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Red River Riparian Project –2010 Highlights

The Red River RC&D Council provides technical assistance to the Red River Riparian Project. The Red River Riparian project is currently on Phase IV of the project, which runs from 2008-2012. The goal of the project is to provide technical and financial assistance for riparian restoration to landowners, communities, water resource districts, and soil conservation districts within eight targeted high priority watersheds in the Lower Red River Basin in North Dakota. Watershed committees were established in 2008 to make important decisions on guiding the project during the current phase.

A one-day tour was held in August of 2010 to tour practices implemented in the Sheyenne River Valley, including: deer exclusion fencing, rotational grazing system, off-channel cattle watering, and floodplain debris removal. The Red River Riparian Project implementation continues to be a high priority for the Red River RC&D Council.

2010 Riparian Practices Applied

- 200 acres of Prescribed Grazing along the Sheyenne River in Nelson County
- 141.4 acres of Floodplain Debris Removal along the Tongue River in Pembina County
- 5 acres of Floodplain Debris Removal along the Park River in Walsh County
- 90 feet of Stream Channel Stabilization along the Forest River in Walsh County
- 16 acres of Timber Stand Improvement (Scarification) along the Park River in Walsh County
- 4,200 Tree Hand Plants installed along the Sheyenne River in Nelson County
- Deer Exclusion Fence installed along the Sheyenne River in Nelson County
- 500 Tree Hand Plants installed at Mt. Carmel Dam in Cavalier County
- 32,730 feet of Trees Machine Planted at Mt. Carmel Dam in Cavalier County
- 46 acres of Tree Thinning along the Park River in Walsh County



Streambank Stabilization along the Park River. Photo Courtesy of Aaron Sawatzky.



Deer Exclusion Fencing and Riparian Planting along the Sheyenne River. Photo Courtesy of Aaron Sawatzky.