

Conservation Partners Legacy Grants: FY 2026 Awards

Expedited Conservation Projects (ECP) Round 1

Organization	Project Name	County	Activity	Habitat	Acres	Amount
City of Burnsville	Earley Lake Restoration	Dakota	Restoration	Forest	5	\$69,465
City of Lakeville	East Lake Habitat Improvements Phase 2	Dakota	Restoration	Fish, Game or Wildlife Habitat	15	\$75,000
Hubbard SWCD	Bender Creek Habitat Connectivity Restoration	Hubbard	Restoration	Fish, Game or Wildlife Habitat	1	\$75,000
Minnesota Deer Hunters Association	MDHA Aitkin County White Oak Planting	Aitkin	Enhancement	Forest	97	\$58,000
Minnesota Deer Hunters Association	MDHA Park Rapids Area Oak Enhancement	Hubbard	Enhancement	Forest	1045	\$75,000
MN Pheasants Steele County Chapter	Aurora WMA Prairie Habitat Management	Steele	Restoration	Prairie	15	\$44,905
North St. Louis SWCD	Ely Trezona Trail Restoration	St. Louis	Restoration	Prairie	2	\$20,000
Pheasants Forever	Whitewater WMA Upland Enhancement	Wabasha	Enhancement	Prairie	37	\$55,500
River Bend Nature Center INC.	Big Woods Restoration Phase 2	Rice	Restoration	Fish, Game or Wildlife Habitat	28	\$75,000

Expedited Conservation Projects (ECP) Round 2

Organization	Project Name	County	Activity	Habitat	Acres	Amount
Minnesota Deer Hunters Association	MDHA Park Rapids Area Upland Brush Mowing	Hubbard	Enhancement	Forest	550	\$75,000
River Bend Nature Center INC.	Restoring Mesic Hardwoods-Phase 1	Rice	Restoration	Forest	14	\$75,000
Roseau River Watershed District	Roseau Lake Prairie Restoration	Roseau	Restoration	Prairie	20	\$16,200
Three Rivers Park District	Crow-Hassan Fire Managed Woods Cleanup Phase I	Hennepin	Enhancement	Forest	24	\$71,000

Expedited Conservation Projects (ECP) Round 3

Organization	Project Name	County	Activity	Habitat	Acres	Amount
City of Burnsville	Crystal West Park Habitat Restoration	Dakota	Restoration	Forest	10	\$75,000

Dakota County Parks	Miesville Ravine Park Reserve Prairie Enhancement	Dakota	Enhancement	Prairie	200	\$75,000
Friends of the Mississippi River	Prairie Enhancement in Hastings	Dakota	Enhancement	Prairie	15	\$75,000
Friends of the Mississippi River	Vermillion AMA Woodland Restoration	Dakota	Enhancement	Forest	21	\$68,431
Minnesota Deer Hunters Association	MDHA Mast Production & Thermal Cover Improvement 3	Itasca	Enhancement	Forest	224	\$75,000
Minnesota Deer Hunters Association	MDHA Thief Lake Woody Browse Regeneration Phase V	Marshall	Enhancement	Fish, Game or Wildlife Habitat	406	\$75,000
Minnesota Deer Hunters Association	MDHA Wealthwood SF-Ripple River WMA Buckthorn Ctrl	Aitkin	Enhancement	Forest	506	\$50,000
Ramsey County Parks and Recreation	Sucker Lake West Enhancement	Ramsey	Enhancement	Forest	31	\$75,000
Three Rivers Park District	Gale Woods Farm Habitat Enhancement	Hennepin	Enhancement	Fish, Game or Wildlife Habitat	10	\$42,000

Expedited Conservation Projects (ECP) Round 4

Organization	Project Name	County	Activity	Habitat	Acres	Amount
Chisago County	Chisago County Invasive Phragmites Control Project	Chisago	Enhancement	Wetland	6	\$75,000
City of Cottage Grove	Kingston Park/Prairie Belt Habitat Enhancement	Washington	Enhancement	Prairie	38	\$75,000
City of Granite Falls	Granite Falls CPL Grant Application 2026	Yellow Medicine	Restoration	Forest	37	\$25,725
Dakota County Soil & Water Conservation District	Land Conservation Program - Easement Batch 1	Dakota	Enhancement	Prairie	79	\$75,000
The Prairie Enthusiasts	Billings-Tomfohr Conservation Area Phase 2	Goodhue	Restoration	Prairie	40	\$65,500

