

FINAL REPORT**1999 Project Abstract**

For the Period Ending June 30, 2002

TITLE: Local Grants Initiative Program: Outdoor Recreation Grants

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FUND: Future Resource Fund; Environmental Trust Fund

LEGAL CITATION: ML 1999, Ch.231, Sec. 16, Subd. 4(a)

APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$3,633,000

Overall Project Outcome and Results

The key objective and results of the Local Initiatives Grant Program is to assist local governments and private organizations in acquisition and development of local parks, acquisition of natural and scenic areas, improvement of fish and wildlife habitat, and implementation of a variety of conservation projects. The 1999 appropriation resulted in acquisition or development of 30 Outdoor Recreation Grant projects, including acquisition of 69 acres of park land; 6 Natural and Scenic Area projects totaling 237.5 acres, 92 habitat improvement projects through the Conservation Partners Grant program, and 43 general conservation projects through the Environmental Partnerships Grant program. Grant recipients provided at least a 50/50 match, resulting in a total investment of over \$7,266,000.

The Outdoor Recreation Grants resulted in a significant improvement of local park facilities in communities throughout the state. The Natural and Scenic Areas protected included scenic land on Lake Superior, other lake and river shore lands, and high quality woodlands. Conservation Partners projects included prairie, forest, wetland and lake restoration projects and several associated research projects. Environmental Partnerships projects included a number of environmental education, environmental monitoring, and other conservation service projects.

Detailed descriptions of projects are available from the DNR Local Grants Program.

Project Results Use and Dissemination

Most of these projects resulted in acquisition of land, development of outdoor recreation facilities and on the ground habitat improvements. Those that involved research or environmental education have made the information available in a number of ways, including informational brochures, interpretive displays, etc. Final project reports are submitted for the Conservation Partners and Environmental Partnerships grant programs. These reports are available for review by contacting the DNR Local Grants Program.

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LCMR Final Work Program Report

I. PROJECT TITLE: Local Grants Initiative Program: Outdoor Recreation Grants
(consolidated work program; see Budget Status and Appropriation Language sections for citations)

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Budget Status: (thousands)	Total <u>Approp.</u>	Local <u>Parks</u>	Natural/ <u>Scenic</u>	Cons. <u>Partners</u>	Env. <u>Part.</u>	Reg. <u>Parks</u>	* Leg. <u>Desig.</u>
M.L. 1998, Ch. 404, Sec. 7, Subd. 26 (1998 Gen. Rev.)	3,500.0	2,227.6	1,272.4				
Balance:	0.0	0.0	0.0				
M.L. 1998, Ch. 401, Sec. 4 (1998 Gen. Rev., Supp)	200.0			200.0			
Balance:	0.0			0.0			
M.L. 1999, Ch. 231, Sec. 16 Subd. 4 (1999 MFRF, ETF)	3,633.0	1,953.0	870.0	610.0	200.0		
Balance:	108.1	20.3	.7	63.0	24.1		
M.L. 2000, Ch. 492, Sec. 7, Subd. 11 (Bonding)	500.0					500.0	
Balance:	0.0					0.0	
M.L. 2001, Ch. , Sec. , Subd. (MFRT, ETF,)	5,080.0	1,155.0	1,607.8	600.0	300.0	667.2	750.0
Balance:	14.0	0.0	7.2	5.1	1.7	0.0	0.0
Totals: Appropriated:	12,913.0	5,335.6	3,750.2	1,410.0	500.0	1,167.2	750.0
Balance:	122.1	20.3	7.9	68.1	25.8	0.0	0.0

The 1999 funding balance for Local Parks reflects a reduction in the project originally proposed for the City of Hitterdal and a small amount of cost savings from another project that was completed for less than the estimated amount. A small balance also remains for the Natural and Scenic Area program. These balances will be returned to the appropriate fund.

The balances for the Conservation Partners, Environmental Partnerships and Natural and Scenic Area grant programs arose when some projects were completed under budget and others were never begun. All of the balances from these three programs will be returned to the appropriate fund.

I. Appropriation and Statutory Language:

1998 General Revenue: M.L. 1998, Chap. 404, Sec. 7, Subd. 26. Local Initiative Grants. 8,000,000.

For matching grants to be provided to local units of government for acquisition, development, or renovation of a capital nature of local parks, trails, and natural and scenic areas. Recipients must provide a match of at least one-half of total eligible project costs. The commissioner shall make payment to local units of government upon receiving documentation of reimbursable expenditures. The commissioner shall determine project priorities as appropriate based upon need.

\$3,500,000 of this appropriation is for grants to local units of government to acquire and develop outdoor recreation areas, and for grants to units of government to acquire and better natural and scenic areas under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.019, subdivision 4a.

\$1,000,000 of this appropriation is for cooperative trail grants of up to \$50,000 per project to acquire or construct trail linkages between communities, trails, and parks.

\$3,500,000 of this appropriation is for trail grants for the following locally funded publicly owned trails serving multiple communities: \$1,400,000 for Beaver Island Trail in Stearns County, \$1,400,000 for Skunk Hollow Trail in Yellow Medicine and Chippewa Counties, and \$700,000 for Unity Trail in Faribault County. The grant for Beaver Island Trail in Stearns County is available in the manner and the order that follows: \$500,000 is available upon commitment of an equal amount from non state sources, \$152,000 is available upon contribution of an equal amount from local governments, \$374,000 is available upon commitment of an equal amount from non state sources, and the balance of \$374,000 is available upon commitment of an equal amount from non state sources.

1998 General Revenue: M.L. 1998 Chap. 401, Sec. 4

\$200,000 in fiscal year 1998 is added to the appropriation in Laws 1997, chapter 216, section 15, subdivision 4, paragraph (c), clause (4), for the statewide conservation partners program.

1999 MRF/ETF: M.L. 1999 Chap. 231, Section 16, Subd. 4(a) . Local Initiatives Grants Program. \$5,117,000.

This appropriation is to the commissioner of natural resources to provide matching grants, as follows:

(1) \$1,953,000 is from the future resources fund to local units of government for local park and recreation areas of up to \$250,000 not withstanding Minnesota Statutes 85.019. \$50,000 is to complete the Larue Pit Recreation Development. \$28,000 is to the city of Hittlerdal for park construction at Lake Flora. \$460,000 is available on the day following final enactment.

(2) \$435,000 the first year and \$435,000 the second year are from the trust fund to local units of government for natural and scenic areas pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 85.019.

(3) \$1,484,000 is from the future resources fund for trail grants to local units of government on land to be maintained for at least 20 years for the purposes of the grant. \$500,000 is for grants of up to \$50,000 per project for trail linkages between communities, trails, and parks, and \$720,000 is for grants of up to \$250,000 for locally funded trails of regional significance outside the metropolitan area. \$50,000 is to the upper Minnesota River Valley regional development commission for the preliminary design and engineering of a single segment of the Minnesota River trail from Appleton to the Milan Beach on Lake Lac Qui Parle. \$160,000 is to the Department of Natural Resources to resurface four miles of recreational trail from the town of Milan to Lake Lac Qui Parle in Chippewa County.

(4) \$305,000 the first year and \$305,000 the second year are from the trust fund for a statewide conservation partners program, to encourage private organizations and local governments to cost share improvement of fish, wildlife, and native plant habitats and research and surveys of fish and wildlife. Conservation partners grants may be up to \$20,000 each. \$10,000 of this appropriation is for an agreement with the Canby Sportsman's Club for shelterbelts for habitat and erosion control.

(5) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the second year are from the trust fund for environmental partnerships program grants of up to \$20,000 each for environmental service projects and related education activities through public and private partnerships.

In addition to the required work program, grants may not be approved until grant proposals to be funded have been submitted to the legislative commission on Minnesota resources and the commission has approved the grants or allowed 60 days to pass. The commission shall monitor the grants for approximate balance over extended periods of time between the metropolitan area as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2 and the non-metropolitan area through work program oversight and periodic allocation decisions. For the purpose of this paragraph, the match must be nonstate contributions, but may be either cash or in-kind. Recipients may receive funding for more than one project in any given grant period. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2002 at which time the project must be completed and final products delivered, unless an earlier date is specified in the work program. If a project financed under this program receives a federal grant, the availability of the financing from this subdivision for that project is extended to equal the period of the federal grant.

2000 Bonding: M.L. 2000, Chap. 492, Sec.7, Subd. 11. Regional Parks: Greater Minnesota

For grants to public regional parks organizations located outside the metropolitan area as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2, to acquire land design, and construct and redevelop regional parks and trails, open space, and recreational facilities. The improvements must be of a capital nature. Each \$3 of state grants must be matched by \$2 of non state funds.

