 18ft grass drill and tree planting program for establishing field windbreaks. Your financial support will greatly help our local producers implement regenerative practices and develop adequate infrastructure to integrate livestock onto cropland.

Sincerely,



West McLean Soil Conservation District

February 8, 2022

Karlene Fine, Executive Director  
North Dakota Industrial Commission  
ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund  
600 East Boulevard Ave., Dept. 405  
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Ms. Fine:

Please accept this letter of support by the Eddy County Soil Conservation District Board for Ducks Unlimited's "Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project III" (CCLIP III) Outdoor Heritage Fund proposal. The primary objectives are to help producers enhance soil health, reduce input costs for cash crop production, reduce feeding costs for cattle, and enhance grassland health. These objectives align well with our goals as a district to promote sound soil and water conservation practices in Eddy County.

There are various costs associated when implementing cover crops and livestock onto cropland. These practices include, but are not limited to, cover crop seed, boundary and cross fence, and water developments (wells, rural water connection, tanks, pipeline, etc). The Eddy County Soil Conservation District also has resources to support local producers with project installation such as a tree planting program and tree mover for establishing field windbreaks.

Your financial support will greatly help our local producers implement regenerative practices and develop adequate infrastructure to integrate livestock onto cropland.

Sincerely,

SHANNON

ANDERSON (Affiliate)

Eddy County Soil Conservation District

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February 15, 2022

Karlene Fine, Executive Director  
North Dakota Industrial Commission  
ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund  
600 East Boulevard Ave., Dept. 405  
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Ms. Fine:

Please accept this letter of support by the Foster County Soil Conservation District Board for Ducks Unlimited's "Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project III" (CCLIP III) Outdoor Heritage Fund proposal. The primary objectives are to help producers enhance soil health, reduce input costs for cash crop production, reduce feeding costs for cattle, and enhance grassland health. These objectives align well with our goals as a district to promote sound soil and water conservation practices in Foster County.

There are various costs associated when implementing cover crops and livestock onto cropland. These costs are for practices that include, but are not limited to, cover crop seed, boundary and cross fence, and water developments (wells, rural water connection, tanks, pipeline, etc.). The Foster County Soil Conservation District also has resources to support local producers with project installation such as a tree planting program, weed barrier, and no-till planting.

Your financial support will greatly help our local producers implement regenerative practices and develop adequate infrastructure to integrate livestock onto cropland.

Sincerely,

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

Cody Montgomery, Chairman  
Foster County Soil Conservation District

**BARNES COUNTY  
SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

110 Winter Show Road SW – Suite 3  
Valley City, ND 58072  
701-845-3114, Ext. # 3

February 9, 2022

Karlene Fine, Executive Director  
North Dakota Industrial Commission  
ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund  
600 East Boulevard Ave., Dept. 405  
Bismarck, ND 58505

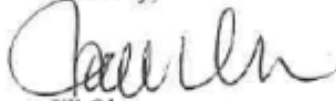
Dear Ms. Fine:

Please accept this letter of support by the Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board for Ducks Unlimited's "Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project III" (CCLIP III) Outdoor Heritage Fund proposal. The primary objectives are to help producers enhance soil health, reduce input costs for cash crop production, reduce feeding costs for cattle, and enhance grassland health. These objectives align well with our goals as a district to promote sound soil and water conservation practices in Barnes County.

There are necessary costs associated when implementing cover crops and livestock onto cropland. These practices include, but are not limited to cover crop seed, boundary and cross fence, and water developments (wells, rural water connection, tanks, pipeline, etc). The Barnes County SCD also has resources to support local producers with project installation such as a 15ft no till drill rental and tree planting program for establishing field windbreaks.

Your financial support will greatly help our local producers implement regenerative practices and develop adequate infrastructure to integrate livestock onto cropland.

Sincerely,



Jill Olson  
Barnes County SCD



Mountrail Soil Conservation District  
21-1<sup>st</sup> Street SE – PO Box 715  
Stanley, ND 58784  
(701)628-2151

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February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

Karlene Fine, Executive Director  
North Dakota Industrial Commission  
ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund  
600 East Boulevard Ave., Dept. 405  
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Ms. Fine:

This letter of support by the Mountrail County Soil Conservation District Board is for Ducks Unlimited's "Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project III" (CCLIP III) Outdoor Heritage Fund proposal. The primary objectives of CCLIP III are to help producers enhance soil health, reduce input costs for cash crop production, reduce feeding costs for cattle, and enhance grassland health. These objectives align with our goals as a district to promote soil and water conservation practices in Mountrail County. There are also necessary costs associated when implementing cover crops and livestock onto cropland. These practices include, but are not limited to cover crop seed, boundary and cross fence, and water developments (wells, rural water connection, tanks, pipeline, etc). Your financial support will greatly help our local producers implement regenerative practices and develop infrastructure to integrate livestock onto cropland.

