

Instructions

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 005-074	Report Date 6/30/2016	Period Covered by Report 7/15/2015-6/30/2016	
Project Name FY 16 OHF Windbreak Renovation Initiative			
Project Sponsor Name ND Industrial Commission			
Responsible Official (Last, First Middle) Claeys, Thomas		Responsible Official's Title Forestry & Fire Mgmt Team Ldr	
Project Sponsor Address North Dakota Forest Service			
City Bottineau	State ND	Zip Code 58318	Telephone Number 701-328-9945
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 \$ 7,693.15			
In-kind Funding \$ 11,163.80			
OHF Funding Requested for Reimbursement \$ 17,282.85			
Total Funding Expended for this Reporting Period \$ 36,139.80			
Total Funds Spent to Date			
Match Funding \$ 7,693.15			
In-kind Funding \$ 11,163.80			
OHF Funding Received and Requested for Reimbursement \$ 17,282.85			
Total Funding Expended to Date \$ 36,139.80			
Balance of Grant Funds			
Match Funding \$ 1,432,306.85			
In-kind Funding \$ 348,836.20			
OHF Funding still to be Requested \$ 1,782,717.15			
Total Funding to be Expended on this Project \$ 3,563,860.20			
Do you anticipate needing to request a grant extension If yes, please explain			
/_/ Yes /X_/ No			

Work Completed during Period Covered by Report:
(This information will be posted on the Outdoor Heritage Fund/Industrial Commission website)

Please see below the work completed during period covered by report.

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

Randy A. Hatchman, State Forester

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.

North Dakota Forest Service Statewide Windbreak Renovation Initiative
 Outdoor Heritage Fund Project Number 005-074
 Project Update June 30, 2016

On July 15, 2015, NDFS received a grant from the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund for \$1,800,000 to support this initiative. 100% of this money will be distributed to North Dakota landowners to support windbreak renovation projects. Each windbreak renovation project will follow a written windbreak renovation plan utilizing best management practices.

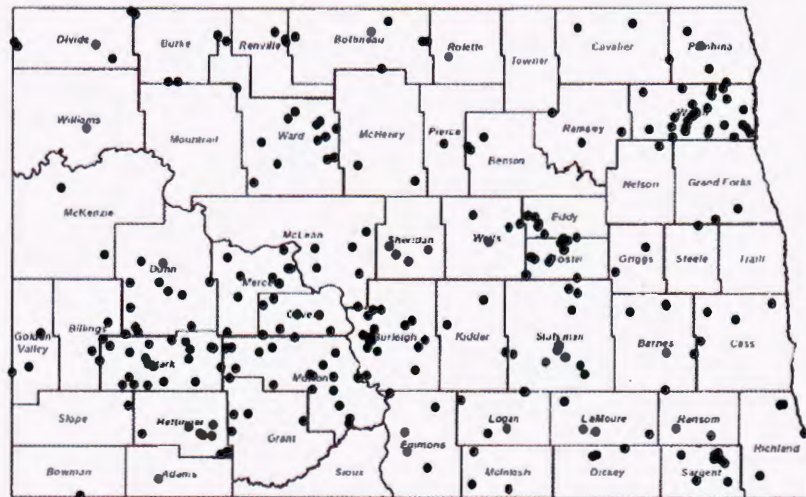
Technical Assistance

NDFS staff and partners offer technical assistance to interested landowners in the form of an on-site windbreak assessment and a written windbreak renovation plan. Renovation plans utilize a variety of forestry best management practices to meet the landowner's goals in restoring the functionality of the windbreak.

Requests for assistance are received through an online questionnaire. This questionnaire asks the landowner to answer a few simple questions including landowner contact information and the location of the windbreak in need of renovation. Questionnaires are grouped into "pools" based on the date that the document was received. NDFS is currently accepting questionnaires for the 3rd pool – August 15, 2016 provided

this pool will close on August 15, 2016 and assistance will be provided in the fall of 2016. Questionnaires received after August 15th will receive technical assistance in the spring of 2017.

As of June 9th NDFS has 282 requests for windbreak renovation planning assistance statewide.



August 15, 2016 provided
 August 2017 received

Financial Assistance

Following the windbreak assessment and written renovation plan, NDFS staff assist landowners with applying for cost share assistance to implement the windbreak renovation project. There is no deadline to apply and applications are accepted on a continual basis. Landowners have a minimum of two full years to complete their renovation project and apply for reimbursement.

As of June 9th NDFS has awarded grants totaling \$309,306 to 60 landowners statewide, and three of the projects have been completed.

Exhibit B



This property is a 320 acre cropland field located near New Leipzig. The field is transected by 10 single-row Siberian elm shelterbelts. The elm are in decline due to Dutch elm disease and are no longer functioning effectively.

NDFS staff worked with the landowner to develop a plan to remove the single elm rows and replace them with multiple-row belts. Because this is a significant undertaking, the renovation will occur in phases. Two rows will be removed each fall and two new rows will be planted each spring for the next five years.

The photo to the left shows the property at the time of the shelterbelt assessment on September 8, 2015



This photo was taken in late March, 2016. The landowner worked throughout the winter to remove two of the Siberian elm rows and prepare the site for replanting.



Two new rows with weed barrier fabric were installed by the Soil Conservation District in May of 2016. Phase one of this renovation is complete.