



FRIENDS GROUP
PARTNER GRANTS

2025 Volunteer Habitat Restoration Grant Application

*Directions: Friends Groups are encouraged to submit a draft application for feedback to the External Relations Director by **February 17, 2025**. The final application with supporting materials should be submitted to friends@parksandtrails.org by 5 pm on **February 24, 2025***

Friends Group Name			
Main Contact for this project			
Name			
Email		Phone	
Secondary Contact for this project			
Name			
Email		Phone	
Our Friends Group is: (Place an "X" by those that apply.)			
	A 501(c)(3) nonprofit		
	A fiscal client of P&TC		
	Neither a 501(c)(3) nonprofit nor fiscal client of P&TC		

Project Overview

Grant Amount Requested (\$500-\$2,500) <i>Please fill out the Excel Budget Worksheet and submit with the application.</i>	\$
Which restoration activity/activities) will your project involve? <i>Place an "X" by those that apply.</i>	
	Tree protection (bud-capping, cages, tubes)
	Exclosures (fencing to prevent deer browse)
	Planting (enhance use area, replace vulnerable ash; usually larger trees)
	Planting (restoration at scale; usually seedlings, shrubs, and plugs/seeds)*
	Seed collection
	Invasive species management
	Other:

Project Details

Provide a concise overview of your planned project, being sure to describe its ecological value. (200-400 words) *Consider: Why is this project needed? What are the main activities? Is the project informed by a specific knowledge base?*

Describe the site where this project will take place and explain why this location was chosen. Please include a map with your application. *Consider: How big is the area? How is it accessed? Who owns the land?*

Does this project require a Cultural Resource Review? *Place an "X" by those that apply.*

	No	Explain:	
	Yes	Explain:	

Partners & Volunteers

Collaboration and volunteer engagement is a priority for this grant program. Please indicate the partners you plan to collaborate with. Projects that engage volunteers from underrepresented backgrounds (e.g., by race, ethnicity, class, gender, sexual orientation, ability, etc.) are highly encouraged. Note: a letter of support from the land manager is required (see template at end).

X	Partner Type	Partner Name	Established Relationship (x)	Potential Relationship (x)
	Land mgmt agency (required)			
	Community org.			
	Business			
	Youth group / School			
	Other			

Please list the anticipated volunteer roles and hours.				
Volunteer Activity	Who (volunteer group / partner)	Number of vol.	Activity length (hours)	Total hours
<i>Example: Tree planting event</i>	<i>Friends Group + School Group</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>30</i>
Total volunteer hours anticipated:				
Considering the partners and volunteer roles listed above, please provide any relevant details about the roles as well as any recruitment and training that will be involved.				

Experience & Capability

What skills or experience does your Friends Group (or its volunteers) have with carrying out a project like this?

Consider: Volunteer recruitment and management, ecological restoration knowledge, materials purchasing experience, physical labor capabilities, etc.

Submission

Date application submitted	
Submitted by	

This document, along with the budget and letter, can be submitted as attachments in an email to friends@parksandtrails.org. Applications are due by **February 24, 2025** at **5pm**.

Letter of Support Template

[Date]

Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota
275 E. 4th St., #250
St. Paul, MN 55101

To Grant Application Reviewers:

I am writing in support of a [project name (i.e., tree planting or invasive removal)] project for which [Friends Group] is planning. The project entails [description of the project].

This project complements existing initiatives at [park or trail] by [how it complements]. [Friends Group] has demonstrated capacity to implement this project by [how they demonstrate capacity].

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Name]

[Role]

[Agency]