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Outdoor Heritage Fund Status and Final Report Form/Guidelines

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

Contract Number 002-020	Report Date 08/31/2015	Period Covered by Report 7/30/2015 to 7/31/2015
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Project Name
Water Storage Piggyback

Project Sponsor Name
North Dakota Natural Resources Trust

Responsible Official (Last, First Middle) Allbee, Terry	Responsible Official's Title Business Mgr./Biologist
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Project Sponsor Address
1605 E. Capitol Ave., Ste. 101

City Bismarck	State ND	Zip Code 58501-2102	Telephone Number 701-223-8501
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Financial Update

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

Funds Spent this Reporting Period

(As appropriate please provide copies of receipts for purchases)

Match Funding \$45,933.60
 In-kind Funding \$ 10,373.08
 OHF Funding \$168,920.02
 OHF Funding **Requested for Reimbursement** \$80,000.00
 Total Funding Expended for this Reporting Period \$225,226.70

Total Funds Spent to Date

Match Funding \$45,933.60
 In-kind Funding \$10,373.08
 OHF Funding \$168,920.02
 OHF Funding Received and Requested for Reimbursement \$30,000.00
 Total Funding Expended to Date \$225,226.70

Balance of Grant Funds

Match Funding \$29,066.40
 In-kind Funding \$14,626.92
 OHF Funding \$131,079.98
 OHF Funding still to be Requested \$190,000.00
 Total Funding to be Expended on this Project \$400,000

Do you anticipate needing to request a grant extension / / Yes /X/ No If yes, please explain

Work Completed during Period Covered by Report:

(This information will be posted on the Outdoor Heritage Fund/Industrial Commission website)

The outreach and partner coordination for the Water Storage Piggyback (WSP) program started immediately after Outdoor Heritage Fund agreement was completed on July 30, 2014. The North Dakota Natural Resources Trust (Trust) prepared a landowner and partner brochure for distribution and posted WSP promotional information on Trust website. The Trust also worked on partner communication meetings and statewide conference calls, with federal, state and non-governmental organizations that have water storage programs available for landowners. We worked on direct partner coordination with federal partners that included a statewide conference call to all USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service county field offices. Statewide conference call to all US Fish and Wildlife Service's Partners For Fish and Wildlife private lands staff. These conference calls also produced many follow-up calls from individual NRCS and USFWS field staff. I also worked on state agency coordination with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department's private lands program, North Dakota Game and Fish Department's Save Our Lakes Program, and North Dakota State Water Commission. Finally I worked with non-governmental organizations including Red River Retention Authority, Pheasants Forever's staff including Farm Bill Biologists, Ducks Unlimited staff including Farm Bill biologists, and consultants who were working on wetland mitigation plans for landowners. Finally I visited directly with landowners about WSP.



After the initial federal, state and non-governmental partner coordination was completed the Trust began working with field staff as they worked on delivering WSP information to landowners. Once landowners started learning about the WSP they were very interested in a program that offered a payment like WSP to help with water developments on their property. The first WSP agreements started in late summer of 2014. The total amount of signed WSP agreements for the first year includes 37 agreements with landowners in seventeen different counties totaling 498 surface acres of water storage. The total amount of WSP agreements for the first year is \$322,979.59 Through July 31, 2015 a total of \$214,853.62 have been paid directly to nine participation landowners with a total of 292 acres.



The remaining balance of unobligated WSP agreement funds is \$52,020.41. It is our plan to have signed WSP agreements with landowners for this remaining amount by spring 2016. We are encouraged by the strong landowner interest in storing water and their participation in the WSP program.

After all WSP agreements funds are committed the Trust will work with partners to complete all the planned work. It should be noted that these types of projects are highly dependent on the availability and willingness of construction contractors. In the past five years construction contractor availability has been an important issue in North Dakota. In addition to contractor availability these water storage projects need dry weather conditions. This may ultimately be a factor in the successful completion of the WSP.

All site specific agreements where work is completed are attached.

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

Signature of Responsible Official

Handwritten signature of Terry Albano

8/31/2015

The project reports shall be provided to the Commission in both electronic and hard-copy formats with permission for unrestricted distribution. The electronic versions shall be in a suitable format for posting on the Outdoor Heritage Fund/Commission website.