

Final Abstract

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M.L. 2022 Project Abstract

For the Period Ending June 30, 2025

Project Title: YES! Students Take Action to Complete Eco Projects

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Funding Source:

Fiscal Year:

Legal Citation: M.L. 2022, Chp. 94, Sec. 2, Subd. 05g

Appropriation Amount: \$199,000

Amount Spent: \$167,308

Amount Remaining: \$31,692

Sound bite of Project Outcomes and Results

Since the start of this grant, 585 students across 31 YES Teams completed 96 eco-action projects, reaching over 20,390 community members. Students collaborated with 135 experts and participated in 51 statewide workshops addressing water conservation, invasive species, habitat restoration, waste reduction, and other key natural resource issues.

Overall Project Outcome and Results

Minnesota's environment faces urgent challenges, including flooding, drought, soil erosion, and increasing invasive species, while the state's climate is rapidly changing. These pressures create a critical opportunity for youth to take meaningful environmental action.

The project "YES! Students Take Action to Complete Eco Projects" addressed this need by empowering youth to connect with natural resource experts, identify local ecological challenges, and lead solutions. The project aimed to engage 300 students across 50 communities and complete at least 80 environmental projects.

Since the start of the grant, 585 students across 31 YES Teams exceeded these goals, completing 96 eco-action projects

addressing water conservation, invasive species removal, habitat restoration, waste reduction, soil health, climate action, energy efficiency, and environmental education. Students led 84 educational events, reaching over 20,390 community members, contributed 3,028 volunteer hours, and strengthened community stewardship through partnerships.

Support from 135 natural resource and green-career experts and participation in 51 statewide workshops enhanced student learning. Professionals from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Friends of the Boundary Waters, Clean Energy Resource Teams, Pheasants Forever, and Waankam: People of the Estuary provided guidance, while regional workshops and the Fall Summit developed teamwork, leadership, and problem-solving skills.

Some student achievements included recycling 1,916 pounds of holiday lights, removing 112 pounds of trash, collecting 115 pounds of plastic bags, creating 22.5 square feet of pollinator habitat, maintaining prairie sites, and leading water-quality education.

As one student reflected, “If they know there is something like the YES club, it gives them the outlet to make a positive impact.” YES demonstrates that with mentorship, resources, and community support, Minnesota youth can protect and restore their communities, inspiring a sustainable future where both people and the environment thrive.

All project goals and milestones were met.

Project Results Use and Dissemination

Effective communication of YES Teams' achievements is a top priority. We keep YES Coaches connected through Bi-Weekly updates to foster community and mutual support. Our monthly e-newsletter highlights team accomplishments, events, website updates, and new blog posts. Social media plays a vital role in quickly sharing success stories, strengthening our online presence. Additionally, we publish the annual YES Team Accomplishments Brochure, celebrating the project's highlights. YES is also actively engaged in key events like the MN State Fair, MEA, MnSTA and Earth Day at Prairie Woods. We work closely with media and highlight ENRTF as our main supporter.



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

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General Information

Date: December 15, 2025

ID Number: 2022-236

Staff Lead: Noah Fribley

Project Title: YES! Students Take Action to Complete Eco Projects

Project Budget: \$199,000

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Project Reporting

Final Report Approved: December 12, 2025

Reporting Status: Project Completed

Date of Last Action: December 12, 2025

Project Completion: June 30, 2025

Legal Information

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Appropriation Language: \$199,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center, in partnership with Ney Nature Center and Laurentian Environmental Center, to empower Minnesota youth to connect with natural resource experts, identify ecological challenges, and take action to complete innovative projects in their communities.

Appropriation End Date: June 30, 2025

Narrative

Project Summary: YES! (Youth Eco Solutions) will empower 300 Minnesota youth to connect with natural resource experts, identify ecological challenges in over 50 communities, and TAKE ACTION to complete 80+ innovative projects.

Describe the opportunity or problem your proposal seeks to address. Include any relevant background information.

Minnesota's environment is at risk. Flooding, drought, soil erosion, increasing numbers of invasive species on land and in our waters, and other environmental changes threaten the health of Minnesota's ecosystems. According to the 2020 State Water Plan more precipitation fell across the state during 2019 than any other year on record, and over 85% of Minnesota's warming occurred since 1970, indicating the state's climate is changing rapidly. Clearly the need for action is urgent and with your support, Minnesota's youth will be ready to take action.

Many times, our youth feel disconnected from what is happening in their community. YES! offers an opportunity to change that. One thing we have witnessed over the past 14 years is that connecting students with resources and expertise to implement youth-led environmental action projects empowers them to protect, restore, and enjoy nearby natural spaces. As one student said, "I learned the power of what just 5 people can do to make a difference in my community." Youth energy, inspire, and lead other citizens toward a sustainable future in which their community not only survives, but thrives.

What is your proposed solution to the problem or opportunity discussed above? Introduce us to the work you are seeking funding to do. You will be asked to expand on this proposed solution in Activities & Milestones.

Youth Eco Solutions (YES!) is a student-driven, award-winning program that empowers students to solve ecological challenges through hands-on projects. Since 2007 YES! has supported over 3,500 students in working with over 6,500 businesses, organizations, and community members, cultivating connected and action-oriented future citizens. Our project goal is to mobilize Minnesota youth to partner with local natural resource experts in over 50 communities to generate the broad citizen participation so urgently needed to protect and restore Minnesota's natural resources. Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center (PWELC) is seeking \$199,000 to build on our past success by supporting youth-led ecological projects. Anticipated projects include: water quality/conservation (AIS monitoring, lakeshore restoration; installing water saving devices), community or school gardens, composting school lunch waste, greenhouses (raising produce for school lunch), planting native prairie (restoring soil; filtering run-off), pollinator gardens, bee homes, raised garden beds, raising trout for stream release, reducing plastic waste, energy conservation, renewable energy projects (building a solar car, boat, trailer, cellphone charger; solar installations), and energy-efficient upgrades.

In addition, YES! will provide workshops on environmentally focused careers. These "green job" workshops will open a new world of possibilities for students to explore internships and job shadowing

What are the specific project outcomes as they relate to the public purpose of protection, conservation, preservation, and enhancement of the state's natural resources?

