

# LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

# **Executive Summary for Action**

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting Wednesday, November 15, 2023

#### Agenda Item

Item 4. H. – Authorize Reimbursement request for Appletree Condominiums for 2023 Cost Share Project

#### **Prepared By**

Linda Loomis, Administrator

#### Summary

At the April 19, 2023, meeting of the LMRWD Board of Managers a cost share application from Appletree Condominiums was approved. The project proposed to continue the work of a 2021 Cost Share which removed invasive species from a slope behind the Condominium building and added berms to slow stormwater run-off and replanted the area with native species.

The project is complete, and the condominium association is requesting reimbursement. A final report has been prepared and submitted to the LMRWD, with receipts and pictures.

#### Attachments

2023 Cost Share Application from Appletree Condominiums Excerpt from April 19, 2023, meeting minutes approving the Application Cost Share Agreement between LMRWD and Appletree Condominium Association Appletree Condominium final report including receipts and pictures

#### **Recommended Action**

Motion to receive and file Cost Share report from Appletree Condominium Association and authorize reimbursement of \$7,500.



# Cost Share Grant Application 2023

Application type (check one)HomeownerNon-profit - 501(c)(3)SchoolBusiness or corporationPublic agency or local government unit

Project type (check all that apply)RaingardenVegetated SwaleInfiltration BasinWetland restorationBuffer/shoreline restorationConservation practiceHabitat restorationPervious hard surfaceOtherSteep Slope Overlay District

# **Applicant Information**

Name of organization or individual applying for grant (to be named as grantee):

Address (street, city and ZIP code):

Phone:

Email address:

# Primary Contact (if different from above)

Name of organization or individual applying for grant (to be named as grantee):

Address (street, city and ZIP code):

Phone:

Email address:

# **Project location**

Address (street, city and ZIP code):

Property Identification Number (PID)

Property owners:

# **Project Summary**

Title			
Total project cost	Grant amount requested	ł	
Estimated start date	Estimated completion date	e	
Is project tributary to a water body?	No, water remains on site	Yes, indirectly	Yes, directly adjacent

Is this work required as part of a permit? No Yes (If yes; describe how the project provides water quality treatment beyond permit requirement on a separate page.)

# **Project Details**

**Checklist** To be considered complete the following must be included with the application.

location map (Exhibit #1)	project timeline & detailed schedule (Exhibit #5)
site plan & design schematic (Exhibit #2)	proof of property ownership (Exhibit #6)
contracted items (Exhibit #4)	plant list & planting plan (Exhibit #3)

**Project description** Describe the project, current site conditions, as well as site history, and past management. Note any potential impacts to neighboring properties.

What are the project objectives and expected outcomes? Give any additional project details.

Which cost share goals does the project support? (check all that apply)

improve watershed resources foster water resource stewardship

increase awareness of the vulnerability of watershed resources

increase familiarity with and acceptance of solutions to improve waters

How does the project support the goals you checked?

# **Project Details (continued)**

**Project benefits** Estimate the project benefits in terms of restoration and/or annual pollution reduction. If you are working with a designer or contractor, they can provide these numbers. If you need help contact the district administrator. Computations should be attached.

Benefit	Amount		steer berm
Water captures*		gal/year	snow
Water infiltrated**		gal/year	**Wa escap
Phosphorus removed		lbs/year	will ir
Sediment removed^^		lbs/year	^^500 area h
Land restored^		sq. ft.	both t

\*New Prairie grasses & forbs on p slope & dirt piled on brush n will capture all rainfall & wmelt from 10,000sq.ft. slope.

ater that is captured & doesn't pe by evaporation or transpiration nfiltrate from 10,000sq.ft. of slope.

00 sq.ft. Buckthorn Replacement seed mix has much loose top soil. Reduced sediment there & on 10,000sq.ft. steep slope area.

^ Seeding & Plug Planting Area on Steep Slope 315' X 32' =10,080 sq ft Buckthorn Replacement & Woodland seeding on gradual sloped areas =10,000 sq ft. Infiltration Basin (30' X 35') & Vegetated Swale (330' X 7') =3360 sq ft

How will you share the project results with your community and work to inform others about your projects environmental benefit?

Please note that by obtaining cost share funding from the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District, your project may be shared with the community through our website, social media, or other media. Your project may also be highlighted on a tour or training event, with prior notice and agreement.

