

# Native Plant Restoration on the Superior National Forest

## 2011 Accomplishments

In FY2011 the Superior National Forest used NFN3 funds to maintain the two native plant and pollinator gardens on the Forest. Seasonal crews were used to pull and spray weeds and install additional mulch. These crews also collected seed for the first time from Canada wildrye, fringed brome, pearly everlasting, and black-eyed susan that are growing at one of our native gardens. The seed was used in a stream restoration project.

In addition, NFN3 funds were used to purchase Superior National Forest-origin native grass seed (poverty oats and false melic grass), from Boreal Natives. Students with the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) helped plant about 5 acres of seed purchased with NFN3 funds at timber sale areas and decommissioned roads. Figure 2 shows successful establishment of poverty oats from a previous year's restoration efforts.

Lastly, NFN3 funds were used to purchase additional local origin native plants to fill in a few gaps at our native plant garden at the Supervisor's Office in Duluth, MN.



Figure 1. One year old native plant garden at Superior National Forest Supervisor's Office.



Figure 2. Successful poverty oats (*Danthonia spicata*) planting on road closure – poverty oats is the cured, tan-colored grass in center of photo.

Year Awarded: 2011

Project completion: 2011

Report number: 1 of 1

#### Funding

FY11 Allocation:	\$24,000
FY11 Expenditures	\$24,098
FY11 Funds overspent	\$ 98

#### Partners/Contractors/Coop:

- Prairie Restorations/Boreal Natives, 3943 Munger Shaw Rd, Cloquet, MN 55720
- Youth Conservation Corps

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