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Contract Number 014-156	Report Date 11/30/2020	Period Covered by Report 7/1/2020-11/30/2020
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Project Name  
Natural Resource Stewardship in North Dakota's Parks, Preserves and Natural Areas II

Project Sponsor Name  
North Dakota Parks and Recreation

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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*	Total Funds Spent to Date	Balance of Remaining Funds
Match Funding	\$0.00	\$562.65	\$10,536.35
In-kind Funding	\$10,825.62	\$16,780.62	\$6,219.38
Sponsor Funding	\$0.00	\$2,218.86	\$1,781.14
OHF Funding	\$2,489.70	\$24,158.26	\$84,521.74
<b>Total</b>			

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**Status Report 3 for:**

**Work Completed during Period Covered by Report: July 1 - November 30, 2020**

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# Resource Stewardship in North Dakota's Parks, Preserves and Natural Areas II

Work Completed during Period Covered by Report: July 1- November 30, 2020

## Project Goals

1. Conserve and enhance existing native and restored prairies, woodlands, and tree and shrub plantings, within parklands, preserves and natural areas to maximize biodiversity of plant and animal species and provide healthy ecosystems.
2. Successfully manage trees and shrub plantings within parks, preserves, recreational, interpretive and natural areas to provide safe and enjoyable experiences for park visitors.

## Measurable Objectives-Results

1. Within four years, increase and enhance **native prairie restoration** acres on parklands, preserves and natural areas through the use of high diversity native seed mixture obtained from local seed sources.
2. Within four years, increase the percent species composition of native grasses and forbs on prairie restoration sites as determined through systematic monitoring and recorded in restoration plans.
3. Within four years, decrease the percent species composition of noxious and invasive species within prairie restorations as determined through systematic monitoring and recorded in restoration plans.
4. Within four years, increase **woodland habitat and tree and shrub planting** acres on parklands, preserves and natural areas through the creation of a mosaic of woodlands by planting a diverse selection of native trees and shrubs. Maintain a 75% survivability rate.
5. Within four years, decrease noxious weeds and invasive species within tree and shrub planting in parklands, preserves and natural areas through the use of chemical, mulch and mechanical removal strategies.
6. Within 4 years increase tree and shrub planting protection through the use of tree wrapping, bark protectors, mulching and fencing.
7. Within four years, strengthen **tree risk management program** to include annual assessments, recommendations for appropriate actions and funding for remedial actions within timely manner to ensure safe and healthy tree plantings and woodlands within high use areas.

## Native Prairie Restoration and Enhancements Strategies and Best Management Practices

A multi-site, long-term, collaborative project with a specific goal is to restore, enhance, and sustain a healthy, diverse, and sustainable native prairie, thus enhancing the biodiversity on parklands, preserves, and natural areas optimal visitor experiences. The prairie restoration and enhancement strategies and best management practices will include using various practices, including fire, haying, grazing, tillage, herbicides, and seeding and planting of native grasses and forbs.

### Tasks Completed July 1-November 30, 2020

Proper restoration maintenance will allow the prairie restoration sites to flourish productively and sustainably. Summer – fall maintenance strategies include noxious weed control by implementing mechanical and chemical strategies and inter-seeding native forbs and grasses. Vigilant noxious and invasive species control and eradication are paramount to both the immediate and long-term health and success of each restoration site. Site assessments are completed each growing season. Post field season, all restoration plans and budgets are updated, and 2021 management actions are identified.

*Table 1 2020 Restoration Expenses and Tasks\* July 1-November 30, 2020*

Prairie Restoration Expenses/Tasks	In-kind Expenses
Interseeding (approx. 6 hrs.)	\$169.65
Monitoring & (approx. 34 hrs.)	\$912.10
Noxious Weed Control (Milestone & Perspective herbicide)	\$633.27
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1715.02</b>

\*Tasks completed by Natural Resources Division staff

## Tree and Shrub Plantings Strategies and Best Management Practices

A multi-site, long-term, collaborative project with a specific goal to enhance existing trees and shrub vegetation habitat acres and biodiversity on parklands, preserves, and natural areas. The project aims to enhance the existing mosaic of tree and shrub complex habitats by planting a diverse selection of native trees and shrubs.