**Maintenance** Describe the anticipated maintenance and maintenance schedule for your project.

I acknowledge that receipt of a grant is contingent upon agreeing to maintain the project for the number of years outlined in the cost share guidelines. Yes

# Authorization

Name of landowner or responsible part

23/2023 lam 1 Date

Type or handwrite your answers on this form. Attached additional pages as needed.

For questions, contact Linda Loomis at Naiad Consulting@gmail.com or call 763-545-4659.

Mail the completed application to

or email to:

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District c/o Linda Loomis, Administrator 112 E. Fifth St., Suite 102 Chaska, MN 55318

Linda Loomis, Administrator naiadconsulting@gmail.com

# 2023 Cost Share Worksheet

Labor Costs (contractors, consultants, in-kind labor)

				Requested Funds from	Matching/In-	
Service Provider	Task	# Hours	Rate/Hour	LMRWD	Kind Funds	Total Cost
			Total:	\$	\$	\$

#### **Project Materials**

			Requested		
				Matching/In-	
Material Description	Unit Cost	Total # of Units	LMRWD	Kind Funds	Total Cost
	\$	\$	\$		

Total Requested Funds from LMRWD*:	\$ (A)
Total Matchin/In-Kind Funds:	\$ (B)
Project Total:	\$ (C)

\*Please note: total requested funds (A) cannot be more than 50% of the Project Total (C)

want to be more proactive with this and request the data more frequently and work with the DNR to see if they have mitigation measures in place to address the appropriation.

Lindsey Albright, Dakota Soil and Water, asked if there was a way that the district could get added to the DNR's database so that they can view the data. Ms. Young stated that this information is being monitored but the DNR is not as proactive monitoring this data as the LMRWD would like.

Manager Salvato asked about the additional costs. Mr. Kuphal explained that they kept the budget the same this year and may have more expenses. He stated that next year there will be an increase. Administrator Loomis added that there is a maximum, not to exceed number, which is rarely reached.

Administrator Loomis stated that there has been a lot of requests for increase of appropriations that need to be discussed with the DNR.

Manager Amundson asked about the high chloride levels in August and if that was the result of low water levels. Ms. Roberts stated that was likely the cause but stated that there is not much of a concern for chloride in Eagle Creek. Mr. Kuphal added that it is not unlikely to see this increase due to concentration.

Mr. Kuphal explained that in the agreement there is not a line item under Deans Lake for equipment. He stated that there was some vandalism on the ultrasonic sonar that reads the water levels and shared concern that the device was damaged and may cost \$300 to repair or replace this. He asked if part of the budget could be used for equipment replacement. The Board said yes.

Manager Salvato made a motion to approve Agreement between the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District and the Scott Soil and Water Conservation District for Monitoring, Technical, Education and other Conservation Services and 2023 Statement of Work and authorize execution. President Hartmann seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken motion carried unanimously.

#### B. Appletree Condominium 2023 Cost Share Project

Administrator Loomis introduced and provided background on this item. She stated that there is a greater number of people interested in this cost share program than previous years. She shared concerns with potentially exceeding the budgeted amount. She stated that if this project and the Bloomington Neighbors Nurturing Nature project is approved that they may not approve them at the full amount.

Manager Salvato recommended making more stringent criteria for projects under this program.

Ms. Young recommended holding the applications from consideration at this meeting and consider all applications after the May 15 deadline and also checking in with the applicants if they would still have a viable project if they received less than their requested amount.

Administrator Loomis agreed with this suggestion. She stated that they are more conservative with their cost share program than other watershed districts. She suggested having different

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categories for these cost share projects. She recommended that applicants apply this year for projects that will be done next year.

Manager Amundson made a motion to table the Appletree Condominium cost share application and the Bloomington Neighbors Nurturing Nature cost share application until all after the May 15 deadline to consider all application received at the June Board Meeting. Manager Salvato seconded this motion. Upon a vote being taken motion carried unanimously.

## C. Bloomington Neighbors Nurturing Nature Cost Share Application (This item was discussed and voted on in conjunction with item B.

#### D. 2022 Dakota County Monitoring Report

Administrator Loomis introduced Lindsey Albright, Water Resource Specialist for the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District. Ms. Albright presented a report on the results of 2022 monitoring in Dakota County.

Ms. Albright reviewed the results of the fen well monitoring in Quarry Island, Fort Snelling, and Nichols Fens. She discussed the devices used for monitoring. She reviewed the trends at each site. She recommended continuing data sharing and looking at the viability of continuing to monitor all the wells.