Prairie Woods ELC, working in partnership with Ney Nature Center and Laurentian Environmental Center, seek to accomplish the following project-specific outcomes:

- Students complete 80 + new projects such as water quality/conservation, renewable energy, soil and prairie restoration, invasive species eradication, and citizen science
- Connect students with local experts to deliver 20 customized workshops and trainings on topics that inform, identify, and support community-based ecological projects
- Educate and mobilize over 300 youth and 50 communities to seek solutions for environmental issues and act to protect land restore local natural resources
- Highlight environmental- related careers through "green job" workshops and speaker series

Project Location

What is the best scale for describing where your work will take place?

Statewide

What is the best scale to describe the area impacted by your work?

Statewide

When will the work impact occur?

During the Project

Activities and Milestones

Activity 1: Recruit, Educate, and Connect YES! Students to Natural Resource Experts and Careers

Activity Budget: \$85,430

Activity Description:

Building on our past experience, YES! students in grades 6 through 12 will learn from local and state natural resource experts while completing up to 80 ecological projects over 2 years. YES! staff from 3 environmental centers in various locations in Minnesota will recruit new YES! teams and retain existing teams to gain statewide participation. We will partner with local natural resource experts to host a Fall Summit and up to 3 workshops per region (west central, southern, and northeast). Education will include hands-on training for topics students are interested in pursuing for their community projects as well as strategies for creating S.M.A.R.T. goals, managing projects, and engaging community members. YES! students will receive education in composting, surveying and reporting aquatic and terrestrial land invasive species, Adopt-A-Drain campaigns, citizen science, water and energy conservation, shoreline restoration, renewable energy, prairie restoration, school gardens, greenhouses, and more.

YES! will open up a new world of possibilities for youth to pursue environmentally focused careers by providing regional green career workshops delivered online or in-person. On a survey completed by students who attended a recent workshop, 93% said they “learned about green jobs they hadn’t thought about before the workshop.”

Activity Milestones:

Description	Approximate Completion Date
Educate 20 YES! teams through customized workshops on natural resources best practices in year 1	May 31, 2023
Connect over 150 students to regional and state natural resource experts in year 1	June 30, 2023
Provide 1 “green” career workshop per region (3 regions) in year 1	June 30, 2023
Connect over 150 students to natural resource experts in year 2	June 30, 2024
Provide 1 “green” career workshop per region (3 regions) in year 2	June 30, 2024

Activity 2: Take Action! Students Implement 80+ Hands-on Eco Action Projects; Public Events & Recognition Completed

Activity Budget: \$113,570

Activity Description:

The structure of how YES! operates is similar to the structure of a tree. Prairie Woods ELC, Ney Nature Center and Laurentian Environmental Center are the roots that support the program. Schools and communities are the trunk holding everything together, while students are branches reaching out to identify their community’s ecological needs and work to find solutions to meet those needs.

YES! will mobilize 40 YES! teams over 2 years to help students adopt sustainable lifestyles and participate in outdoor activities that protect and improve local environments. YES! coordinators work with local entities to support YES! teams and their projects, organize community events, and supply canoes, fat-tire bikes, or other equipment for outdoor educational activities.

Team projects will include composting, surveying and reporting aquatic and terrestrial invasive species, Adopt-A-Drain campaign, water and energy conservation, shoreline restoration, renewable energy, prairie restoration, school gardens, greenhouses, and more. Education will include tours of waste, clean energy, and restoration sites.

We will recognize the achievements of our youth during our Spring Competition. ENRTF funds provide support for YES! staff time, project seed funds, and program-related school expenses like bus transportation to workshops, making it more cost-effective for schools to participate in YES!.

Activity Milestones:

Description	Approximate Completion Date
Engage over 20 YES! teams to select and develop natural resource projects in year 1	December 31, 2022
Mobilize over 150 students to complete over 20 new ecological projects in year 1	May 31, 2023
Recognize student achievements at our annual YES! Spring Awards at the MN Twins Game	June 30, 2023
Engage over 20 YES! teams to select and develop natural resource projects in year 2	December 31, 2023
Mobilize over 200 students to complete over 20 new ecological projects in year 2	May 31, 2024
Recognize student achievements at our annual YES! Spring Awards at the MN Twins Game	June 30, 2024

Project Partners and Collaborators

Name	Organization	Role	Receiving Funds
Becky Pollack	Ney Nature Center, Henderson, MN	Becky Pollack serves as Executive Director of Ney Nature Center(NNC). NNC will be a program partner to facilitate YES! in the southern region by serving as a host site for YES! events, providing oversight to the southern YES! coordinator, processing billing, and ensuring project outcomes are met.	Yes
Karl Brown	Laurentian Environmental Center	Karl Brown serves as Executive Director of Laurentian Environmental Center (LEC). LEC will be a program partner to facilitate YES! in the northeast region by serving as a host site for YES! events, providing oversight to the northeast YES! coordinator, processing billing, and ensuring project outcomes are met.	Yes
Students and Teachers	School Districts in Minnesota	School Districts will be key project partners in supporting youth in participating in natural resource projects. Funds will help support project seed funds and enable students and teachers to attend events as indicated in the budget.	Yes
Volunteers	Lake Associations, Community Groups	Lake associations and other community groups are a big part of our resource base for volunteers who support our youth-led projects.	No
Eric Dahl	Environmental Quality Board (EQB)	Eric will serve as resource expert and presenter on Minnesota water quality and conservation best practices. Eric wrote the 2020 Minnesota Water Plan.	No
Jacob Selseth	Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs)	Jacob will work with YES! students on energy efficiency projects as expert, presenter, and collaborator.	No
Jeff Lederman	DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife - Outreach	Support youth-led projects related to fish and wildlife and serve as expert, presenter, and collaborator.	No
Eric Wyatt	University of Minnesota - Forestry	Gary will support youth-led projects related to forestry and serve as expert, presenter, and collaborator.	No
Eriann Faris	Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council (SWMNPIC)	Eriann and her colleagues will help connect students with green job opportunities and real-world experiences in local communities.	No

Dissemination

Describe your plans for dissemination, presentation, documentation, or sharing of data, results, samples, physical collections, and other products and how they will follow ENRTF Acknowledgement Requirements and Guidelines.

