

Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program

Expedited Conservation Projects (ECP) Activity List

Forest habitat:

- 1 Winter (thermal) cover
- 2 Tree planting
- 3 Promotion of natural regeneration
- 4 Bud capping
- 5 Rx burning within BMP prescription, including aerial support

Prairie habitat:

- 1 Establish new prairie/grassland
- 2 Seed purchase of native species
- 3 Rx burning within BMP prescription
- 4 Mowing/herbicide for invasives control in recently established grassland/prairie
- 5 Tree removal/woody encroachment management
- 6 Interseeding of monoculture/low biodiversity sites

Wetland/water habitat:

- 1 Water level control structures
- 2 Fish Barriers
- 3 Upland vegetation enhancement
- 4 Tile breaks/ditch blocks

Fish Game and Wildlife habitat:

- 1 Brushland shearing
- 2 Dam removal/modification
- 3 In-stream habitat modification
- 4 Trout stream restoration/habitat improvement
- 5 Site prep for habitat enhancement
- 6 All ECP activities from forest, prairie, wetland habitats

FOREST Habitat ECP Activity List Definitions and Details

#	Activity	Definitions	Requirements	Included treatments/costs	Excluded costs
1	Winter (thermal) cover	Planting woody vegetation (native trees, bushes, shrubs) for the purpose of providing overwinter cover for native animal species		Planting tree/woody vegetation, herbicide, mowing, tree mats/stake, seedlings/bare root stock	Non-native species, equipment purchase (including mowers, chainsaws, heavy equipment)
2	Tree planting/seeding purchase	Planting and purchase of native tree species for reasons other than replanting of clear cut timber harvest		trees, seedlings, contractor costs, equipment rental, herbicide, tree mats/stakes	Equipment purchase (including hand tools, saws, attachments for heavy equipment), PPE
3	Promotion of natural regeneration	Activities that promote natural regeneration within native stand types with defined fish and/or wildlife habitat benefit		Mowing, shearing, herbicide, hand/mechanical release, thinning, contractor costs, equipment rental	Equipment purchase (including mowers, chainsaws, heavy equipment)
4	Bud capping	Protecting young conifer buds overwinter from deer browse with defined fish and/or wildlife habitat benefit		Papers, clips, contractor costs, equipment rental	Equipment purchase
5	Rx burning within BMP prescription, including aerial support	Burning of understory to remove heavy fuels, improve stand health and promote regeneration of young successional forest species with defined fish and/or wildlife habitat benefit		Burn break installation, contractor costs, burn fuel (minimal cost), pre-burn site prep, equipment rental, non-state aerial contractor for current planned burn	Agency staff time, equipment purchase, PPE, burn equipment (sprayers, drip torches, slip-on units), herbicide, chainsaws, vehicles

PRAIRIE Habitat ECP Activity List Definitions and Details

#	Activity	Definitions	Requirements	Included treatments/costs	Excluded costs
1	Establish new prairie/grassland by planting seeding of native species within BMP prescription	Restoring native grassland species (including forbs) in a suitable area currently void of or covered in non-native vegetation	DNR lands require approved and adopted Restoration Plan; must be submitted with application	Mowing, herbicide, seed purchase, equipment rental, contractor costs for seeding	Burn costs, equipment (seeder, packer, tractor, ATV, sprayer, etc.)
2	Seed purchase of native species	Purchase of native, local ecotype grassland seed and forbs from a local contractor to be planted by land manager before end of grant period		Purchase of seed to provide current agencies/staff opportunity to complete a restoration or enhancement	Non-native vegetation, woody vegetation, trees
3	Rx burning within BMP prescription	Burning to restore native grassland/prairie species as prescribed by current BMP		Mowing burn breaks, contractor costs, burn fuel (minimal cost)	PPE, burn equipment (sprayers, drip torches, slip-on units), herbicide, chainsaws, vehicles
4	Mowing/herbicide for invasives control in recently established grassland/prairie	Invasive control within newly planted or newly established grassland/prairie sites (within 3 years), including both cutting and spraying to eliminate invasive species		Herbicide, equipment rental, contractor costs for spraying/mowing	Equipment purchase (including mower attachments, replacement parts for existing equipment, mowing units, sprayers, sprayer parts, etc.), PPE
5	Tree removal/woody encroachment management	Removal of individual trees or woody encroachment within grassland/prairie sites		Herbicide, equipment rental, contractor costs for removal	Chainsaws, pruner, brush saw, sprayer, PPE, seed/seedlings
6	Interseeding of monoculture/low biodiversity sites	Increasing the biodiversity of an existing grassland site by adding additional grassland species and forbs		Contractor costs for seeding, seed purchase, equipment rental	Equipment purchase (seeder, packer, ATV, tractor, etc.), management activities (mowing, herbicide, etc.)