Ms. Young shared the importance of Ms. Albright's monitoring. She stated that the LMRWD recently spoke with the DNR and since the MET Council is doing monitoring that the district should look at stopping monitoring. She said that they are not in agreement with this as the data that the LMRWD is looking at is different than what the MET Council is looking at.

Manager Salvato asked if the fen stewardship does any vegetation sampling and how often this is being done. Ms. Young stated that this has happened at Nichols and other locations are being looked at now. She stated that the DNR did not have the capacity to sample vegetation, so the LMRWD has taken it on.

Manager Amundson asked why the water levels fluctuate so much. Ms. Young explained that with Nichols there is some sensitivity with the pumping that is happening through the MET Council. She stated that at some of the other fens they are looking at this with the DNR to determine what might be causing these trends.

#### 6. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. 2021 Financial Audit

Administrator Loomis introduced and provided an update on the status of the audit. She stated that they have not yet received the audit, but the auditor said that he would have the report to them by April 15th. She noted that it was not received by that date and has not gotten a response back from the auditor. She added that the accountant has spoken to another accounting firm about taking over the 2021 audit to get this done.

Manager Salvato asked how much money has been spent on the audit. Administrator Loomis stated that Global Portfolio Consulting has been paid \$12,000-\$13,000 to get started on the audit.

Attorney Kolb mentioned that he can help come up with a plan of how to handle this.

## LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT 2023 COST SHARE INCENTIVE AND WATER QUALITY RESTORATION PROGRAM Cost Share Grant Agreement

The parties to this Agreement, made this 21st day of June 2023, are the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District, a Minnesota Watershed District ("LMRWD") a public body with purposes and powers set forth in Minnesota Statutes Chapters 103B and 103D and Appletree Condominium Association ("APPLICANT"). The purpose of this Agreement is to provide for the installation and maintenance of a project designed to protect and improve natural resources within the District, by managing storm water and said project to be located at: 8121 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Bloomington, MN 55425.

- 1. <u>Scope of Work</u>. APPLICANT will install the Project in accordance with the Application submitted to the LMRWD, attached as Exhibit A. A final report must be presented to the LMRWD at the time a request is made for reimbursement of expenses as specified in Section 2 of this Agreement.
- 2. <u>Reimbursement.</u> When the installation of the project is complete in accordance with Exhibit A, the LMRWD, on receipt of adequate documentation, will reimburse the APPLICANT up to 50% of the APPLICANT's cost to install the Project, including materials, equipment rental, delivery of materials and labor, in an amount not to exceed \$7,500. APPLICANT will document with receipts all direct expenditures. At the time reimbursement is requested, APPLICANT will provide the LMRWD with copies of all documents concerning the work. Volunteer time and labor will be considered an in-kind contribution and may be used as a match, but APPLICANT will not receive reimbursement for in-kind contributions. Labor may be credited at \$20.00 per hour.
- 3. <u>Public Access.</u> LMRWD may enter APPLICANT's property at reasonable times to inspect the work to ensure compliance with this Agreement and monitor or take samples for the purpose of assessing the performance of the Project. APPLICANT will permit the LMRWD, at its cost and discretion, to place reasonable signage on APPLICANTs property informing the general public about the Project and the LMRWD's Cost Share Incentive and Water Quality Restoration Program. The LMRWD may request APPLICANT's permission to allow members of the public periodically to enter APPLICANT's property to view the Project in the company of a LMRWD representative. This paragraph does not create any right of public entry onto APPLICANT's property except as coordinated with APPLICANT and accompanied by a LMRWD representative.
- 4. <u>Maintenance</u>. APPLICANT will maintain the Project for at least five (5) years from the date installation is complete. If APPLICANT does not do so, the LMRWD will have a right to reimbursement of all amounts paid to APPLICANT, unless:
  - a. The LMRWD determines that the failure to maintain the Project was caused by reasons beyond the APPLICANT's control; or
  - b. APPLICANT has conveyed the underlying property, provided APPLICANT notifies the LMRWD at least 30 days before the property is conveyed and facilitates communication between the LMRWD and the prospective owner regarding continued maintenance of the project.