Activities and events will be shared through online blogs, local print media, and radio. Many events involve the public and those are advertised directly through the student teams. Lasting efforts such as plantings or construction projects will be demarcated with placards. All publications, communications, and announcements will include language referencing the support of ENRTF and/or the ENRTF logo as required under Acknowledgement Guidelines.

Long-Term Implementation and Funding

Describe how the results will be implemented and how any ongoing effort will be funded. If not already addressed as part of the project, how will findings, results, and products developed be implemented after project completion? If additional work is needed, how will this work be funded?

YES! is completing its 14th year of working with Minnesota’s youth by leveraging over \$1.3 million in local support of projects in the form of in-kind contributions, matching funds, major grants, and volunteer hours. In addition, YES! will seek private and public partnerships, individual donors and sponsorships to continue the work. But it is the projects themselves that will have everlasting results.

One student commented, “Our YES! team is leaving a legacy.” The results from this project will leave a lifetime legacy of improved waterways, preserved and restored natural environments, and informed citizens throughout Minnesota.

Other ENRTF Appropriations Awarded in the Last Six Years

Name	Appropriation	Amount Awarded
Youth-led Sustainability Initiatives in 40 Greater Minnesota Communities	M.L. 2014, Chp. 226, Sec. 2, Subd. 09b	\$350,000
Youth-Led Sustainability Projects in 50 Minnesota Communities – Phase III	M.L. 2016, Chp. 186, Sec. 2, Subd. 05c	\$400,000
YES! Students Take on Minnesota Water-Quality Challenge	M.L. 2018, Chp. 214, Art. 4, Sec. 2, Subd. 05b	\$213,000

Budget Summary

Category / Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Purpose	Gen. Ineligible	% Benefits	# FTE	Classified Staff?	\$ Amount	\$ Amount Spent	\$ Amount Remaining
Personnel										
Project Manager		To manage project budget, reporting and staff to achieve desired project outcomes.			25%	1.3		\$84,224	-	-
Regional Coordinator		To coordinate and support student-driven teams to complete natural resource initiatives in west central Minnesota.			25%	0.7		\$30,000	-	-
Office Manager		To provide bookkeeping, process payroll, project seed fund distributions and other office duties.			25%	0.24		\$10,400	-	-
Team Manager		To coordinate and support student-driven teams to complete natural resource initiatives in Minnesota.			25%	0.7		\$50,750	-	-
							Sub Total	\$175,374	\$152,612	\$22,762
Contracts and Services										
School District/Community Expense allowance	Subaward	To facilitate student participation, funds will be available for reimbursement to allow YES! coaches to attend YES! events during the school day and cover some expenses to transport students to YES! events.				0.36		\$7,000	\$3,550	\$3,450
Ney Nature Center	Subaward	Regional YES! Team Coordinator to coordinate and support up to 10 teams each year. Facilitate student-driven teams to complete natural resource initiatives in southern Minnesota.				0.6		\$2,250	\$2,250	-
							Sub Total	\$9,250	\$5,800	\$3,450
Equipment, Tools, and Supplies										
	Tools and Supplies	Supplies for events and workshops such as kayak, canoe, bike rentals	The kayak, canoe and/or bike rentals will enable					\$1,000	\$1,000	-

			outdoor natural resource experiences for students across Minnesota.							
							Sub Total	\$1,000	\$1,000	-
Capital Expenditures										
							Sub Total	-	-	-
Acquisitions and Stewardship										
							Sub Total	-	-	-
Travel In Minnesota										
	Miles/ Meals/ Lodging	Coordinators & Project Manager travel: 400 miles/month x 24 months = 9,600 miles x .56 = \$5,376	Travel required to support and meet with teams and coordinate activities in over 50 MN communities.					\$5,376	\$3,460	\$1,916
							Sub Total	\$5,376	\$3,460	\$1,916
Travel Outside Minnesota										
							Sub Total	-	-	-
Printing and Publication										
							Sub Total	-	-	-
Other Expenses										
		Project Seed Funds; approx. \$200 per team x 20 teams = \$4,000 x 2 years = \$8,000	Allows for teams to purchase materials and services necessary to initiate projects for natural resource conservation and restoration related projects & educational events.					\$8,000	\$4,436	\$3,564
							Sub Total	\$8,000	\$4,436	\$3,564
							Grand Total	\$199,000	\$167,308	\$31,692

Classified Staff or Generally Ineligible Expenses

Category/Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Justification Ineligible Expense or Classified Staff Request
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Non ENRTF Funds

Category	Specific Source	Use	Status	\$ Amount	\$ Amount Spent	\$ Amount Remaining
State						
			State Sub Total	-	-	-
Non-State						
Cash	Each participating YES! team pays a fee of \$600. We estimate 20 schools will participate in the school years of 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. YES! anticipates 20+ teams each year. 20 x 2 years = 40 teams total x \$600 = \$24,000.	Participation fees cover costs not eligible for reimbursement from ENRTF such as food, t-shirts, and other additional costs.	Pending	\$24,000	-	\$24,000
In-Kind	In-kind from Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center (PWELC) and our partners Ney Nature Center (NNC) and Laurentian Environmental Center (LEC). Also includes student volunteer time, teacher/coach volunteer time, and professional/expert volunteer time	PWELC \$24,000 + LEC \$5,000 + NNC \$ 10,000 for 2 years = 39,000 Student volunteer time average is 200 hrs per team x 20 teams x 2 yrs = 8,000 x \$13/hr = \$104,000 Teacher/Coach volunteer time average is 100 hrs per team x 20 teams x 2 yrs = 4,000 x \$35/hr = \$140,000 Professional/expert volunteer time average is 10 hrs per team x 20 teams x 2 yrs = 400 hrs x \$45/hr = \$18,000. Above in-kind is based on past history of previously quantified data.	Pending	\$301,000	\$61,164	\$239,836
Cash	Prairie Woods Environmental Center income - cash reserves.	Cash reserves are intended for staff, travel, office support and other items as required to maintain the program.	Secured	\$20,000	\$7,860	\$12,140
Cash	National Science Foundation (NSF) through Regents of the University of Minnesota. Empowering Youth to Become 21st Century Energy Leaders: A STEM Workforce Development Initiative	National Science Foundation (NSF) through Regents of the University of Minnesota has committed funds to YES! for Empowering Youth to Become 21st Century Energy Leaders: A STEM Workforce Development Initiative. YES! will develop and acquire program resources and content for hands-on energy projects, school-based energy and STEM training, and provide logistical support for workshops and projects.	Secured	\$219,442	\$13,555	\$205,887
			Non State Sub Total	\$564,442	\$82,579	\$481,863

