



# Lake Agassiz Resource Conservation & Development Council

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## American Legion Post 88 Natural Learning Site & Veteran's Memorial

The **Hankinson American Legion Post 88 Natural Learning Site and Veteran's Memorial** will provide an outdoor leisure learning site for students, groups of individuals, families or anyone in particular to learn about the different ecosystems and cultures that once characterized the area. The vision of the Hankinson American Legion Post #88 is to provide educational opportunities for youth and adults on the environment, natural and wildlife ecosystems and provide recreation and meditation facilities for the public through the restoration of a native prairie and to recognize and memorialize all veterans.



*Aerial Photo of Post 88 Natural Learning Site and Veteran's Memorial*

The project is a new development that has multiple phases for an outdoor learning site and Veteran's Memorials. Initial designs were provided by the Landscape Architecture Department at North Dakota State University. The project phases completed include: restoration of an eroding shoreline, a tree planting, a parking area, a lighted flag memorial, a constructed wetland with a fountain and children's fishing pond, a fishing pier, a walking/bike trail with a bridge and benches, establishment of a native prairie with grasses and flowers, establishment of domestic crop plots, and an irrigation system. An indoor classroom building and a public bathroom facility is currently being constructed and will be open to the public for use as a meeting place by organizations in the community. An outdoor classroom, picnic areas, and rustic campgrounds are scheduled for 2011. The Veteran's Memorials will be constructed after the natural learning site is completed.

There are many benefits that will meet the needs of people in the surrounding area. For the general public, it will provide a cultural, historic and recreational experience through the creation of an area where individuals or groups have an opportunity to learn, remember and meditate in a quiet setting. Fund raising efforts focused on individual phases, which have totaled over \$257,000. There has been a commitment by many volunteers and partners who have contributed in-kind services with an estimated value of over \$100,000. The All Veteran's Memorial will provide opportunities for visitors to remember and reflect on the sacrifices veterans have made to our country. Construction, which began in 2005, will continue through 2011 or until project completion. This project will ensure that future generations are able to enjoy our natural heritage and better appreciate those who preserved our freedoms.



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