

This project is located in Young America Township. The project consisted of a 2.0 acre wetland restoration and the establishment of 3.5 acres of native tallgrass prairie buffer. Wetland restoration work consisted of disabling a small drain tile that used to drain this area of the cropland. Cost-share money was provided for disabling the tile line and costs associated with seeding the prairie grasses. The landowner also receives annual CRP payments for the 5.5 acre contract.

Photos below from 2002, 2005, and 2008 show the project location and how it has changed since the restoration.



Carver County, MN
2002 Ortho Imagery



Carver County, MN
2005 Ortho Imagery



Carver County, MN
2008 Ortho Imagery



The photos below show the site in March 2007. Restoration work and a fall dormant seeding were completed in November 2006.



These photos were taken 1 year later in March 2008. The native prairie grasses have begun establishing themselves nicely and cattails began filling in the wetland area. The prairie grasses produced enough material in one year's growth for the landowner to conduct a prescribed burn a few months after these photos.



These photos were taken in October 2008 showing a fully established prairie in just the 2nd year! The proper use of management practices (timely herbicide application and a prescribed burn) produced some amazing results on this project.

