

**Wisconsin Habitat Partnership Fund
Program Grant Awards**

* Federally Funded Grant Program *

Contact Person: Karen Blodgett (715) 839-3730

Project Sponsor	Project Name	County	DNR Reg	Grant Amt	Local Share	Project Desc
BAYFIELD COUNTY	Barnes Barrens Habitat Development and Maintenance		NO	\$51,317.00	\$17,119.00	<p>Bayfield County will utilize Wildlife Restoration funds to:</p> <p>Objectives: Quality pine barrens habitat will be achieved in a variety of ways. Controlling the spread of invasives species will give desirable native vegetation a better opportunity to establish; accelerating the establishment of the 1,000 acre grassy core area will provide quality barrens habitat sooner than initially planned.</p> <p>Work to be done, by whom, and using what methodology: Site prep will be accomplished by private contractors via mechanical and/or chemical means and administered by the county. Site prep activities will occur in 2018 and 2019, with the final portions of the project completed by Nov 2019.</p> <p>Invasives species control will be accomplished by a private contractor and administered by the county. Invasive species will be chemically treated and applied via boom sprayer, as well as spot treated via backpack sprayers. Knapweed treatments will occur in 2018 and 2019 (pending conditions) and are expected to be completed by September 2019.</p> <p>The grassy core area will be established with a combination of chemical (to start) and fire (to maintain). A fire corridor/fuel management zone will be created around the entire perimeter of the core to facilitate current and future prescribed burns. The fire corridor/fuel break will be established via a combination of private contractors and county staff/equipment. Expected completion by June 2020.</p> <p>Maintenance and Monitoring: This project is part of the Bayfield County Forest Barnes Barrens Management plan. The entire project area will be managed and monitored as per the plan. The core area will be monitored and maintained on roughly a 5 year burn cycle. Bayfield County is also in the process of established permanent Continuous Forest Inventory (CFI) plots throughout the entire ownership. A total of 46 CFI plots will be located within the Barnes Barrens project area (5 of which will be in the core area).</p>

**Wisconsin Habitat Partnership Fund
Program Grant Awards**

* Federally Funded Grant Program *

Contact Person: Karen Blodgett (715) 839-3730

Project Sponsor	Project Name	County	DNR Reg	Grant Amt	Local Share	Project Desc
BUFFALO COUNTY	Upper Driftless Area Prairie and Oak Barrens Restoration and Maintenance		WC	\$13,200.00	\$5,000.00	<p>Buffalo County plans to utilize Wildlife Restoration fund to:</p> <p>Objectives: Lakes Coulee WA: - Burn 90 acres of restored prairie and cool-season grass. -Restore 20 acres of native prairie -Restore 10 acres of oak savanna Tiffany WA: -Burn 300 acres of oak barrens and remnant dry-mesic prairie -Mow 150 acres of brush within the project area</p> <p>Work to be done, by whom, and using which methodology: - Prescribed fire: DNR staff and volunteers - Brush Mowing: portions funded through WI Habitat Partnership Fund will be conducted by contractors, all other mowing will be conducted by DNR staff. -Spraying site preparation for prairie planting: contractors - Planting/Mowing of prairie planting: DNR staff</p> <p>Monitoring and maintenance: The DNR property manager for Tiffany WA and Lakes Coulee WA will oversee all contracted work (brush mowing and spraying) to ensure that it is being conducted in the correct manner. After the contract brush mowing, each area will be inspected to measure how many acres were mowed. In future years, the mowed areas will be maintained by a combination of prescribed fire, herbicide application, and additional mowing. These areas will then be monitored to see how much brush has been reduced, and what native prairie vegetation is released. The prairie planting area will be monitored after each spraying to ensure that the non-native species are being effectively controlled. The area will then be seeded during the fall following the site prep. During the first growing season after planting, the area will be maintained by mowing 2-3x during the growing season. It will also be mowed 1-2x during the second growing season. Herbicide application and prescribed fire will also be used to control competing/invasive vegetation. Each year after planting the area will be monitored to see what native prairie species have become established from the planting.</p>

