

## Habitat conservation project

# Minnesota River Valley

This project contributes to protecting and restoring the last native prairie remnants in Hennepin County.



### Project features

- Collaboration with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and City of Eden Prairie to enhance habitat in three zones along the Minnesota River Valley corridor.
- Includes a potential easement that is adjacent to City of Eden Prairie conservation areas and connected to the Upgrala Unit of the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge.
- Documented occurrences of eight species of special concern - three plants and five mammals - and one threatened plant.
- New easement has significant public engagement opportunities as it is along a roadway and adjacent to a popular restaurant.

### Corridor restoration and enhancement goals

- Protect and improve remnant native prairie.
- Preserve important seed source for dry prairies and oak savanna communities in the metro area.
- Emphasize connection to bluffs and floodplains.

### Project location