			Funds Total	\$564,442	\$82,579	\$481,863
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Attachments

Required Attachments

Visual Component

File: [98ad7cf8-590.pdf](#)

Alternate Text for Visual Component

The visual describes the project starting with the title which is "YES! Students Take Action to Complete 80+ Eco Action Projects." There are 3 photos showing students actively engaged in doing a project including YES! students monitoring Lake Ringo for Aquatic Invasive Species, YES! students planting native species for a pollinator garden in Sleepy Eye, and a photo of a solar boat built by students in Wrenshall. They raced the boat in the Solar Boat Regatta and won as overall champion!

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Financial Capacity

File: [a7748cb7-717.pdf](#)

Board Resolution or Letter

Title	File
PWELC Board Resolution Letter	fc29825a-838.pdf

Supplemental Attachments

Capital Project Questionnaire, Budget Supplements, Support Letter, Photos, Media, Other

Title	File
New London-Spicer Letter of Support	82e2b2cf-fd8.pdf
Mankato West Letter of Support	f13adb25-5b9.pdf
Sleepy Eye Letter of Support	967bb949-c00.pdf
Northern Lights Community School/Warba Letter of Support	7a0277ce-94f.pdf
Discovery Woods/Brainerd Letter of Support	aaea8127-767.pdf
Westbrook-Walnut Grove Letter of Support	0672781d-a37.pdf
Lac qui Parle Valley Letter of Support	f88f1904-c13.pdf
Letter of Commitment - Ney Nature Center	210304a7-672.pdf
Letter of Commitment - Laurentian Environmental Center	b1ee3441-8ea.pdf
Accessible Reader for YES! Visual Component	ecf32a68-1a8.docx
Background Check Certification	4a97902e-518.pdf
Invoice - Contract with NEY Nature Center	3e6003f8-651.pdf
YES Team Accomplishments - 2024-25 Season	254a0751-906.pdf

Difference between Proposal and Work Plan

Describe changes from Proposal to Work Plan Stage

Program Manager description has changed as a new individual was hired. No other major changes have been made. No changes to fiscal plans have been made.

Additional Acknowledgements and Conditions:

The following are acknowledgements and conditions beyond those already included in the above workplan:

Do you understand and acknowledge the ENRTF repayment requirements if the use of capital equipment changes?

N/A

Do you understand that travel expenses are only approved if they follow the "Commissioner's Plan" promulgated by the Commissioner of Management of Budget or, for University of Minnesota projects, the University of Minnesota plan?

Yes, I understand the Commissioner's Plan applies.

Does your project have potential for royalties, copyrights, patents, sale of products and assets, or revenue generation?

No

Do you understand and acknowledge IP and revenue-return and sharing requirements in 116P.10?

N/A

Do you wish to request reinvestment of any revenues into your project instead of returning revenue to the ENRTF?

N/A

Does your project include original, hypothesis-driven research?

No

Does the organization have a fiscal agent for this project?

No

Do you understand that a named service contract does not constitute a funder-designated subrecipient or approval of a sole-source contract? In other words, a service contract entity is only approved if it has been selected according to the contracting rules identified in state law and policy for organizations that receive ENRTF funds through direct appropriations, or in the DNR's reimbursement manual for non-state organizations. These rules may include competitive bidding and prevailing wage requirements

N/A

Work Plan Amendments

Amendment ID	Request Type	Changes made on the following pages	Explanation & justification for Amendment Request (word limit 75)	Date Submitted	Approved	Date of LCCMR Action
1	Project Manager	Previous Manager: Joseph Dunlavy (joe.dunlavy@yesmn.org) New Manager: Jennifer Swenson (jennifer.s@prairiewoodselc.org)	Joe Dunlavy leaving his position	August 3, 2022	Yes	August 3, 2022
2	Amendment Request	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget • Project Collaborators - Project Manager Info • Budget - Professional / Technical Contracts • Budget - Non-ENRTF Funds Contributed 	We received a subaward for additional YES! STEM educational resources and opportunities with NSF. These funds will provide additional program design, school engagement, and project development allowing YES! to continue to thrive.	March 28, 2023	Yes	March 29, 2023
3	Completion Date	Previous Completion Date: 06/30/2024 New Completion Date: 06/30/2025	We request an additional 12 months to complete the project due to the temporary overlap we are experiencing, and addressing, with two other YES! projects and the resulting impact of staffing and team availability. We are currently dedicated to successfully wrapping up YES! Students Take On Water Quality Challenge II project, and we are also piloting an NSF ITEST Grant - Empowering Youth to Become 21st Century Energy Leaders: A STEM Workforce Development Initiative.	March 28, 2023	Yes	April 6, 2023
4	Project Manager	Previous Manager: Jennifer Swenson (jennifer.s@prairiewoodselc.org) New Manager: Kalley Pratt (kalley@yesmn.org)	Kalley Pratt was recently hired as the new Director of Youth Eco Solutions. She began her new position on May 1, 2023, and assumes primary ownership of the mission and provides strategic and collaborative leadership in the program, grants, fundraising and program development. Due to this, she will take over as project manager for this grant.	May 23, 2023	Yes	May 23, 2023

