

# **Grant Progress Report**

# **Habitat Enhancement Landscape Pilot 2022**

**Grant Title:** Enhancing Pollinator Habitat in Houston County

**Grant Award (\$):** \$40,000.00

Required Match (\$): \$10,000.00

**Grant Execution Date:** 06/10/2022

**Grant ID:** C22-0725

Required Match (%): 25

**Grant End Date:** 12/31/2024

**Grantee: Root River SWCD** 

Fiscal Agent: Root River SWCD

**Grant Day-to-Day Contact:** Dave Walter

	Total Budgeted	Total Spent	Balance Remaining*
Grant Funds	\$40,000.00	\$36,627.90	\$3,372.10
Match Funds	\$10,117.00	\$17,298.43	(\$7,181.43)
Other Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$50,117.00	\$53,926.33	(\$3,809.33)

<sup>\*</sup>Grant balance remaining is the difference between the Awarded Amount and the Spent Amount. Other values compare budgeted and spent amounts.

## **Budget Details**

Activity Name	Category	Source Type	Source Description	Budgeted	Spent	Balance	Match
						Remaining	Fund?
Administration/Coordination	Administration/Coordination	Local Fund	County Allocation	\$848.93	\$1,094.17	(\$245.24)	Υ
Technical Assistance	Technical/Engineering Assistance	Local Fund	County Allocation	\$3,681.77	\$3,624.14	\$57.63	Υ
Administration/Coordination	Administration/Coordination	Current State Grant	Enhancing Pollinator Habitat in Houston County	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	N

Activity Name	Category	Source Type	Source Description	Budgeted	Spent	Balance	Match
						Remaining	Fund?
Financial Assistance	Agricultural Practices	Current State Grant	Enhancing Pollinator Habitat in	\$24,532.00	\$21,880.57	\$2,651.43	N
			Houston County				
Cost Share Project(s)	Forestry Practices	Current State Grant	Enhancing Pollinator Habitat in	\$468.00	\$468.00	\$0.00	N
			Houston County				
Technical Assistance	Technical/Engineering	Current State Grant	Enhancing Pollinator Habitat in	\$12,000.00	\$11,279.33	\$720.67	N
	Assistance		Houston County				
Financial Assistance	Agricultural Practices	Landowner Fund	Landowner In-Kind	\$5,469.30	\$12,327.61	(\$6,858.31)	Υ
Cost Share Project(s)	Forestry Practices	Landowner Fund	Landowner Contribution	\$117.00	\$252.51	(\$135.51)	Υ

# **Indicator Summary**

Indicator Category	Proposed Indicator	Total Value Unit

Indicator Category	Final Indicator	Total Value	Unit
Water Pollution (Reduction Estimates)	Nitrogen	538	Lbs/Yr
Water Pollution (Reduction Estimates)	Phosphorus (Est. Reduction)	50	Lbs/Yr
Water Pollution (Reduction Estimates)	Sediment (Tss)	67	Tons/Yr

### **Grant Activities**

# Activity Name: Administration/Coordination

Activity Category: Administration/Coordination

Staff time?: Yes

**Description:** Collecting invoices, grant reporting, and organizing cost-share reimbursements, etc.

Match will consist of overhead costs at a rate of \$11.07 per hour.

# **Budget Details**

Source Type	Source Description	Budgeted	Spent	Balance Remaining	Last Transaction Date	Match Fund?
Current State Grant	Enhancing Pollinator Habitat in Houston County	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	12/31/2024	N
Local Fund	County Allocation	\$848.93	\$1,094.17	(\$245.24)	12/31/2024	Υ

#### **Actual Results**

CY2022 - Admin Janice 5.75 hrs @ 39.12 = 224.94

CY2022 Match Admin Janice 5.75 hrs @ 11.07 = 63.65

Time was spent invoicing, reconciling hours and eLink reporting along with setting up coding and receiving funds.