WETLAND/WATER Habitat ECP Activity List Definitions and Details

#	Activity	Definitions	Requirements	Included treatments/costs	Excluded costs
1	Water control structures	Installation of a structure to control the level of water, necessary due to altered hydrology of a shallow lake or wetland system	Engineering, survey and design and construction estimates must be complete and submitted with application	Fixed crest, variable crest structures, contractor costs, equipment rental, materials, site clean-up, associated upland or lowland restoration	Access or conservation easement acquisition, engineering and design, survey work
2	Fish Barriers	Barriers places on larger or shallow lake systems to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species	Engineering, survey and design and construction estimates must be complete and submitted with application	Contractor costs, equipment rental, materials, site clean-up, associated upland or lowland restoration	Fish removal (commercial or chemical), access or conservation easement acquisition, engineering and design, survey work
3	Upland vegetation enhancement	Enhancement or restoration of uplands associated with existing wetlands or water systems that have been degraded		Invasives control, Rx burning, herbicide, tree removal, seeding, equipment rental, contractor costs	PPE, burn equipment (sprayers, drip torches, slip-on units), chainsaws, vehicles, pruner, brush saw, Rip-rap, access or conservation easement acquisition, engineering and design, survey work
4	Tile breaks/ditch blocks	Decommissioning installed water drainage systems by tile break or removal		equipment rental, contractor costs, re-meandering of ditch channels	Tile system improvements, access or conservation easement acquisition, engineering and design, survey work

FISH GAME and WILDLIFE Habitat ECP Activity List Definitions and Details

#	Activity	Definitions	Requirements	Included treatments/costs	Excluded costs
1	Brushland shearing/mowing/chopping	Use of heavy equipment during ground stable conditions to remove over mature trees and brush at ground level to allow for regeneration		Shearing, mowing, chopping, hydro-ax, follow-up site burning, contractor costs	Equipment purchase
2	Dam removal/modification	The removal of an existing dam within a public waterway, or installation of a dam modification or nature-like fishway to allow for fish and other aquatic species to pass the current barrier	Engineering, survey and design and construction estimates must be complete and submitted with application	Dam removal and weir placement, nature-like fishway, rock arch rapids, rapids construction, contractor costs, equipment rental, materials, site cleanup, river/stream channel modification or re-meandering	Equipment purchase, barrier/structure replacement or maintenance, fish ladders, fish elevators, engineering and design, survey work, access or conservation easement acquisition
3	In-stream habitat modification	Restoring or enhancing degraded or missing in-stream habitat or access to habitat to provide spawning, resting, feeding areas for aquatic species	Engineering, survey and design and construction estimates must be complete and submitted with application	Structure placement, spawning area restoration, natural bank stabilization, log jam removal, equipment rental, contractor costs	Rip-rap, access or conservation easement acquisition, engineering and design, survey work,
4	Trout stream restoration/habitat improvement	Restoring or enhancing degraded or missing in-stream habitat or enhancements to upland/lowlands to provide spawning, resting, feeding areas and for trout species	Engineering, survey and design and construction estimates must be complete and submitted with application	Beaver dam removal, equipment rental, contractor costs, structure placement, spawning area restoration, upland restoration	Rip-rap, access or conservation easement acquisition, engineering and design, survey work,
5	Site prep for habitat enhancement	Use of heavy equipment to remove current site vegetation, including grasses, brush and/or trees, to allow for future enhancement work on the landscape		Shearing, mowing, chopping, hydro-ax, burning, contractor costs, equipment rental, invasives control, herbicide	Equipment purchase (including mowers, chainsaws, heavy equipment and attachments for heavy equipment), non-native species
	All ECP activities from forest, prairie, wetland habitats				