- 5. <u>Agreement Void.</u> This Agreement is void if the project installation in not complete by November 30, 2023. This Agreement may not be modified in any way except in writing and signed by both parties.
- 6. <u>Indemnification</u>. The LMRWD will be held harmless against all liability and loss in connection with the installation of the Project.
- 7. <u>Compliance with Laws.</u> APPLICANT is responsible to comply with any permits or other legal requirements applicable to the work.
- 8. <u>Notices.</u> Any notice or demand, authorized or required under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be addressed to the other party as follows:

To LMRWD:

Administrator Lower Minnesota River Watershed District 112 East Fifth Street, Suite 102 Chaska, MN 55318

To APPLICANT:

Tom Fahey, Primary Contact Appletree Condominium Association 8121 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Unit 201 Bloomington, MN 55425

The parties being in agreement to be signed as follows:

**APPLICANT:** 

By: Thomas H. Fakey, AAA

Its:\_\_\_\_\_\_Appletree Condo Assoc Board member

<sub>Date:</sub> Jun 27, 2023

LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT:

By:

Its: President

Date: June 21, 2023



#### Overview

The Final Report documents the entire grant period and must be within 30 days of project completion. The report should be no longer than six pages. Upon staff approval of the report, you will receive the final reimbursement for your grant. Please note, checks are only issued once per month by the District.

Email your report to Linda Loomis, District Administrator, at naiadconsulting@gmail.com. Contact Linda with questions at 763-545-4659 or by email.

### **Cost Share Grant Final Report**

Project title: Erosion Control & Maintenance Project - Phase 2

Year grant was awarded 2023

Project location: 8121 34th Ave. S., Bloomington MN 55425

Project manager's name: Tom Fahey, primary contact.

Project manager's contact information: 8121 34th Ave. S., Unit 201, Bloomington MN 55425 Cell: 651-503-8903 Email: thfahey@comcast.net

Time period addressed in the final report: June 2023 - October 2023

How much is the reimbursement request?

Who should the reimbursement check be made out to? Appletree Condominium Association

Where should reimbursement check be mailed?

c/o Tom Fahey, Board Vice-President 8121 34th Ave. S., Unit 201, Bloomington MN 55425

## 1. Summary of Major Activities

*Provide a short overview of Cost Share activities. Include dates and time periods during which activities were completed and who was involved.* 

Three core activities were identified & hours for each were estimated in the grant request. All 3 tasks have been completed by 20 Appletree volunteers (See Exhibit 1 for names, roles & hrs contributed).

PREPARATION: planned to leave some vegetation on the slope to be seeded & plugged. Realized it best to remove all trees & plants during prep. Expanded area for planting plugs from 10K to 17K sq ft due to berm issues. Resolved access with terraced paths & steps. Result: more hrs than planned.

SEEDING & PLANTING: With easier hillside access & no weeds, straw erosion blanketing, seeding & plug planting went much quicker than planned. Seeding w/ Erosion Blanketing: 10&25Jun, 1&17&29Jul, 8Aug & 4-5Sep. Plantings:16May,15Jun, 30Jul-4Aug, 5-7Aug, 9Aug,10Aug & 4-5Sep.

FIRST YEAR MAINT.: Weeding started 15July\*. Watering started 24 May, ended 10 Sept.

Service Provider TASK E		Est. # Hours	Actual # Hrs
Volunteers PREPARATION OF seeding & plug area		235	416
Volunteers	SEEDING & PLANTING	260	187
Volunteers	1st YEAR MAINTENANCE		51
	Total TASK HOURS	576	653

Table above shows original grant request's estimated hours & actual volunteer hours worked thru 10 Sept. \* As of 15th Oct, 12 added hrs of weeding & maintenance was completed & will continue until snowfall.

## 2.Project Goals

Describe how the project addressed one or more of the goals of the Cost Share Program:

- •Improve water quality or increase the capacity of the watershed to store water
- Preserve, protect, and restore native plant and wildlife habitats
- Protect and preserve groundwater quality and quantity

Erosion Control & Maintenance Project - Phase 2 completed this year has continued to build upon Phase 1 completed in 2022. The below described efforts were done to increase water capture, infiltration and sediment removal:

