

Awarded FY 2010 Native Buffer Cost-share Grants					
Applicant Organization	Organization	Contact	Amount Awarded	Project Title	Project Summary
Stearns	SWCD	Dennis Fuchs 320-251-7800 Dennis.fuchs@mn.nacdnet.net	\$220,823		
				Warner Lake County Park Prairie Restoration	Stearns County Parks Department will enhance 23 acres of agricultural land by planting a native prairie and forest to protect water quality in Warner Lake and create habitat for wildlife.
				Native Buffer Shoreland and Bioretention Restoration Projects	This project will incorporate approximately 40 best management practices across Stearns County to reduce pollutant loading as a result of untreated stormwater running directly into surface waters.
West Ottertail	SWCD	Brad Mergens 218-739-1308 Brad.mergens@mn.nacdnet.net	\$18,125		
				Otto Native Buffer Cost Share	Under this grant, a landowner and the West Otter Tail SWCD will partner to restore approximately 30 acres of cropland to native prairie with local ecotype seed.
Sherburne	SWCD	Gina Hugo 763-241-1170 Gina.hugo@mn.nacdnet.net	\$79,375		
				Native Prairie Enhancement Program	This project will revitalize existing native prairie restorations throughout Sherburne County by increasing diversity of local eco-type species, especially forbs, through seed and live plant materials following site preparation of prescribed fire.
Mower	SWCD	Bev Nordby 507-434-2603 Bev.nordby@mowerswcd.org	\$20,850		
				Buffer Establishment and Wetland Enhancement	The Mower SWCD has identified two priority sites for wetland cover and wetland buffer. This project highlights the State's objective for the Native Buffer Program

Becker	SWCD	Brad Grant 218-847-8910 blgrant@co.becker.mn.us	\$41,220		
				Becker SWCD Native Prairie & Buffer Establishment Program	This program will establish native grass stands and buffers in Becker County. Priority will be given to areas adjacent to lakes, wetlands, stormwater basins, and gravel pit reclamation areas.
Washington	SWCD	Pete Young 651-275-1254 pyoung@mnwcd.org	\$95,000		
				Lost Valley Scientific and Natural Area Native Prairie Restoration Project	The project will restore three old fields to prairie at Lost Valley SNA, through invasive species removal, site prep, and seeding. Actions will buffer native prairie from neighboring agricultural areas.
Washington	SWCD	Pete Young 651-275-1254 pyoung@mnwcd.org	\$95,000		
				<i>Buffering the Mississippi River through the Restoration of Historic Oak Savanna to Lower Grey Cloud Island, Washington County</i>	Lower Grey Cloud Island on the Mississippi River is a site of prime historical/cultural/ecological significance. This project will restore 30 acres of high-quality savanna habitat.
Norman	SWCD	Curtis Borchert 218-584-5169 Borchert@arvig.net	\$31,763		
				<i>Norman County Native Buffer Program</i>	The Native Buffer Program will consist of planting 84.7 acres of native habitat. This project will promote native prairie restoration, wildlife corridors and a seed source for projects in the future.
Renville	SWCD	Karen Flom 320-523-1559 Karen.flom@mn.nacdnet.net	\$90,318		
				Althoff WRP Inter-seeding	This project will inter-seed native vegetation into existing cool season dominant native grass stand on a 378 acre WRP.

				Renville County Parks Native Vegetation Conversion	This project will consist of converting agricultural land to native vegetation. Native vegetation establishment cost share and land payment will be provided.
				Rock Outcrop Remnant Prairie Restoration	This project will cut and chemically treat invasive trees on rock outcrop ecosystem remnant prairie buffering Minnesota River
				Schottenbauer Remnant Prairie Restoration	This project will cut and chemically treat invasive trees on dry hill remnant prairie buffering Minnesota River
Redwood	SWCD	Marilyn Bernhardson 507-637-2427 Marilyn.bernhardson@racgroup.net	\$61,944		
				Title: Redwood SWCD Native Buffer Cost Share Program	This project will restore and maintain 70 acres of remnant prairie in which the ultimate goal is to restore 50% more native forbs and grasses than are currently on-site within Redwood County.
Ramsey	SWCD	Ryan Johnson 651-255-7276 Ryan.johnson@co.ramsey.mn.us	\$282,569		
				<i>Shoreline Stabilization and Native Plant Buffering for Three lakes in Ramsey County</i>	The Ramsey Conservation District will be partnering with local watersheds, homeowners, and Northwestern College to stabilize lake shoreline on Gervais, Kohlman, and Johanna.

