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INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION AWARDS \$2.5 MILLION IN OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUNDS

BISMARCK – The Industrial Commission late Tuesday approved \$2,509,428 of Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars for 17 projects. This is the second round this biennium bringing the total awarded to \$8,357,561.

The 63rd Legislative Assembly appropriated up to \$30 million per biennium for the fund from oil and gas production tax revenue to enhance North Dakota conservation and outdoor recreation opportunities. The projects include access to public and private lands for sportsmen, implementation of best management practices for farming and ranching stewardship of the land and water, fish and wildlife habitat preservation, and development of parks and outdoor recreation areas. Three more rounds are scheduled for the remainder of the biennium.

“We are pleased with the variety of the projects recommended to us by the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board. Citizens across the state will benefit from the implementation of these projects,” the commission members said in a joint statement. “These projects will have long-lasting effects and impact the quality of life for North Dakotans both now and into the future.”

“From water quality improvement to tree plantings, these projects will benefit North Dakotans of all ages,” said Wade Moser, chairman of the advisory board.

The projects approved are:

- Centennial Park Woodland Trail and Souris River Recreational Access Plan – Minot Park District Foundation – \$305,000
- Beulah Bay Campground Expansion and Conservation Project – Beulah Park District – \$42,120
- Installation of walking trails and gardens at North Dakota 4-H Camp – North Dakota 4-H Foundation – \$18,768
- Downtown River Access for Grand Forks Greenway – City of Grand Forks – \$75,000
- Northern Cass Pass – Hunter/Arthur JPA Park Board – \$138,876
- Bald Hill Creek Watershed Project – Griggs County Soil Conservation District – \$300,000
- Stutsman County Manure Management Project – Stutsman County Soil Conservation District – \$300,000
- Red River Riparian Project – Red River Regional Council – \$230,000
- Turtle Creek Watershed Project Water & Habitat Initiative – South McLean County Soil Conservation District – \$138,000

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- Installation of lift station and planting of trees at Blacktail Dam – Blacktail Dam Association – \$35,000
- Prairie Seed Planting Project – United Prairie Foundation – \$300,000
- Pheasant Lake Fishing Access/Shoreline Restoration Project – Dickey County Park Board – \$21,250
- South Golden Lake Inlet Beautification Project – Golden Lake Improvement Association – \$57,342
- Water Storage Piggyback – ND Natural Resources Trust – \$300,000
- Conservation of Grasslands and Long-Billed Curlews on Private Lands in South West North Dakota – Recipient – \$29,322
- Outdoor Recreation Equipment – City of Munich – \$45,000
- North Dakota Pollinator Partnership – Pheasants Forever – \$173,750

The next application deadline for the program is Aug. 1, 2014. More information about the program, including the application process can be found on the Outdoor Heritage Fund website.
<http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm>.

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