

## LEGISLATIVE-CITIZEN COMMISSION ON MINNESOTA RESOURCES

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### **Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) Restoration (All Phases) Requirements**

*The following information provides guidance on requirements for land restoration efforts undertaken using monies from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF). These should be considered minimum requirements and may be modified in the future.*

#### Project Requirements for ENRTF Funded Restoration Efforts (all phases)

##### A. Lands to be Restored

1. All restoration projects must be on land permanently protected by a conservation easement or public ownership.

##### B. Restorations and Plan Requirements

1. Restoration projects must have a site specific ecological restoration and management plan that, to the degree practicable, is consistent with the highest quality conservation and ecological goals for the restoration site.
2. Consideration should be given to soil, geology, topography, and other relevant factors that would provide the best chance for long-term success and durability of the restoration project.
3. The plan should describe the current conditions, including biotic and abiotic elements.
4. The plan should describe the target state or community the restoration is aiming to achieve, including why the target state or community is desired or appropriate.
5. The plan must include the proposed timetable for implementing the restoration, including site preparation, establishment of diverse plant species, maintenance, and additional enhancement to establish the restoration; identify long-term maintenance and management needs of the restoration, who will be responsible for them, and how the maintenance, management, and enhancement will be financed; and take advantage of the best available science and include innovative techniques to achieve the best restoration.
6. Restoration projects must use native plant species according to the Board of Water and Soil Resources' native vegetation establishment and enhancement guidelines and include an appropriate diversity of native species selected to provide habitat for pollinators throughout the growing season as required under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.973.
7. Restoration plans should be kept by the recipient and made available upon request.

##### C. Consideration to Conservation Corps Minnesota

1. Organization undertaking restoration activities must give consideration to contracting with the Conservation Corps Minnesota for contract restoration services.

##### D. Evaluation

1. Organizations undertaking restoration activities must provide an initial evaluation at the completion of the appropriation and a follow-up evaluation three years after the completion of the expenditure. Evaluations should:

Jeff Broberg, Sen. Gary Dahms, Sen. Kari Dziedzic, Rep. Rob Ecklund, William Faber, Nancy Gibson, Rep. Josh Heintzeman, Rep. Joe Hoppe, Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen, Nicole Kessler, Gary Lamma, Norman Moody, Rep. Jim Newberger, Sen. David Tomassoni, Rep. Jean Wagenius, Sen. Torrey Westrom, Della Young

- a. Follow evaluation practices described in “[Restoration Evaluation Project: Vegetation Monitoring Tool- Protocol Part 1](#)” and “[Vegetation Monitoring Tool- Protocol Part 2](#)”;
- b. Evaluate improvements relative to the stated goals and standards in the restoration plan, current science, and, when applicable, the Board of Water and Soil Resources “[Native Vegetation Establishment and Enhancement Guidelines](#)”;
- c. Determine whether the restorations are meeting planned goals, identify any problems with the implementation of the restorations, and, if necessary, give recommendations on improving restorations;
- d. Focus on findings to be used to benefit future restorations.