

## CASE, Luby Equipment Support Team Rubicon in Training/Prairie Mitigation Project

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<u>CASE Construction Equipment</u>, and heavy equipment dealer <u>Luby Equipment</u>, provided training support and donated the use of skid steers, compact track loaders and excavators to <u>Team Rubicon</u> for a combination training/service project in Van Buren County, Iowa. "Operation Forgotten Villages" performed prairie mitigation and long-term trail recovery work in Bentonsport, Iowa, designed to remove invasive growth and return the prairie to native grasses in support of local wildlife.

Team Rubicon volunteers cleared 14 acres of trees, and more than 20,000 cubic feet of invasive vegetation, to return the prairie back to its natural state. The effort is estimated to have saved the local community more than \$60,000, and gave Team Rubicon heavy equipment operators valuable stick time to train for disasters, such as Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Michael.

"It's these projects and environmental mitigation operations that provide a valuable service to the community, and prepare Team Rubicon operators for real disaster operations," says Michel Marchand, vice president — North America, CASE Construction Equipment. "Partners like Luby Equipment help make this partnership possible, and help communities get back on their feet after disaster."

"We believe that the partnership with CASE and Team Rubicon is one of the best ways we can give back to the communities we work in, as well as communities nationwide," says David Kedney, sales manager, Luby Equipment. "We're proud to help these volunteers get the experience they need."

For more information or to donate to Team Rubicon, visit <u>TeamRubiconUSA.org</u>. For more information on the partnership between CASE and Team Rubicon, visit <u>CaseCE.com/TeamRubicon</u>.

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