5	Amendment Request	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget - Professional / Technical Contracts • Budget - Personnel 	<p>We request to shift \$24,250 in funds from “Professional Technical Contract: Ney Nature Center” to “Personnel” as well as request to shift \$26,500 from “Professional and Technical Contract: Laurentian Environmental Center” to “Personnel”. At this time, YES will no longer hire staff through formal partnership contracts with other Cohorts. YES seeks to improve efficiency within all aspects of the program; YES Team support can be improved by streamlining.</p>	October 3, 2023	Yes	October 3, 2023
6	Amendment Request	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Collaborators - Project Manager Info • Other • Budget - Personnel • Budget - Professional / Technical Contracts • Attachments 	<p>Adjustments to the Amendment Request made on October, 3, 2023, need to be altered. The total amount shifted from "Professional Technical Contract: Ney Nature Center" and "Professional and Technical Contract: Laurentian Environmental Center" to "Personnel Team Manager" should have totaled \$50,750 - not \$53,000. That means the total funds reimbursed under "Professional Service Contract: Ney Nature Center" should be \$2,250. Under 'Attachments', I have uploaded the invoice.</p>	February 26, 2024	Yes	April 1, 2024

Status Update Reporting

Final Status Update August 14, 2025

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Overall Update

The 18th season of Youth Eco Solutions (YES) concluded with a spring competition where teams showcased impactful eco-action projects and received feedback from five Minnesota green career professionals. Top honors went to Royalton and Westbrook-Walnut Grove YES Teams, who earned a fully funded educational trip to the University of Minnesota's Bell Museum to explore environmental science and satellite technology.

Over the season, 200 students from 10 teams completed 25 student-driven projects—20 new and 5 ongoing—addressing water quality, energy efficiency, climate action, habitat restoration, composting, soil health, sustainable agriculture, solid waste reduction, and invasive species management.

Students participated in 25 YES-hosted workshops featuring 42 Minnesota-based green career professionals who provided mentorship and career exploration. Workshop highlights included: “Butterfly Mapping” with GreenStep Schools, “Why Pollinators Matter” with Pheasants Forever, “Water Protection and Indigenous Leadership with Waankam: People of the Estuary,” “Introduction to the Boundary Waters” with Friends of the Boundary Waters, and “Share Our Shoreline” with the National Loon Center.

YES is preparing for its 19th season with plans to expand workshop offerings, deepen student engagement with green careers, and support even more student-driven environmental solutions. Due to overlapping grant support, there is a remaining balance of \$31,692.

Activity 1

Youth Eco Solutions (YES) successfully completed all Activity 1 milestones and continues to thrive in school districts and communities across Minnesota. During this season, 200 students from 10 districts—including new teams from Crosslake Community School and Northern Lights Community School in Warba—completed 25 eco-action projects. Of these, 20 were new initiatives and five were continued from previous years, addressing fast fashion, recycling, community clean-ups, water quality, aquatic invasive species, prairie restoration, and pollinator habitat expansion. Collectively, students contributed 640 volunteer hours to these efforts.

YES also delivered 25 customized workshops on natural resources best practices, meeting the goal of educating at least 20 teams. Students connected with 42 Minnesota-based natural resource and green-career professionals, exceeding the goal of engaging over 150 students with experts in both Year 1 and Year 2. In addition, YES provided one regional “green career” workshop in each of Minnesota’s three regions in both project years, fulfilling the proposal requirements.

The ripple effects of this career-connected learning model were evident at the YES Fall Summit, where Westbrook-Walnut Grove students launched an elementary outreach project that created 22.5 square feet of pollinator habitat. YES looks forward to expanding student impact in the coming season.

(This activity marked as complete as of this status update)

Activity 2

Youth Eco Solutions (YES) successfully completed all Activity 2 milestones, delivering clear and measurable outcomes. This season, 200 students from 10 school districts implemented 25 eco-action projects, including 20 new initiatives,

meeting the proposal goal of completing 20+ new ecological projects in Year 2. Students collectively contributed 640 volunteer hours to projects addressing fast fashion, recycling, community clean-ups, water quality, invasive species, prairie restoration, and pollinator habitat development.

Across the two project years, YES engaged 25 teams, surpassing the requirement to involve 20 teams in both Year 1 and Year 2. In alignment with proposal targets, YES mobilized over 150 students in Year 1 and 200 students in Year 2.

Project outcomes demonstrated strong environmental impact: Royalton recycled 30 gallons of oil per week and maintained a prairie site; New London-Spicer High School conducted significant buckthorn removal; Northern Lights participated in a statewide light-recycling initiative; and Westbrook-Walnut Grove created 22.5 square feet of pollinator habitat and a mural constructed from 7,000 recycled bottle caps.

YES also fulfilled the requirement to recognize student achievement by providing the top two competition teams—Royalton and Westbrook-Walnut Grove—with an educational field experience at the Bell Museum, where both teams were honored.

(This activity marked as complete as of this status update)

Dissemination

Communicating the YES Teams' amazing accomplishments remains a top priority. As always, the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund is accredited throughout as a major funder. We share Bi-Weekly email updates with our YES Coaches to create a sense of community and encouragement between the teams. We also send our monthly e-newsletter to our YES supporters highlighting team accomplishments, YES events, website, new blog posts and our social media platforms. Along with our online presence, we produce our annual digital and printed YES Team Accomplishments that features the year's highlights. Externally, YES continues to participate in the MN Science Teachers conference, the Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center Earth Day, the MN State Fair and building relationships with local media and politicians.

Status Update Reporting

Status Update March 1, 2025

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Overall Update

The 18th season of Youth Eco Solutions (YES) kicked off with the annual Fall Summit, hosted at Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center in Spicer, Minnesota, with 120 students in attendance. The summit featured a series of environmental workshops and concluded with a keynote address from Emily Ford, a winter adventurer based in Duluth, Minnesota, who inspired students by emphasizing the importance of inclusivity in nature and the diverse opportunities available within environmental fields.

As the season progressed, YES facilitated virtual workshops and hosted our first-ever weekend retreat at Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center, where 50 students participated in immersive workshops.

