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 Report Date Period Covered by Report (xx/xx/xx to xx/xx/xx)

011-130 November 1st, 2018 6/27/18 – 10/31/18

Project Name

Urban Woods and Prairies Initiative Expansion

Project Sponsor Name

Audubon Dakota

Responsible Official (Last, First Middle)

Johnson, Marshall

Responsible Official's Title

V.P., Executive Director

Project Sponsor Address

118 N. Broadway Ste. 716

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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 \$0

In-kind Funding \$ 2,617.56

OHF Funding Requested for Reimbursement \$0

Total Funding Expended for this Reporting Period \$2,617.56

Total Funds Spent to Date

Match Funding \$0

In-kind Funding \$2,617.56

OHF Funding Received and Requested for Reimbursement \$0

Total Funding Expended to Date \$2,617.56

Balance of Grant Funds

Match Funding \$233,382

In-kind Funding \$20,913.44 (\$23,531 committed)

OHF Funding still to be Requested \$530,000.00

Total Funding to be Expended on this Project \$784,295.44

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)

Since receiving the OHF grant award for the Urban Woods and Prairies (UWP) Initiative Expansion, Audubon Dakota has been collaborating with project partners to develop and implement site restoration and enhancement plans.

In Grand Forks, Audubon partnered with the City of Grand Forks and Grand Forks Park District to identify the first UWP site, which is located on the southern 5 acres of the English Coulee. A Memorandum of Understanding and a Site Management Plan Agreement were finalized between Audubon Dakota and the Grand Forks Park District (landowning entity) by the end of September 2018, which initiated the site preparations conducted by the Park District. In order to properly prepare for the spring 2019 restoration, Grand Forks Park District was responsible for the first herbicide application which was performed in October 2018, as directed by Prairie Restorations Inc., the project contractor. In early spring 2019, the Park District will till the upland acres and apply a second round of the herbicide treatment. The site will then be properly prepared for the seeding, which will be conducted by Prairie Restorations, Inc.

In Bismarck, Audubon has partnered with the Bismarck Park District to identify the first two UWP sites within the city – Zonta Park and Atkinson Nature Park. A Memorandum of Understanding has been finalized between the two parties, and a Site Management Plan Agreement will be finalized by the end of November. Zonta Park will be restored in spring 2019, therefore, the Bismarck Park District is responsible for the herbicide treatment and tillage of the site this fall, 2018. A second herbicide spray will be performed in early spring 2019 by Bismarck Park District, which will allow Prairie Restorations Inc. to restore the 5 acre park. Atkinson Nature Park is invaded with Russian olive trees, and Audubon will hire a tree removal company in the winter of 2018-2019 to remove those species within the 80 acre park. During the 2019 spring, PRI will be responsible for the follow up herbicide application to the cut trees. In the summer of 2019, 5,000 native fruiting shrub species will be planted and managed by PRI.

In Minot, Audubon has partnered with the Minot Park District to identify three UWP sites within the city — Nubbin Park, Woodland Trail Park, and Oak Park (an Important Bird Area). A Memorandum of Understanding and a Site Management Plan Agreement will be finalized between Audubon Dakota and the Minot Park District by the end of November 2018. Nubbin Park is a 4 acre park that has the potential to become an oak savanna type habitat within the City of Minot. Site preparation and restoration will begin here in the spring of 2019. Woodland Trail Park is 33 acres (30 acres woodlands, 3 acres prairie) and will receive tree clean up in the winter of 2018-2019, while the prairie acres will be prepped and restored in the spring of 2019. Oak Park is 10 acres and is fairly invaded with common buckthorn, therefore, management efforts in 2019 will be focused on the removal and treatment of this species throughout Oak Park.

In Fargo, Audubon, Fargo Park District, and PRI began the site preparation for the restoration of Lion's Conservancy Park and Iwen Park along the Red River, covering 25 acres. The sites have been prepared by the Fargo Park District (herbicide application and tilling), and will receive a spring 2019 seeding in May.

In total, Audubon and partners have impacted 162 acres so far, and will plan to impact 702 urban acres across the four North Dakota cities during the entire project period.

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

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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.