**Wisconsin Habitat Partnership Fund
Program Grant Awards**

* Federally Funded Grant Program *

Contact Person: Karen Blodgett (715) 839-3730

Project Sponsor	Project Name	County	DNR Reg	Grant Amt	Local Share	Project Desc
CITY OF LA CROSSE	Fitzpatrick Pollinator Prairie		WC	\$10,000.00	\$3,750.00	<p>City of La Crosse will utilize Wildlife Restoration frund to:</p> <p>Objective: To restore an abandoned agriculture field, which has become infested with non-native cool season grasses and honeysuckle, into a high quality, diverse, native pollinator prairie to create better habitat for wildlife, and in turn create more opportunities for recreation on the property, including hunting, trapping, and wildlife viewing.</p> <p>Work to be done, by whom and using which methodology: The first step of this project will be site preparation. We intend on having this work done both by volunteers and contractors. On volunteer days, we will remove woody material and pile it to be burned on site. Once the woody material is dealt with, we will hire a contractor to come out and spray 2-3 times to control the cool season grasses. Once the site is prepared, we will be purchasing seed from Prairie Moon Nursery and hire a contractor with a seed drill to plant the seed. We will then use volunteers to keep undesirable species in check while the planted seed gets established. The year following the planting, we will hire a contractor to mow the prairie 2-3 times to keep the non-native and invasive species from competing with the planted seed.</p> <p>Monitoring and maintenance: The Forest Management Coordinator, as well as volunteer groups, will monitor the site regularly and remove any invasive or undesirable species as the prairie becomes established. For the first few years, the prairie will be maintained with mowing to promote the growth of planted seeds, as well as controlling invasive and undesirable species. Once the prairie becomes established, it will be put into a burn regime and burned 2-3 times a decade.</p>

**Wisconsin Habitat Partnership Fund
Program Grant Awards**

* Federally Funded Grant Program *

Contact Person: Karen Blodgett (715) 839-3730

Project Sponsor	Project Name	County	DNR Reg	Grant Amt	Local Share	Project Desc
DANE COUNTY PARKS	Dane County Wildlife Areas		SC	\$110,928.00	\$112,630.00	<p>Dane County Parks will utilize federal grant funding to:</p> <p>Objective: -Enhance wildlife habitat on public land open for hunting, fishing, trapping and other forms of recreation at six properties, totaling approximately 740 acres.</p> <p>Work to be done, by whom, and using which methodology: Work will be done by a combination of staff, volunteers and contractors through restoration of wetland hydrology(tile breaks, water control structures and berms) forestry mowing, prescribed fire, planting of nesting and pollinator habitat, mowing and invasive control.</p> <p>Maintenance and Monitoring: Dane County Parks has an operational plan to maintain and enhance properties. We have recently hired an additional permanent Restoration Technician and will be hiring two seasonal Restoration Technician to ensure quality habitat. The properties we chose for this proposal have active friends groups that assist in monitoring and management. Sites are visited multiple times per year for qualitative assessment of habitat needs. From these assessments we create work plans for the future.</p>

**Wisconsin Habitat Partnership Fund
Program Grant Awards**

* Federally Funded Grant Program *

Contact Person: Karen Blodgett (715) 839-3730

Project Sponsor	Project Name	County	DNR Reg	Grant Amt	Local Share	Project Desc
DUCKS UNLIMITED	Waterfowl Habitat Enhancement Partnership		NE	\$111,900.00	\$37,379.00	<p>Ducks Unlimited plans to utilized Wildlife Restoration fund to:</p> <p>Objectives: Increase waterfowl production, public access, and operational efficiency.</p> <p>Work to be done, by whom, and using which methodology: WDNR Wildlife Biologist will coordinate spray/mow efforts throughout the focus area and obtain all necessary permits. DU will bid, contract, and pay for spray/mow efforts where needed. Aerial and ground crews will be hired to conduct invasive species removal. Mowing will likely consist of contracting "Forestry" mowers for brush removal.</p> <p>Monitoring and maintenance: Spraying projects have a varied life-span but with proper management have been shown last 15 years and more. Biologists have learned where to best apply and how to manage enhancement efforts to achieve the greatest longevity. Application techniques can be used to increase management capabilities and reduce maintenance. WDNR Biologist will monitor enhance areas and prescribe management to maintain habitat quality.</p>

