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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. After completing the report, save it and attach it to an e-mail and send it to outdoorheritage@nd.gov AND print it and mail it to: North Dakota Industrial Commission, ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund Program, State Capitol – Fourteenth Floor, 600 East Boulevard Ave. Dept. 405, Bismarck, ND 58505. If you are unable to scan attachments, mail them with your paper copy of the report. You will be sent a confirmation by e-mail of receipt of your report and attachments.

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 003-048	Report Date September 1st, 2015	Period Covered by Report (08/1/15-8/31/15)	
Project Name Urban Woods and Prairies Initiative			
Project Sponsor Name Audubon Dakota			
Responsible Official (Last, First Middle) Johnson, Marshall E.		Responsible Official's Title Executive Director	
Project Sponsor Address 118 Broadway N. Suite 716			
City Fargo	State ND	Zip Code 58102	Telephone Number 701-298-3373
<u>Financial Update</u> Please provide the following information regarding the funding for your project based on the contract award:			
<u>Funds Spent this Reporting Period</u> (As appropriate please provide copies of receipts for purchases) Match Funding \$ 19,690.40 In-kind Funding \$ 27,245.16 OHF Funding Requested for Reimbursement \$ 65,774.00 Total Funding Expended for this Reporting Period \$ 112,709.56			
<u>Total Funds Spent to Date</u> Match Funding \$ 20,000.00 In-kind Funding \$ 33,005.88 OHF Funding Received and Requested for Reimbursement \$ 16,444 (upon execution of contract), \$ 65,774.00 (upon completion of work) Total Funding Expended to Date \$ 135,223.88			
<u>Balance of Grant Funds</u> Match Funding \$ 2,345.50 (interpretive signage) In-kind Funding \$ 10,345.00 (signage from partners and resource surveys) OHF Funding still to be Requested \$ 0 Total Funding to be Expended on this Project \$ 12,690.50			
Do you anticipate needing to request a grant extension If yes, please explain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

Work Completed during Period Covered by Report:

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

In August of 2015, the Urban Woods and Prairies Initiative has been focused on progressing project implementation, management of weed species, and observing the establishment of native species.

The scope of the project continues to grow as more sites are deemed appropriate for restoration work. What started as a 6 site project in Fargo has expanded to be nearing 25 different sites within the Fargo-Moorhead area. Encompassing nearly 1,000 acres of wetlands, grasslands, and woodlands, the Urban Woods and Prairies Initiative has worked with city governments and park districts, counties and watershed districts, and local groups and organizations to find ideal sites to restore to natural vegetation.

In terms of seeding and establishment, the Industrial Commission and the Outdoor Heritage Fund distributed funding for the establishment of 5 sites. To date, site preparation, seeding, and establishment have occurred on all 5 of those sites. The Fargo Park District has completed the site prep work for these 5 sites. Their site prep methods (in accordance with the guidelines described by Prairie Restorations) included mowing, herbicide application, and ground work where it was realistic (on land that was flat and at small risk of erosion, full disking of the land was done; on areas that were sloped or at risk for erosion, a light harrow was used to scratch the surface and stimulate weed growth). Before seeding could commence, weed management was essential which led to a final application of herbicide. After the weeds died, Prairie Restorations utilized a Truax seed drill to seed directly into the prepared seedbed. Within the last month, management of recovering weed species has been performed by mowing the 5 sites. A sign of successful preparation and management has come from the emergence of the native grass species at all 5 sites (pictures attached).

The next phase of this project, in terms of the Outdoor Heritage Fund, is to continue to monitor avian and vegetation at the sites and retain valuable data and records about each. This will be done as an in-kind match through Audubon Dakota. Continued maintenance and management is required on the sites to ensure that the seeding and establishment properly takes to the soil. Audubon Dakota will continue to provide avian and vegetation reports to the Industrial Commission in accordance to the grant contract.

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

Exhibit B

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.

Exhibit B



Figure 1: Briarwood, grass and flower germination 8/25/15, mowed 7/27/15



Figure 2: Pontes Prairie, grass germination 7/15/15, mowed 7/29/15



Figure 3: Forest River, grass germination 8/25/15, mowed 8/10/15-8/11/15



Figure 4: Heritage Hills, grass germination 8/25/15, mowed 8/3/15-8/4/15



Figure 5: Unicorn Park, grass germination 8/25/15, mowed 8/31/15