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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 005-079	Report Date 2/1/2016	Period Covered by Report (7/1/2015 – 2/1/2016)
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Project Name
North Dakota Youth Pollinator Habitat Program

Project Sponsor Name
Pheasants Forever, Inc.

Responsible Official (Last, First Middle) Matt Olson	Responsible Official's Title Regional Representative
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Project Sponsor Address
504 Jackson Ave. E #103

City Lisbon	State ND	Zip Code 58054	Telephone Number (701) 202-8120
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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 \$283.82

In-kind Funding \$2,596.30

OHF Funding **Requested for Reimbursement** \$0.00

Total Funding Expended for this Reporting Period \$2,880.12

Total Funds Spent to Date

Match Funding \$283.82

In-kind Funding \$2,596.30

OHF Funding Received and Requested for Reimbursement \$2,000

Total Funding Expended to Date \$2,880.12

Balance of Grant Funds

Match Funding \$4,716.18

In-kind Funding \$8,629.10

OHF Funding still to be Requested \$18,000

Total Funding to be Expended on this Project \$33,345.28

Do you anticipate needing to request a grant extension If yes, please explain

Yes No

Work Completed during Period Covered by Report:

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

The ND Youth Pollinator Habitat Program kicked off on July 1, 2015. Pheasants Forever staff spent a great deal of time the last seven months promoting the partnership by developing a number promotional items that were used at Pheasants Forever district meetings conducted in August of 2015. (Note: the ND Outdoor Heritage Fund logo was placed on all promotional materials created). Promotional items produced include a one page promotional hand-out (attached), grant application, grant contract, webinars (n=2), and the ND Youth Pollinator Habitat Program Webpage (www.pfqfhabitated.blogspot.com). In addition, Pheasants Forever staff worked with the ND Department of Agriculture to update curriculum that will be offered to chapters working with classrooms to establish pollinator projects.

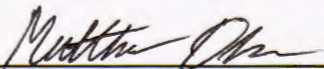
Pheasants Forever staff conducted six district meetings in August of 2015 where the new ND Youth Pollinator Habitat Program was introduced. The partnership program was promoted at each meeting and potential grant applicants were directed to our website (www.pfqfhabitated.blogspot.com) where they will find a page dedicated to the ND Youth Pollinator Habitat Program. Potential applicants are required to watch a recorded webinar that is designed to walk them through the application process as well as provide them with the basic guidelines of the program. Potential applicants can apply for a grant by downloading the application, application budget, and grant agreement on our website.

Pheasants Forever staff provided additional promotion and training on the ND Youth Pollinator Habitat Program at the Pheasants Forever State Habitat Meeting held in Bismark, ND on January 28th. A program specific presentation was provided to all attendees that detailed the program and recognized the ND Outdoor Heritage Fund as a major partner. Pheasants Forever staff also talked with Fish & Game staff on identifying wildlife management areas where projects could be conducted.

In summary, the majority of the time spent on the program the last seven months has been developing materials to help promote the program to Pheasants Forever chapters and our partners across the state. The next phase in the project is to identify project sites to be established in 2016. Chapters and partners have shown a great deal of interest in the program, and we anticipate a number of applications in the next few months.

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



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 Pollinator Habitat Program

Program Benefits the Birds & the Bees



What is the North Dakota Youth Pollinator Habitat Program?

The North Dakota Youth Pollinator Habitat Program is a joint effort between Pheasants Forever, DuPont Pioneer, and the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund. The North Dakota Youth Pollinator Habitat Program aims to provide support to PF chapters and partners across North Dakota to engage youth groups, families and communities in establishing pollinator habitat projects. The objectives of this program are to increase awareness about decreasing pollinator populations, educate the general public on the importance of habitat for pollinators, and to establish quality pollinator habitat across the state. The program will provide tools for chapters to work with local community partners to create habitat projects that involve youth groups, schools and community groups. Program support includes training on how to plan and conduct a pollinator project from start to finish, conservation/pollinator curriculum for classrooms, hands-on educational activities, and monitoring activities that can be conducted after the project is established. In addition, grants up to \$2,000 are available to help with the cost of pollinator seed mixes and plants. The results of this program will not only benefit pollinators by providing quality foraging and nesting habitat, but it will provide opportunities for youth to get outside and gain an appreciation for wildlife and conservation.

Need for the Program?

Pollinating insects are an essential component in global food production. Approximately one-third of all food and beverages is delivered by pollinators and many species of native pollinators and domesticated honey bees are in decline. Pollinator habitat also provides excellent brood rearing habitat for pheasants and quail as flowering plants attracts soft-bodied insects that pheasants and quail chicks rely on for survival during the first 6-8 weeks of life. Lastly, today's youth spend the majority of their time fixated on electronic devices and less than half of the time outdoors than their parents did. One in four children are obese, and as a result, diseases like type 2 diabetes are showing up at an alarming rate. Research has shown that children who spend time outdoors are healthier, receive better grades, have longer attention spans, and are less prone to depression than children who spend most of their time indoors. If this trend continues, children today will not develop healthy lifestyles or an attachment to the outdoors with-out experiences that are fun and involve them personally.

Contact Info:

To learn more about the North Dakota Youth Pollinator Habitat Program, visit Pheasants Forever's Habitat Education Blog at: <http://pfqfhabitated.blogspot.com> You can also like us on Facebook by searching for "PF/QF Habitat Education" or follow us on Twitter @habitated and Instagram @pfqfhabitated for more updates.

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