Currently, YES students are engaged in hands-on environmental projects within their local communities, addressing issues such as water quality, prairie restoration, recycling, pollinator habitats, and sustainable fashion. Looking ahead, YES anticipates the spring competition in which the top two teams will participate in an educational trip to The Bell Museum.

Additionally, in reviewing financials, YES Staff has noted that there may be remaining monies - about \$50,000 - left in 'Personnel' section of the budget at the end of the grant period; this is due to overlapping grants. YES is pursuing conversations with LCCMR Staff to explore options.

Activity 1

Youth Eco Solutions continues to make substantial progress in reaching and completing Activity 1 milestones while thriving within school districts and local communities. This season, 175 students across 10 school districts - including two new teams Crosslake Community School and Northern Lights Community School in Warba - are in the process of completing eco-action projects with topics including fast fashion, community, campus clean up, recycling, education, water quality, AIS, prairie restoration and pollinator habitats. Additionally, students have engaged in 21 YES Workshops. These workshops offered valuable opportunities for students to connect with Minnesota-based green career professionals who provided essential training, project support, and insights into green careers. Key workshops included sessions such as "Butterfly Mapping" with Green Steps Schools, "Why Pollinators Matter" with Pheasants Forever, "The Longest Way" with Emily Ford, "Water Protection and Indigenous Leadership" with Waankam: People of the Estuary, "Introduction to the Boundary Waters" with Friends of the Boundary Waters and "Share Our Shoreline" with the National Loon Center. As YES continues the 18th season, the organization is excited to build on these achievements, aiming to exceed Activity 1 milestones and expand its impact within communities and beyond.

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Activity 2

Youth Eco Solutions (YES) continues to make significant strides in advancing its mission, achieving notable progress toward Activity 2 milestones, and expanding its reach within school districts and communities. This season, 175 students from 10 school districts, including two new teams, are actively engaged in eco-action projects addressing a variety of environmental challenges such as water conservation, energy efficiency, renewable energy, and climate change.

For instance, the Crosslake Community School YES Team is working on establishing a school and community garden, with

plans to incorporate a pollinator habitat on the grounds. Meanwhile, the Harbor City International YES Team is focused on water conservation, collaborating with Waankam: People of the Estuary to foster a community-wide initiative.

Additionally, YES Teams collectively took part in a holiday lights recycling campaign. Between December and January, they successfully collected 551 pounds of holiday lights, ensuring proper recycling through local centers. Looking ahead, YES is in discussions with students and coaches about hosting workshops and in-person team visits. The upcoming YES Competition will feature teams presenting their projects to a panel of Minnesota-based green career professionals, with the top two teams earning a trip to The Bell Museum for further educational opportunities.
(This activity marked as complete as of this status update)

Dissemination

Communicating the YES Teams' amazing accomplishments remains a top priority. As always, the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund is accredited throughout as a major funder. We share Bi-Weekly email updates with our YES Coaches to create a sense of community and encouragement between the teams. We also send our monthly e-newsletter to our YES supporters highlighting team accomplishments, YES Events, website, new blog posts and our social media platforms. Along with our online presence, we produce our annual printed YES Team Accomplishments that features the year's highlights. Externally, YES continues to participate in the MN Science Teachers conference, the Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center Earth Day, the MN State Fair and building relationships with local media and politicians.

Status Update Reporting

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Overall Update

In its 17th season, Youth Eco Solutions (YES) made significant strides in inspiring and empowering the next generation through hands-on projects and community engagement. YES involved 175 students across 10 teams, who participated in 16 workshops and connected with 40 Minnesota-based green career professionals. These workshops provided critical training and career insights. Additionally, the students completed 26 eco-action projects, dedicating 500 hours to volunteering. They collaborated with 95 community members, who volunteered over 170 hours, and extended their impact to 1,145 additional students through educational outreach events. Since its founding in 2007, YES has supported over 5,085 students, working with more than 7,330 local businesses, organizations, and experts, and influencing an additional 366,333 students and community members. As YES prepares for its 18th season, the organization is enthusiastic about continuing to expand its impact, furthering its efforts within schools and communities, and beyond. Additionally, in reviewing financials, YES Staff has noted that there may be remaining monies - about \$50,000 - left in 'Personnel' section of the budget at the end of the grant period; this is due to overlapping grants. YES is pursuing conversations with LCCMR Staff to explore options.

Activity 1

The 2023-24 YES Season marked substantial progress in reaching Activity 1 milestones while thriving within school districts and local communities. This season, 175 students across 10 school districts not only completed 26 eco-action projects but also engaged in 16 YES Workshops. These workshops offered valuable opportunities for students to connect with 40 Minnesota-based green career professionals who provided essential training, project support, and insights into green careers. Key workshops included sessions such as "Voice For The Wilderness" with Emily Ford, "Water Protection and Indigenous Leadership" with Waankam: People of the Estuary, and "Climate Change Photography" with Olaf Kulke of Minneapolis College of Art and Design (MCAD). Additional workshops covered topics like "How To Adopt-A-Drain," energy efficiency with Heidi Auel of Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs), and solar energy education with Bryn Shank of Cooperative Energy Futures. As YES moves into its 18th season, the organization is excited to build on these achievements, aiming to exceed Activity 1 milestones and expand its impact within communities and beyond.

Activity 2

Youth Eco Solutions (YES) continues to make significant strides in its mission, showing impressive progress toward Activity 2 milestones and flourishing within school districts and communities. While YES did not achieve Milestone 4—engaging 20 YES Teams in developing natural resource projects by December 31, 2023—it proudly reports that 10 school districts with 175 students have actively participated in various eco-action initiatives. During the 2023-24 season, these students completed 26 projects focusing on diverse environmental issues such as water conservation, energy efficiency, renewable energy, and climate change, among others. Their efforts included volunteering over 500 hours, removing 112 pounds of trash, collecting 115 pounds of plastic bags, and recycling 1,365 pounds of holiday lights. The YES teams' achievements were celebrated on May 11th at Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center, where students had the opportunity to share their experiences and gain further insights on community engagement from guest speaker Ben Weaver. This event underscored the commitment and impact of YES students in advancing environmental stewardship and community involvement.