Sincerely,

Pam Germundson  
District Manager  
Mountrail Soil Conservation District



## Renville County Soil Conservation District

805 Highway 5 East- PO Box 220 - Mohall, ND 58761-1101 - Phone: (701) 756-6351 Ext: 3



February 17, 2022

Karlene Fine, Executive Director  
North Dakota Industrial Commission  
ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund  
600 East Boulevard Ave., Dept. 405  
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Ms. Fine:

Please accept this letter of support by the Renville County Soil Conservation District Board for Ducks Unlimited's "Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project III" (CCLIP III) Outdoor Heritage Fund proposal. The primary objectives are to help producers enhance soil health, reduce input costs for cash crop production, reduce feeding costs for cattle, and enhance grassland health. These objectives align well with our goals as a district to promote sound soil and water conservation practices in Renville County. Implementing cover crops and livestock onto cropland takes resources and infrastructure. These practices include, but are not limited to cover crop seed, boundary and cross fence, and water developments (wells, rural water connection, tanks, pipeline, etc). The Renville County SCD has resources to support local producers with project installation such as mowing, chemical applications and tree planting program for establishing field windbreaks. Your financial support will greatly help our local producers implement regenerative practices and develop adequate infrastructure to integrate livestock onto cropland.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Monte Bloms".

Monte Bloms, Chairman  
Renville County Soil Conservation District

February 24, 2022

Karlene Fine, Executive Director  
North Dakota Industrial Commission  
ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund  
600 East Boulevard Ave., Dept. 405  
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Ms. Fine:

Please accept this letter of support by the Sheridan County Soil Conservation District Board for Ducks Unlimited's "Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project III" (CCLIP III) Outdoor Heritage Fund proposal. The primary objectives are to help producers enhance soil health, reduce input costs for cash crop production, reduce feeding costs for cattle, and enhance grassland health. These objectives align well with our goals as a district to promote sound soil and water conservation practices in Sheridan County.

There are necessary costs associated when implementing cover crops and livestock onto cropland. These practices include, but are not limited to cover crop seed, boundary and cross fence, and water developments (wells, rural water connection, tanks, pipeline, etc). The Sheridan County SCD also has resources to support local producers with project installation such as a 15ft no till drill rental, soil testing and tree planting program for establishing field windbreaks.

Your financial support will greatly help our local producers implement regenerative practices and develop adequate infrastructure to integrate livestock onto cropland.

Sincerely,

  
Darci Jahne  
Manager  
Sheridan County SCD

**Ward Soil Conservation District**

1920 13<sup>th</sup> Street SE

Minot, ND 58701

Phone: (701) 852-5438 Ext. 3 E-mail: wardsoil@srt.com

Supervisors: *Mike Aamot, Gail Yuly, Mark Schumaker, Pat Zeltinger,*

*John Pietsch*

Staff: *Stetson Myers*



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Dear Ms. Fine:

Please accept this letter of support by the Ward County Soil Conservation District Board for Ducks Unlimited's "Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project III" (CCLIP III) Outdoor Heritage Fund proposal. The primary objectives are to help producers enhance soil health, reduce input costs for cash crop production, reduce feeding costs for cattle, and enhance grassland health. These objectives align well with our goals as a district to promote sound soil and water conservation practices in Ward County.

There are necessary costs associated when implementing cover crops and livestock onto cropland. These practices include, but are not limited to cover crop seed, boundary and cross fence, and water developments (wells, rural water connection, tanks, pipeline, etc). The Ward County SCD has resources to support local producers with project installation such as a pipeline plow and tree planting program for establishing field windbreaks. Your financial support will promote regenerative practices and develop necessary infrastructure to integrate livestock onto cropland.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Schumaker".

Ward County SCD

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**DIVIDE COUNTY SOIL CONSERAVTION DISTRICT**  
**P.O. BOX 66**  
**CROSBY, ND 58730-0066**  
**701-965-6491 Ext 3**

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February 1, 2022

Karlene Fine, Executive Director  
North Dakota Industrial Commission  
ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund  
600 East Boulevard Ave., Dept. 405  
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Ms. Fine:

Please accept this letter of support by the Divide County Soil Conservation District Board for Ducks Unlimited's "Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project III" (CCLIP III) Outdoor Heritage Fund proposal. The primary objectives are to help producers enhance soil health, reduce input costs for cash crop production, reduce feeding costs for cattle, and enhance grassland health. These objectives align well with our goals as a district to promote sound soil and water conservation practices in Divide County.

