

## INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF NORTH DAKOTA

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## INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION AWARDS \$5,199,095 IN OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUNDS

BISMARCK, ND – The Industrial Commission of North Dakota today approved \$5,199,095 in Outdoor Heritage Fund grants for 11 conservation and recreation projects benefiting communities across the state. The funding, generated from oil and gas production tax revenue, supports projects such as access to public and private lands for sportsmen, farming and ranching stewardship practices, fish and wildlife habitat preservation and outdoor recreation areas.

The projects approved today are:

- \$3,070,000 North Dakota Conservation District Employees Association: To provide financial assistance to implement agroforestry practices including farmstead, feedlot and field windbreaks, wildlife and riparian plantings, buffers and living snow fences.
- \$1,225,000 North Dakota Natural Resources Trust: To provide landowners with options to develop expired CRP acres into working grazing lands.
- \$275,800 City of Stanley: Construction of a shared use pathway to provide access to the Stanley City Pond and Scout Facility from Main Street.
- \$301,875 Pheasants Forever, Inc.: To provide cost-share assistance for between 10-20 growers with an estimated 3,600 acres for perennial cover establishment, cover crops and pollinator habitat.
- \$108,680 North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department: To conserve and enhance existing native and restored prairies, woodlands, and tree and shrub plantings within parklands to provide healthy ecosystems.
- \$88,650 North Dakota Petroleum Foundation: To plant 30,000 trees each year for the next three years.
- \$85,600 Dunn County Park Board: Development of a campground that will include 30 RV campsites, four tent sites, shoreline public picnic area and non-motorized trails.
- \$18,750 Voices for Lake Oahe: Construction of a new fish cleaning station which will include running water, electrical power and lights.
- \$10,000 Beulah Parks and Recreation: Installation of playground equipment that will include multiple learning and activity stations at Troy Park.
- \$10,000 Mott Visionary Committee: Construction of a 1½-mile-long rustic trail along the riverbanks that will begin at the school to attract nature lovers, anglers, bicyclists and birdwatchers.
- \$4,740 Richardton Park Board: Beautification of St. Mary's Park through the addition of trees.

The Industrial Commission of North Dakota, which oversees the Outdoor Heritage Fund, consists of Gov. Doug Burgum as chairman, Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem and Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring.

The next submission deadline for grant applications from state agencies, tribal governments, political subdivisions and non-profit organizations is Nov. 1, 2019. More information about the program, including the application process, can be found on the Outdoor Heritage Fund website at <a href="http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm">http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm</a>.

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