

## Instructions

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### 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)
013-142	June 30, 2021	12/16/2020 to 06/30/2021

Project Name  
**Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project II**

Project Sponsor Name  
**Ducks Unlimited, Inc.**

Responsible Official (Last, First Middle)	Responsible Official's Title
<b>Gue, Tanner</b>	<b>Regional Biologist – ND</b>

Project Sponsor Address  
**2525 River Road**

City	State	Zip Code	Telephone Number
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#### Financial Update

Please provide the following information regarding the funding for your project based on the contract award:

	<b>Funds Spent THIS Reporting Period*</b>	<b>Total Funds Spent to Date</b>	<b>Balance of Remaining Funds</b>
Match Funding	\$92,929.43	\$354,041.11	\$511,938.89
In-kind Funding	\$0.00	\$11,403.00	\$0.00
OHF Funding	\$105,018.67	\$409,583.49	\$841,206.51
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$197,948.10</b>	<b>\$775,027.60</b>	<b>\$1,353,145.40</b>

Do you anticipate needing to request a grant extension?    /\_/ Yes    /X/ No

If yes, please explain:

\*As appropriate please provide copies of receipts for purchases.

Work Completed during Period Covered by Report:

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

The Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project II (CCLIP2) was designed to provide North Dakota farmers and ranchers with the financial assistance needed to kick-start sustainable agricultural practices that meet their operational goals and diversify their operations while improving soil health, water quality, grassland health, and wildlife habitat. Interest in the program continues to be very strong. During this reporting period, Ducks Unlimited biologists and agronomists have worked directly with more than 9 different farmers and ranchers interested in CCLIP2. To date, a total of approximately 57% (\$719,181.26 / \$1,250,790.00) of awarded funds have been obligated to 41 different CCLIP2 agreements for grazing infrastructure and cover crop seeding costs. Direct benefits of the 41 projects underway include enhancement of 11,427.7 acres of cropland (108% of goal: 11,427.7 / 10,560) and 16,170.1 acres of adjacent grasslands (426% of goal: 16,170.1 / 3,800).

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.

Figure1: Thanks to the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund and CCLIP2, scenes like this are becoming more common in North Dakota. Here, cattle graze a full season cover crop in NE North Dakota. Grazing cover crops in the fall of 2020 gave this landowner extra time for his grass to recover before grazing in the summer of 2021. Extra rest on pastures may prove critical for ranchers as well as wildlife, like grassland nesting birds, during the current drought conditions.



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Figure 2: The North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund and CCLIP2 gives farmers and ranchers an opportunity to try new strategies for the benefit of their soil, their livestock, and wildlife. Here, a landowner near Carrington planted a simple, full season cover crop mix shortly after emergence of 60" corn rows. A) June, B) August, C) after fall grazing.



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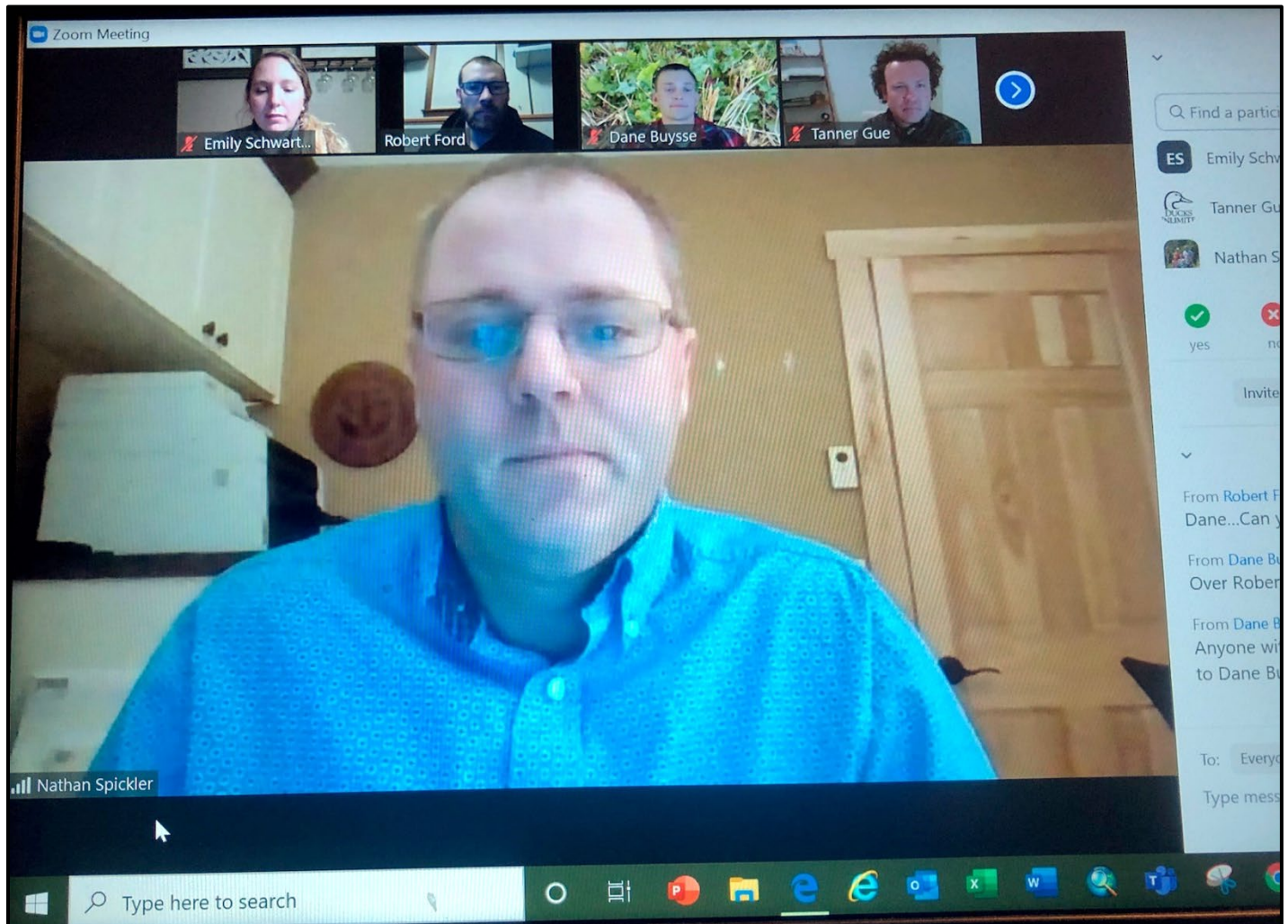
Figure 3: Ducks Unlimited and cooperating landowners continue to publicly acknowledge the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund's funding of CCLIP2 projects in several ways. For example, willing landowners have placed signs like these in areas of high visibility. Those interested in learning more about regenerative conservation and the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund can use the QR code on the sign.



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Figure 4: Ducks Unlimited and cooperating landowners continue to publicly acknowledge the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund's funding of CCLIP2 projects in several ways. For example, Ducks Unlimited's team of biologists and agronomists hosted a webinar for nearly 50 farmers and ranchers interested in voluntary conservation programs and the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund. The webinar featured a rancher and CCLIP enrollee in Foster County. He spoke specifically about how the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund and CCLIP benefits his soil productivity, his herd, his operation, and local wildlife.



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Figure 5: Ducks Unlimited's team of biologists and agronomists continue to help willing landowners monitor their soil health accomplishments on CCLIP2 project sites. Here, Ducks Unlimited's agronomist and a landowner in NW North Dakota implement a water infiltration test in a cover crop field.



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