2001 MFRF/ETF: M.L. 2001, Chap. 2, Sec. 14, Subd. 5(b).

(b) Local Grants Initiative Program: Outdoor Recreation Grants

\$1,614,000 the first year and \$1,7651,000 the second year are from the trust fund and \$1,701,000 is from the future resources fund to the commissioner of natural resources for matching grants:

- (1) for regional parks outside the metropolitan area as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121;
- (2) for local parks, outdoor recreation areas, and natural and scenic areas under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.019;
- (3) for statewide conservation partners grants of up to \$20,000 each to encourage private organizations and local governments to cost-share improvements of fish, wildlife, and native plant habitats and research and surveys of fish and wildlife; and
- (4) for environmental partnerships program grants of up to \$20,000 each for environmental service projects and related education activities through public and private partnerships.

Grants under clause (1) may provide up to 60 percent of the non federal share of the projects cost. Grants under clauses (2) to (4) may provide up to 50 percent of the non federal share of the project cost. This appropriation includes money for the Ramsey-Washington Lake Links trail, Westwood Hills nature center, and the Chanhassen trail.

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Statutory Language:

85.019 LOCAL RECREATION GRANTS.

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For the purposes of this section, "unit of government" means a county, statutory or home rule charter city, or town.

Subd. 2. **Parks and outdoor recreation areas.** The commissioner shall administer a program to provide grants to local units of government for up to 50 percent of the costs of acquisition and betterment of public land and improvements needed for parks and other outdoor recreation areas and facilities.

Subd. 3. [Repealed by amendment, 1995 c 220 s 68]

Subd. 4. [Repealed by amendment, 1995 c 220 s 68]

Subd. 4a. **Natural and scenic areas.** The commissioner shall administer a program to provide grants to units of government and school districts for the acquisition and betterment of natural and scenic areas such as blufflands, prairies, shorelands, wetlands, and wooded areas. A grant may not exceed 50 percent or \$500,000, whichever is less, of the costs of acquisition and betterment of land acquired under this subdivision.

Subd. 4b. **Regional trails.** The commissioner shall administer a program to provide grants to units of government for acquisition and betterment of public land and improvements needed for trails outside the metropolitan area deemed to be of regional significance according to criteria published by the commissioner. Recipients must provide a nonstate cash match of at least one-half of total eligible project costs. If land used for the trail is not in full public ownership, then the recipients must prove it is dedicated to the purposes of the grants for at least 20 years. The commissioner shall make payment to a unit of government upon receiving documentation of reimbursable expenditures. A unit of government may enter into a lease or management agreement for the trail, subject to section 16A.695.

Subd. 4c. **Local trail connections.** The commissioner shall administer a program to provide grants to units of government for up to 50 percent of the costs of acquisition and betterment of public land and improvements needed for trails that connect communities, trails, and parks and thereby increase the effective length of trail experiences. If land used for the trails is not in full public ownership, then the recipients must prove it is dedicated to the purposes of the grants for at least 20 years.

Subd. 5. **Powers; rules.** The commissioner has all the powers necessary and convenient to implement this section, including the authority to adopt rules for the program under chapter 14.

History: 1993 c 172 s 35; 1994 c 643 s 48; 1995 c 220 s 68; 1996 c 407 s 35; 1998 c 404 s 35; 1999 c 231 s 102-104; 2000 c 492 art 1 s 40

II. and III. FINAL PROJECT SUMMARY:

The key objective and results of the Local Initiatives Grant Program is to assist local governments and private organizations in acquisition and development of local parks, acquisition of natural and scenic areas, improvement of fish and wildlife habitat, and implementation of a variety of conservation projects. The 1999 appropriation resulted in acquisition or development of thirty Outdoor Recreation Grant projects, including acquisition of 69 acres of park land; six Natural and Scenic Area projects totaling 237.5 acres; 92 habitat improvement projects through the Conservation Partners Grant program and 43 general conservation projects through the Environmental Partnership Grants program

The Outdoor Recreation Grants resulted in a significant improvement of local park facilities in communities throughout the state. The Natural and Scenic Areas protected included scenic land on Lake Superior, other lake and river shore lands, and high quality woodlands. Conservation Partners projects included prairie, forest, wetland and lake restoration projects and several associated research projects. Environmental Partnerships projects included a number of environmental education, environmental monitoring, and other conservation service projects.

See attached lists of projects for more details.

IV. OUTLINE OF PROJECT RESULTS:

Outdoor Recreation Grants:

Thirty projects were funded and completed for a total of \$1,932,736. The state funds were more than matched by local funds. The remaining balance of \$20,264 is due primarily to the scaling back by the City of Hitterdal of it's local park project. Only \$8,000 of the original \$28,000 allocation to Hitterdal was needed. By the time the scope of the project was finalized, it was too late to transfer the balance to another eligible project. The grant to Hitterdal was specified in the appropriation language. Aside from the Hitterdal project, the remaining \$264 balance is due to a project being completed for less than the estimated cost.

Types of facilities developed include:	31 paths/trails	22 picnic shelters	6 restrooms
	32 playgrounds	1 boat access	3 docks/fishing piers
	7 athletic courts	3 ballfields	1 roller/ice skate rink
	12 support facilities	3 landscaping	1 campground
	1 swimming beach	2 observation deck/ overlook	

There were also three acquisition projects totaling 69 acres.

Natural and Scenic Area Grants:

Six projects were funded for a total of \$869,265 resulting in the acquisition of 237.5 acres, including approximately 2,000 feet of shoreline. Other areas protected included upland savanna, wetlands, remnant prairie, trout streams, goat prairies, oak forest, and scenic vistas. Some funds were shifted during the project period to other projects than originally proposed with the approval of LCMR. This enabled the funds to be directed to those projects where acquisition conditions were further advanced. Some funds were also shifted from proposed acquisitions that were not completed due to unwilling sellers, etc. A remaining balance of \$735 will be returned.

Conservation Partners Grants:

Ninety two projects were funded for a total of \$569,254. Detailed project descriptions are provided in the attached project list.

Environmental Partnerships Grants:

Forty three projects were funded for a total of \$174,281. Detailed project descriptions are provided in the attached

project list.

The balances for the Conservation partners and Environmental Partnerships programs arose when some projects were completed under budget and others were never begun. All balances from these two programs will be returned to the appropriate fund.

V. DISSEMINATION:

Each year the Local Grants Unit of DNR distributes information on the various grant programs and application materials to local governments and private organizations throughout the state. A general mailing is made at the beginning of each application period, usually in the fall, and individual requests are handled on a case by case basis. (See detail on the evaluation and ranking process in Part II). Grant information is also distributed to and is available from the DNR Regional offices. The DNR Local Grants Section also publishes a "Financial Assistance Directory" booklet, available for free, which provides information on the Local Initiative Grant programs, as well as many other sources of financial assistance within the DNR for natural resource projects. A revised and updated version of this directory was completed in Summer, 2001. A brochure outlining several grant programs administered by the DNR's Trails and Waterways Division and Local Grants Section was updated and made available during the 2000-2001 application period.

Final project reports are requested for the Conservation Partners and Environmental Partnership projects. Copies of these reports are kept in the individual project files at the DNR. They are available for inspection on request.

VI. CONTEXT:

A. Program Context:

Five grant programs have received prior funding:

* **The Local Park Grant program** has the longest history of funding, having received state appropriations for over thirty five years. This program has also received almost \$50 million in federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LAWCON) allocations since 1965.

The 1999 LCMR appropriation language included \$1,953,000 for this program. For federal FY2000 Congress provided LAWCON funding for the first time since 1995. A total of \$334,053 in LAWCON grants was allocated in the spring of 2000, per statutory authority in 86.71 and 86.72, to ten projects on the list of unfunded projects from 1999. No new state funding was provided in 2000.

The LAWCON apportionment for local projects for federal FY 2001 was \$779,433. This was allocated to the Local Park Grant projects submitted in the spring of 2001. In addition, \$1,155,000 in state funds appropriated in 2001 were allocated to Local Park Grant projects. The LAWCON apportionment for local projects in FY 2002 was \$1,227,662. No state funds were allocated in 2002.

* **The Natural and Scenic Areas Grant program** was first funded in 1994. It received state Bonding funds in 1994 and LCMR MFRF funding in 1995 and 1997. The 1998 Legislature provided \$3.5 million for the Natural and Scenic Area Grant Program and the Local Parks Grant Program. The 1999 LCMR appropriation language included \$870,000 for this program. No new state funding was provided in 2000.

\$1,250,000 in state funds appropriated in 2001 were allocated for Natural and Scenic Area Grants.

* **The Conservation Partners Grant program** was first funded in 1995 as recommended by LCMR. Additional 1996 MFRF Supplemental funds and 1997 MFRF funds were also appropriated. The 1998 Legislature appropriated \$200,000 in additional funding for the program. The 1999 LCMR appropriation language included \$610,000 for this program. No

new state funding was provided in 2000. \$600,000 was appropriated in 2001.

* **The Environmental Partnerships Grant program** was first funded with MFRF funds in 1997. No additional funding was provided by the 1998 Legislature. The 1999 LCMR appropriation language included \$200,000 for this program. No new state funding was provided in 2000. \$300,000 was appropriated in 2001.