- Risk of erosion was reduced & capacity of the watershed to store water was increased by building additional & reinforcing existing brush berms, installing terraced paths & steps, removing all weeds, seeding, erosion blanketing & planting plugs in 3 areas covering a total of approx. 20K sq ft.
  - 1. Top of the Bluff (approx. 1500 sq ft).
  - 2. Steep Slope planting & seeding area (increased from planned 10,000 to approx 17,000 sq ft)\*
  - 3. Raingarden/Water Seep area (revised to approx 1,500 sq ft)\*
    - \*See "5. Project Challenges" for more details & Exhibit #2.1 Original Plan & #2.2 Revised Implementation.
- Improved water quality was addressed during the project by weeding, seeding & erosion blanketing in stages to reduce risk of erosion. The approx. 17,000 sq ft Steep Slope area was divided into 6 separate sections for weeding completely, then seeding & planting the section before moving on to the next section. The Raingarden/Water Seep area was addressed as a 7th effort after the other 6 sections were completed. Attention to maintaining the stability of the steep slope and reducing bluff erosion as the plantings mature will continue to benefit water quality of nearby Long Meadow Lake and the Minnesota River in the long run.
- Native plants were restored by distributing seed mixtures of short grass prairie (near top of slope), dry mixed height grass prairie (lower on slope) and savana (in more shaded areas). In addition, a total of 2646 prairie grasses, forbs and sedges were planted in the 3 areas:
  - 1. Top of the Bluff (1180 grass plugs of Side Oats Grama, Little Blue Stem & Prairie Dropseed).
  - 2. Steep Slope area (1200 forb and 180 grass plugs).
  - 3. Raingarden/Water Seep area (86 forb and sedge plugs).

As the plants mature, the ability to support wildlife habitat will increase. We have already seen evidence of this in the 2 test plots on the slope & flat area on the top of the bluff that were planted in 2022. Butterflies, bees and birds have been very numerous during this summer of 2023. Specifically, monarch caterpillars and monarch butterflies have been observed & photographed (see section 7 Photos). In addition, raccoons, deer, turkeys and wood chucks have been sighted in the 2023 cleared, south slope open area, as well as one coyote observation.

## 3. Educational Value

Describe how the project provided education value regarding the project's environmental benefits. What education and outreach was done about the project and what were the impacts? How were the results of the project shared and with whom?

### Educational Value:

During the winter of 2022-2023 the 6 members of the Appletree Condo Assoc Landscape Committee were involved in the project planning prior to grant submission and Board members were also briefed. After receiving notice of the Grant, the project was described to all 75+ residents of the Appletree Condo Assoc building. A large poster showing project details was placed in the condo common area. Project progress updates were added to the poster throughout the summer.

Impacts: Information about invasive plants such as blackthorn and garlic mustard was shared with all condo members. The nineteen condo residents who participated in the project were able to learn in more detail about prairie grasses and forbs as well as undesirable plants for our prairie such as marestail (Conyza canadensis), pepperweed (Lepidium virginicum), Great Mullein (Verbascum thapsus), etc.

### Outreach:

With a goal of expanding the current project beyond Appletree, outreach to the following organizations was initiated and impact made to date:

- MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge (NWR): Because Appletree's property abuts the NWR, a large amount of
  outreach has been done. This summer NWR sponsored me, and I obtained a Non-Commercial Pesticide Applicator
  license. In September it was agreed that I would become a volunteer group leader for invasive species removal on
  the NWR property. The first removal effort on NWR property was held last November. The next buckthorn
  removal date is being planned and will be on NWR property that abuts the two private properties on either side
  of the Appletree Condo building.
- Representatives for apartments both west and east of Appletree Condo Assoc property and abutting NWR property were contacted again this summer. The two Project Managers were asked last year if they would be willing to team on invasive species removal and prairie restoration on Steep Bluff Overlay district on their properties. I followed up with new reps this year again:
  - To the West: Regional Manager, Jessica Correll at Roers Companies, 144 Units, Risor Senior Apartments which now has residents.
  - To the East: The CEO, Mike Waldo for RonClark Construction & Design which has started the building of a 328unit multi-phase, mixed-use development.

Impact: Two additional decision makers were familiarized with the need to protect the MN River Valley steep slopes and importance of addressing invasive species of plants. Both reps had considered teaming on Hennepin County's Opportunity Grant but decided to postpone any efforts.

• There was also outreach to Jack Distel at the Water Resources Division of the Engineering Dept at City of Bloomington three times this summer. Jack provided very helpful recommendations on dealing with several of the challenges that came up this summer during project implementation.

## 4. Project Outcomes

- Describe the outcomes of the project.
- Describe what makes you most proud about the project.

## Outcomes

Those Appletree Condo Association members who were questioning the project's value have become supportive for several reasons.