**Wisconsin Habitat Partnership Fund
Program Grant Awards**

* Federally Funded Grant Program *

Contact Person: Karen Blodgett (715) 839-3730

Project Sponsor	Project Name	County	DNR Reg	Grant Amt	Local Share	Project Desc
KENOSHA COUNTY	KD Park Prairie Restoration		SE	\$15,750.00	\$14,250.00	<p>Kenosha County Division of Parks plans to utilize Wildlife Restoration Funds to:</p> <p>Objectives: To restore 30 acres of formerly cultivated land into a tall grass mesic prairie within a two year grant cycle, allowing for a single season of prairie mix establishment followed by regular site visits and long-term maintenance. Kenosha County employs qualified personnel with an extensive background in prairie management and maintenance. It is the objective to utilize the funding through this grant to open public use of the western portion of KD Park that is currently not utilized or developed since it was acquired in 2011.</p> <p>Work to be done, by whom, and using which methodology: Kenosha County Division of Parks aims to restore 30 acres of prairie at KD Park. Kenosha County will hire contractors and fund planning design documents that will include seed mix limits and native seeding specification. Initial drill seeding of the prairie will occur in the spring of 2019 that will include native seed, nurse crop and and erosion matting. Once planted, contracted maintenance will include 4 mowing visits and 2 visits to spot treat problematic invasive species. Continued maintenance of the prairie will occur annually with monthly inspections, selective herbicide treatments, mowing, and controlled burns by Kenosha County to better maintain the health of the prairies.</p> <p>Monitoring and maintenance: One growing season of establishment will be covered for this prairie restoration project which will include certified contracted maintenance that will include a once-a-month site visit to control weeds, mowing of up to 4 times a year, and spot herbicide weed control for invasive species. Upon completion of the grant, Kenosha County Parks Division will continue to monitor this project and has qualified staff to continue to monitor, spot treat invasive species, mow and administer controlled burns by a Certified Controlled Burn Manager.</p>

**Wisconsin Habitat Partnership Fund
Program Grant Awards**

* Federally Funded Grant Program *

Contact Person: Karen Blodgett (715) 839-3730

Project Sponsor	Project Name	County	DNR Reg	Grant Amt	Local Share	Project Desc
LANGLADE COUNTY	Otto Mauk Habitat Restoration		NO	\$10,000.00	\$3,960.00	<p>Langlade County Forestry plans to utilize Wildlife Restoration fund to:</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Set back succession in the openings through brush mowing and herbicide treatment. 2. To enhance the functioning of the openings through direct seeding of forbes and mast producing trees that will benefit wildlife and pollinators. 3. Control invasive species through chemical treatment. <p>Work to be done, by whom, and using with methodology: Brush mowing will be completed by WDNR staff. Site preparation will be completed by WDNR staff. Invasive species control will be completed by Langlade County Forestry Staff. Chemical treatment of brush will be completed by Langlade County Forestry Staff. Planting of apple trees and seeding of forbes will be completed by Langlade County Forestry Staff.</p> <p>Monitoring and maintenance: All planting will be monitored yearly for at least five years following planting or until they are well established. The apple trees will be checked every five years after establishment and pruned as necessary. The fencing placed around the apple trees will be maintained annually until the trees reach sufficient size to no longer require the added protection. The grass openings will be checked for invasive species four years after completion of this project and treated as appropriate. The openings should require no further maintenance for a minimum of 10 years.</p>

