

# Native Buffer Cost Share Program

## **Purpose:**

- Cost share to establish and maintain vegetation buffers of restored native prairie and restored prairie, using seeds of local ecotype region within the Anoka Sand Plain.

## **Eligibilities:**

- Land must be within the Anoka Sand Plain
- There is a 5 acre minimum for all upland plantings; land adjacent to wetlands and streams (riparian areas) will be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors for size
- All contracts to be approved by the Soil & Water Conservation District Board
- Seed for native grasses and forbs (wild flowers) must be from source within county of where planting is going or within 25 miles of county and in the same ecotype region (Anoka Sand Plain)
- Minimum and maximum acreages determined to be eligible by the Soil & Water Conservation District Board by using reasonable analysis and the benefits it will establish

## **Program:**

- Not to exceed 75% maximum cost share including other state and federal sources
- Cost share covers site preparation, seed collection, seed, seeding and establishment costs
- Contract for a 15 year minimum agreement

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