Dissemination

Communicating the YES Teams' amazing accomplishments remains a top priority. As always, the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund is accredited throughout as a major funder. We share Bi-Weekly email updates with our

YES Coaches to create a sense of community and encouragement between the teams. We also send our quarterly e-newsletter to our YES supporters highlighting team accomplishments, YES Events, website, new blog posts and our social media platforms. Along with our online presence, we produce our annual printed YES Team Accomplishments that features the year's highlights. The 2023-2024 YES Season Team Accomplishments has been designed and shared with partners, supporters, YES Teams and their families. Externally, YES continues to participate in the MN Science Teachers conference, the Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center Earth Day, the MN State Fair and building relationships with local media and politicians.

Status Update Reporting

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Overall Update

In our 17th season, Youth Eco Solutions (YES) remains committed to empowering Minnesota's youth to tackle contemporary ecological issues through hands-on action projects, build essential skills for their future and foster community connections. The recent 2023 Fall Summit, conducted in partnership with Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center located in Spicer, Minnesota, exemplifies our dedication to these goals. Over 100 YES Students participated in a day filled with workshops designed to cultivate teamwork and connect with Minnesota's green career professionals. Workshops ranged from presentations by Minnesota's Pollution Control Agency's Get The Lead Out on the impact of lead on Minnesota's beloved loon to immersive experiences led by Friends of the Boundary Waters, highlighting Northern Minnesota's unique wilderness. Activities such as rock climbing, aquatic invasive species studies, hiking, and team building further enriched the summit experience. As YES is in the midst of the 2023-2024 school year, we are thrilled to engage 175 students across 10 teams, including the newly formed Willmar Community Education YES Team. Our focus remains on fostering community within our organization and providing platforms for collaborative problem-solving towards a greener Minnesota. Through hands-on projects and connections with local communities, YES continues to inspire and equip the next generation.

Activity 1

In our ongoing 17th season, Youth Eco Solutions (YES) maintains momentum, making significant strides in achieving Activity 1 milestones while flourishing within school districts and communities alike. The 2023-2024 YES Teams, spanning 10 school districts and comprising 175 students, are actively engaged in eco-action projects. These initiatives range from recycling holiday lights to conducting monthly campus cleanups, establishing school pollinator plots, participating in team-building retreats, and educating younger students on water quality importance. Moreover, YES Students benefit from connections with green career professionals through provided workshops. Last fall, they had the opportunity to engage with notable figures such as Kelly Amoth from Minnesota's Pollution Control Agency's Get The Lead Out, Izzie Smith and Hannah Arvold from Friends of the Boundary Waters, Jon Morales from Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District and Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center Staff. Additionally, YES Teams engaged with virtual presenters including Taylor Hall, founder of Evergreen Collective, and Olaf Kulke from Minnesota College of Art and Design. Each YES Team is linked with local green career professionals, fostering community engagement. As we transition into spring, YES is enthusiastic about continuing to achieve and surpass Activity 1 milestones, furthering our impact within communities and beyond.

Activity 2

Youth Eco Solutions (YES) sustains its forward momentum, achieving notable progress in meeting Activity 2 milestones while thriving within school districts and communities. Though Milestone 4 - "engaging 20 YES Teams to select and develop natural resource projects in year 2" by December 31st of 2023, was not reached, YES is proud to announce that 10 school districts, comprising of 175 students, are actively immersed in various eco-action projects. These encompass diverse initiatives such as recycling holiday lights, conducting monthly campus cleanups, establishing school pollinator plots, participating in team-building retreats, designing educational posters to raise environmental awareness among peers and school staff, educating younger students on water quality importance, visiting local facilities including the oil recycling center, solar energy plant, and water treatment plant, as well as creating recycled paper. As our YES Teams are currently engaged in their seasonal endeavors, we eagerly anticipate the collection and review of both qualitative and quantitative data from each initiative. Come April, this data will be collated and shared with five Minnesota-based green

career professionals for assessment. These professionals will provide constructive feedback to each team and select the top three projects to be shared at the 2023-2024 Spring Showcase celebration.

Dissemination

Communicating the YES Teams' amazing accomplishments remains a top priority. As always, the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund is accredited throughout as a major funder. We share Bi-Weekly email updates with our YES Coaches to create a sense of community and encouragement between the teams. We also send our quarterly e-newsletter to our YES supporters highlighting team accomplishments, YES Events, website, new blog posts and our social media platforms. Along with our online presence, we produce our annual printed YES Team Accomplishments that features the year's highlights. The 2023-2024 YES Season Team Accomplishments will be designed later this spring and shared with partners, supporters, YES Teams and their families. Externally, YES continues to participate in the MN Science Teachers conference, the Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center Earth Day, the Morris Science Expo and building relationships with local media and politicians.

Status Update Reporting

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Overall Update

The 16th Season of YES allowed for internal organizational development and evolution so that YES staff can continue to successfully empower youth to create solutions to today's ecological challenges through hands-on projects and build key skills for future success. YES is proud to announce that during the 2022-23 school year, 210 students on 11 YES Teams across the state of Minnesota worked on 45 eco-action projects; these projects impacted an additional 19,245 students and adults from more than 100 communities. For this project: YES! Students Take Action to Complete Eco Projects, we are gradually increasing our capacity as we continue to have responsibilities with the YES! Students Take On Water Quality Challenge II project, which has been extended to June 30, 2024, as well as our partnership with University of Minnesota's Institute on the Environment through a NSF grant. YES is addressing these responsibilities and financial impacts by hiring new staff so that we can be dedicated to continued progress on these important projects. As we prepare to enter our 17th YES Season, we are eager to continue empowering Minnesota youth to not only complete eco-action projects, but build relationships within their schools, communities and the YES organization.

