

ROGER GORHAM



Project Background

10.5 acres of formerly cultivated agricultural land was first sprayed with herbicide to kill existing weeds and then seeded with a mixture of native grasses and forbs suitable for an oak savanna ecosystem. The site was mowed to prevent annual weeds from going to seed and mowing continued for a couple of years. This project complimented a USDA NRCS project on site to install a forested riparian buffer around a wetland area and stabilize sensitive areas with permanent native grasses. A large 4' x 4' sign was developed and installed near the road that explains the project and its benefits. In addition to the sign, neighbors were directly contacted to explain the project and its benefits as well as promote similar projects.



Restoration Goals

- Convert ag. field to native grasses and flowers
- Remove noxious weeds and domestic grasses
- Establish riparian forest buffer around wetlands
- Plant windbreak to reduce erosion



Restoration efforts focus on re-establishing native communities

Project Specs

Restoration Type	Acres
Oak Savanna	10.5
Riparian Forest	6
Windbreak	1
Planting	Number
Native Trees and Shrubs, Mixed Variety	50
Seeding	Pounds
Native grasses	242

Project Partners

- NRCS (CCRP program)
- USFWS, Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge
- Sherburne SWCD
- Minnesota DNR (Conservation Partners)