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Project Sponsor	Project Name	County	DNR Reg	Grant Amt (Fed Share)	Local Share	Project Desc
CITY OF LA CROSSE	Mathy Prairie Restoration	La Crosse	WC	\$7,366.00	\$2,455.00	The purpose of this project is to establish a native prairie on the La Crosse Blufflands, Mathy Tract quarry property. This is to be established via a prescribed burn on 33.5 acres of prairie habitat and follow-up with reed canary grass specific herbicide treatment.
DUCKS UNLIMITED	Rush Lake Habitat Restoration	Winnebago	NE	\$132,110.00	\$44,040.00	The project purpose is to enhance at least 1,605 acres of wetland (hemi-marsh) habitat by controlling dense invasive species (cattail) and rapid response of new invaders (phragmites) to protect and enhance wildlife habitat. This will be accomplished via implementation of Rush Lake's first prescribed burn on about 1,500 acres and Chemical control of target invasive species using aerial and amphibious vehicle application techniques.
FLORENCE COUNTY	Grouse and Woodcock Habitat Enhancement	Florence	NO	\$17,912.00	\$5,971.00	The goal of this project is to enhance the grouse and woodcock habitat found on the Ruffed Grouse Management Area to benefit wildlife and user groups. The two objectives to achieve this goal are to scarify 128 total acres in two oak stands and clear five acres forest openings then spray, till and seed.
FOX WOLF WATERSHED ALLIANCE	Samers Bay Wetland Habitat Restoration	Winnebago	NE	\$325,000.00	\$135,000.00	This is phase 2 of a project being completed to restore aquatic vegetation to provide habitat for wildlife and fish. The completed project will aid in the restoration of palustrine emergent and deep marsh wetland that provides high quality habitat for Spring and Fall migrating waterfowl, and also improve habitat for breeding and brood-rearing waterfowl. This aspect of the project will consist of purchasing new rock to construct breakwalls 1-5, equating to approximately 2,850 feet of the Samers Bay breakwall.
ICE AGE TRAIL ALLIANCE, INC.	Reconnecting Muir`s Home Landscape	Marquette	NE	\$28,063.00	\$9,354.00	This project is an effort in land conservation to maintain suitable habitat for native species; providing improved hunting, trapping, and wildlife viewing opportunities via invasive and nonnative species removal on approximately 36.9 acres throughout the property.
LAKESHORE NATURAL RESOURCES PARTNERSHIP INC.	Gerber Lake Wildlife Area Enhancement	Sheboygan	SE	\$50,030.00	\$16,675.00	The purpose of this project is to enhance the habitat within the project boundary by reducing the footprint and expansion potential of aggressive non-native woody plant species on 37 acres, mitigate 31 acres of forest for loss of Ash trees as a result of the Emerald Ash Borer, and increase the quality of 22 acres of grassland habitat.
LAKESHORE NATURAL RESOURCES PARTNERSHIP INC.	Sheboygan Marsh State Wildlife Area	Sheboygan	SE	\$21,650.00	\$7,230.00	The purpose of this project is to protect fish and wildlife habitat and better support recreational hunting, fishing and wildlife viewing opportunities by upgrading the current water control structure.

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MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONSERVANCY	Tunnelville Cliffs Savanna Restoration	Vernon	WC	\$26,250.00	\$8,750.00	The purpose of this project is to restore oak savanna and associated woodlands at Mississippi Valley Conservancy's Tunnelville Cliffs nature preserve. This will be achieved via removal of woody brush from 7.5 acres of remnant savanna and a prescribed burn on 237 acres.
THE PRAIRIE ENTHUSIASTS, INC.	Eldred Prairie Enhancement	Grant	SC	\$13,330.00	\$4,440.00	The purpose of the project is to protect the existing high-quality remnant prairie from being degraded and opening up heavily brushed areas to sunlight to allow existing communities of native plants to better establish themselves. The project will manage encroaching trees and woody vegetation on approximately 18 acres, rotary mow approximately 20 acres, and conduct a prescribed burn over the entire property before the end of the grant period.
THE PRAIRIE ENTHUSIASTS, INC.	Erbe Grassland Prairie Habitat Restoration	Dane	SC	\$14,500.00	\$4,824.00	The goal of this project is to reestablish the native prairie to the point where it becomes more and more resistant to invasion by woody growth and aggressive weeds. Three objectives will be carried out to achieve this goal: use herbicide to treat invasive herbaceous and woody invasive species, mechanical removal of wild parsnip and sweetclover, and conduct prescribed burns over 60 acres of the project boundary.
THE PRAIRIE ENTHUSIASTS, INC.	Shea Prairie Invasive Species Removal	Iowa	SC	\$115,700.00	\$39,400.00	 The goal for the site is to establish a diverse, high-quality coldwater stream with its associated wetlands (emergent marsh, sedge meadow, fen, & wet prairie) and high-quality upland prairie all within a treeless grassland setting. The objectives to meet this goal are: Control invasive species on site (prioritize wild parsnip, sweet clover, crown vetch, hybrid cattail, spotted knapweed, Canada thistle, and reed canary grass). Sweeps for invasive species across 92 acres, 3 times per year using; herbicide, removal by hand, or mowing when feasible. Control of woody species including willows along the stream, scattered upland brush, and non-native species invading habitat thickets on 92 acres. Prescribed spring burning across all areas.
THE PRAIRIE ENTHUSIASTS, INC.	Sylvan Road Habitat Restoration	lowa	SC	\$17,170.00	\$5,717.00	The purpose of this project is to restore the native habitat to a point at which it can be sustained. The project will remove woody vegetation from approximately 30 acres, apply herbicide to cut stumps, perform a prescribed burn over entire site, and then collect and spread seed from desired vegetation.

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