Activity 1

YES continues to make steady progress on Activity 1 milestones and continues to thrive both in school districts and communities. During our 16th season of YES, the 2022-23 YES Teams included 11 school districts and 210 students. These YES Teams worked on 45 eco-action projects, including researching a connection between recycling and air quality, protecting Minnesota waterbodies, conversing with local community about climate change, and working with local green career experts. These projects impacted an additional 19,245 students and adults from more than 100 communities across Minnesota. As well as continuing to empower students to create solutions to today's ecological challenges, YES completed spring workshops including an in-person Duluth water workshop, a virtual Waste Reduction Workshop, and a virtual Home Energy Conservation workshop; students met with 54 green career professionals including Adam Frankiewicz of the Environmental Protection Agency located in Duluth, Beth Mercer-Taylor of the University of Minnesota's Institute on the Environment, Betty Wentworth of the Mankato Area Zero Waste, Tim Stai of Minnesota's Department of Natural Resources located in Little Falls. As we prepare for our 17th season, YES is eager to continue to reach and complete Activity 1 milestones.

Activity 2

In our 16th season, YES engaged 11 teams to select and develop 45 eco-action projects; these projects included topics such as environmental education, composting, habitat creation/restoration, solid waste reduction, water quality, climate change, water conservation, energy efficiency, local foods, renewable energy and invasive species. Of these 45 projects, 24 projects were completed, 16 were maintained from previous years and 5 were uncompleted. One of these projects included a focus on recycling and its connection to air quality - researched by our youngest team located at Discovery Woods Brainerd. We did not meet our goal of engaging over 20 YES Teams, but we are proud of these 11 Teams and of the 24 eco-action projects they completed. These accomplishments were celebrated on May 14 at the Twins Stadium; while standing on home plate, the Harbor City International YES Team received the annual Water Stewardship Award, the Sleepy Eye YES Team received Runner-Up State Champion and the Royalton YES Team received State Champion. As YES prepares to enter our 17th season, we are excited to be welcoming new teams to our organization including the school district of Watertown-Mayer; we continue to strive towards and complete the Activity 2 milestones.

Dissemination

Communicating the YES Teams' amazing accomplishments remains a top priority. As always, the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund is accredited throughout as a major funder. In April 2023, YES was featured on Minnesota New Network's Minnesota Matters Program. In addition, we share Bi-Weekly email updates with our YES Coaches to create a sense of community and encouragement between the teams. We also send our quarterly e-newsletter to our YES supporters highlighting team accomplishments, YES events, website, new blog posts and our social media platforms. Along with our online presence, we produce our annual printed YES Team Accomplishments that features the year's highlights. The 2022-23 YES Season included team accomplishments such as students volunteering for over 1,733 hours, developing and providing 84 educational events in their school or community, and interacting with 53 experts who provided them with training, project support, and exposure to green careers. Externally, YES continues to participate in the MN Science Teachers conference, the Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center Earth Day, and building relationships with local media and politicians.

Status Update Reporting

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Overall Update

Through the work of our YES! Teams, we have built relationships with green career experts, completed hands-on eco projects, and become more unified in communities across Minnesota. Now, in our 16th Season of YES! we're evolving in our capacity to continue to empower youth to create solutions to today's ecological challenges and build key skills for future success. For the project: YES! Students Take Action to Complete Eco Projects, we've had minimal spending in the first six months due to the continuity of support we have through June 30, 2023, as we phase out of the YES! Students Take On Water Quality Challenge II project. We also partnered with NSF on a new project, and this has required additional staff time. YES! is addressing this change through hiring new staff so that we can be dedicated to continued progress on these important projects. We request an additional 12 months to complete the project due to the temporary overlap we are experiencing with two other YES! projects and the resulting impact of staffing and team availability. We're grateful to invest in such a variety of opportunities to support and equip YES! Teams this year!

Activity 1

YES! is making steady progress on Activity 1 milestones and continues to thrive both in school districts and communities - reaching 200 students and 102 communities through our 11 Minnesota YES! teams. As the students create solutions to today's ecological challenges, we continue to provide educational workshops - both physically and virtually. At our 2022 Fall Summit located at Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center, YES! staff discussed community engagement, completed a bee house project with the students, and provided a team building experience through the Flying Squirrel ropes course. This year, YES! held one virtual workshop titled "Soil Health + Gut Health = Human Health" with Jolene Carlson, a nutritionist and soil health advocate. Four YES! Teams attended the workshop; the students not only learned about system thinking but were also exposed to Carlson's green career of being a nutritionist and a sustainable farmer. This spring, YES! has more workshops scheduled including an in-person Duluth water workshop, a virtual Waste Reduction workshop, and a virtual Home Energy Conservation workshop. As we continue moving forward with this grant, our organization is eager to reach our Activity 1 milestones.

Activity 2

YES! has engaged 11 teams to select and develop natural resource projects for our current year; for example, the YES! team at Mankato East High School is teaching their school community about problems caused by plastic waste. The students are collaborating with food service staff to eliminate single-use plastic utensils in the school cafeteria. Meanwhile, students from Harbor City International School YES! team are learning from local water experts about threats to water quality. The team is exploring natural resource best practices and creative ways to educate younger students and the Duluth community about the importance of protecting aquatic ecosystems and improving water quality in Lake Superior and its tributaries. YES! staff will be able to collect the total number of ecological projects for this current grant year in June 2023 once YES! teams have submitted their final reports. These 11 YES! teams are already having an impact - reaching 200 students and engaging 102 communities.

Dissemination

Communicating the YES! Teams' amazing accomplishments remain a top priority. We continue to deliver information via the Prairie Woods Warbler, the publication of Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center. In addition, we share Bi-Weekly updates with our YES! Coaches to create a sense of community and encouragement between the teams along with sending our quarterly e-newsletter to our YES! supporters highlighting individual team accomplishments, YES! events, website, new blog posts and our social media platforms. Social media platforms allow YES! to share team

achievements in a quick and relevant way. We are proud to announce that YES! has a healthy online presence that continues to steadily grow; within the last 90 days, our accounts reached on Instagram have increased by 30%, our accounts engaged on Instagram have increased by 50%, and our total followers on Instagram have increased by 10%. Along with our online presence, we produce our annual YES! Team Accomplishments that feature the year's highlights. Externally, YES! continues to participate in the MN Science Teachers conference, the Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center Earth Day, and building relationships with local media and politicians. As always, the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund is accredited throughout as a major funder.