

**Project Name:  
Johnson Park Guide and upkeep**

Community Partners: Moorhead Parks and Recreation  
School/Youth Serving Agency: George Washington Elementary- Moorhead

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Project Goals: To help maintain bird houses, replant butterfly garden and clean trails at Johnson Park as well as re-write a guide to the park for public use

Grade/Age of Students: 5th grade

Number of Students: 29

Project Timeline: 2 months

**Description of Project:**

Students learned about ecosystems and focused on deciduous forests. We then took trips out to the park to help clean and maintain trails as well as replant a butterfly garden. Students also worked in the classroom to update a map of the park with animal track guides and information about the park.

**Reflection:**

It was fun to help out a park in our area and be responsible to help share our knowledge to others. This project was actually started by a Junior High teacher and when she no longer did the project we kind of "adopted" it from her.

**Subject Area(s), Standard(s), and Skills Addressed:**

It also linked to our science: Ecosystems- deciduous forest

**Resources needed and how they were provided:**

We needed to visit the site. The class was transported by bus. We also needed agency (River Keepers and Moorhead Parks) to help us with the history of the park area as well as share the different projects around the park that had been invested in. (Butterfly garden).