

Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund Final Report Grant #07-014W

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Project Objective

The Effingham County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) would like to purchase personal safety equipment for conducting prescribed burns. The Effingham SWCD currently has a cache of equipment for conducting prescribed burns, this includes 4 drip torches, 2 back pack blowers, 4 water back packs, 4 fire rakes, 4 flaps, and two radios. The only equipment lacking to complete the set is personal safety equipment including Nomex fire suits, gloves, helmets, goggles, masks, radio harness, and gear bags. With the purchase of the personal protective gear, landowners will be able to more safely conduct prescribed burns in Effingham County and meet the land management objectives for their property.

Project Accomplishments

The Effingham County SWCD purchased four (4) sets of personal safety gear for conducting prescribed burns. Originally we intended to purchase only 2 sets of personal safety gear. However, after submitting a request for a bid and contract with Forestry Suppliers, Inc., the price of the gear was less than originally expected. The Effingham County SWCD then purchased two additional sets and two extra goggles and bandanas and three first aid kits (see attached picture). Nomex flight gloves were ordered from “CopQuest” as was suggested by the Natural Heritage Biologist. After the order was received, the District Natural Heritage Biologist inspected the items and suggested some items be returned and other items ordered to replace the returned items. The Effingham County SWCD followed his recommendations.

All the personal protective gear and prescribed burn equipment will be made available free of charge to landowners for use during a prescribe burn. All the equipment above will also be available to volunteers who assist with managing rare and declining habitats on natural areas, nature preservers, natural heritage landmarks, and registered land and water reserves within Effingham County. The Effingham County SWCD will house and maintain all the prescribed burn personal protective gear and prescribed burn equipment.

An article will be sent to the Effingham Daily News and published in the Effingham County SWCD newsletter. A copy of the article is attached.

Project Expenditures

See attached copies of invoices and summary sheet. Payment was made with the Effingham County SWCD Visa credit card at time of order.

Summary of Expenditures

VENDOR	DATE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Forestry Suppliers, Inc. 205 W Rankin St. Jackson, MS 39284	9-08-06	Order	\$2,005.17
Forestry Suppliers, Inc. 205 W Rankin St. Jackson, MS 39284	9-08-06	Return	-\$845.88
Forestry Suppliers, Inc. 205 W Rankin St. Jackson, MS 39284	9-28-06	Order	\$328.73
Forestry Suppliers, Inc. 205 W Rankin St. Jackson, MS 39284	2-21-07	Order	\$455.23
CopQuest Public Safety 3543 Old Conejo Road Newbury Park, CA 91320	10-09-06	Order	\$77.80
CopQuest Public Safety 3543 Old Conejo Road Newbury Park, CA 91320	2-21-07	Order	\$29.90
Total Project Cost			\$2,050.95
Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund Grant Amount			\$1,490.00
Effingham County SWCD Amount			\$560.95

***** See attached invoices**

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