**Wisconsin Habitat Partnership Fund
Program Grant Awards**

* Federally Funded Grant Program *

Contact Person: Karen Blodgett (715) 839-3730

Project Sponsor	Project Name	County	DNR Reg	Grant Amt	Local Share	Project Desc
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONSERVANCY	Sugar Creek Bluff SNA Restoration and Maintenance		WC	\$13,500.00	\$4,550.00	<p>MVC will utilize Wildlife Restoration fund to:</p> <p>Objectives: 1. Control and remove herbaceous invasive garlic mustard during the spring of 2019 and 2020 by herbicide spraying or torching in the early season and hand pulling in the mid and late spring season using Conservancy staff and volunteers. 2. Removal of woody invasive and unwanted species through cutting and treating of stumps during the fall of 2018 to be completed by a private contractor with matching contributions from the Conservancy. 3. Completing firebreak construction and prescribed burning of a 51 acre burn unit in spring of 2019 or 2020 to enhance Oak Savanna and Dry Prairie habitat which will be completed by private contractors with matching contributions by Conservancy staff along with the Prairie Du Chien Corrections Crew.</p> <p>Work to be done, by whom, and using what methodology: This project will be completed by private contractors with matching contributions from the Conservancy staff, volunteers and the Prairie Du Chien Corrections Crew.</p> <p>Monitoring and maintenance: This project, once complete will continue to undergo active maintenance in the form of invasive species removal and prescribed burning indefinitely. It is Conservancy policy that each of our properties must be monitored at least once annually.</p>

**Wisconsin Habitat Partnership Fund
Program Grant Awards**

* Federally Funded Grant Program *

Contact Person: Karen Blodgett (715) 839-3730

Project Sponsor	Project Name	County	DNR Reg	Grant Amt	Local Share	Project Desc
NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION	Mud Lake Wildlife Area Prescribed Burning		SC	\$11,900.00	\$4,024.00	<p>NWTF plans to utilize Wildlife Restoration funds to:</p> <p>Objectives: Complete a prescribed burn with sufficient intensity to kill undesirable vegetation, but minimize incidental damage to desirable vegetation. Maintain the fire within the Burn Plan parameters. Contain the fire within unit boundaries. Manage smoke so it causes no human health or safety risks. Mop up ensures the fire will not rekindle.</p> <p>Work to be done, by whom, and using which methodology: DNR has already crafted a burn plan for the site and prepared the firebreaks (although they may need to be removed before the burn). NWTF will use the burn plan and specs to bid the project to prospective contractors. NWTF and DNR will select the contractor. Contractor will conduct the burn when conditions are right to meet project objectives. DNR will oversee the burn to ensure it meets their objectives. NWTF will pay the invoice once approved by DNR, then seek reimbursement. NWTF will be responsible for grant reports. DNR will be responsible for all future site management.</p> <p>Monitoring and maintenance: DNR will continue monitoring the presence and extent of buckthorn and multiflora rose on the site, treating it as necessary. DNR has a goal of burning the property on 5-10 year rotation, and will be responsible for future management after this project. This treatment will have long term impacts by preventing conversion of oak to later successional forest, but will need to be repeated in about 5 years (perhaps longer in the woodland).</p>