* **The Regional Park Grant Program** was initiated through a \$500,000 appropriation by the 2000 Legislature. The Commission included Regional Park Grants as eligible for funding as part of its 2001 Local Grants Initiative funding recommendations.

\$700,000 in state funds from the 2001 appropriation and \$500,000 in state bonding funds from the 2000 appropriation were allocated on June 13, 2001 for regional parks outside the Metro Area.

VII. COOPERATION:

The Conservation Partners Grant Program and the Community Environmental Partnerships Grant Program involve grants to private organizations and groups that, in many cases, will work closely with local governments. Since these are competitive grant programs, the specific organizations or local governments are not known until applications are received. The Outdoor Recreation Grant, Natural and Scenic Area Grant and Regional Park Grant programs also involve partnerships among local governments and private organizations, athletic associations, conservation groups, etc. Other DNR regional and division staff will be involved in project solicitation, evaluation and ranking.

VII. LOCATION:

Statewide grants; projects were located within several of the ecological classification locations.

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Year	Appropriation	Obligated	Balance*
LCMR99	1,953,000	1,932,736	20,264

*Balance Status: The 99 LCMR balance of \$20,000 came from the City of Hitterdal project and the remaining \$ 264 from a project that was completed under budget. The balance will be returned.

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Recipient	Project Title	Project Description	Acres	Bond94	Gen98	LCMR99	LAWCON00	Total	Status
Albert Lea	Frank Hall Recreation Area	Trail, parking, shelter, restroom building and landscaping.				50,000		50,000	Closed
Anoka	Rum River North Park	Trails, observation decks and parking.				50,000		50,000	Closed
Anoka	Rum River South Park	Boat launch, picnic facilities, playground, trail, fishing pier, dock, lighting and parking.				125,000		125,000	Closed
Breezy Point	City Park	Playground, picnic shelter, walking paths, toilets, basketball court.				41,500		41,500	Active
Brooklyn Park	Pinebrook Park	Playground, trails, basketball and volleyball courts.				100,000		100,000	Closed
Brooklyn Park	Willows of Aspen Park	Playground, trails, basketball and volleyball courts.	82,288	14,672	3,040			100,000	Closed
Byron	Valley View Park	Outdoor roller/ice skating facility.				30,000		30,000	Closed
Calumet	Southside Playground	Develop a playground.				10,000		10,000	Closed
Centerville	Acorn Creek Park	Playground and walkway.				45,000		45,000	Closed
Cottage Grove	City Park	Tennis and basketball courts.				20,000		20,000	Closed
East Bethel	City Park	Playground equipment and picnic facilities.				39,000		39,000	Closed
Eden Prairie	Riley Lake Park	Picnic shelter.			99,540	460		100,000	Closed
Eden Valley	City Park	Playground equipment, walkway and benches.				28,000		28,000	Closed
Glencoe	Oscar Olson Sunrise Park	Picnic shelter, parking, walkways and playground facilities.				50,000		50,000	Closed
*Hitterdal	Lake Flora Park	Park construction at Lake Flora Park including boat dock for non-motorized, carry-in launching, picnic shelter, gravel pkg area, and drinking fountain.				8,000		28,000	Active
Lindstrom	Lindstrom Swimming Beach	Playground, trails, volleyball court and parking.				65,000		65,000	Closed
Marshall	City Park	Acquisition and development of a shelter, restrooms, bridges, lighting and fencing.	1.0			125,000		125,000	Closed
Miesville	City Park	Acquisition of land for a new park and development of a softball field, picnic shelter and parking.	8			65,000		65,000	Active

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Recipient	Project Title	Project Description	Acres	Bond94	Gen98	LCMR99	LAWCON00	Total	Status
*Nashwauk	LaRue Pit Overlook and Campground	Trail, overlook, campground.				50,000		50,000	Closed
Northfield	Heritage Park	Playground equipment, picnic facilities, trail and landscaping.				26,000		26,000	Closed
Norwood Young America	City Playground	Playground and trails.				29,000		29,000	Closed
Olmsted	Chester Woods Park	Trail improvements.				12,000		12,000	Closed
Ramsey	Tony Schmidt Park	Picnic facilities, playground, and restrooms.				250,000		250,000	Closed
Sauk Rapids	Bob Cross Park	Tennis courts replacement.				50,000		50,000	Closed
St. Cloud	Neenah Creek Park	Acquisition of 60+ acres of land to be used for an active recreation park.	60			96,000		96,000	Closed
St. Paul	Battlecreek Park	Ballfields, tennis courts, basketball court, playground facilities, site utilities, furnishings, fencing and landscaping.				250,000		250,000	Closed
L. Peter	Gorman Park	Picnic shelter, restrooms, walkway and playground.				105,000		105,000	Closed
Steele	Beaver Lake County Park	Beach improvements, playground, walking trail and parking.				40,000		40,000	Closed
Thief River	Baseball / Softball Complex	Construct 6 field athletic complex and restroom/concession building.				150,000		150,000	Closed
Waseca	Southview Park	Playground facilities.				19,736		19,736	Closed
Total Projects: 30			Total :	69	82,288	114,212	1,932,736		

Status: The remaining active projects will be closed pending a final inspection. All project expenses were incurred prior to June 30, 2002.

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Year	Appropriation	Obligated	Balance*
LCMR99	870,000	869,265	735

*Balance Status: The remaining balance will be returned.

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Recipient	Project Title	Project Description	Acres	LCMR97	Gen98	LCMR99	Total	Status
Grand Marais	Grand Marais Harbor	Acquisition of 0.64 acres for a scenic harbor site on Lake Superior. Provides panoramic vistas of Grand Marais harbor, Lake Superior and inland Blufflands. Completes public protection and access to the harbor.	.64	132,160	84,325	83,515	300,000	Closed
Hugo	City Park	Acquisition of 21 acres of 1600' lakeshore frontage on Oneka Lake containing wetlands areas.	21.0			305,000	305,000	Closed
Lakeville	Northeast Acquisition	Acquisition of 39.38 acres of land including upland savanna, wetlands and lakeshore at the headwaters of the Vermillion River. Upland area includes remnant prairie species including leadplant, purple prairie clover, prairie grasses, and others. City intends to add additional frontage on nearby lakes to protect the larger lake and woodland complex.	39.38			295,350	295,350	Closed
Savage	McColl Pond Acquisition	Acquire approximately 2.4 acres on McColl Pond for passive outdoor recreation and environmental education. Adjacent to city park.	2.4			71,400	71,400	Closed
**Sherburne	Fremont Park	Acquisition of 49.9 acres for use as a regional park, adjacent to 63.8 acre proposed Natural and Scenic area. Proposed development of year round trails, picnicking, canoe access and fishing pier. Future plans include trail linkages to existing and proposed regional facilities, and an educational center.				60,000	300,000	Active
*Wilson	Winona Farm	Acquisition of a scenic easement on 174.15 acres in Burns Valley. The property includes two designated trout streams, scenic bluff lands, natural springs and ponds, goat prairies, oak forest and scenic vistas, including , a view of historic Sugar Loaf Mountain.	174.1	1,850		54,000	267,850	Closed
Total Projects: 6			Total :	237.5	134,010	84,325	869,265	

Status: The remaining active projects will be closed pending a final inspection. All project expenses were incurred prior to June 30, 2002

* Project has federal Scenic Byways dollars.

** Projects that have 02 LCMR dollars.

Partnership Grant Programs

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	Appropriation	Obligated	Reimbursed	Balance*
Conservation Partners	610,000	610,000	548,617	63,023
Environmental Partnerships	200,000	198,360	174,281	24,079
Total	810,000	808,360	722,898	87,102

* Balance to be returned.

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Conservation Partners Grant Program

M.L. 199, Ch. 231, Sec 16, Sub. 4.

