

## AMERICAN PRAIRIE FOUNDATION GOALS

1. To accumulate and wisely manage, based on sound science, enough private land to create and maintain a fully-functioning prairie-based wildlife reserve.
2. To provide a variety of public access opportunities to this wildlife amenity.
3. To ensure that the land remains productive in a way that contributes significantly to the local economy.

# American Prairie Foundation and the Community

*Contributions through December 2010*

**“APF has made a huge impact** on our school in the past two years. Last spring, the Montana Outdoor Science School visited for a field day. APF provided a \$1,000 grant that we used to purchase a water distiller and equipment for science fair projects. Also, National Geographic photographers shared video clips of scientific filming from their archives. We truly appreciate their contributions to our school and community.”

-Mardy Demarais, Malta High School Science Teacher

**“Malta High School Library recognizes APF** for the CDs and multiple library books that were donated to our program. These outstanding reference materials have already been used in the science and reading classes for reference and research paper writing.”

-Malta High School Library Staff

**“We could not be more supportive** of (APF’s) mission. We appreciate and proudly encourage the American Prairie Foundation.”

-GN Inc. DBA Great Northern Hotel, Maltana Motel

**“Thank you so much for the opportunity** to outfit your group on the Missouri River this summer. We appreciate the business, support the mission of American Prairie Foundation and look forward to future trips!”

-Wayne & Gia Fairchild, Lewis & Clark Trail Adventures



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AMERICAN PRAIRIE FOUNDATION (APF) has had a presence in Phillips County and the surrounding area since 2002. We strive to be a good neighbor, and to contribute to the vitality and diversity of the local economy.

### ECONOMY

- APF has directly contributed \$19.39 million to the local economy through the end of 2010. (See graphs to the right for details.)
- We host many visitors from all over the world on the Reserve, and encourage them to patronize local businesses. Examples include a delegation of Chinese land managers, a National Geographic film crew and a group of Canadian students. Our science partner, World Wildlife Fund maintains a full-time research presence in the area. Visitation will increase over time, which we hope will present more economic opportunities for local entrepreneurs.
- Because we believe in supporting our neighbors, our policy is to purchase goods locally whenever possible. We contract with many local vendors for services such as catering, construction, repairs, supplies and restoration. APF also banks and invests locally.

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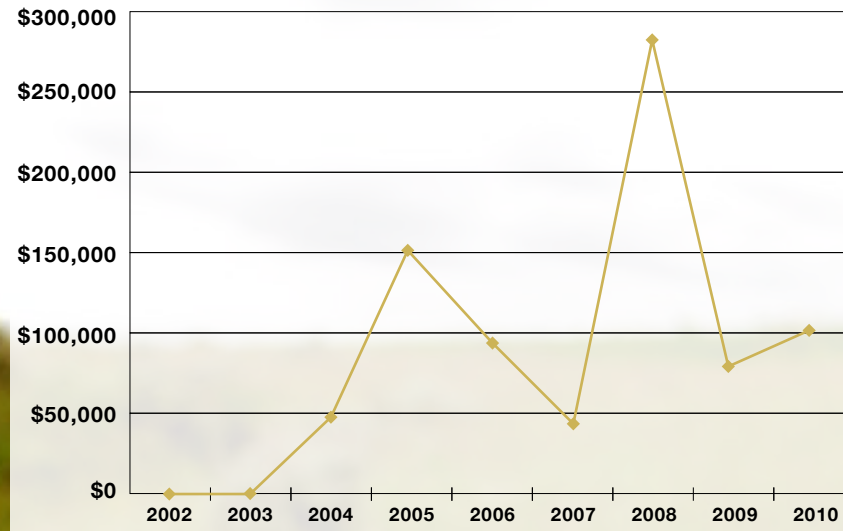


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## APF'S SPENDING IN PHILLIPS COUNTY AND SURROUNDING AREAS

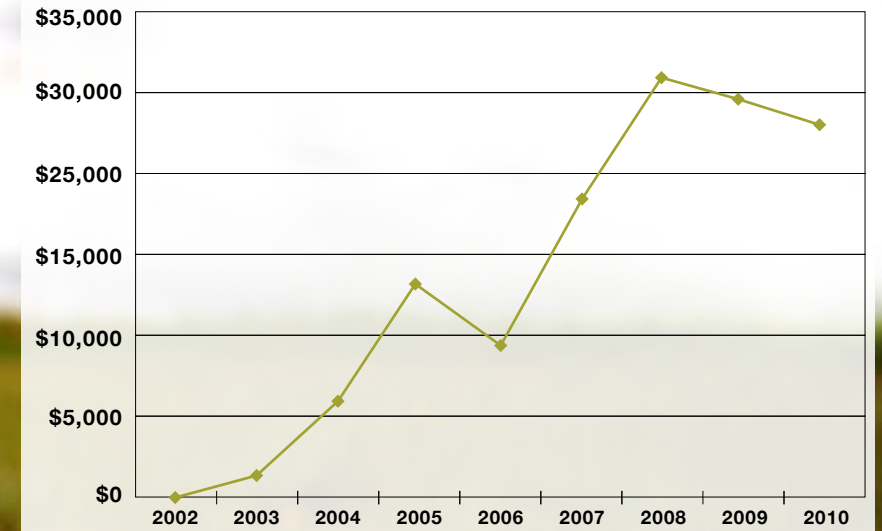
(Includes Phillips, Blaine, Fergus and Valley Counties 2002-2010)