Wisconsin Habitat Partnership Fund
Program Grant Awards

* Federally Funded Grant Program *

Contact Person: Karen Blodgett (715) 839-3730

Project Sponsor	Project Name	County	DNR Reg	Grant Amt	Local Share	Project Desc
NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION	NW Sands Savanna/Barrens Habitat Enhancement		NO	\$112,600.00	\$37,625.00	<p>NWTF plans to utilize Wildlife Restoration funds to:</p> <p>Objectives: To convert pine plantation to pine/oak barrens at Namekagon Barrens WA and facilitate safer, more efficient, and more effective prescribed burning on both sites(Namekagon Barrens WA and Glacial Lakes Grantsburg WA). The long-term objective is to maintain sufficient open habitats in the Northwest Sands Landscape to support viable populations of associated wildlife (sharp-tailed grouse, upland sandpipers, western meadowlarks, etc.) into the future.</p> <p>Work to be done, by whom, and using what methodology: Stumps will be removed with dozers and backhoes, loaded in trucks and hauled off site, buried, or pushed into the burn unit and burned with the other debris. Site prep will be completed with dozers as well. There may be some mowing with Fecons or other mowers. All work will be completed by contractors with DNR oversight. NWTF will pay invoices supplied by contractors after work is approved, and will complete all grant-related reports.</p> <p>Monitoring and maintenance: Namekagon Barrens: DNR has a goal of burning the property on about a 6 year rotation (1,000 acres/year). They are converting the 1,400 acre addition from pine to barrens at a rate of about 100 acres per year, with a goal to convert it all within roughly 10 years. Already 1/3 of the addition has been converted within the first two years of the plan. Once converted, it will be in the burn rotation and maintained in perpetuity as an open landscape.</p> <p>Glacial Lakes Grantsburg: DNR will perform a cost:benefit analysis of the initial cost of installing high-quality firebreaks over lower long-term maintenance and efficiency costs. If favorable they will embark on a 5-7 year program of firebreak rehabilitation for the entire network of firebreaks that can be easily maintained with an annual mowing. These firebreaks can then be maintained in perpetuity by agency staff for lower cost and with less staff time than in their current state.</p>

**Wisconsin Habitat Partnership Fund
Program Grant Awards**

* Federally Funded Grant Program *

Contact Person: Karen Blodgett (715) 839-3730

Project Sponsor	Project Name	County	DNR Reg	Grant Amt	Local Share	Project Desc
NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION	CNNF Wildlife Opening Enhancement		NO	\$72,537.00	\$29,558.00	<p>NWTF plans to utilize Wildlife Restoration funds to:</p> <p>Objectives: To mow, burn and hand-cut brush on 471 acres of wildlife openings and hunter access trails, and plant 18 acres with fruit-bearing trees and shrubs.</p> <p>Work to be done, by whom, and using which methodology: CNNF staff will provide NWTF with contract specifications and vendor lists for the mowing and cutting sites. Openings will be mowed with Fecon head or similar. Riley hand-cutting will be done with power brush saws and will treat areas within the burn unit too rocky to carry fire. NWTF will construct and distribute bid packages, accept bids, and work with CNNF to select contractors. Contractors will perform the work to CNNF standards, and NWTF will pay invoices after work is inspected and approved by CNNF. NWTF will also purchase Rx Fire supplies, equipment, seed, shrubs, and tree seedlings for CNNF. CNNF seasonal and full-time staff will plant them in the openings, disc openings, and conduct the burn. NWTF will submit grant reimbursement requests, and complete all necessary reports.</p> <p>Maintenance and monitoring: What we are accomplishing is simply setting back the successional stage of these sites from brush and pioneering trees to open grass and forbs. Given time, succession will begin again and these sites will need treatment in another 5-7 years. Planted sites will have value for 25-40 years. The CNNF works with many partners, including Wisconsin DNR, Ruffed Grouse Society, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and a variety of other such groups to secure funding to maintain these sites. CNNF uses other funding as it is available, including Turkey Stamp funds, Knutson-Vandenberg funds, and Stewardship funds to perform habitat management like this across the forest.</p>

