

# Metro Greenways 2007 Community Conservation Assistance Grants Project Profile

Project Name: **Monticello Natural Resource Inventory and Assessment (NRI/A)**

Geographic Context: 10,139 acres in Wright County surrounding Monticello (orderly annexation area) and selected areas within the city limits

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Project Goal: **Support the natural resource goals identified in the 2030 Comprehensive Plan by:**

- 1) Identifying areas of ecological importance based on scientific review;**
- 2) Identifying areas of importance to the community**
- 3) Mapping high quality natural areas and assessing their quality**
- 4) Drafting a conceptual greenway corridor map**




Project Outcome: **The MN Land Cover Classification System (MLCCS) inventory identified over 125 occurrences of natural land cover features, 7 of which were ranked as good quality or better and citizens identified 7 areas of that have high value to the community.**

## Project Overview:

All features identified in the study area were classified to a MLCCS level 3 (i.e., upland deciduous forest or cultivated row crop). Areas of ecological or community importance were classified to a MLCCS level 5 and ranked for quality, amount of invasive species present, and water body characteristic were identified through a prioritization process involving:

- 1) Analysis of existing data and remote sensing procedures
- 2) City Staff perceived as important to the community by
- 3) local citizens identifying "Areas of Community Importance"

Future uses of this inventory and assessment include:

-  Identifying areas for restoration or management or protection
-  Incorporating the NRI/A information into public education opportunities
-  Developing or updating regulations to assist the City to protect and enhance important natural features.