Recipient	Project Description	Award Award	Claimed	Award Returned
Pennington SWCD cp00-1.01	Multi-County River Watch Program Grant will purchase equipment to do water sampling, analysis, and monitoring by public schools. Effort is supported by River Watch, SWCD's, and Watershed Districts.	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Fergus Falls Middle School cp00-1.02	Prairie Restoration Fifth grade students will harvest prairie wildflowers which, together with seed from USF&W Service, will be used to match grant funds. Grand will be used to purchase additional seed. Seed will be used to plant four acres owned by USF&W and is part of the Prairie Wetlands Learning Center. The prairie restoration site will be used as a wildlife habitat area and interpretation. The project area will be maintained by USF&W.	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
River Keepers cp00-1.03	Johnson Park Nature Trail Enhancement M.B. Johnson is a 106 acre park located in North Moorhead. It is bordered by the Red River. The vast majority of the park contains wooded and grassed areas. It is often used by school groups, elementary through college, as an outdoor learning laboratory. The purpose of this project is to install directional and interpretive signage and to add wood duck nesting boxes to the park. In addition, there will be printed materials developed.	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Headwaters Science Center cp00-1.04	Citizen Water Quality Monitoring Project will provide training and equipment to volunteers citizens to collect macro-invertebrates and water samples. Stream teams will monitor their local streams, collect and sort invertebrates, and run chemical analyses on water samples. Information from this program will be given to township boards, city officials, and lake associations.	\$10,000	\$8,036	\$1,964
Rice Area Sportsmen's Club cp00-1.05	Minnesota Moose Project This grant would be used to help extend the moose research program that began in 1995. A one year extension will utilize the radio collars to their fullest. This project received Conservation Partnership funding in the past.	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0
Agassiz Audubon Society CP00-1.06	Study of the Life History of the American Bittern This study is a seven year, three phase project. This proposal is for the second year of Phase III. Previous support by Conservation Partnership Grants helped purchase satellite tracking collars. Birds were tracked on their fall migration last year, and now researchers await the return spring migration. The research is developing needed information on the year-long life history and habitat needs of this secretive bird.	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0
Minnesota Waterfowl Association cp00-1.07	Northstar 2000 - Phase III The Northstar 2000 Project is currently underway in Becker County. The project has a goal of restoring 220 wetlands and 965 acres of upland to native prairie on Hamden Slough National Wildlife Refuge. Phase III of the project, for which this grant is being submitted, includes the restoration of 80 wetlands totaling 120 acres, and the restoration of 280 acres of uplands to native grasses and forbs.	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000

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Purham-Dent Public Schools cp00-1.08	Otter Tail River Watershed Project The specific area of research for this project will focus on the role played by the Mud Lake area, which is a widening of the Otter Tail River at the mouth of Little Pine Lake. Research will include: 1. Measuring 11 water quality parameters using standard biological and chemical testing practices. 2. Plan surveys and classifications in the wetlands area of Mud Lake. 3. Earth \ soil sampling in the areas surrounding these water bodies. Project will involve 30-50 students in research and 200-300 students involved in specific field trips.	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
White Earth Land Recovery Project cp00-1.09	White Earth Habitat Classification Project The project is intended to create a tool to help land managers better manage their forests. It will help them define and better understand what techniques best suit the land in question. This effort is an inter-cultural and inter-agency attempt to enhance and better manage both timber and non-timber resources on forested lands. Over a time span of two field seasons, forest communities across the range of environments will be surveyed. The data from these 500+ surveys will be analyzed to produce a Forest Habitat Type Classification key.	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
E. Grand Forks School Dist. cp00-1.10	Prairie Restoration Project School would like to restore 30 acres of adjacent land to native prairie. The location is near a major river system, an educational facility and is an extension of an existing citywide greenway project. The site will tie together both the natural and social systems of the area as it will provide educational and recreational opportunities for students and community. It will provide habitat and refuge for both native and migratory species of animals.	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
Waybinahbe Chapter Trout Unlimited cp00-2.01	Smith Creek Beaver Management Project Beaver dam removal for trout stream restoration	\$1,650	\$1,648	\$2
City of Duluth CP00-2.02	Duluth Natural Resources Inventory Natural Resource Inventory for the City of Duluth - GIS inventory that will identify critical habitat areas for restoration and preservation.	\$7,300	\$7,300	\$0
Jessie Lake Watershed Association cp00-2.03	Jessie Lake Restoration Jessie Lake walleye habitat restoration, water quality and shore land management. Project to improve Jessie Lake.	\$5,524	\$2,637	\$2,887
Citizens Action Committee St. Louis River cp00-2.04	Habitat Plan for the Lower St. Louis River Development of detailed plans for a habitat restoration project on the lower St. Louis River	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Loaf Cove Interpretive Center cp00-2.05	Sugarloaf Cove Native Plant Project Restoration of native plants on the North Shore. Only a part of this grant request qualifies for Conservation Partners funding (\$4775). The remainder is being funded through the Environmental Partners program.	\$4,775	\$4,775	\$0
City of Duluth CP00-2.06	Lincoln Park Habitat Enhance Project Restore and enhance natural vegetation in Lincoln Park.	\$20,000	\$19,694	\$306

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Minnesota Deer Hunters Assn - Ely cp00-2.07	Winter Cover Release Project Timber stand release to provide deer winter cover in a plantation on US Forest Service land.	\$2,300	\$2,300	\$0
City of Coleraine cp00-2.08	Erosion Control of Bluffland Pathway Trout Lake erosion control stairway and asphaltting	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
Lake Superior Environmental Council cp00-2.09	Northern Hardwood - Conifer Restoration Restoration of northern hardwood -conifer forest. Demonstration of deer exclosure.	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Designated Contributions Cmte - MN cp00-2.10	East Garden Native flower garden	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
Saint John's Arboretum cp00-3.01	Oak Savanna Habitat Restoration the project will restore 10 acres of oak savanna. This is the third component of the Saint John's Arboretum Habitat Restoration Project, which began in 1988 and has resulted in the restoration of 60 acres of wetlands and 55 acres of prairie. The restoration of the oak savanna began in 1988 with clearing and a controlled burn. In 1998 five acres of savanna were seeded, 5 acres will be seeded this spring, and the Arboretum now seeks funding to prepare, seed, and plant an additional 10 acres of the oak savanna.	\$9,216	\$9,216	\$0
Rush Lake Improvement Association cp00-3.02	Lakescaping on Rush Lake Four Rush Lake shoreland property owners have volunteered to participate in this shoreland revegetation project, hoping not only to improve their shoreland, but also demonstrate to other landowners the benefits of lake stewardship practices. This project involves establishing native vegetation to promote shoreland stabilization, reduce nutrient run-off, and provide habitat for the fish and wildlife in the Rush Lake watershed.	\$2,000	\$1,742	\$258
Wright Soil and Water Conservation cp00-3.03	Better Water through Better Habitat The goal of this project is to improve and protect water quality while providing improved wildlife habitats on private lands. This proposed project would be a cooperative effort between the Clearwater River Watershed District (CRWD), area Lake Association/Lake Improvement District, the local chapter of Pheasants Forever, Wright-Hennepin Electric Cooperative and the Wright Soil and Water Conservation District. All of those involved in this project partnership would provide funding, publicity and promotion for the use of improved seeding, filter strips, closing open inlets, and/or wetland restorations. These four (4) enhanced and heavily	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
Independent School District #2 cp00-3.04	Hill Lake Input/Output Volume and Free Flowing Morrison Brook This grant will cover two projects. The first is to estimate the volume of water entering and leaving Hill Lake. The second involves maintaining free flowing conditions in Morrison Brook, a tributary to Hill Lake that is a spawning area and trout stream. The Morrison Brook project involves eliminating the beaver in the stream by trapping and dam removal. This is continuation of a project started in 1998 with DNR assistance.	\$2,200	\$1,103	\$1,097
Long Prairie River Stewardship Project cp00-3.05	Long Prairie River Riparian Restoration Work with partners to restore riparian areas of the former Long Prairie City Dump. Plant native tree and shrub species along 1,500 feet of the river to improve wildlife habitat. Link areas of forested wetland habitat adjacent to the largely treeless former dump.	\$5,750	\$4,783	\$967

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County of Stearns cp00-3.06	Sauk River Abandoned Dump Cleanup This project will cleanup four illegal solid waste dumps on the banks of the Sauk River. These appear to be abandoned farm dumps that have become illegal since the adoption of a county ordinance prohibiting onsite disposal of farm solid waste. The sites will be stabilized by planting native grasses and shrubs. STS crews will be used in the cleanup.	\$4,628	\$0	\$4,628
City of Mora cp00-3.07	Lake Mora Inquiry Establish the full potential of Lake Mora as a recreational and ecological asset for the City of Mora. Review past Lake Mora studies and reports; involve Mora students in all aspects of project; conduct lake surveys and monitoring to determine causes of lake level fluctuations; prepare a lake management plan.	\$8,200	\$8,200	\$0
Tamarack Sportsmen Club cp00-3.08	Grayling WMA Seeding and Wood Duck/Bluebird Houses Site prep and seed clover on 20 acres of existing wildlife openings on the Grayling WMA. Construct and install 50 Wood Duck and 400 Bluebird houses.	\$2,475	\$2,475	\$0
Little Birch Lake Association cp00-3.09	Little Birch Lake Walleye Spawning Bed Construct a walleye spawning bed by placing rock on the bed of Little Birch Lake in accordance with plan developed in conjunction with DNR Fisheries and permitted by DNR Waters.	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
City of cp00-4.01	Olson Park Native Prairies Restoration Expand and improve the existing prairie area in the Olson Park. Replant 1 acre failed prairie planting and add two acres of new plantings. One acre of good quality prairie planting exists.	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$0
Prairie Woods School cp00-4.02	Prairie Restoration Continue efforts started under School Nature Area Program. Prairie restoration: Improve species mix in school nature area through prescribed burn, seeding and seedling plantings of native species. Students will be involved through raising some seedlings in class and seed planting.	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$0
Blue Earth Pheasants Inc. cp00-4.03	Wetland and Prairie Restoration Restore 25 acres wetland and 124 acres prairie on two Waterfowl Production Areas recently acquired by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.	\$9,300	\$9,300	\$0
McLeod Co. Pheasants Forever cp00-4.04	Habitat Enhancement on Brinkmeier Tract Conversion of recently acquired farm land to wildlife habitat on 75 acre tract. Including 1) tree planting, 2) native grass seeding, 3) food plot, 4) cool season grass buffer between trees and native grass. The site will likely become a State owned Wildlife Mgmt. Area.	\$9,300	\$9,300	\$0
Heron Lake Watershed District cp00-4.05	Heron Lake Watershed Study and restoration Hire two interns to continue watershed monitoring, promote wildlife enhancement projects near Heron Lake, and provide support for graduate student research on factors limiting sago pond weed growth in Heron Lake.	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Prairie Country Res. Conserv. and Dev. Council cp00-4.06	Direct Seeding of Hardwoods Demonstration Demonstration of hardwood stand establishment through direct seeding. Presents an alternative to using more expensive tree seedlings for establishing conservation practices. Two 10 acre demonstration sites will be planted.	\$5,300	\$5,300	\$0