### Reserve Management\*



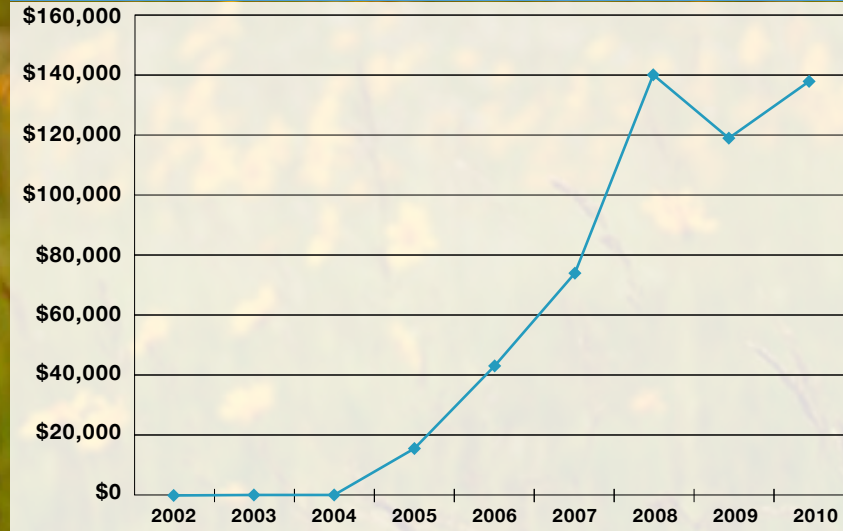
\*Does not include 17.8 million paid to date for land obligations. **TOTAL: \$799,531**

### Visitation/Tourism



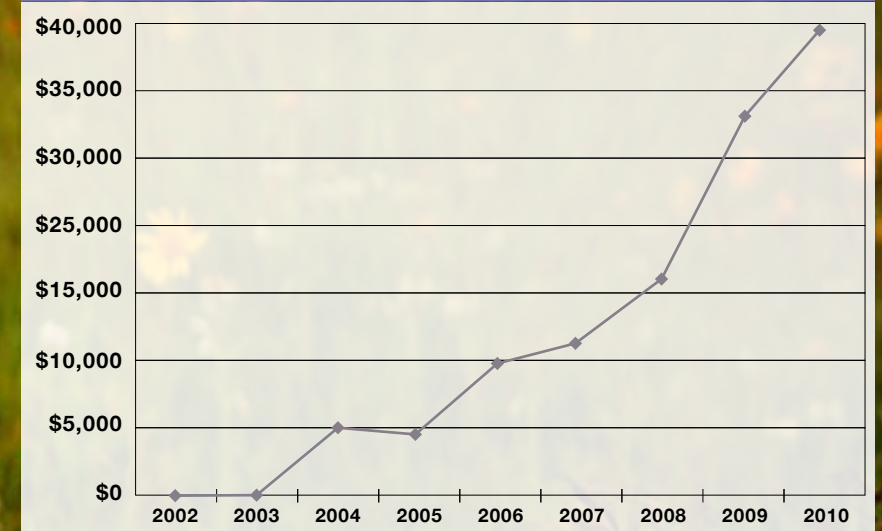
**TOTAL: \$143,152**

### Wages



**TOTAL: \$524,440**

### Taxes and Fees



**TOTAL: \$118,535**

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### COMMUNITY

- We established the Community Involvement Fund as a way to give back to the people of Phillips County. These grants have enhanced weed control in southern Phillips County, provided science equipment for Malta High School, assisted the Food Bank, helped to beautify the Phillips County Museum, provided food and clothing for the St. Dennis Mission School, and helped the Venue for Vets program.
- We believe everyone should be able to enjoy the prairie landscape. Our lands are open to the public for a variety of uses and we participate in the State of Montana's Block Management program for hunters.
- In an effort to preserve the rich cultural history of the area, we contributed to the preservation of Prairie Union School.

### EDUCATION

- APF has hosted yearly multi-day outdoor education sessions with the Montana Outdoor Science School and local teachers. Students learn about the natural science of the prairie through different cultural perspectives.
- We get a lot of interesting visitors, and we always encourage them to share their experiences with the community. We bring a variety of professionals including scientists, artists and film producers into local schools.

Please give us a call (406-658-2252) to learn more about our project and our people.