CY2023 1st Qtr - Tech Dan 1 hr @ \$36.08 = \$36.08, Admin Janice 0.25 hrs @ \$39.12 = \$9.78.

CY 2023 1st Qtr Match Tech Dan 1 hr @ \$11.07 = \$11.07, Admin Janice 0.25 hrs @ \$11.07 = \$2.77

CY2023 - 2nd Qtr. Admin Janice 6 hrs @ \$39.12 = \$234.72; Match = Admin Janice 6 hrs @ \$11.07 = \$66.42. Time was dedicated to cost share applications, amendment, grant questions, eLink and reporting.

CY2023 3rd Qtr. - Admin Janice 3.5 hrs @ \$39.12 = \$136.92; Tech Dan 4 hrs @ \$36.08 = \$144.32. Time was dedicated to 2nd Qtr reporting, preparing and submitting parcel information, prepare amendment and approval letter, scan bills, and prepare an application. Remaining balance \$2,213.24.

CY2023 4th Qtr. - Tech Dan 5.5 hrs @ \$36.08 = \$198.44; Admin Janice 4.75 hrs @ \$39.12 = \$185.82.

Admin Match CY2023 4th Qtr - Tech Dan 5.5 hrs @ \$11.07 = \$60.89; Admin Janice 4.75 hrs @ \$11.07 = \$52.58.

Time was dedicated to preparing an amendment and approval letter, reconciling grant, quarterly grant report, and eLink.

CY2024 1st Qtr Admin Janice 3.5 hrs @ \$39.12 = \$136.92. MATCH 2024 1st Qtr - Admin Janice 3.5 hrs @ \$11.07 = \$38.75. Time was dedicated to preparing contracts, landowner files, approval letters, invoicing and eLink.

CY2024 2nd Qtr Admin Janice 5.75 hrs @ \$39.12 = \$224.94 & Tech Dan 3 hrs @ \$36.08 = \$108.24; Match Admin Janice 5.75 hrs @ \$11.07 = 63.65 & Tech Dan 3 hrs @ \$11.07 = \$33.21 Mileage 61 miles @ \$0.37 = \$22.57. Time was used for quarterly reporting for first and second quarters, reconciling, invoicing and eLink for first and second quarters, preparing cost share contract, signatures, and approval letter. Mileage was to site that was awarded cost share assistance.

CY2024 - 3rd Qtr Admin Janice 3.25 hrs @ \$39.12 = \$127.14. Match Admin Janice 3.25 hrs @ \$11.07 = \$35.98 & Mileage 47 miles @ \$0.67 = \$31.49. Funds were dedicated to reconciling grant, prepare cost share payment voucher, enter project in e-Link, make payment to landowner and partial invoicing. Mileage was to the Tom Weichert project site for project update.

CY2024 4th Qtr Admin Janice 25.0301 hrs @ \$39.12 = \$979.18; Admin Dan 7 hrs @ \$36.08 = \$252.56.

CY2024 4th Qtr Admin Match - Admin Janice 25.0301 hrs @ \$11.07 = \$277.08; Admin Dan 7 hrs @ \$11.07 = \$77.49; Mileage 259 miles @ \$0.67 = \$173.53. See attached Final Report.

# **Activity Name: Cost Share Project(s)**

Activity Category: Forestry Practices Staff time?: No

**Description:** We plan to provide financial assistance to landowners, cities, and counties to establish or enhance pollinator habitat using flowering shrubs.

Cost-share will be at 75%. The land occupier is responsible for the 25% project match.

## **Budget Details**

Source Type	Source Description	Budgeted	Spent	Balance Remaining	<b>Last Transaction Date</b>	Match Fund?
Current State Grant	Enhancing Pollinator Habitat in Houston County	\$468.00	\$468.00	\$0.00	09/12/2024	N
Landowner Fund	Landowner Contribution	\$117.00	\$252.51	(\$135.51)	09/12/2024	Υ

#### **Actual Results**

Funds totaling \$468.00 were moved from Ag Practices to Forestry Practices.