The diverse plantings of trees and shrubs will provide food, living space, cover various wildlife species, and greatly enhance the visitor experience. May-June park staff planted almost 750 trees and shrubs. Individual trees and tree and shrub complexes are mapped using an iPad, GNSS



*Figure 1 Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park Tree Planting*

receiver, and ESRI GIS Collector mapping software. ArcGis tree planting data have not been post-processed at the time of this status report.

During July-October, trees and shrubs are mulched, staked if needed, weed barrier installed, and weeds controlled both mechanically, manually, and with chemicals. In the fall of the year, bark protectors and deer fences are installed. The majority of the tree and shrub maintenance tasks are completed by seasonal park staff, including weeding, mulching, installing bark protectors, guards, and deer fence. Natural Resource Division staff assisted with deer fence installation. Deer fencing has proven to be an effective means to protect trees and shrubs from deer browsing.



Level 1 Limited Visual Tree Risk Assessment (ANSI A300 Standard) is an ongoing task within all state park campgrounds. The Limited Visual assessment involves a systematic evaluation of trees in designated areas to identify high and extreme risk trees. Assessment includes GIS Collector data and mapping technologies. Tree risk mitigation reports and maps aid park staff in implementing mitigation efforts such as removing and pruning high-risk trees.

Natural resources Division staff assist park staff in tree risk mitigation measures. Over 4,484 trees in 12 state parks and interpretive sites with 432 trees requiring removal mitigation. By November 24, 2020, 77% of these high-risk trees have been removed. Over 500 trees and shrubs

Table 2 Tree planting and maintenance

Tree Planting and Maintenance Expenses & Tasks*	In-Kind Expenses
Tree Risk and Tree Plantings Assessments (approx. 160 hrs.)	\$6,657.60
Deer Fence Installation (approx. 40 hrs.)	\$1,044.00
High tree risk removals and pruning (approx. 54 hrs.)	\$1,409.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$9,110.60</b>

\*Tasks completed by Natural Resources Division staff

*Table 3 Tree planting maintenance supplies*

<b>Tree Planting and Maintenance Expenses Description</b>	<b>Quantity/Price</b>	<b>Total OHF Expenses</b>
Plantrar Rigid Mesh Tubes – Tree and Shrub Protector	5 @ \$51.10	\$255.50
Plantra Stretch-Lock Plant Tying System	5 @ \$14.10	\$ 70.50
Plantra Trunk Saver Mower-Trimmer Tree Guards	12 @ \$15.35	\$184.20
DeerBuster.Com 5' X 330' C Flex Select Deer Fence	10 @ \$197.95	\$1979.50
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$2489.70</b>

*Table 4 Proposed expenses and matches 2019-2023*

<b>Project Expense</b>	<b>OHF Request</b>	<b>Applicant's Match Share (Cash)</b>	<b>Applicant's Match Share (In-Kind)</b>	<b>Applicant's Match Share (Indirect)</b>	<b>Other Project Sponsor's Share</b>	<b>Total Each Project Expense</b>
Native Prairie Restoration & Enhancements: <b>Native forb and grass seed</b>	\$25,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$36,000.00
Tree and shrub Planting Enhancements: <b>Tree and shrub stock</b>	\$60,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$9,000.00 <sup>5</sup>	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$78,000.00
Tree and shrub Planting Enhancements <b>Deer fence and rebar posts</b>	\$4,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,500.00
Tree and shrub Planting Enhancements <b>Mulch. tubes stakes</b>	\$4,180.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,280.00
Native Prairie Restorations & Enhancements: <b>Chemical for restorations</b>	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
<b>Hazardous Tree removal services</b>	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,000.00
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$108,680.00</b>	<b>\$11,100.00</b>	<b>\$23,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$146,780.00</b>