Expedited Conservation Projects (ECP) Round 5

Organization	Project Name	County	Activity	Habitat	Acres	Amount
Chisago County Parks	Prescribed Fire in Chisago County Parks	Chisago	Enhancement	Prairie	43	\$15,000
City of La Crescent	Stoney Point Forest Habitat Restoration Phase III	Houston	Restoration	Forest	11	\$75,000
City of Maplewood	Wakefield Restoration Project	Ramsey	Restoration	Forest	5	\$50,000
Forest Stewards Guild	Restoring Long Lived Conifer Along Otter Creek	Carlton	Restoration	Forest	40	\$75,000
Hutchinson PRCE	Hutchinson PRCE ongoing prairie restoration	McLeod	Enhancement	Prairie	29	\$43,080

Mower County Historical Society	GMC Quarry Habitat Enhancement, Phase 2	Mower	Restoration	Prairie	15	\$74,340
River Bend Nature Center INC.	Wetland Edge & Prairie Enhancement	Rice	Enhancement	Prairie	15	\$50,000
Ruffed Grouse Society	Oakie Dokie	St. Louis	Enhancement	Forest	116	\$55,000
Wildlife Forever	Stokman WMA Tree Removal	Blue Earth	Enhancement	Prairie	65	\$50,000

New Applicant Round 1

Organization	Project Name	County	Activity	Habitat	Acres	Amount
City of St. Louis Park	Westwood Hills Nature Center Habitat Restoration	Hennepin	Restoration	Fish, Game or Wildlife Habitat	50	\$42,3360
Dovetail Partners	Ely Fuels Reduction and Forest Restoration Project	St. Louis	Enhancement	Forest	600	\$50,0000
Joint County Ditch #2 Drainage Authority	Lake Osakis Outlet Modification	Todd	Enhancement	Fish, Game or Wildlife Habitat	1	\$39,0150
Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District	Little Knife River Brook Trout Habitat Restoration	St. Louis	Restoration	Fish, Game or Wildlife Habitat	1	\$25,2774

Metro Round 1

Organization	Project Name	County	Activity	Habitat	Acres	Amount
City of Marine on St. Croix	The Hollow Restoration, Phase 2	Washington	Restoration	Forest	52	\$353,547
City of Woodbury	Powers Lake Shoreline Vegetation Restoration	Washington	Enhancement	Fish, Game or Wildlife Habitat	19	\$230,000
Dakota County Agricultural Society	DCAS Native Prairie Enhancement	Dakota	Enhancement	Prairie	193	\$51,000
Dept. of Military Affairs	Arden Hills Army Training Site Forest Enhancement	Ramsey	Enhancement	Forest	40	\$82,000
Friends of the Mississippi River	Forest Enhancement at Hampton Woods WMA	Dakota	Enhancement	Forest	159	\$390,381
Pheasants Forever Inc.	Metro Area Acquisition	Carver	Acquisition	Prairie	79	\$500,000
South St. Louis SWCD	Tischer Tributary 7 Resilience Project - Phase 3	St. Louis	Restoration	Forest	3	\$418,825
Washington County, MN	Lake Elmo Park Reserve Oak Savanna Resto Phase IV	Washington	Restoration	Prairie	70	\$329,590

Statewide Round 1

Organization	Project Name	County	Activity	Habitat	Acres	Amount
Lake of the Woods County	LOTW County Fish Passage	Lake of the Woods	Enhancement	Fish, Game or Wildlife Habitat	3	\$492,921
Minnesota Land Trust	Otter Tail County Wetlands and Grasslands #6	Otter Tail	Restoration	Prairie	110	\$229,900
Minnesota Land Trust	Pipestone Parcel	Pipestone	Acquisition	Prairie	27	\$424,000
Minnesota Pheasants Inc	Belgard WPA Restoration Phase II	Blue Earth	Restoration	Wetland	356	\$397,500
National Wild Turkey Federation	Kramer's Ridge - South Slope Oak Restoration	Winona	Enhancement	Forest	95	\$191,000
Pioneer Heritage Conservation Trust	Seasonal Wetlands Cattail Control XIV	Wilkin	Enhancement	Wetland	1674	\$400,000
River Bend Nature Center INC.	Restoring Rare Species Habitat	Rice	Restoration	Forest	70	\$500,000
The Nature Conservancy	Brimson Complex Wildfire Forest Recovery	St. Louis	Restoration	Forest	769	\$500,000
Wildlife Forever	Chippewa National Forest Pollinator Habitat	Itasca	Restoration	Fish, Game or Wildlife Habitat	53	\$149,750
Wildlife Forever	PWLC Prairie Restoration Phase II	Otter Tail	Restoration	Prairie	94	\$202,820