CY2024 - 3rd Qtr Cost share assistance totaling \$ 468.00 was provided on a Tree/Shrub Establishment project. The landowner match for the project totaled \$252.51.

Activity Action Name: Affordable Investments LLC Activity Count: 2

Practice Type: 612 - Tree/Shrub Establishment Size/Units: 0.78 - Acres

TA Provider/JAA: SWCD Lifespan:

Practice Description: The landowner would like to convert an area of introduced cool season grasses to native trees and flowering Install Date: 04/30/2024

shrubs to benefit native pollinators.

Mapped: Yes

# **Activity Name: Financial Assistance**

Activity Category: Agricultural Practices

Staff time?: Yes

**Description:** We plan to provide financial assistance to landowners, cities, and counties to establish or enhance habitat. We will also fund brush management on a smaller scale as a supporting practice. Cost-share will be at 75%.

The land occupier is responsible for the 25% project match.

New pollinator plantings will have a capped cost estimate of \$800/acre and will be funded up to 75% cost share (\$800/acre @ 75% cost-share = \$600/acre).

Enhancements of existing pollinator habitat will have a capped cost estimate of \$80/acre and will be funded up to 75% cost-share, (\$80/acre @ 75% cost share = \$60/acre).

Brush management (as a supporting practice only) will have a capped cost estimate of \$60/acre and will be funded up to 75% cost share (\$60/acre @ 75% cost share = \$45/acre).

### **Budget Details**

Source Type	Source Description	Budgeted	Spent	Balance Remaining	Last Transaction Date	Match Fund?
Current State Grant	Enhancing Pollinator Habitat in Houston County	\$24,532.00	\$21,880.57	\$2,651.43	12/17/2024	N
Landowner Fund	Landowner In-Kind	\$5,469.30	\$12,327.61	(\$6,858.31)	12/17/2024	Υ

### **Actual Results**

CY2023 1st Qtr. No funds expended.

CY2023 2nd & 3rd qtrs. no funds were expended.

CY2023 4th Qtr. No funds were expended.

2024 1st Qtr. No funds were expended.

2024 - 2nd Qtr. No funds were expended

Funds totaling \$468.00 were moved from Ag Practices to Forestry Practices.

2024 - 3rd Qtr. No funds were expended.

CY2024 4th Qtr. #04HELP Weichert, Tom Conservation Cover (327) & Tree/Shrub Estabilishment (612) = \$2,280.00; #02 McNamer, Jay Conservation Cover (327) = \$9,900.00; #05HELP Burning Daylight Farms LLC Conservation Cover (327) = \$1,807.57; City of La Crescent Conservation Cover (327), Brush Management (314) & Restoration of Rare or Declining Natural Communities (643) = \$7,893.00.

Match #04HELP Weichert, Tom Conservation Cover (327) & Tree/Shrub Estabilishment (612) = \$1,040.27; #02 McNamer, Jay Conservation Cover (327) = \$3,725.00; #05HELP Burning Daylight Farms LLC Conservation Cover (327) = \$1,304.83; City of La Crescent Conservation Cover (327), Brush Management (314) & Restoration of Rare or Declining Natural Communities (643) = \$6,257.51. Remaining grant balance \$2,651.43. See attached Final Report for details.

#### **Final Indicators**

Indicator	Total Value	<u>Unit</u>
Nitrogen	538	Lbs/Yr
Phosphorus (Est. Reduction)	50	Lbs/Yr
Sediment (Tss)	67	Tons/Yr

Activity Action Name: McNamer, Jay

Practice Type: 327 - Conservation Cover

TA Provider/JAA: SWCD

Practice Description: Landowner would like to improve RIM easement by replacing non-native cool season grass cover with diverse

native pollinator cover.