There are necessary costs associated when implementing cover crops and livestock onto cropland. These practices include, but are not limited to cover crop seed, boundary and cross fence, and water developments (wells, rural water connection, tanks, pipeline, etc). The Divide County SCD also has resources to support local producers with project installation such as a pipeline plow, 15ft no till drill rental and tree planting program for establishing field windbreaks.

Your financial support will greatly help our local producers implement regenerative practices and develop adequate infrastructure to integrate livestock onto cropland.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Harlan Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Divide County SCD  
Harlan Johnson  
Chairman

February 8, 2022

Karlene Fine, Executive Director  
North Dakota Industrial Commission  
ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund  
600 East Boulevard Ave., Dept. 405  
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Ms. Fine:

Please accept this letter of support by the Pierce County Soil Conservation District Board for Ducks Unlimited's "Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project III" (CCLIP III) Outdoor Heritage Fund proposal. The primary objectives are to help producers enhance soil health, reduce input costs for cash crop production, reduce feeding costs for cattle, and enhance grassland health. These objectives align well with our goals as a district to promote sound soil and water conservation practices in Pierce County.

There are various costs associated with implementing cover crops and livestock onto cropland. These practices include, but are not limited to cover crop seed, boundary and cross fence, and water developments (wells, rural water connection, tanks, pipeline, etc). The Pierce County SCD also has resources to support local producers with project installation such as a tree planting program and tree mover for establishing field windbreaks.

Your financial support will greatly help our local producers implement regenerative practices and develop adequate infrastructure to integrate livestock onto cropland.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James B. Reigen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Pierce County SCD (Chairman)

Two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature on the left reads "Deb Hauser" and the second signature on the right reads "Dan B. Bussart". Both are written in a cursive style.



## James River Soil Conservation District

51 North First Street  
P.O. Box 190  
Ellendale, ND 5843

February 9, 2022

Karlene Fine, Executive Director  
North Dakota Industrial Commission  
ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund Program  
600 East Boulevard Ave., Dept. 405  
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Ms. Fine:

Please accept this letter of support from the James River Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors (Dickey County) for Ducks Unlimited's "Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project III" (CCLIP III) Outdoor Heritage Fund proposal. This project's primary objectives are to help producers:

- enhance soil health,
- reduce input costs for cash crop production,
- reduce feeding costs for cattle,
- enhance grassland health.

These goals align well with our natural resource concerns and conservation goals in Dickey County.

When it comes to incorporating cover crops and livestock with existing cropland, there are needed costs associated with best management practices. These may include items like cover crop seed, boundary and cross fence, and water developments (wells, rural water connection, tanks, pipeline, etc.). The James River SCD has some resources available to assist with installation of various practices like the ability to create/order seed mixes, no-till drill rental options, and tree planting options.

Having financial assistance to introduce cover crop practices and develop adequate infrastructure to integrate cattle on cropland will be beneficial for producers in our area and for our natural resources.

Sincerely,

James River Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors  
Keith Kronberg, chairman



# LaMoure County Soil Conservation District



February 18, 2022

Karlene Fine, Executive Director

North Dakota Industrial Commission  
ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund  
600 East Boulevard Ave., Dept. 405  
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Ms. Fine:

Please accept this letter of support by the LaMoure County Soil Conservation District Board for Ducks Unlimited's "Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project III" (CCLIP III) Outdoor Heritage Fund proposal. The primary objectives are to help producers enhance soil health, reduce input costs for cash crop production, reduce feeding costs for cattle, and enhance grassland health. These objectives align well with our goals as a district to promote sound soil and water conservation practices in LaMoure County.

There are necessary costs associated when implementing cover crops and livestock onto cropland. These practices include, but are not limited to cover crop seed, boundary and cross fence, and water developments (wells, rural water connection, tanks, pipeline, etc.). The LaMoure County SCD also has resources to support local producers with project installation such as a John Deere no-till drill, a Great Plains native seed drill, a Montana post pounder, and tree planting program for establishing field windbreaks.

Your financial support will greatly help our local producers implement regenerative practices and develop adequate infrastructure to integrate livestock onto cropland.

Susan Muske

District Manager

LaMoure SCD [Susan.Muske@nd.nacdnet.net](mailto:Susan.Muske@nd.nacdnet.net)