<b>Awarded Applications for FY 2010/2011 Cooperative Weed Management Area Grants</b>					
Applicant Organization	Organization Type	Contact	Grant Amount Awarded	Project Title	Project summary
Becker	SWCD	Brad Grant 218-846-7360 blgrant@co.becker.mn.us	\$15,000	Becker County Cooperative Weed Management Area	The project will address the conservation of grasslands, invasive plant movement and the continuation of a Weed Management Area (WMA) in Becker County, Minnesota. This multi-year partnership will target resources to achieve invasive species management after the joint project is completed.
Pope	SWCD	Luan Johnsrud 320-634-5327 Luan.johnsrud@mn.nacdnet.net	\$25,000	Pope-Swift Cooperative Weed Management Area Project	Pope and Swift Counties CWMA project will identify, treat, and monitor invasive species. Public meetings and site tours will be held in Pope and Swift Counties to promote weed awareness, invasive species identification, and educate the public and elected officials on health risks and economic losses caused by invasive species.

Big Stone	SWCD	Cara Greger 320-273-2266 Cara.greger@state.mn.us	\$15,000	<i>Big Stone County CWMA</i>	By forming a CWMA, the agencies and private land owners currently working on controlling invasive weeds in Big Stone County plan to increase their combined efforts in reaching three common objectives which include monitoring, treating, and increasing awareness of invasive weeds in the county. The CWMA model appears to be an efficient way to achieve these objectives.
Kandiyohi	SWCD	Rick Reimer 320-235-3906 Rick.reimer@mn.nacdnet.net	\$15,000	Central Minnesota Cooperative Weed Management Grant	The goal of the Central Minnesota Weed Management Area (CWMA) is to expand on prior efforts. This project will continue to address our counties invasive weed species problems through treatment, education, documentation, monitoring and re-seeding infected areas with native seed.
Wadena	SWCD	Malinda Dexter 218-631-3195 Malinda.dexter@arvig.net	\$15,000	Wadena County Cooperative Weed Management Project	This funding will continue to implement the CWMA plan that was developed with funding from 2008. This funding will be used for cost share to the landowners to control and/or eradicate noxious weeds, by using either chemical or biological control with assistance from the DNR and USFWS.
Norman	SWCD	Curtis Borchert 218-584-5169 Borchert@arvig.net	\$15,000	<i>Norman County Cooperative Weed Management Area (NCCWMA)</i>	Sustaining the Norman County Cooperative Weed Management Area will consist of three priority areas: 1. Controlling or eliminating selected noxious weeds identified in our current NCCWMA plan. 2. Updating maps of current problem areas. 3. Analyzing effectiveness of current activities and setting goals for the future.
Wright	SWCD	Brian Sanoski 763-682-0262 Brian.sanoski@mn.nacdnet.net	\$15,000	Wright Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA)	The Wright County CWMA is a partnership between federal, state, county governments, as well as local government units focused initially on the location and eradication of wild parsnip to get an initial success, then branching out to additional invasive weeds in Wright County.
Kanabec	SWCD	Kelly Osterdyk 320-679-4692 Kelly.osterdyk@mn.nacdnet.net	\$15,000	<i>Kanabec County Weed Management Area Partnership (KCWMAP)</i>	The purpose of this project is to formalize already partnerships through the formation of KCWMAP. The project will focus on coordinating existing efforts, the development of a long-term strategic plan, outreach to increase awareness of noxious weeds and invasive species, and the implementation of practices that address these concerns
Martin	SWCD	Kathy Smith 507-235-6680 Kathy.smith@frontiernet.net	\$15,000	Greater Blue Earth Cooperative Weed Management Area (GBE CWMA)	The GBE CWMA is administered by the Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA). The project focus is to control and reduce the spread or introduction of invasive species that are in or near the CWMA with an emphasis on natural areas and replacing invasives with local ecotype native species.

Wabasha	SWCD	Jennifer Dankers 651-565-2630 Jennifer.dankers@mn.nacdnet.net	\$15,000	Wabasha County CWMA Participation and Oak Woods/Savanna Restoration	Wabasha SWCD will continue its involvement in an established CWMA and to provide cost-share assistance focused on county landowners who seek to restore oak woods and oak savannas - two bluffland communities threatened by invasive plant species.
St.Louis	SWCD	Paul Ojanen 218-742-9515 OjanenP@co.st-louis.mn.us	\$15,000	St. Louis County Cooperative Weed Management Area Program	The Project will create a Cooperative Weed Management Area within the boundaries of the North and South St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation Districts. The aim is to prevent and control the spread of harmful invasive plant species in the CWMA by facilitating cooperative management among all willing land managers.
Steele	SWCD	Eric Gulbransen 507-444-2421 Eric.gulbransen@mn.nacdnet.net	\$15,000	Steele County Invasive Species Management Area	This project will build on the 2008 CWMA grant to include more RIM easement holders. Participants and the general public will be informed about managing their land to control invasive species.
Rice	SWCD	Steven Pahs 504-332-5408 Steven.pahs@mn.nacdnet.net	\$10,000	Rice - Scott Cooperative Weed Management Area	The RSCWMA will control the spread of invasive species in Rice and Scott Counties by providing funding for control activities, education on invasive species, supplying equipment for invasive species control and conducting volunteer days to control invasive species.