Activity Count: 1

Size/Units: 16.5 - Acres

Lifespan: 10 Years

Install Date: 09/08/2024

Mapped: Yes

Indicator Name	Units	Value	Calculation Tool	Waterbody
Nitrogen	Lbs/Yr	239	PTMApp - Catchment	Campbell Creek
Sediment (Tss)	Tons/Yr	37	PTMApp - Catchment	Campbell Creek
Phosphorus (Est. Reduction)	Lbs/Yr	25	PTMApp - Catchment	Campbell Creek

Activity Action Name: Burning Daylight Farms LLC

Practice Type: 327 - Conservation Cover

TA Provider/JAA: SWCD

Practice Description: Landowner would like to improve pollinator habitat by implementing conservation cover.

Activity Count: 1

Size/Units: 3.68 - Acres

Lifespan: 10 Years

Install Date: 09/01/2024

Mapped: Yes

Indicator Name	Units	Value	Calculation Tool	Waterbody
Nitrogen	Lbs/Yr	53	PTMApp - Catchment	Winnebago Creek
Phosphorus (Est. Reduction)	Lbs/Yr	6	PTMApp - Catchment	Winnebago Creek
Sediment (Tss)	Tons/Yr	9	PTMApp - Catchment	Winnebago Creek

Activity Action Name: Weichert, Tom

Practice Type: 327 - Conservation Cover

TA Provider/JAA: SWCD

Practice Description: Landowner would like to improve pollinator habitat by planting native forbs, grasses and shrubs.

Activity Count: 2

Size/Units: 3.8 - Acres

Lifespan: 10 Years

Install Date: 11/15/2024

Mapped: Yes

Indicator Name	Units	Value	Calculation Tool	Waterbody
Sediment (Tss)	Tons/Yr	6	PTMApp - Catchment	Money Creek
Nitrogen	Lbs/Yr	42	PTMApp - Catchment	Money Creek

Activity Action Name: City of La Crescent

Practice Type: 327 - Conservation Cover

TA Provider/JAA: SWCD

Practice Description: They would like to improve pollinator habitat and improve aesthetics of the City of La Crescent by installing

conservation cover, as well as improving a few additional pockets of habitat.

Activity Count: 3

Size/Units: 22.3 - Acres

Lifespan: 10 Years

Install Date: 11/18/2024

Mapped: Yes

Indicator Name	Units	Value	Calculation Tool	Waterbody
Nitrogen	Lbs/Yr	204	PTMApp - Catchment	City of La Crosse Mississippi River
Sediment (Tss)	Tons/Yr	15	PTMApp - Catchment	City of La Crosse-Mississippi River
Phosphorus (Est.	Lbs/Yr	19	PTMApp - Catchment	City of La Crosse Mississippi River
Reduction)				

Activity Action Name: City of La Crescent

Practice Type: 327 - Conservation Cover

TA Provider/JAA: SWCD

Practice Description: They would like to improve pollinator habitat and improve aesthetics of the City of La Crescent by installing

conservation cover, as well as improving a few additional pockets of habitat.

**Activity Count: 3** 

Size/Units: 22.3 - Acres

Lifespan: 10 Years

Install Date: 11/18/2024

Mapped: Yes

Indicator Name	Units	Value	Calculation Tool	Waterbody
Nitrogen	Lbs/Yr	204	PTMApp - Catchment	City of La Crosse Mississippi River
Sediment (Tss)	Tons/Yr	15	PTMApp - Catchment	City of La Crosse-Mississippi River
Phosphorus (Est. Reduction)	Lbs/Yr	19	PTMApp - Catchment	City of La Crosse Mississippi River

# Activity Name: Technical Assistance

**Activity Category:** Technical/Engineering Assistance

Staff time?: Yes

**Description:** Staff time for outreach, site visits, conservation planning, project development, and project implementation.

Match will consist of overhead costs at a rate of \$11.07 per hour.