Objections raised initially:

- Don't change anything, it's a wild natural area as it is.
- If you disturb the south slope, it will erode & risk damaging the building's foundation.
- I don't want to spend any money.
- I like it the way it is now.

Realizations that helped those objecting:

- Much of the flora on the south slope is not native. Invasive plants are over taking the area.
- Photo distributed of erosion occurring. Deep rooted prairie grasses will reduce the risk of erosion.
- We can apply for Grants.
- The 2 test areas & flat area planted in 2022 were blooming in 2023 & wildlife has been visible.

#### **Most Proud**

The fostering of a strong Appletree Community atmosphere & natural environment awareness.

## 5. Project Challenges

• Describe any changes that had to be made to original plans due to site conditions, regulatory processes, etc. and any challenges with implementing the project.

• Indicate any ways in which Nine Mile Creek staff could have better assisted you in addressing the challenges.

## See:

EXHIBIT2.1\_Original Plan-Ver14Mar2023

And See:

EXHIBIT2.2\_Revised Impementation-Ver15Oct2023

# Challenge #1:

On 31 March 2023 a snowstorm with strong winds caused 6 large trees to topple in parts of the 2 areas we had planned to cover with 5000 sq ft of Buckthorn Replacement seed & 5000 sq ft of Woodland seed.

# Challenge #2:

We had planned to plant plugs of prairie forbs on the one 300-foot-long berm of brush that was constructed in 2022 after covering it completely with dirt in 2023. But as we began preparing the hillside in 2023 it was decided that all trees needed to be removed from the slope. The amount of tree trunks and branches were significantly greater than expected. We needed to decide what to do with the large unplanned excess.

# Combined Resolution of Challenges #1 & #2

As a result of the windfall of trees & based on recommendation by our supplier, seed types were changed. We abandoned the planned seeding of four 5,000 sq ft areas of Upland Dry Prairie (near top of slope), Mesic Prairie (on slope & berm), Buckthorn Replacement (in seeded only area), MN Woodland (in shaded seeded only area). Instead, we used short grass prairie (near top of slope), dry mixed height grass prairie (lower on slope) and savanna mix (in more shaded areas).

With added tree branches & trunks during PREPARATION, additional berms were constructed further down the slope and the existing 2022 berm was piled higher. None of the berms were able to be completely covered with dirt. So instead of planting on the 2022 berm, both seeding & plugs were planted further down the slope where only seeding was originally planned.

# Challenge #3:

As we started to prepare the slope, we realized it would be too steep to be easily accessed by the volunteers, especially during planting of plugs.

# Resolution of Challenge #3

We decided to install steps in 6 areas. Larger tree trunks were sliced & used. Also, approx. 700 ft of terraced paths were dug & retaining walls were built in the steepest areas using available wood.

# Challenge #4

The original plan was to excavate an area in the SW corner of the property where a water seep existed and plant rain garden type forbs. Jack Distel, City of Bloomington Erosion Control Specialist recommended no excavation be done near the seep, due to this unique feature.

# Resolution of Challenge #4

A water basin further up the slope and drainage route was excavated after input from Jack Distel. (See Exhibit #2.1 & #2.2 for details of planned and implemented solution.)

## 6. Project Longevity

- What will the long-term impact of the project be?
- Describe any follow-up projects that will occur because of the Cost Share grant.

Long-Term Impact Envisioned

• Removal of invasive species and Prairie/Oak Savanna restoration from Bass ponds near Cedar Ave. to the MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Visitor Center near American Blvd on private, city & federal lands.

Short-term follow-up projects

- Buckthorn removal on NWR lands near Appletree Property
- Teaming with the new non-profit, Bloomington Neighbors Nurturing Nature (BNNN), on invasive species removal around Ike's Creek.

## 7. Photos

• *Provide at least three high resolution photos of the project. If you include the pictures in the document file, also email the photos as separate jpg files.* 

• Include a photo of each phase of the project, if applicable (before, during, after).



Top right March 2023 (before), Top left June 2023 (during). Bottom 3 photos October 2023 (after). Bottom left: looking E, from upper berm on property W end. Bottom mid: from SW property corner, looking NW at drainage area. Bottom Right: looking E from SW property corner, with upper & lower berms and 2 of the terraced paths visible.

#### 8. Reimbursement

- *How much is the reimbursement request?*
- \$7500
- What is the total amount of match?

