

**West Central Area Schools
Environmental Learning Center
Prairie and Wetland Restoration
Proposal**

Project Location: 301 County Road 2 Barrett, Mn 56311
NE1/4 Sec. 13 T.128 N. R-42-W Grant County

Project Sponsors: West Central Area Schools and the Grant Soil and Water Conservation District.

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Project Summary:

This project will acquire, restore, and maintain native prairie and wetland habitats on 45 acres of land adjacent to the existing West Central Area Schools Environmental Learning Center in Barrett Minnesota. In addition to protecting these valuable habitats West Central Area Schools will develop and maintain this area as well as the existing Environmental Learning Center for an expanded K-12 curriculum focusing on the benefits of native prairie and wetland habitats for water quality, wildlife habitat, and soil health in western Minnesota. The Grant County Soil and Water Conservation District will provide technical assistance with restoration of the prairie and wetland habitats located on the site.

Project Budget:

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| 1. Land acquisition:----- | --\$500,000.00 |
| 2. Wetland Restoration:----- | \$10,000.00 |
| 3. Native Prairie Restoration:----- | \$40,000.00 |
| 4. Operation and Maintenance:----- | \$75,000.00 |
| 5. Outdoor Learning Stations:----- | \$80,000.00 |
| 6. Signs and Trails:----- | \$25,000.00 |
| 7. Expansion of K-12 Curriculum:----- | \$60,000.00 |
| Total:----- | \$790,000.00 |