

Contract No. 014-153

ND Statewide Tree Planting Initiative

Submitted by North Dakota Conservation District Employees Association

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PARTICIPANTS

Sponsor		Cost Share
Landowner (Cash)	\$1,000,000	
SCD Employee Technical Staff Wages (In-Kind)	<u>\$ 850,000</u>	
Subtotal Cash & In-Kind Cost Share		\$1,850,000
North Dakota Industrial Commission	<u>\$3,070,000</u>	
Subtotal OHF Funding		<u>\$3,070,000</u>
Total Project Cost		\$4,920,000

Project Schedule: 3 years
Start Date: 7/29/2019
Contract Date: 7/29/2019
Completion Date: 10/31/2022

Project Deliverables

Status Report: October 31, 2020 ✓
Status Report: October 31, 2021 ✓
Final Report: October 31, 2022 ✓

OBJECTIVE/STATEMENT OF WORK:

This objective of this project is to provide financial assistance to implement agroforestry practices including farmstead, feedlot and field windbreaks, forestry, wildlife and riparian plantings, buffers, and living snow fences.

STATUS:

The contract has been approved and executed by all the parties.

September 2020

The 2020 planting season concluded with 1,927,891 feet of trees and fabric installed, equivalent to 365 miles. SCDs utilized newsletters, press releases, county fair booths, and individual contact to promote the project. Random spot checks will be performed to determine maintenance. There were 381 contracts that addressed field wind breaks, stream bank stabilization, farmstead protection, wildlife habitat, livestock protection, and living snow fences. All contracts met SHPO requirements. Tree species met all soil suitability specs and setbacks unless variances were obtained. The 2021 tree planting season is estimated to install 2,370,307 ft. with a cost of \$1,616,512.

September 2021

In 2021, 1,345,587 feet of trees and fabric were installed, equivalent to 255 miles. Originally, 412 plantings were planned, but many delayed due to drought. Only 247 of the 412 moved forward this year. Tree plantings will be certified along with spot checks for compliance. Producers are contacted in the fall for handplant replacement to maintain the required survivability rate.

September 2022

Final report submitted. In 2022, 1,341,184 feet (255 miles) of trees and fabric were installed. All tree plantings followed SHPO guidance to avoid any impacted areas. The 2022 tree planting season included 242 landowners.