

**Contract No. 004-059**  
"Riparian Grazing Systems Project"  
Submitted by Stutsman County Soil Conservation District  
Principal Investigator: Ryan Odenbach  
Directives: B & C

**PARTICIPANTS**

<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Cost Share</b>	
Landowner/Producer	<u>\$169,000</u>	
Subtotal In-Kind Cost Share		\$169,000
North Dakota Industrial Commission	<u>\$253,500</u>	
Subtotal OHF Funding		<u>\$253,500</u>
Total Project Cost		\$422,500

Project Schedule – 36 months  
Contract Date – 4/30/2015  
Start Date - 4/30/2015  
Completion Date 12/31/2017

Project Deliverables:  
Status Report: June 30, 2015 ✓  
Annual Report: December 31, 2015 ✓ Final Report  
Status Report: June 30, 2016  
Annual Report: December 31, 2016  
Status Report: June 30, 2017  
Final Report: December 31, 2017

**OBJECTIVE/STATEMENT OF WORK:**

The purpose of this project is to restore proper vegetative balance in riparian areas; proper rotation of grazing animals through use of a multi-celled grazing system; restore and maintain water quality.

**STATUS:**

Contract has been prepared and provided to applicant. Applicant has requested revisions. Discussion is ongoing. Contract has been executed.

Status report received October 8, 2015. The applicant indicated that all riparian fencing materials have been purchased. 10.1 miles of riparian fence has been installed. Water well has been drilled. The North Dakota Game and Fish Department has provided riparian land use easements to all involved landowners. The project involves a 5 mile stretch of the James River. The total fence construction will be in the neighborhood of 33 miles. The schedule is to complete the fencing and the installation of the pipeline and water system by the end of November.

Status/Final Report received December 23, 2015. 29.7 miles of riparian fence (entire project) has been installed. 23,800 feet of pipeline has been installed. The Outdoor Heritage portion of the project has been completed. There is still portions of the watering system to be completed, which will be done through the producer and the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

The fencing has been installed and the water well drilled at a much faster pace than anticipated. All the work has been completed on the ground related to this project. The applicant has agreed to provide information on this project -- report on the field tours and provide photos of the results of this work. The majority of the funding for this project has been disbursed but the final payment will not be made until the additional reporting is received.