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Sibley Co. Pheasants Forever cp00-4.07	Habitat Enhancement on Alfsborg WMA Habitat improvement on Alfsborg Wildlife Management Area. Including 1 acre woody cover planting, a north side windbreak, 1.5 acre native grass, and conversion of 10 acre wet area from reed canary grass to native grasses and forbs.	\$7,100	\$4,435	\$2,665
School Sisters of Notre Dame cp00-4.08	Restoration on Good Council Hill / Thompson Creek, Phase II Continuation of project to reduce and control erosion from ravines and fields owned by the Convent and draining into a tributary of the Minnesota River. The project will add appropriate downspouts to existing culverts, add a sediment ponds, and revegetate disturbed areas with appropriate prairie and woodland species. The site is accessible and will be available for public education activities.	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$0
Minnesota Waterfowl Association cp00-4.09	Minnesota Duck Habitat Day Events Fund six Minnesota Duck Habitat Day events sponsored by local chapters of the Minnesota Waterfowl Association, where local individuals and families build wood duck houses and then install them in appropriate locations. The project is estimated to result in the construction and deployment of approximately 1000 nesting structures for wood ducks throughout Region 4. The deployment of these nesting structures will enhance of wildlife habitat, specifically for wood ducks, through cooperation with private organizations.	\$5,100	\$3,552	\$1,548
City of Appleton cp00-4.10	Pomme de Terre Mill Pond Park Rehabilitation Following the removal of the Pomme de Terre Mill Pond Dam, the project will reestablish the riverine plant community in three acres of riparian area as the river seeks its natural channel.	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500
Canby Sportman's Club cp00-4.11	Habitat Enhancement Work with private landowners to develop shelter belts, upland cover, nesting areas and food plots.	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Cannon River Watershed Partnership cp00-5.01	Spring Brook Habitat Improvement Our goal is to improve habitat for a unique population of self-reproducing brook trout in Spring Brook, which enters the Cannon River just south of Northfield. This small watershed is the target of a long-term project, initiated by CRWP in 1997 with funding from the Legislative Commission on MN Resources. 1-Restoration of natural plant communities will be accomplished along Decker Ave. & the approach to the new bridge. 2-Establishing native plant buffer strips along streams will be accomplished along 500 feet of stream. 3-Protection of water quality to enhance native habitat will be accomplished through stream bank	\$3,850	\$3,850	\$0
MN Pheasants, Inc cp00-5.02	Prairie Seed Drill Program Purchase a Truax native prairie seed drill for the Steele County SWCD. The drill would be used by the district to seed prairie grasses and forbs on lands enrolled in conservation programs including the Conservation Reserve Program, the Wetland Reserve Program, and the Reinvest in Minnesota program. Other government and private conservation organizations would also have access to the drill including Minnesota Pheasants, the Dept. of Natural Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the MN Waterfowl Assoc. Cynthia Osmundson, J Vorland	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$0
Root River Woodland Council cp00-5.03	Hardwood Direct Seeding Hardwood direct seeding mimics natural reforestation processes more closely than plantations with seedlings. The resultant conversion of a field (back) to forest is similar but direct seeding accomplishes it quicker, has a more natural appearance and allows for more natural selection to occur because there are thousands, not hundreds, of stems per acre. Our aim is to plant 7 acres using direct seeding and then conduct field tours anticipating 40-60 visitors each. The site will be a permanent example of direct seeding for demonstration to other landowners & will serve as a site to demonstrate thinning of planted hardwoods. Ann Pierce. Valerie Green	\$1,855	\$1,779	\$76

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City of cp00-5.04	Bear Cave Park - Prairie Restoration Proposal to restore 11 more acres of prairie grass. A bridge has already been installed to access the area and plans have an extension of an unimproved trail going through this new area with a small observation platform. Benefits include the enhancement of natural and scenic beauty to the park and further development of wildlife habitat. Future benefits include school projects where students could research/survey plant and animal populations. Ann Pierce	\$2,875	\$2,875	\$0
Longfellow Elementary School cp00-5.05	Learning Through Nature Program To promote an understanding of the environment and the importance of biological diversity through real life experiences. Initial plans include planting native grasses & prairie flowers on school grounds where 3 storm drain inlets create a dangerous & unattractive area, planting shade trees, shrubs, native flowers & grasses in front of our building & planting native vines on the chain link fence. This project will establish a new habitat for wildlife & offers an excellent opportunity to educate students/families about our environment.	\$2,374	\$2,374	\$0
Century H.S cp00-5.06	Century High School Stewardship Plan The MN Forest Stewardship Program has designated 52 of 130 acres at Century as stewardship acres. The goal is to use this stewardship plan for enhancing the site for wildlife & improving educational opportunities for students. Objectives: provide outdoor classroom opportunities, improve biological diversity through restoration and mgmt., improve wildlife habitat with emphasis on species suited to life cycle studies such as amphibians, establish a native prairie, oak savanna, enhance storm water ponds and check dam with wetland plantings, educate students on value and importance of mgmt restoration. Projects: prairie & oak savanna	\$7,525	\$7,200	\$325
Ducks Unlimited, Inc. cp00-5.07	Wolf Creek Waterfowl Production Area Wetland Restoration Wolf Creek Waterfowl Production Area (WPA) is 163 acres in size. The reason for this funding is to restore a 60-acre drained wetland on Wolf Creek WPA. The wetland is drained by 2 ditches flowing to the west and is currently vegetated by a mix of reed canary grass and shrubs. Restoring the wetland should open up the dense vegetation and create ideal hemi-marsh conditions. The primary objective for restoring the wetland is to provide pairing, breeding, and migratory habitat for waterfowl & other wetland dependent wildlife. Tremendous water quality benefits would be realized by the Wolf Creek watershed.	\$7,021	\$4,599	\$2,422
MOWER SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION CP00-5.08	Upper Iowa River Project The past year, with assistance of Bob Moody, water testing has taken place on 4 sites in MN & as a part of a 30 site water monitoring effort on the Upper Iowa River. The levels in MN shows significant pollutants entering the streams to include sediment, nitrates & atrazine. The Fillmore & Mower SWCD's would like to continue as well as increase this monitoring project for the next two years. Water samples will be drawn from 7 sites in Mower County & 6 sites in Fillmore County 4 times a year in cooperation with Iowa. They will be evaluated for turbidity locally, & send out to a certified lab for atrazine, membrane fecal coliform, nitrates, ammonia	\$8,840	\$8,840	\$0
WELLS CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP, CP00-5.09	Watershed Monitoring, Education and Outreach To move toward sustainability by enhancing the natural landscape & the local community. The ideas of landowners, resource managers, & local government are integrated into both planning & implementation of Partnership activities. Grant \$ would be used to establish a stream gaging station. The station would collect continuous dissolved oxygen, turbidity, precipitation & stage measurements. This baseline data would provide insight into current conditions as well as help with the long term evaluation of changing stream & watershed conditions. This information would also give added value to the stream monitoring information gathered by our	\$1,764	\$1,764	\$0