653 volunteer hrs, \$20/hr = \$13,600\* plus \$7,780.24 in cash expenditures^. TOTAL = \$21,380.24

\* See Exhibit #1 for a summary. A spreadsheet containing a daily tally of Volunteer's Names, Tasks & Hours can be provided if requested.

^ See Table #1 for Budgeted & Actual expenditures summary. See Exhibit #3 for all cash receipts.

Submit receipts and/or paid invoices for the reimbursement request and match documentation. Project expenditures without receipts will not be eligible for reimbursement. Copies of paid checks may be asked for with reimbursement requests.

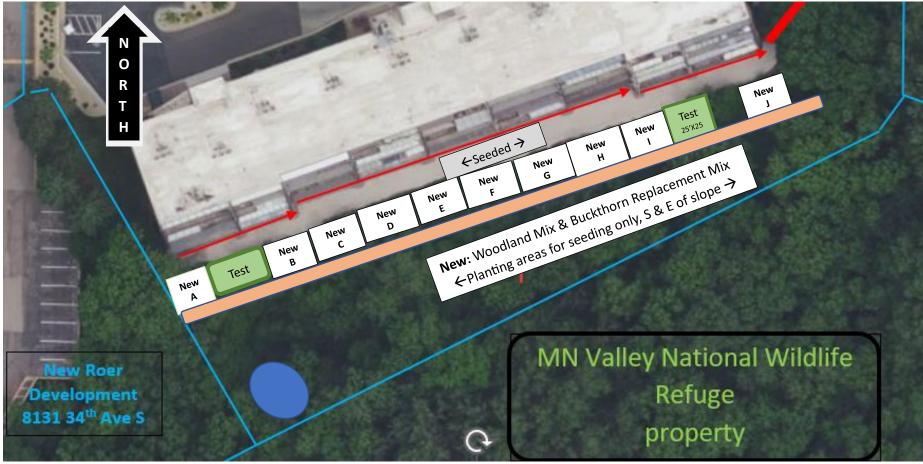
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	Spent	Budgeted			
		EED	(Order-Deliver-Pd) Dates	Store	Items
\$	773.10		March -15May-June 2023	MNL	SEED
-		920.34			Seed
	Erosio	n Control	(Order-Deliver-Pd) Dates	Store	ltems
\$	421.54		17May -17May -17Jun 2023	Gertens	Straw Erosion Blankets
\$	51.69		17May -17May -17Jun 2023	Gertens	Sod Staple stakes
\$	150.03		22Jun - 22Jun - 18Aug 2023	Gertens	Peat moss & sod staples
	240.07				4 Straw Blankets
\$	249.87		08Aug -08Aug -18Aug 2023	Gertens	Sod Staple stakes
\$	873.13				
		\$ 1,360.00			Erosion Blankets & bales straw
	Р	lugs	(Order-Deliver-Pd) Dates	Store	Items
\$	1,376.32		22Feb -15May- 08Aug 2023	NaturaL Shore	plugs
\$	1,032.24		22Feb -15Jun - June 2023	NaturaL Shore	plugs
\$	2,408.56		22Feb - 31Jul - 08Aug 2023	NaturaL Shore	plugs
\$	1,000.52		22Feb -08Aug - 08Aug 2023	NaturaL Shore	plugs
\$	5,817.64				
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\$	7,780.24	\$ 8,561.22	Total		
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			*Tools Item	ized	
	\$ Amt.	Date	Store	Items	Purpose
\$	51.42	15-Apr-23	Home Depot	Gas Pole Pruner-r	tree cutting
\$	92.50	9-May-23	Menards	chain saw suppies	tree cutting
\$	29.54	12-Jun-23	Knitts Hrwr HanK	Sharpen Chainsav	tree cutting
\$	25.78	15-Jun-23	Menards	Chainsaw fuel	tree cutting
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\$	29.02	13-Jul-23	Ace	sledge hammer	replaced broken handle-for stakes
\$	22.00	15-Jul-23		-	clean up & stakes
\$	44.11	31-Jul-23			to allow plugs to grow thru seeded
\$	316.37		Total Expenditures	on tools for Erosi	on Project

