

Rudy Kraemer Nature Center

Burnsville, Minnesota



The Rudy Kraemer Nature Center in Burnsville, Minnesota, is approximately 25 acres in size. It was originally intended to be a mitigation site to offset wetland filling on a landfill owned by Edward Kraemer & Sons, Inc. The owners decided to take the mitigation process one step further and design a restored natural area open to the public complete with parking and trails.



Applied Ecological Services provided ecological consulting and construction services for the wetland mitigation and natural areas associated with the project. AES's role as an ecological consultant was to provide expertise in the development of an appropriate grading plan; to develop planting and seeding designs; to specify tasks to restore the surrounding natural area; and to provide baseline studies of existing vegetation. AES's role in the construction of the site was to install wet prairie and emergent plants and seed in the mitigation site; to remove exotic woody species from the existing degraded wet prairie area; and to provide some maintenance services in the first year. AES also continues to provide ecological consulting services to monitor the success of the project.



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