### **Budget Details**

Source Type	Source Description	Budgeted	Spent	Balance Remaining	<b>Last Transaction Date</b>	Match Fund?
Current State Grant	Enhancing Pollinator Habitat in Houston County	\$12,000.00	\$11,279.33	\$720.67	12/31/2024	N
Local Fund	County Allocation	\$3,681.77	\$3,624.14	\$57.63	12/31/2024	Υ

CY2022 Tech Dan 89.5 hrs @ 36.08 = 3229.16; Dist Man Dave 7 hrs @ 52.14 = 364.98; Asst Man Bob 4.5 hrs @ 50.78 = 228.51

#### **Actual Results**

CY2022 Tech Dan 89.5 hrs @ 11.07 = 990.77; Dist Man Dave 7 hrs @ 11.07 = 77.49; Asst Man Bob 4.5 hrs @ 11.07 = 49.82; Mileage 21 @ .585 = 12.29; Mileage 194 @ 0.365 = 70.81 & 45 @ 0.625 = 28.13

6/10 to 6/30 Reporting - In June, I started work on this grant by ranking all of our eligible landowners based on the criteria in my grant application. Calls were made to our top 5 landowners to see if they were interested in working with us through this grant. Four of the 5 were interested. We did walkovers on 3 of these 4 sites. Back at the office, I laid-out our findings on maps, uploaded photos, researched soil types, and determined acreages and cost-share amounts. The next step is to come up with seed mixes. I am currently working with BWSR and Xerces Society on two seed mixes for one site. One landowner (City of La Crescent) is going to send me seed mixes that they have used in the past, and would like to use again for the acres they want to seed through the HELP grant. One landowner is very interested but can't meet to do the walkover until August.

Once I get all of the seed mixes squared away and these current landowners on board, I will call the remaining landowners that we have enough funding for, and re-do the process.

From 7/1/22 - 9/30/22 technical staff continued their work with City of La Crescent through designing the seed plan and mapping. Inventory & Evaluation was performed at two additional sites. The Weichert site a design plan and seeding mix are in the process of being established. City of La Crescent and Weichert plans are being attached. A bit of time was dedicated to outreach.

See attached HELP 12302022 Report.

HELP Grant - 12/31/22 to 3/31/23 Reporting

In this period, not much work was done with this grant. I had a very small amount of time towards grant reporting. I also had one day where I talked to the City of La Crescent and we went over how planting and how the cost-share reimbursement process with this grant works. No new landowners were contacted, and no plantings were over-seen.

### HELP Grant - 4/1 to 6/30 Reporting

In this period, lots of work was done with the City of La Crescent, and with Botcher Park for Houston County. I completed plans for both project sites, and went over them with representatives from the city/county and got signatures. We also made-up contracts for both projects. I got signatures from La Crescent, but not Houston County yet. I have to present at a County Board meeting soon about this project, then I will be able to get signatures from the County.

The City of La Crescent has started their plantings, but are not done yet. They keep adding new sites, so I have made several trips there to evaluate these new sites. Then I revise the map, plan, and total acres. I have done this several times this period. We made an amendment form, to amend La Crescent's contract, which the representative from La Crescent will sign soon.

I also have been reaching out to a landowner who has a large potential project, which would use-up the rest of our funding, but I have not been able to reach him. If I still cannot reach him in the upcoming months, I will have to reach-out to several new landowners, to try to use all of our funding.

2023 3rd Qtr - Technical Assistance: Tech Dan 38 hrs @ \$36.08 = \$1,371.04.

2023 3rd Qtr - Match: Tech Dan 38 hrs @ \$11.07 = \$420.66; Mileage 40 miles @ \$0.655 = \$26.20 & 34 miles @ \$0.375 = \$12.75.

HELP Grant – 7/1 to 9/30 Reporting: In this period, I continued working with the City of La Crescent. They got almost half of their planned pollinator plots planted. They are waiting until next year to plant the rest. We will wait until then to send them their payment. They continued to add/remove plots, so we had to amend the plan/maps some more.

