Contract No. 011-127
“NWTF Northern Plains Riparian Restoration Initiative”
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PARTICIPANTS

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Project Schedule – 3 years
Contract Date – 6/22/2018
Start Date – 6/22/2018
Completion Date – 10/1/2021
Status Report: October 1, 2018 ✓
Status Report: October 1, 2019 ✓
Status Report: October 1, 2020 ✓
Final Report: October 1, 2021

OBJECTIVE/STATEMENT OF WORK:
Restoration of riparian areas in North Dakota. Activities may include planting native tree and shrub species, establishing riparian buffers, improving grazing infrastructure, and controlling invasive species. Approximately 9 projects will improve 2,700 riparian acres.

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

October 2018
During the period from award notification on June 22, 2018 through September 19, 2018, NWTF staff prepared and sent out the 2018 NPRRI RFP, reviewed and ranked the received NPRRI applications and made awards. This entailed 45 hours of staff time to prepare the RFP including updating the 2018 applications, receiving, reviewing and ranking projects proposals, and make necessary follow up phone calls to garner additional information from applicants. The combined staff time and indirect match funding totaled $1,872.82.

To date in the 2018 NPRRI cycle, two projects have been awarded support funding. Additional funding is still available and it is anticipated that another project or two may receive an award. Below is information related to the two projects that have received funding to date.

Glencoe Farms Riparian & Upland Enhancement Project
This project is located in the NW corner of Emmons County, ND and consists of restoring and improving 1,130 acres of private farmland through the creation of riparian grazing pastures. Project specifics entail...
the installation of cross fencing, a solar well and water pipeline, removal of invasive tree species such as Russian olive, and the implementation of a proper riparian grazing regime. The project objectives include improved health of the native riparian areas & woody areas as well as the general overall native plant/grass communities. Four partners will be assisting with the delivery of this project at an estimated total cost of $91,056. The NWTF awarded $5,000 in cash support of this project. It is anticipated that the project will be completed by late summer 2019.

Janke-James River Project
This project is located in LaMoure County, ND, approximately 4 miles SE of the town of LaMoure. The project takes place on private lands enrolled on the North Dakota Game & Fish Department’s PLOTS program which are open to public hunting. The project consists of the re-contouring of a steep, highly eroded bank along the James River. High water and erosion is resulting in head cutting taking place along this section of river and topsoil and native grasses are being lost over time. The project aims to restore 4,364 feet of a 12ft steep bank along the James River by slope the bank back to a 3:1 slope and planting a native/introduced grass mix starting at the water’s edge and ending 100 feet back. The slope will be stabilized with matting (V-Max and Coconut) on top of the grass seed. An additional 3,235 feet will have a 100 foot grass buffer planted but no additional earth work will be required. The project will have 5 project partners working together and estimate the project to cost approximately $104,852.68. The NWTF’s NPRRI has awarded $2,000 in cash support, and the project is anticipated to be completed in late summer of 2019.

October 2019
During the period from October 1, 2018 through September 15, 2019, NWTF staff prepared and sent out the 2019 NPRRI request for proposals, reviewed and ranked the received NPRRI applications and made awards. Project site visits were also conducted as necessary in addition to performing project administrative activities. This entailed 58 hours of staff time which was spent on 2019 NPRRI application & RFP preparation, reviewing and ranking the received project proposals, and making follow up phone calls or site visits to garner additional information from applicants and to provide technical assistance. A total of five North Dakota riparian project proposals received awards through the NPRRI 2019 cycle. The combined NWTF staff time and indirect in-kind match funding totaled $3,731.66.

To date, the following projects have been completed:

Janke-James River Project
This North Dakota Game & Fish Department project is located in LaMoure County, ND, approximately 4 miles SE of the town of LaMoure. The project takes place on private lands enrolled in the North Dakota Game & Fish Department’s PLOTS program which are open to public hunting. The project consists of the re-contouring of a steep, highly eroded bank along the James River. High water and erosion is resulting in head cutting taking place along this section of river and topsoil and native grasses are being lost over time. The project aims to restore 4,364 feet of a 12ft steep bank along the James River by slope the bank back to a 3:1 slope and planting a native/introduced grass mix starting at the water’s edge and ending 100 feet back. The slope will be stabilized with matting (V-Max and Coconut) on top of the grass seed. An additional 3,235 feet will have a 100-foot grass buffer planted but no additional earth work will be required. The project will have five project partners working together and estimate the project to cost approximately $104,852.68. The NWTF’s NPRRI has awarded $2,000 in cash support, and the project is anticipated to be completed in late summer of 2019. The NPRRI award, including the OHF portion, supported the installation of stabilization material.

Njos Alkali Creek Project
This U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Partners for Wildlife project is located in Bowman County, ND. The project takes place on private lands that are currently enrolled in the North Dakota Game and Fish Department’s PLOTS program. The project consists of the installation of fencing and water developments and removal of invasive grass to improve two miles of riparian grazing management, resulting in enhanced riparian communities, grasslands and water quality. This improved grazing system will affect 320 acres directly along Alkali Creek and enhance a total of 3,000 associated upland grasslands. Multiple wildlife species will benefit as these areas are rested from grazing and permitted to recover. This project will have 6 project partners working together and it is estimated that the project will cost approximately $17,783.68. The NWTF’s NPRRI has awarded $3,000 in cash support, and the project is in completion stage now. The NPRRI award, including the OHF portion, supported the pipeline construction going to water developments.

Additional details and photos are available in the full report.

**December 2020**

During the period from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, NWTF staff prepared and sent out the 2020 NPRRI request for proposals, reviewed and ranked the received NPRRI applications and made awards. Project site visits were also conducted as necessary in addition to performing project administrative activities. This entailed 57.5 hours of staff time which was spent on 2020 NPRRI application & RFP preparation, reviewing and ranking the received project proposals, and making necessary follow up phone calls or site visits to garner additional information from applicants and to provide technical assistance. A total of three North Dakota riparian project proposals received awards through the NPRRI 2020 cycle. The combined NWTF staff time and indirect in-kind match funding totaled $3,699.49.

A one year extension has been requested and granted. Additional details and photos are available in the full report.

Dated 12/7/2020