

**Contract No. 003-039**

“Lake Tschida’s Wildlife Conservation Planting, Recreation Project Walking Trail, Bird Observatory & Playground Rest Area”

Submitted by Tri-Cities Joint JDA

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**PARTICIPANTS**

<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Cost Share</b>	
Tri-Cities Joint JDA/Bureau of Reclamation	<u>\$23,117</u>	
Subtotal Cash Cost Share		\$23,117
Tri-Cities Joint JDA	<u>\$ 1,400</u>	
Subtotal In-kind Cost Share		\$ 1,400
Tri-Cities Joint JDA	<u>\$ 2,300</u>	
Subtotal Indirect Cost Share		\$ 2,300
North Dakota Industrial Commission	<u>\$66,152</u>	
Total Project Cost		\$92,969

Project Schedule – 12 months

Contract Date – 12/8/2014

Start Date – 12/16/2014

Completion Date - 8/31/2015

Project Deliverables:

Status Report: January 1, 2015

Status Report: April 1, 2015 ✓

Final Report: August 31, 2015 ✓

**OBJECTIVE/STATEMENT OF WORK:**

The purpose of this project is to create a looped walking trail with a bird observatory and educational area with a shaded rest area with multiple benches, information posts, potable water and a playground.

**STATUS:**

Contract has been executed.

5/15/2015 - Status report received. A copy of the report along with pictures is posted on the website.

The report states:

*November 2014* - Area at Schatz point was premeasured for placement of trail head kiosk and parking to compliment the planned playground. The existing tree row was examined; branches have been trimmed, dead trees removed, new trees fenced and staked, and invasive weeds treated.

*February 2015* - Initial trail was GPS surveyed. Decided to reroute trail as much as possible to reduce the number of times pedestrians would cross road, rerouted trail to run parallel to some campgrounds to avoid disturbing campers and to leave some shoreline off the trail path to encourage wildlife to remain in those areas. Requested final CEC.

*March 2015* - Trail was flagged, placed 75 birdhouses, 16 bat houses and received 2 duck houses. Spring Tree maintenance was done.

*April 2015* - Trail CEC was approved, first two cuts of trail are completed. Inspection 1 completed for trail hazards. Signs are in the process of being put up.

*May 2015* - Playground equipment was delivered.

October 2015 - Final Report received. Trail and playground was completed August 2015. Trail is being used by local daily and has seen moderate to heavy use during recreational season even when trail was not completed. The public has expressed heavy interest in more walking trails for the near future.

Signage (from the decals provided) is included at each information kiosk on the south side of the lake as well as at entrance points for trail. (See attached photos.) Plaque will be put up in the spring as well as donated trail art and trail maps which are being printed this winter. Bird houses are placed all around the lake. For this project approximately 75 were placed on the south side of the lake around the trail areas. All nesting structures are being heavily used by an assortment of birds. Tree success was about 65% this year.

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