I had to present the Botcher Park project to the County Board at one of their board meetings. They decided not to move forward with the project. They did not want to do the project at all, which is too bad. I wish I would have known that from the beginning instead of putting all of those grant hours into that project. There must have been a lack of communication between them and my contact with the County. I did not realize that project needed County Board approval.

I finally did get a hold of the landowner with the large potential project, and refined his project plan. I emailed the final plan to him, and he said he likes it and wants to move forward. I told him the next step is to have him sign the plan and look for contractors, but he has not done that yet. This landowner is Jay McNamer. The cost-estimate for his project is \$13,200, with cost-share from us of up to \$9,900. This still leaves some funding left over, so I will need to find one or two small projects yet this winter to finish-out the grant. We will be doing a lot of planting in 2024!

Technical CY2023 4th Qtr. Tech Dan 8 hrs @ \$36.08 = \$288.64.

Technical Match CY2023 4th Qtr. Tech Dan 8 hrs @ \$11.07 = \$88.56.

In this period, I did not work much with the HELP Grant. I had to modify the plan for City of La Crescent two more times, but that is the extent of the work I did this period.

In October, I found out that the City of La Crescent is getting a raingarden funded through the WinLaC 1W1P. It is in the same location that we planned a pollinator plot that has not been planted yet. This location was "Eagles Bluff/McIntosh Rain Garden". See the first attached map. The City was going to build the rain garden, then use HELP grant funds to help pay for the native vegetation establishment. Now that the City is getting funding through 1W1P, and since we cannot let them double-dip, we had a discussion and decided to remove this location from the HELP project. I re-did the plan, and since the area that was removed is only 0.04 acres, our rounded total of 14.9 acres did not change. See the second attached map. I sent the City their new plan, but no numbers or funding amounts changed, so I did not get them to re-sign everything.

Then in November, the City reached out to me again. They had already planted the "Pine Creek Prairie" area on their own a couple of years ago. The native stand had poor

establishment, and they want to inter-seed into it to get a better stand and more diversity. They had me add this to the plan. Our Enhancement areas went from 0.2 acres to 7.9 acres. See the third attached map. I updated the plan yet again, and sent it to the city, and got signatures again.

The City has gotten some of their sites planted this year, and they plan to finish the rest of them in 2024. That is all that had happened with this grant in this latest period.

Technical Assistance 2024 1st Qtr - Tech Dan 39 hrs @ \$36.08 = \$1,407.12; Dist Man Dave 6 hrs @ \$52.14 = \$312.84. MATCH 2024 1st Qtr - Tech Dan 39 hrs @ \$11.07 = \$431.73; Dist Man Dave 6 hrs @ \$11.07 = \$66.42

HELP Grant - 12/31 to 3/31 Reporting

In this period, I did as much planning as I could during the winter months to prepare for one last push in the growing season of 2024. It is my last chance to get projects done. This grant has been a hard sell.

The only two projects we had on the books were City of La Crescent and Tom Weichert.

No further amendments were done to the City of La Crescent's plan in this period.

I met with Tom Weichert to go over his plan, which Dave had me tweak in 2023. Tom wanted it tweaked again when I met with him. I amended the plan a second time, went over it with Tom again, and got signatures. He plans to plant flowering shrubs this spring, and plant pollinator forbs and grasses in the fall. He is now happy with the plan, and is looking forward to it.

I was able to sit down with Jay McNamer, and go over his large pollinator planting plan with him. I had been in contact with him since summer of 2022. He liked the plan and signed it. He wants to do a spring planting. This is a large project that will use a large portion of our cost-share funds.

