**Instructions**

* Answer all questions thoroughly for your proposed *habitat restoration project.*
* This is one part of multiple pieces required for a complete cost share grant application.
* Where the Hennepin County Natural Resources Interactive Map is a suggested resource, you can refer to [this guide](http://www.ninemilecreek.org/wp-content/uploads/Using-the-Hennepin-County-Natural-Resources-Interactive-Map.pdf) for assistance.

Sample form available [here](https://www.ninemilecreek.org/get-involved/grants/restoration-applications)

**Questions**

1. Name of Applicant or Organization:

1. Does your property border a water body (pond, lake, creek, wetland)?

1. Describe that activities and steps you will take to complete the restoration and maintain the project.

* 1. Are there any invasive species and/or non-native species in the area to be restored? If yes, what are they and how will you remove them from the restoration area to prepare for planting?

* 1. Will you plant the entire area of disturbance with native plants? Disturbance means removal of existing plants or other site preparation. Planting the entire area with native plants is a minimum requirement for funding consideration.

* 1. Describe your planting plan and provide a planting layout.

Include the following information:

* How many plant species the restoration will establish?
* Whether the native plants will come from seeds, live plants (plugs), or both.
* Where will the plant material be supplied from?

Notes:

* Plants must be selected from the NMCWD Restoration Plant List. Other plants can be used but are only eligible for matching funds.
* Having at least five native plant species is a minimum requirement for funding consideration.
* The [Hennepin County Natural Resources Interactive Map](https://gis.hennepin.us/naturalresources/map/) can be used to provide a planting plan, if needed.
* For list of native plant suppliers visit: [MN DNR list](http://www.ninemilecreek.org/wp-content/uploads/DNR-Seed-Suppliers-Central-MN.pdf)

1. What is the total size of your property **in** **acres**? This can be found using the [Hennepin County Natural Resources Interactive Map](https://gis.hennepin.us/naturalresources/map/). (1 acre = 43,560 square feet).

1. What is the size of the area to be restored **in acres**? *This refers to the size of the area that is being planted with native species.* This can be measured using the [Hennepin County Natural Resources Interactive Map](https://gis.hennepin.us/naturalresources/map/).

1. What percent of your property are you restoring? Use your answers from questions 4 and 5 to complete the following equation.

$\frac{Restoration area acres}{Total property area acres}$ x 100 *= percentage of property restored*

1. Attach or insert an aerial photo or site plan showing the property, water body (if applicable), and location of the restoration. The [Hennepin County Natural Resources Interactive Map](https://gis.hennepin.us/naturalresources/map/) is one source available to provide this aerial photo/site plan.

1. To receive funding through this grant program, no regular watering of the restoration area can occur after the restored area is fully established. How will you comply with this requirement?

Notes:

* + This means there will be no regular watering from hose, and/or an irrigation system will be removed/disabled
	+ Watering with reclaimed water from a rain barrel or similar **is not** consideredregular watering for the purposed of this grant program

Continue to Restoration Plant List and other application steps listed at:

[ninemilecreek.org/get-involved/grants/restoration-applications](https://www.ninemilecreek.org/get-involved/grants/restoration-applications)