# Project Year-End Summary Report

Title of Project:

*Begin answering in the shaded box right beside or below each question and it will expand to accommodate as you type. Use up to a total of two and a half pages for questions 1-8. More detailed presentations, a final report, articles or posters are welcome separately* (See final instructions at the end of this form.)*

1. Organization name or Individual who received the grant: The Yerba Mansa Project

2. Amount of Grant: $550

4. Was additional outside funding obtained? (check box that applies) Yes X☐ No ☐
Other funding source(s) if you checked "yes." Nusenda Credit Union Community Rewards, Frost Foundation, Outdoor Equity Grant

5. Briefly, how was the grant money from the Carter Conservation Fund used?
Our Carter Conservation funding was applied to purchasing plants for our Bosque Restoration Field Day including 5-gallon pots of *Rosa woodsii*, *Celtis reticulata*, *Shepherdia argentea*, and 1-gallon pots of *Anemopsis californica* totaling an estimated $550 including delivery. As of this writing, we are awaiting the final invoice.

6. Write an abstract or summary of the activities performed and the progress that was made this year on your project. (Save any conclusions, lessons learned, and benefits achieved for the final sections, 7&8.)

The NPSNM Carter Conservation Grant enabled the Yerba Mansa Project to continue providing free native plant education programs for all ages and make new progress restoring native plant populations in our restoration site. During the last year, our youth education program provided field-based learning experiences in the Bosque for 10 local schools and our Director provided 6 public plant walks and presentations for the community. The Yerba Mansa Project also organized 2 Bosque Restoration Field Days which drew over 230 participants who provided over 700 hours of volunteer service. This service included removal of *Saccharum ravennae* (ravenna grass); clipping and bagging ravenna seed heads; re-seeding a mixture of native grasses, forbs, and shrubs in newly burned areas; planting *Rosa woodsii* (rose), *Celtis reticulata* (hackberry), *Shepherdia argentea* (buffaloberry), and *Anemopsis californica* (yerba mansa); and GIS documentation of our work.

7. How does your project further a Native Plant Society mission area, namely: *plant or ecological education; conservation/restoration of native plants and/or their habitats; adds to botanical research; promotes appropriate use of native plants to conserve water, land and/or wildlife.*

The Yerba Mansa Project contributes to the Native Plant Society's mission through community-based education and restoration services. We engage youth and the general public with free native plant-focused programs that include plant identification, ecology, natural history, art and ecology, botanical drawing, edible and medicinal plant uses, and nature observation games. Our restoration work improves native plant habitat through invasive species remediation and increases Bosque native plant populations through re-seeding and re-planting native species.

8. Any other conclusions, lessons learned, benefits to you, the community or the environment hopefully result from your work as assisted by this grant.

In addition to the contributions already described, the Yerba Mansa Project benefits plants and people by building community solidarity around commitment to conserve and protect native plants and the places they grow. Through partnerships with other organizations and community outreach, our programs bring people and plants together which fosters the reverence, respect, and responsibility that is needed for the evolution of a healthy land ethic. Kids who participate in our education programs are often experiencing the Bosque for the first time and many who contribute to our Restoration Field Days report wanting to return to look after the plants they planted. Adults frequently describe positive experiences being able to give back to the land and the river through planting native plants and increased appreciation for the plants after learning about their ecological and cultural importance. Many people find the Yerba Mansa Project is a way to deal with the difficult emotions associated with climate change. In short, the Carter Conservation Grant enables people to be agents of recovery for plants and their habitats.

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**Final Instructions**

**Please send your completed form as a PDF email attachment to cartergrantapps@gmail.com by November 1, 2026.**

** To remain in good standing for any future funding from the Native Plant Society of New Mexico, we ask that you educate our membership more fully in some way. This could be an article (250 words minimum, at least 1 high resolution illustration or photo) for our newsletter,* ***or*** *a paper or electronic copy or link to a published article connected with the past year's work,* ***or*** *by making an educational and visual presentation to one of our chapters. Contact information for our 7 area chapters is found on our website at www.npsnm.org under the Chapters tab.*

*What are your intentions in this regard?* I wrote an article "The Yerba Mansa Project: A Decade of Service to Native Plants" including four photos, which appeared in the July-September issue of the NPSNM Newsletter. I would also be glad to offer a presentation on the Yerba Mansa Project's work.

This year end report is submitted by (Type your name) Dara Saville

My typed name is equal to my handwritten signature in testifying to the accuracy and truth of this report to the best of my knowledge today.

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Date October 2, 2026

*Please contact us again at cartergrantapps@gmail.com if you have any questions or alternate suggestions.*