Table 5 Expenses and matches July 1 - November 30, 2020

Project Task Expenses	OHF Request	Applicant's Match Share (Cash)	Applicant's Match Share (In-Kind)	Applicant's Match Share (Indirect)	Other Project Sponsor's Share	Total Each Project Expense
Native Prairie Restoration & Enhancements: Native forb and grass seed- <b>Interseeding-Monitoring</b>			\$1,081.75 <sup>3</sup>			
Tree and shrub Planting Enhancements/Assessment : Tree and shrub stock						
Tree and shrub Planting Enhancements: <b>Deer fence and rebar posts &amp; installation</b>	\$1,979.50 <sup>1</sup>		\$1,044.00 <sup>4</sup>			
Tree and shrub Planting Enhancements <b>tubes, stakes, guards</b>	\$510.20 <sup>2</sup>					
Tree and shrub Planting Enhancements <b>mulch</b>						
Native Prairie Restorations & Enhancements: <b>Chemical for restorations</b>			\$633.27 <sup>5**</sup>			
Tree Risk and Tree Planting <b>Assessments &amp; Mitigation</b>			\$8,066.60 <sup>6</sup>			
Native Prairie Restorations & Enhancements Contracted/Equipment Rental Services						
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$2,489.70</b>		<b>\$10,825.62</b>			

<sup>1</sup> DeerBuster.Com 5' X 33' C Flex Select Deer Fence 10 rolls @ \$197.95 = \$1,979.50

<sup>2</sup> Plantrar Rigid Mesh Tubes – Tree and Shrub Protector 5 @ \$51.10 = \$255.50

<sup>2</sup> Plantrar Stretch-Lock Plant Tying System 5 @ \$14.10 = \$70.50

<sup>2</sup> Plantrar Trunk Saver Mower-Trimmed Tree Guards 12 @ \$15.35 = \$184.20

<sup>3</sup> Labor prairie restoration monitoring–Biologist II – 35 hours @ \$26.10/hr. = \$912.10

<sup>3</sup> Labor prairie restoration interseeding–Biologist II – 6.5 hours @ \$26.10/hr. = \$169.65

<sup>4</sup> Labor deer fence installation –Biologist II - 40 hours @ \$26.10/hr. = \$1,044.00

<sup>5</sup> Chemical costs for restorations Milestone herbicide \$7 oz./acre @ approx. \$18.10/acre, Perspective 5 oz./acre approx. \$32.30/acre\*\*

<sup>6</sup> Labor tree risk and tree plantings assessment FTE Biologist III 160 hours @ \$41.61/hr. = \$6,657.60

<sup>6</sup> Labor tree risk mitigation critical removals FTE Biologist II 54 hours @ \$26.10/hr. = \$1,409.00

\*\*2020 North Dakota Weed Control Guide – NDSU Extension North Dakota Herbicide Compendium pgs. 135-145



*Table 6 Budget detail July 1-November 30, 2020*

Vendor	OHF Request	Applicant's Match Share (Cash)	Applicant's Match Share (In-Kind)	Applicant's Match Share (Indirect)	Other Project Sponsor's Share	Total Each Project Expense
DeerBuster.Com	\$1,979.50					\$1,979.50
Plantra, Inc.	\$510.20					\$510.20
ND Parks and Recreation Natural Resources Staff-Interseeding			\$169.65			\$169.65
ND Parks and Recreation Natural Resources Staff-Monitoring			\$912.10			\$912.10
ND Parks and Recreation Natural Resources Staff-Tree Assessments			\$6,657.60			\$6,657.60
ND Parks and Recreation Natural Resources Staff-Deer Fence Installation			\$1,044.00			\$1,044.00
ND Parks and Recreation Natural Resources Staff-Interseeding			\$1,409.00			\$1,409.00
ND Parks and Recreation Natural Resources – Chemical			\$633.27			\$633.27
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$2,489,70</b>		<b>\$10,825.62</b>			<b>\$13,315.32</b>



*Figure 2 Fort Stevenson State Park Restoration*



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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathy Dattenhefner", is written in black ink within a rectangular box.