I was also able to talk to Affordable Investments, LLC and set up a small project with them. We plan to plant flowering shrubs on their RIM easement this spring. At this point, \$22,792.50 out of our \$25,000.00 for is spoken for, with contracts signed. There is \$2,207.50 remaining. I called Curt Schuttemeier again; I had been in contact with him off-and-on since summer of 2022. He was on the fence about doing a project, and he finally told me he does not want to do one. Moving-on to Dave Walter, he was interested in doing a small pollinator planting, but his RIM easement is dominated by reed canary grass, so I did not think it would be easy to establish natives there. Moving on to Burning Daylight Farms, LLC; we did a site investigation in mid-March, and it looks like a promising site for a pollinator planting. We are currently in contact with them, and finishing-up their plan. Hopefully they will use the remainder of the cost-share to close-out the grant.

Our HELP contracts are currently as follows:

Tom Weichert \$2,880

City of La Crescent \$9,544.50

Jay McNamer \$9,900.00

Affordable Investments, LLC \$468.00

And hopefully...

Burning Daylight Farms, LLC \$2,207.50

\$25,000.00

Most of the work is coming down to the last second, unfortunately, but it is looking good now!

Technical Assistance 2024 - 2nd Qtr. Tech Dan 16 hrs @ \$36.08 = \$577.28. Match Technical 2024 - 2nd Qtr. Tech Dan 16 hrs @ \$11.07 = \$177.12.

HELP Grant – 3/31 to 6/30 Reporting

In the last reporting period we had \$2,207.50 left that was not yet encumbered. In this period, I worked with Burning Daylight Farms, LLC to make a pollinator planting plan for them. They liked the plan, signed a contract, and are now set to use the last of our cost-share funds - \$2,207.50. They are planning a spring planting, and have done site preparation work since they signed the contract. Their project area is an open grassy meadow which is surrounded by hardwood forest. The meadow is dominated by non-native cool season grasses. It is located on a RIM Easement

So that made all of the funds encumbered, and the only thing left to do is to get all of the plantings done this year. City of La Crescent said they are on track to do so. Jay McNamer has done site preparation work but has not yet seeded his project. Affordable Investments, LLC has likely completed his tree/shrub planting, but has not turned in his bills yet. Tom Weichert has started his tree/shrub planting, and will do his pollinator prairie planting in the fall.

Technical Assistance 2024 - 3rd Qtr Tech Dan 12 hrs @ \$39.12 = \$432.96. Match Technical Assistance 2024 - 3rd Qtr Tech Dan12 hrs @ \$11.07 = \$132.84.

6/30 to 9/30 Reporting

In the last reporting period, City of La Crescent and Tom Weichert tweaked their plans again. The City thought they could do all of the sites that we had planned, but they ran into some issues with certain city departments. We took some sites off of the plan, and added a couple new sites. Tom Weichert decided he wants to do a smaller area of tree/shrub planting than what we had planned. It was too late to try to find new projects, so there will now be some slippage of grant funds.

So, here is where our five projects now stand...

Tom Weichert = He has his tree/shrub planting completed. He has completed his site preparation for the pollinator planting. He has ordered his seed. He will plant the area in the fall.

City of La Crescent = They have about half of the sites planted. They plan to do the rest of the sites this fall.

Jay McNamer = The pollinator site has been planted. He is doing the first year maintenance mowings now. He will turn in bills at the end of the year, after these mowings are complete.

Affordable Investments LLC = The tree/shrub planting is completed. Bills have been turned in. Project is complete.

Burning Daylight Farms, LLC = Site prep and pollinator planting has been completed. He is doing the first year maintenance mowings now. He will turn in bills at the end of the year once these mowings are complete.

CY2024 4th Qtr. - Tech Dan 30 hrs @ \$36.08 = \$1,082.40; Tech Jean 4 hrs 2 \$36.08.

Technical Assistance Match CY2024 4th Qtr. Tech Dan 30 hrs @ \$11.07 = \$332.10; Tech Jean 4 hrs @ \$11.07 = \$44.28. See Attachment Final Report for detailed results. Remaining balance \$720.67.