**Wisconsin Habitat Partnership Fund
Program Grant Awards**

* Federally Funded Grant Program *

Contact Person: Karen Blodgett (715) 839-3730

Project Sponsor	Project Name	County	DNR Reg	Grant Amt	Local Share	Project Desc
OZAUKEE WASHINGTON LAND TRUST	Improving Wildlife Habitat Through Native Prairie Establishment		SE	\$15,540.00	\$5,193.00	<p>Ozaukee Washington Land trust plans to utilize Wildlife Restoration funds to:</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covert 6.75 acres of fallow into native mesic grassland in effort to promote vegetative diversity and control harmful invasive species such as wild parsnip • Undergo timber stand improvement across 9-acre pine plantation to release native hardwood tree species and control invasive plants • Enhance a 7-acre upland hardwood forest through invasive species control • Engage volunteers, service groups and other interested citizens in the maintenance and stewardship of the property. OWLT and partners will host volunteer workdays and other events to engage new visitors to the preserve. • Develop a maintenance and monitoring plan to gauge project success and track species onsite. • Control public hazard invasive species such as wild parsnip throughout the fallow field area in effort to provide high quality recreational experiences for all property users. <p>Work to be done, by whom, and using which methodology: The majority of the prairie establishment will be completed through a project partner, Laudato SI, a non-profit service organization. OWLT will engage local volunteers, hunters, service groups and other interested parties to assist. Other habitat enhancement services (tree thinning, invasive control) will be contracted. OWLT staff (and skilled volunteers) will donate time and labor to implement the timber stand practices throughout the pine plantation habitat. OWLT staff will also participate, in a limited basis, in the establishment of native prairie habitat. OWLT will also oversee the project administration and volunteer coordination.</p> <p>Maintenance and Monitoring: OWLT will work with the contractor/project partner to develop a maintenance plan. Extensive maintenance will take place for a minimum of 3-5 years after the site has been seeded.</p>

**Wisconsin Habitat Partnership Fund
Program Grant Awards**

* Federally Funded Grant Program *

Contact Person: Karen Blodgett (715) 839-3730

Project Sponsor	Project Name	County	DNR Reg	Grant Amt	Local Share	Project Desc
PHEASANTS FOREVER-ROCK VALLEY CHAPTER	Prairie Habitat Improvement Project		SC	\$10,000.00	\$3,334.00	<p>Pheasant Forever will be utilizing Wildlife Restoration funds to:</p> <p>Objectives: To control upland woody species and cool season grasses, and stimulate warm season grass and forb growth to create more desirable grassland bird and game bird habitat.</p> <p>Work to be done, by whom, and using what methodology: The work is to be done by PF volunteers and third-party contractors that will utilize mowing, brush cutting, herbicide treatment, and prescribed burning. Forestry mowing and follow-up herbicide treatments will be done by a third-party contractor (8 acres). Grass mowing will be done by PF volunteers with a tractor (20 acres). Brush cutting and spot herbicide treatment will be done by PF volunteers using backpack spot sprayers and/or ATV boom sprayers (8 acres). Prescribed burning will be accomplished by PF volunteers (93 acres).</p> <p>Monitoring and maintenance: The plan is to maintain and monitor this project for the next 10 years. This project is planned to be one of many future federally funded cost-share projects that will continue to enhance the hard work completed to restore these remnant and planted prairie habitats. Continual maintenance and monitoring of these enhancement projects will be vital to preserving the intent of the property for future use. Annual monitoring and maintenance reports will be conducted and submitted through this grant program.</p>
PRICE COUNTY	Camp 5 Flowage Water Control Structure Replacement		NO	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	<p>Price County will utilize Wildlife Restoration funds to :</p> <p>Objectives: - Remove the old water control structure, buy a new water control structure and replace it with a new structure.</p> <p>Work to be done, by whom, and using which methodology: The removal and replacement of the water control structure will be bid out to area contractors, and the structure itself will be bought through a company that makes them.</p> <p>Monitoring and maintenance: All of the Price County flowages are monitored regularly throughout the year. These are also inspected periodically as state mandated.</p>