TABLE #1

Name	Volunteer Task(s)	Hours
Tom Fahey	Coordinator & All Tasks including Watering	377.50
Ken Olstad	Weeding & Seeding	82.00
Jesse Morzenti	Weeding, Berms, Planting	42.50
Leo Tschida	Clearing trees/brush, Weeding & Planting	42.00
David Leiskau	Weeding, Berms, Planting	19.50
Maureen Olstad	Weeding & Planting	17.25
Janet Hartmann	Weeding & Planting	16.50
Pam Bott	Planting	16.00
Ben Skaar	Weeding & Seeding	6.50
Kathleen Schneibel	Planting	5.50
Jim Simpson	Weeding & Seeding	5.00
Mark Schneibel	Planting	4.75
Alesa Koppen	Planting	4.50
Forrest Wollack	Planting	3.25
Maureen Mady	Planting	3.00
Marcia Wattson	Weeding & Planting	2.33
Mary Anne Fahey	Weeding & Planting	2.25
Brad Pederson	Consulting, wholesale supplies	1.75
Linda Michel	Planting	1.00
Phil Burke	Documentation, Photos	?
	TOTAL	653.08

Exhibit #1\_Volunteers, Tasks & Hours as of 10 Sept. 2023

# EXHIBIT #2.1\_Original Plan-Ver14Mar2023 **Erosion Control & Maintenance Project - Phase 2**



# Legend

Property lines. (Bldg is about 307' long. South property line is about 90-110' from SW corner of bldg. & about 45-55' from SE corner of bldg.)

#### **Completed Work:**

Test

Draintile buried along entire southside of building with river rock at the surface.

Drain extends underground from east side of building approx 130' to the edge of bluff.

Approximately 300ft X 12 ft (3600 sq ft) Prairie Mesic seeding completed in 2022 Phase 1 as part of the 2021 LMRWD Grant.  $\leftarrow$  Seeded  $\rightarrow$ 

2 Test (35'X20' & 25'X25') areas cleared; terraced for planting ease, wood steps & erosion control; laid seed, erosion blankets & plugs of prairie forbs & grasses.

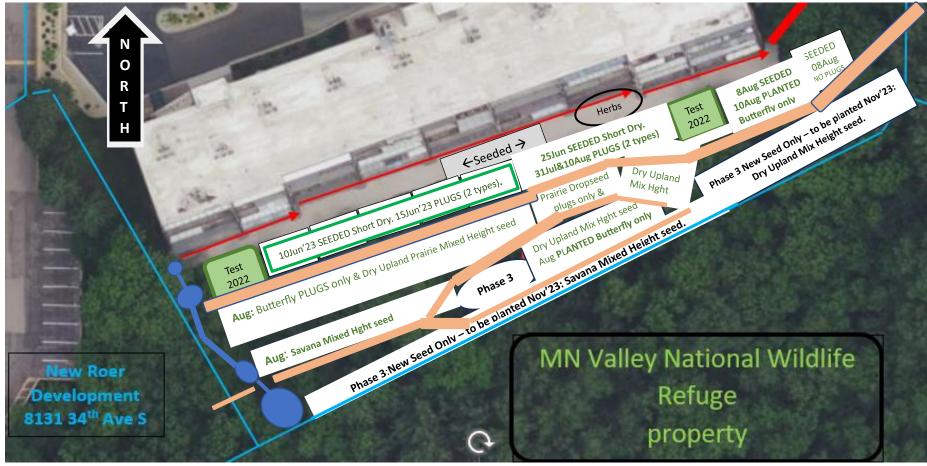
#### Proposed Work in 2023 Phase 2:

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10 plots, treated same as 2022 test areas. Vegetated Swale (about 330'X7').

Infiltration Basin (about 35'X30').

EXHIBIT #2.2\_Revised Implementation-Ver15Oct2023 Erosion Control & Maintenance Project - Phase 2



Legend

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Drain extends underground from east side of building approx 130' to the edge of bluff.

### Completed Work in 2022, Phase 1:

 $\leftarrow$  Seeded  $\rightarrow$  Approximately 300ft X 12 ft (3600 sq ft) Prairie Mesic seeding completed in 2022 Phase 1 as part of the 2021 LMRWD Grant.

Test 2 Test (35'X20' & 25'X25') areas cleared; terraced for planting ease, wood steps & erosion control; laid seed, erosion blankets & plugs of prairie forbs & grasses.

#### Work Completed in 2023 as of 15 October, Phase 2:

Existed & added '23

Berms.

Completed Sep'23

Water Basins &



Completed June'23

Completed July&Aug'23 Seeds & Plugs.

EXHIBIT #3 Expend	litures			-								ра	ge 1 of 3
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#### **EXHIBIT #3 Expenditures**