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MINNESOTA WATERFOWL ASSOC. CP00-5.10	Logue Lake Restoration Logue Lake is a large, semipermanent wetland located on the Robert J. Lick Wildlife Mgmt. Area near Lonsdale in Rice Cty. During the past few years, the water control structure on Logue Lake has failed causing the water level to drop on the lake. The lake is now currently choked with cattails with only a small opening of water in the center. This project is to install a new water control structure which will allow mgrs. to control the water level on the lake, creating optimal habitat. A sheet pile structure with a variable crest weir would be installed. Proposed restoration will provide valuable habitat for waterfowl & other wetland dependent wildlife. Water	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000
RIVER BEND NATURE CENTER CP00-5.11	River Bend Reforestation & Stewardship Project This project enhances the quality of core woodlands through purposeful land mgmt. while actively engaging volunteers as land stewards. The project incorporates four management initiatives: creation of an 8-acre reforestation and demonstration site utilizing direct seeding techniques and local seed sources, protection of core woodlands through 15 acres of invasive species control, continued removal of fence-lines and garbage sites in 200-acre area, inter-planting of native hardwood seedlings on 10-acre site.	\$3,695	\$3,695	\$0
MILL TOWN TRAIL CP00-5.12	Forest Restoration Proposal to remove an infestation of buckthorn on 10 acres of public (tax forfeiture) land and 3 acres of Mill Towns Trail land & plant 500 hardwood trees, 100 each Oak, Maple, Birch, Ash & Walnut. The 10 acre site was a former auto recycle center which was left littered with auto parts & trash, which needs to be cleaned up. We will do land clearing & clean-up on 2 sites slated for trail expansion going south out of Dundas. Restoration of this neglected land will provide wildlife habitat, cleanup environmental hazards and beautify the bike trail.	\$1,012	\$1,012	\$0
IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE CP00-5.13	Ahlborn Woods Oak Savannah Restoration To clear buckthorn, boxelder & other nonnative (invasive) species. Trees & brush will be cut, stumps grubbed out, if large, a stump grinder will be used. We will maintain previously cleared areas so that the invasive species do not resprout from roots or the seed bank and replant selected oak trees in some of the areas that are cleared. The results will be disseminated in the following ways: monthly newsletter, quarterly state IWLA newsletter, workshop Sept./Oct. 2001 to include all state Ikes, DNR officials & local media, local newspapers & radio stations will be kept updated on the project through our monthly newsletter & personal visits	\$1,736	\$1,736	\$0
City of WYKOFF CP00-5.14	Wykoff Stormwater Sinkhole Filter The construction of a treatment system for the Meisner sinkhole, which lies within the City of Wykoff, is being done to treat stormwater runoff in order to protect the overall water quality within this sensitive karst region of SE MN. Karst groundwater typically flows through relatively large fractures and conduits within the bedrock, and may transport highway-generated contamination, with little or no natural attenuation, rapidly from points of recharge (such as sinkholes) to distant cave streams, water wells, springs, and surface streams. Stormwater, which enters this particular sinkhole, flows west into Mahoods Creek, which is a coldwater tributary to Spring	\$9,935	\$9,935	\$0
Anoka County Parks and Rec CP00-6.01	Coon Rapids Dam Riverbank Bioengineering Restore 3 acres of Mississippi riverbank by removing exotics and planting native species to control erosion and sediment loading.	\$4,060	\$4,060	\$0
Dakota County Parks CP00-6.02	Miesville Ravine Park Reserve Prairie Restoration Project Restore 15 acre field on bluff overlooking Cannon River to native prairie.	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$0
Dodge Nature Center CP00-6.03	Revegetating Oak Savanna Understory Revegetate 2.5 acres section of oak savanna with native grasses and forbs and manage for invasive species.	\$6,530	\$6,530	\$0

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Macalester College CP00-6.04	Invasive Species Control Replace invasive species with diverse stands of native plants, establish experimental research on ecological restoration techniques, and create an infrastructure to support a successful burn program in the future.	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
Prospect Park East River Road Improvement CP00-6.05	East River Gorge Wildlife Habitat Survey wildlife populations to collect baseline data for management. Construct and install nesting boxes.	\$1,000		\$1,000
City of St. Louis Park CP00-6.06	Wildflower Trail Plant Restoration Plant over 2,000 native woodland, wetland, and prairie forbs and ferns into their corresponding environments along the Wildflower Trail at Westwood Hills Nature Center in St. Louis Park.	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
Boys & Girls Club of St. Paul CP00-6.07	Sackett Park Forest and Prairie Rehabilitation Purchase and plant native prairie and forest species.	\$5,527		\$5,527
District 1 Community Council CP00-6.08	Highwood Park Nature Preserve Ecological Restoration Enhance and restore native plant communities on a west-facing Mississippi river bluff overlooking Pig's Eye Lake.	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
Natural Resources Restoration, Inc. CP00-6.09	Battle Creek Restoration 5 Remove woody exotic and invasive native species and replant with native herbaceous forbs and grasses.	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
Natural Resources Restoration, Inc. CP00-6.10	TCAAP Restoration 5 Restore and enhance existing natural communities for habitat and water quality by removal of woody exotic species and planting native species.	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Ramsey County Parks and Rec CP00-6.11	Seed Collection Program Collect and clean seeds for 6 species of grasses and 71 species of forbs for future prairie, savanna, and woodland restoration projects within Ramsey county parks and open spaces.	\$3,000		\$3,000
Ramsey County Parks and Recreation CP00-6.12	Exotic Species Inventory Implement an exotic species inventory covering 3600 acres in 5 regional and 3 county parks to guide future resource management and restoration projects in Ramsey County parks.	\$6,400	\$6,400	\$0
St. Paul Neighborhood Energy CP00-6.13	Urban Native Plant and Wildlife Habitat Restoration Create 1,000 square feet of native habitat for wildlife and stormwater treatment near the intersection of Selby and Dales streets in St. Paul.	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0
St. Paul Parks and Recreation CP00-6.14	Survey of Herps in St. Paul City and Ramsey County Parks Collect initial information about the presence / absence of herp species at scheduled restoration sites, disturbed sites and recently restored sites including wetland, prairie and oak savanna habitats; and 2) build a network of volunteers, staff and equipment that may be used for long term herp monitoring at these sites.	\$5,040	\$4,934	\$106
Upper Swede Hollow Neighborhoods CP00-6.15	Swede Hollow Park Restore natural communities, stabilize bare soil areas, and eliminate non-native species that dominate portions of the site.	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0

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City of Belle CP00-6.16	Beautiful Prairie Project Restore 4 acres of prairie by removing exotics and planting native species.	\$2,987	\$2,987	\$0
City of Prior Lake CP00-6.17	Shoreland Inventory Assessment - Prior Lake Evaluate the results of shoreline inventory of the altered shoreline of Prior Lake that is now underway. This grant will fund a third party consultant that will be retained to analyze the data and prepare a report to guide future lakeshore restoration.	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
Brown's Creek Watershed District CP00-6.18	Brown Ck Corridor Natural Resource Inventory and Management Plan Conduct a natural resource inventory of natural communities, wetland functions, stream morphology, and other natural resources to guide resource management in this watershed.	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
Browns Creek Watershed District CP00-6.19	Brown's Creek Infiltration Monitoring Sample and record discharges from two infiltration systems to understand the needs and benefits of runoff filtration.	\$10,000		\$10,000
Mill Stream Association CP00-6.20	Automated Stream Monitoring - Marine on St. Croix Establish two monitoring stations for the Mill Stream to provide baseline water quality data for anticipated changes due to development and to monitor changes in water quality	\$9,983	\$9,038	\$945
Sun Valley Neighborhood CP00-6.21	Sun Valley Neighborhood PROFS Restore the herbaceous component of mesic oak savanna to 7.5 acres; restore 1.2 acres of wet mesic prairie. Remove buckthorn from 5 acres; plant native shrubs and herbaceous species in oak forest. Benefits: Encourage natural regeneration of native trees, shrubs, and herbaceous species; reduce erosion of wooded slopes and sediment load of Trout Brook stream; Enhance wildlife habitat along the Trout Brook corridor to the St. Croix River; Restore savanna habitat for declining species (e.g. butterflies, bullsnakes and meadowlarks).	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0
Sunset Hill Elementary School CP00-6.22	Sunset Hill Elementary School Nature Center - Native Plant Program Reestablish native plant communities in a 10-acre school nature center by planting 75 native oak, maple and linden trees. Benefits: increase bio-diversity and reestablish native plant communities typical of lowland/floodplains and maple-basswood forest; enhance wildlife food sources and habitat; prevent soil erosion on slopes previously occupied by buckthorn monoculture; educate elementary and middle school students and provide a quality neighborhood amenity.	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Hidden Valley Townhome Association CP00-6.23	Hidden Valley Townhome Association Mesic Oak Reforestation Restore 3/4 acres of degraded oak forest on high quality 10 acre remnant.	\$7,950	\$7,877	\$73
North Oaks Homeowners Assoc. CP00-6.24	Buckthorn Control & Habitat Restoration Restore native oaks and shrubs; remove buckthorn at 2 sites totaling 5	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board CP00-6.25	Lk. Nokomis Shoreline Stabilization & Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Stabilize approximately 860 linear feet of eroded shoreline at Lake Nokomis in Minneapolis by planting appropriate native vegetation.	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$0
Stewards to Our Parks (STOP) CP00-6.26	Terrace Oaks Savanna Restoration, Phase II Enhance 3.5 acres of oak savanna and oak forest by eradication of exotic species and seeding with native prairie species.	\$5,700	\$4,847	\$853