**Wisconsin Habitat Partnership Fund
Program Grant Awards**

* Federally Funded Grant Program *

Contact Person: Karen Blodgett (715) 839-3730

Project Sponsor	Project Name	County	DNR Reg	Grant Amt	Local Share	Project Desc
THE NATURE CONSERVANCY	Wilson Creek Stream Restoration and Baraboo Hills Oak Forest Restoration Project		SC	\$60,282.00	\$21,796.00	<p>The Nature Conservancy will utilize Wildlife Restoration funds to:</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>Oak Forest Restoration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conduct Timber Stand Improvements on 100 acres - Treat 160 acres for non-native invasive species - Conduct prescribed fire on 120 acres <p>Stream Restoration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Restore 4,000 feet of cold water stream habitat - Conduct perscribed fire on teh 40 plus acres that the stream meanders through <p>Work to be done, by whom, and using what methodology: Timber stand improvements work will be contracted through an established, reputable land management company. Brush cutters and chainsaws will be used to complete the work. Invasive species removal will also be contracted and will be done with sprayers and herbicides. The perscribed fires will be done by The Nature Conservancy. Removal of trees will be contracted and the forestry mowing will be done by The Nature Conservancy.</p> <p>Monitoring and Maintenance: Monitoring and maintenance will include bird surveys, photo monitoring and plant surveys. Perscribed fires will be conducted every 2-5 years.</p>

**Wisconsin Habitat Partnership Fund
Program Grant Awards**

* Federally Funded Grant Program *

Contact Person: Karen Blodgett (715) 839-3730

Project Sponsor	Project Name	County	DNR Reg	Grant Amt	Local Share	Project Desc
VILLAGE OF PLOVER	Little Plover River Habitat Restoration		WC	\$228,988.00	\$135,671.00	<p>Village of Plover plans to utilize Wildlife Restoration funds to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Restore 20.4 acres of grass/sedge meadow and alder thicket wetland habitat conditions along 085 acres of floodplain sections of the Little Plover River through vegetation management, channel restoration, and reconnection of the floodplain - Restore 100.4 acres of forest and barrens habitat on the Village of Plover Conservancy Area and WDNR LPRFA -Restore 102.5 acres of dry-mesic/sand prairie habitat on former crop land on the Village of Plover Conservancy (73.5) and Soik Restoration (29.0) Areas - Use UWSP natural resources classes to assist with forestry, grassland and wetland restoration projects on the Village of Plover and LPRFA properties - Engage local conservation organization participation in project restoration and educational activities <p>Village of Plover is the lead partner in this project and will be ultimately responsible for project implementation.</p> <p>Monitoring: Monitoring and maintenance of restored forest and barrens habitats on WDNR LPRFA land will follow the procedures outlined in teh property's Interim Forest Managemnet Plan. This plan emphasizes moving the upland and riparian hardwood and white pine stands toward old growth attributes, and using clearcutting, prescribed burning, and herbicide application to maintain barrens conditions. The Village fo Plover will closely coordinate its forest and riparian management and monitoring activities with the WDNR land, employing cooperative actions whenever possible. UWSP faculty and students will conduct monitoring of the forest and barrens components of this project to ensure the desired habitat characteristics are achieved.</p>

**Wisconsin Habitat Partnership Fund
Program Grant Awards**

* Federally Funded Grant Program *

Contact Person: Karen Blodgett (715) 839-3730

Project Sponsor	Project Name	County	DNR Reg	Grant Amt	Local Share	Project Desc
WI WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION	Zeloski Marsh Nesting Islands Restoration		SC	\$12,000.00	\$4,100.00	<p>Wisconsin Waterfowl Association will utilized federal funds to:</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Control unwanted/invasive woody and herbaceous species which negatively impact nesting habitat for waterfowl • Engage and connect local individuals through WWA' s local chapter with the ground habitat work at a very highly used public hunting area <p>The bulk of the work will be contracted out to a consulting firm familiar with removal through basal bark applications. Woody species control will be completed through basal bark and/ or cut stump treatments. WWA volunteers will also contribute time toward the control of woody species utilizing the same treatments. This project is expected to restore high quality nesting habitat for breeding and migratory waterfowl.</p> <p>Monitor: This site will be annually monitored by WDNR Staff. This site will be maintained by prescribed fire.</p>
Total Awards:	17					Total \$ awarded in time period listed above: \$870,442.00