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Anoka County Parks & Recreation Dept CP00-6.27	Rum River North Oak Savanna Restoration Reestablish 6-acres of oak savanna along the Rum River near St. Francis by removing exotics such as Siberian elm and European brome and planting native grasses.	\$7,300	\$7,300	\$0
Anoka County Parks & Recreation Dept CP00-6.28	Chain of Lakes - Wet Prairie Restoration Restore 15 acres of wet prairie by removing exotics such as reed canary and European brome.	\$14,500	\$14,500	\$0
Anoka Conservation District CP00-6.29	Volunteer Stream Monitoring Program Purchase monitoring equipment, organize and train volunteers, conduct field sampling, habitat evaluation and identification of macroinvertebrates; develop and distribute watershed map of Vermillion River.	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
City of Columbia Heights CP00-6.30	Prestemon Park wetland/upland restoration Restore 2 acres wetland by planting native species.	\$8,550	\$7,258	\$1,292
East Calhoun Community Organization CP00-6.31	ECCO Savanna Slopes Restoration Stabilize 4.2 acres of eroded hillside slope on the east side of Lake Calhoun by replacing invasive alien plant species with aggressive native savanna grasses and forbs.	\$17,412	\$17,412	\$0
Independent School District 196 Eastview CP00-6.32	Eastview Habitat Enhancement Project Restore native vegetation on slopes of a storm water basin to reduce erosion, provide habitat, and demonstrate natural landscaping practices to neighborhood residents.	\$3,247	\$3,247	\$0
Carver County SWCD CP00-6.33	Carver County Native Seed Drill Program Purchase a native prairie seed drill. The drill will be made available to private landowners to seed prairie grasses and forbs on lands enrolled in conservation programs such as the CRP and RIM. It will also be available to government and private organizations such as Pheasants Forever, USFWS, MN/DNR, MN Waterfowl Association.	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$0
National Wild Turkey Federation - South West CP00-6.34	Floodplain Forest Tree Planting Restore 62 acres of historic bottomland hardwoods in the MN River valley by planting local genotypes of bur oak, silver maple and green ash on former agricultural lands.	\$9,961	\$9,961	\$0
Agassiz Chapter, Izaak Walton League of CP00-6.35	Agassiz Chapter IWLA Habitat Restoration Project Plant native habitat and develop interpretive materials and signs for nature trail in the Schuneman marsh.	\$6,580	\$3,430	\$3,150
Ramsey-Washing ton Metro CP00-6.36	Plant Management in Tamarack Swamp Control buckthorn, plant tamarack seedlings and monitor restoration plots in the 150 acres Tamarack Swamp, one of the few remaining intact tamarack supporting wetlands in the Twin Cities Area.	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board CP00-6.37	Bassett's Creek Native Upland & Wetland Shoreline Habitat Enhance and restore wetland habitats adjacent to Bassett's Creek in the Bryn Mawr neighborhoods of Minneapolis by establishing natural wetland vegetation. Benefits: increase wildlife habitat and enhance flood storage within one quarter mile of Wirth Park.	\$5,000	\$4,925	\$75

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St. Croix Watershed Research Station CP00-6.38	Upland Seed Reference Collection and Identification Manual Collect and identify seed samples and develop a reference handbook to be used for : reconstruction of vegetation history from seeds found in soil / sediment cores; understand ethnobotany from seeds found at archeological digs; comparative plant/seed physiology; a reference guide for restoration projects requiring hand collected seed; and educational tool for teaching about plant life histories.	\$5,300	\$4,943	\$357
Total 92 awards		\$632,277	\$569,254	\$63,023

Total awards = \$610,000 from M.L. 1999 and \$22,277 from M.L. 1998

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Minnesota Audubon Council ep00-1.01	Red River Environmental Education Initiative Grant will help fund two activities. In the fall of 1999, Audubon will make a series of presentations to civic groups in the Red River Valley that will describe ways that flood reduction efforts can coincide with efforts to improve the natural environment. Secondly, Audubon will present a major conference on natural resources in the Red River region in the Spring, 2000. They will also develop slide show presentations and informational sheets on natural resource issues and flooding.	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Hawley Public School ep00-1.02	Hawley Area Science Nature Center Grant will be used to fund development of environmental education handbooks specific to a prairie unit, wetland unit, and life science \ biology unit. These handbooks will be used by teachers at Hawley School and the general public at the Hawley Prairie Nature Science Center. In addition to the handbooks, the nature center committee will need to prepare the prairie unit garden and purchase supplies and materials to allow hands-on study and activities that will be emphasized in each unit of the handbook.	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
County of ep00-1.03	Hubbard County Water Education Project Purpose of grant is to enhance the Hubbard County Freshwater Festival that has been held the past three years for sixth graders in four school districts. The grant will fund a Environmental Education consultant who will go into the schools and provide water related education to K through 6th grades, culminating in the Freshwater Festival.	\$7,500	\$1,595	\$5,905
Prairie Land Management Inc ep00-1.04	Community Technical Assistance Grant will be used to sign several demonstration farm management projects which demonstrate how to manage the environment and natural resources in a sustainable manner. Will also fund several demonstration days at these sites for public educational events to allow the public to observe practices and ask questions.	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Bemidji Middle School ep00-1.05	Enhancing School Campus for Wildlife Habitat and Env. Ed. Project would enhance the site (environmental education site) for environmental education including designated teaching areas, and interpretive signing. A second portion of the project will enable the development and installation of interpretive materials at appropriate places within the site.	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
Pelican River Watershed District EP00-1.06	Project 2000: Establishing Shoreline Naturalization The District owns a 14 acre parcel along Pelican River near Detroit Lakes. With assistance from various agencies and associations, they propose to develop a plan to turn this parcel into an outdoor laboratory and demonstration site. Eight acres of native grass \ forbs demonstration plots will be delineate8,d, and plantings appropriate to riparian shoreline conditions will be established. Shore land owners will be able to see what shore land revegetation looks like and can achieve.	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
Itasca County Soil and Water Conservation ep00-2.01	Developing a Wetland Classroom Black Spruce Bog interpretation.	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0

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Koochiching County Env. Svs. Dept. ep00-2.02	Rainy River Water Quality Monitoring Water Quality monitoring and environmental education.	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Sugar Loaf Cove Interpretive Center ep00-2.03	Sugarloaf Cove Native Plant Project Restoration of native plants on the North Shore - Environmental education portion. This \$2000 grant is to fund the interpretive education portion of a Conservation Partner Grant which has received funding.	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
Itasca Co. Resort and Tourism Assn. ep00-2.04	Env. Ed. Naturalist Program Resort Naturalist Program	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0
Laurentian RC&D ep00-2.05	Floodwood School Forest Material for school forest environmental education program	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0
Sauk Centre School District 743 ep00-3.01	Prairie-n-River Learning Site Enhancement and Awareness Project Develop an information kiosk at a restored prairie, construct observation platforms in river and wetland habitats, add a webpage for the nature learning site to the school website, and sponsor an open house to demonstrate use of the site. The Prairie-n-River Learning Site consists of 50 acres adjacent to the school.	\$5,000	\$4,333	\$667
Confidence Learning Center ep00-3.02	Interactive Wildlife Displays Develop Interactive Wildlife Displays to be housed in the newly built Mariucci Lodge at Camp Confidence. The displays will be used to educate campers about wildlife present at the camp and will be open for public viewing. Some displays will be designed to light up or buzz in response to correct answers to questions about wildlife and habitats to accommodate hearing and visually impaired campers.	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Wah De Nah Historic and Environmental ep00-3.03	Wah De Nah Self-guided Tour WHELP will create a self-guided tour at Old Wadena County Park along existing rustic trails. Eight signs will contain information of historical/environmental importance. The historical information will come from an archaeological survey to be conducted the summer of 1999 and findings from a 1992 survey at our park. Environmental information will be researched by Mr. Dick Oehlenschlager of the Science Museum of Minnesota. At least three of the interpretive signs will include environmental information on native plants, animals, habitats, and land use at the site.	\$3,000	\$2,947	\$53
Pine County Soil & Water Conservation ep00-3.04	Pine Lake Township ISTS Initiative This project will assist the Pine Lake Town Board in protecting/improving the surface water quality of eight lakes and two rivers within their shoreland jurisdiction. This will be accomplished by identifying 350 ISTS owners, evaluating their systems for compliance with current standards, providing a time frame for non-conforming systems to be brought into compliance, and educating ISTS owners on care and maintenance of these systems.	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Independent School District #2 ep00-3.05	Hill Lake Input/Output Water Quality Monitoring Hill City High School science classes will monitor 7 water quality parameters at 6 sampling sites in the Hill Lake watershed for 2 years. The water quality monitoring data will provide information about the effects of land use in the watershed.	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000

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Collinwood Lake Association ep00-4.01	Collinwood Lake Monitoring Project Water quality sampling by the Lake Association to identify nutrient loading sources. Data will be used to develop action plan in coordination with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the Meeker County Soil and Water Conservation District.	\$3,700	\$0	\$3,700
Ney Environmental Learning Center ep00-4.02	Interpretive Package for Ney ELC Printing site specific educational and interpretive material, purchasing interpretive equipment (such as binoculars, microscopes, weather station), web site development and interpretive trail development.	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$0
Prairie Ecology Bus Center ep00-4.03	Partners for Life: Sustainable Soils and Water Resources Two part project. Part 1: 25 days of k-12 student programing focusing on basic soil science, and how BMPs conserve soils. Part 2: Four public programs for adults using model simulations, and other hands on activities to demonstrate inter-relationships between soil, water and BMP's. Original award of \$7,650 increased by \$650.	\$7,650	\$7,650	\$0
Bonanza Environmental Learning Center ep00-4.04	Leopold's Land Ethic Display The project is an educational display to illustrate the conservation principals of Aldo Leopold. The display will be designed after "Good Oak", Leopold's story that journey's back in time through a tree's life recalling interactions (positive and negative) between humans and the land community. the display will be constructed on a 10' x 18' room divider.	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
ISD 129 Montevideo Public Schools ep00-4.05	Minnesota River Research Expedition The Minnesota River Research Expedition is a summer school course for 18 high school students. One week of class room training will be followed by two weeks canoeing down the Minnesota River. Activities will include biological survey, water quality testing, global positioning satellite work, reporting to local radio, and photographing progress.	\$650	\$650	\$0
Minnesota River Adventures ep00-4.06	Watershed Improvement Plans Award of \$650 declined. Funds used to increase award to the Prairie Ecology Bus Center.	\$0	\$0	\$0
Mower County SWCD ep00-5.01	Upper Iowa River Watershed Community Education A steering committee of local residents and technical staff have formed a watershed partnership for the Upper Iowa River. This group would like to start an education program for the Community of LeRoy and surrounding area for the Upper Iowa River Partnership Watershed Project. This program will bring a quarterly newsletter w/distribution to 600 homes, a display at community events, a tour will focus on karst topography, diversity of land use in the watershed and outline best management practices, this will involve focus groups & school activity participation. Cynthia Osmundson, A Selness, L Gates, B Moody, J Green	\$3,737	\$3,737	\$0
Steele County Futures Fair Board ep00-5.02	Steele County Rides the Ecology Bus We are seeking funding to contract services of the Ecology Bus and the bus instructors. Each of the 23 seats has a microscope and the entire bus is linked to an audiovisual system that shows what the instructors currently have under their microscopes. We intend to conduct an aquatic survey (biotic and chemical) of priority water resources in the county. A small work group representing various interests and locations within the county will be formed to carry out the planning and determine how to select participants. C. Osmundson	\$2,145	\$2,145	\$0
County of ep00-5.03	Landowner-Based Monitoring Program To promote a citizen-based monitoring program in which residents can evaluate the environmental health of their land. The "Monitoring Tool Box" will be used by landowners will develop a set of goals unique to their individual circumstances. They will use the Monitoring Tool Box to identify environmental trends on their land and to recognize areas that need improvement on their land. Ann Pierce	\$2,330	\$499	\$1,831

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Township of Merton ep00-5.04	Merton Township Educational Wildflower Garden The garden will consist of 3-5 large planter boxes. A large sign will identify the site. Three signs will 1-introduce this project, 2-Explain History & Natural History, 3-List plants (small individual plant identifiers will help specifically identify plant species). The garden will be included as a stopping point on an auto tour being designed for the area. Tour route topics include history, recreation, natural history & land use practices (buffer strips, CRP, RIM) The auto tour route will be promoted with a brochure sponsored by Medford & Owatonna businesses. Cynthia Osmundson	\$1,552	\$1,385	\$167
WELLS CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP, EP00-5.05	Watershed Monitoring, Education and Outreach To move toward sustainability by enhancing the natural landscape & the local community. The ideas of landowners, resource managers, & local government are integrated into both planning & implementation of Partnership activities. Grant \$ would be used to establish a stream gaging station. The station would collect continuous dissolved oxygen, turbidity, precipitation & stage measurements. This baseline data would provide insight into current conditions as well as help with the long term evaluation of changing stream & watershed conditions. This information would also give added value to the stream monitoring information gathered by our	\$1,536	\$1,536	\$0
RIVER BEND NATURE CENTER EP00-5.06	River Bend Reforestation & Stewardship Project This project enhances the quality of core woodlands through purposeful land mgmt. while actively engaging volunteers as land stewards. The project incorporates four management initiatives: creation of an 8-acre reforestation and demonstration site utilizing direct seeding techniques and local seed sources, protection of core woodlands through 15 acres of invasive species control, continued removal of fence-lines and garbage sites in 200-acre area, inter-planting of native hardwood seedlings on 10-acre site.	\$3,700	\$3,261	\$439
LAND STEWARDSHIP PROJECT EP00-5.07	Farming for Ecological Enhancement This project will: a) continue the Land Stewardship Project's successful SE MN Farm Beginnings Program which trains & assists prospective & beginning farmers to launch sustainable farming operations using farming production & mgmt. practices which protect the environment & enhance wildlife habitat; b) teaching 25 beginning farmers & 12 established farmer mentors to monitor & record ecological indicators on their farms; c) gather & report on the ecological observations & monitoring experiences of these beginning & established farmers.	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Linwood Community Park and School Forest EP00-6.01	Environmental Education Training for Linwood Elementary Teaching The Linwood Community Park and School Forest (170 acres) will work with DNR's Project WILD program. Funds will be used to develop and assemble learning trunks for grades 1-6 with the assistance of Project WILD. The school has identified 14 environmental themes that emphasize the inter relatedness of the school forest's natural resources.	\$1,640	\$1,591	\$49
Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board EP00-6.02	Focus on the Adventure in our Magical Environment (F.A.M.E.) The FAME program, led by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, offers to inner city youth environmental learning and outdoor skill building experiences each summer. Youth visit areas around the Metro and get introduced to various aspects of the environment.	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$0
Cairn and Associates EP00-6.03	Watershed Resources Youth Stewardship project Work with several watershed and school districts to conduct 5 workshops (4 in the Metro area) to educators, citizens, and agency staff on how to coordinate partners on environmental service projects. Funds additionally will be used to develop and distribute fact sheets on different types of environmental service projects (drain stenciling, soil testing, habitat restoration, erosion control, water quality testing) and how to locate resources for such projects.	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0

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City of St. Paul, DPW EP00-6.04	Phalen Wetland Restoration Project The City of St. Paul, Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District, Retired and Senior Volunteers Program, and North East Neighborhoods Development Corporation propose to develop educational service activities that focus on 4 restored wetlands at the south end of Lake Phalen. Funded activities will include: community volunteer plantings and wetland maintenance; development of permanent interactive displays at the wetlands; development of learning activities offered by seniors to nearby elementary schools, and the creation of a quilt depicting the natural history of the wetlands.	\$13,720	\$13,720	\$0
City of St. Paul, DPW EP00-6.05	Como Easement Garden The infiltration easement, or "rain", garden will be developed to demonstrate a viable alternative to conventional stormwater treatment in the urban area. Native plantings will help to pretreat stormwater and reduce the pollution burden on Lake Como. Partners in this public-private project are the City of St. Paul, District 10 Como Park Community Council, and advisors Ken Haider (City of Maplewood), Barr Engineering, and Amy Middleton.	\$14,000	\$12,564	\$1,436
Dakota County SWCD EP00-6.06	Vermillion River Vision: A Landscape Analysis of the Vermillion River Develop a plan for a greenway network and riparian corridor restoration opportunities and develop visually stunning graphics and exhibits.	\$15,500	\$8,874	\$6,626
Cairn & Associates EP00-6.07	Watershed Action Web Site Develop web site to help educators and students organize a range of environmental service projects. Site will include downloadable materials, links, and on-line technical assistance.	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Weaver Lake Elementary EP00-6.08	Butterfly Gardening with Students Plant 700 sq. ft. butterfly garden	\$1,000	\$908	\$92
The Minnesota Waterfowl Association EP00-6.09	Wetland & Waterfowl Education Displays Purchase two educational displays ("Ducks on a Stick" and a wetland model) for youth waterfowl programs and special events.	\$1,500	\$1,386	\$114
Upper Swede Hollow Neighborhoods EP00-6.10	Lower Phalen Creek Watershed Awareness Project Create and disseminate a 6-page educational handbook detailing the vision and opportunities involved in the Lower Phalen Ck watershed to enhance local involvement.	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Hamline University CACHE EP00-6.11	Interpretive Signs at Lake Minnetonka Regional Park Develop interpretive signs about the nature and culture of Lake Minnetonka. Signs will acknowledge support from the MN Trust Fund	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0
Community Design Center of Minnesota (CDC) EP00-6.12	Dayton's Bluff Environmental Education Project Plant 2,600 sf garden at intersection of 3rd & Maria with native plants. Write, publish and print 250 copies of an interpretive manual to be used in EE classes.	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$0
The Green Institute EP00-6.13	Community Gardens Research Project Coordinate community gardening efforts in Phillips neighborhood of south Minneapolis by providing a staff coordinator, advising gardeners on regulations and best management practices, and disseminating information by printed report, website, and community meetings.	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0

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Izaak Walton League, Minnehaha	Inner City School Environmental Education Defray logistical expenses for school children to attend educational programs.	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
EP00-6.14				
Total 43 awards		\$198,360	\$174,281	\$24,079