



# Request for Proposal Summary List

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Requested Amount / Region	ID # / Project Title / Description	Manager Information / Organization
<b>1</b>	<b>550 Acre Land Acquisition along the Rum River and Cedar Creek in Anoka</b> This program will acquire and protect 550 acres of prairie, wetland, forest and shoreline habitat for fish, game and wildlife along the Rum River and Cedar Creek in the cities of Oak Grove and Andover and will provide additional opportunities for public fishing, hunting and wildlife conservation.	John VonDeLinde Director <b>Anoka County Parks and Recreation</b> john.vondelinde@co.anoka.mn.us (763) 767-2860
\$1,900,000 Forest Prairie Transition, Prairie		
<b>2</b>	<b>Little Nokasippi River Wildlife Management Area</b> This program will expand an existing WMA by 252 acres for public outdoor recreation (e.g. hunting, fishing, etc.) and also protect the viability of the WMA into perpetuity through 1253 acres of permanent conservation easements. This proposal focuses on the Little Nokasippi River Wildlife Management Area (WMA). This program will be matched with federal funding.	Dan Steward Board Conservationist <b>BWSR</b> Dan.Steward@state.mn.us (218) 828-2598
\$1,225,000 Northern Forest		
<b>3</b>	<b>Agassiz Lowlands Environmental Learning Area Wetland Habitat Restoration</b> This program will restore and enhance a 120-acre tract of critical wetland habitat in the Agassiz Lowlands Environmental Learning Area School Forest located in the Northern Forest section in Lake of the Woods County.	Steve Wymore Superintendent of Schools <b>Lake of the Woods School, ISD #390</b> swymore@blw.k12.mn.us (218) 634-2510
\$173,000 Northern Forest		
<b>4</b>	<b>North Ottawa Impoundment Project Phase V</b> This program will improve water quality, augment stream flow, and enhance feeding and resting areas for migrating shorebirds and waterfowl.	Jon Roeschlein Administrator <b>Bois de Sioux Watershed District</b> bds wd@frontiernet.net (320) 563-4185
\$3,000,000 Prairie		

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\$18,000,000	<p><b>5 Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Reserve – Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) Leveraging Project</b></p> <p>This program will accelerate the restoration and protection of approximately 12,000 acres of previously drained wetlands and associated upland native grassland wildlife habitat complexes via perpetual conservation easements.</p> <p>Forest Prairie Transition, Metro Urbanizing Area, Prairie</p>	<p>Kevin J. Lines</p> <p>Conservation Easement Section Manager</p> <p><b>BWSR</b></p> <p>kevin.lines@state.mn.us (651) 297-1894</p>
\$1,914,500	<p><b>6 Habitat Enhancement and Restoration in the Minnesota River Watershed</b></p> <p>This program will acquire (via BWSR) conservation easements on approximately 500 acres of critical riparian corridors in the western Minnesota River watershed and restore those 500 acres through on-the-ground efforts. The project will provide funds to plant native trees and shrubs along riparian corridors for wildlife habitat and clean water benefits.</p> <p>Prairie</p>	<p>Dave Neu</p> <p>Senior Regional Wildlife Biologist</p> <p><b>National Wild Turkey Federation</b></p> <p>dneu@nwtf.net (920) 347-0312</p>
\$4,000,000	<p><b>7 Washington County St. Croix River Land Protection</b></p> <p>This program seeks to preserve the ecological integrity of the St. Croix River, designated as a resource of statewide and national importance. This proposal will help the LSOHC achieve its Priority Action #2: Protect habitat corridors, with emphasis on the ... St. Croix Rivers. Washington County will complete 4-6 permanent conservation easements or fee title acquisitions to permanently protect up to 400 acres of critical habitat needed to support a variety of “Species in Greatest Conservation Need”, including over one mile of St. Croix River shoreline.</p> <p>Metro Urbanizing Area</p>	<p>Jane Harper</p> <p>Land and Water Legacy Program Manager</p> <p><b>Washington County</b></p> <p>Jane.Harper@co.washington.mn.us (651) 430-6011</p>
\$3,500,000	<p><b>8 Northern Tallgrass Prairie NWR Land Acquisition</b></p> <p>This program will permanently protect remnant native prairie and associated wetland complexes in western Minnesota by purchasing fee title properties and habitat easements. Lands purchased through this program will become units of the Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge. The majority of the lands protected will consist of native prairie, however, restoration of wetlands and grasslands will also be completed where needed.</p> <p>Prairie</p>	<p>Alice M. Hanley</p> <p>Refuge Manager</p> <p><b>US Fish and Wildlife Service</b></p> <p>Alice_Hanley@fws.gov (320) 273-2191</p>

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\$4,165,835	<p><b>9 Redwood Area Communities Foundation dba Green Corridor Inc.</b></p> <p>This program will protect and restore/enhance high quality fish, game, and wildlife habitats by developing new and/or expansions of MN DNR Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) and/or Aquatic Management Areas (AMA) propagate regionally adapted prairie plant seeds for use in future habitat restoration and/or enhancement projects on state owned WMA , AMA, and/or SNA properties.</p> <p>Prairie</p>	<p>Bradley H. Cobb</p> <p>Program Manager – Green Corridor Inc</p> <p><b>Redwood Area Communities Foundation (RACF)</b></p> <p>1231tlc@charter.net</p> <p>(320) 493-4695</p>
\$6,865,000	<p><b>10 Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program in Minnesota: Protecting Our Investment.</b></p> <p>This program will permanently restore and protect approximately 1,000 acres of grassland and 400 acres of wetland as Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs) in western and southern Minnesota. All lands acquired through this grant proposal will be owned and managed by the Service as part of the National Wildlife Refuge System.</p> <p>Forest Prairie Transition, Metro Urbanizing Area, Prairie</p>	<p>Jim Leach</p> <p>Refuge Supervisor</p> <p><b>US Fish and Wildlife Service</b></p> <p>jim_leach@fws.gov</p> <p>(612) 713-5406</p>
\$4,612,500	<p><b>11 Redwood Cottonwood Rivers Control Area and the City of Redwood Falls</b></p> <p>This program will restore one of the two lakes in Redwood County (both man made) that will result in these two objectives; 1) will take the current depth of the lake from an average of 2.8 feet to the 20' constructed depth in 1902. 2) will reverse 107 years of sediment deposition and reverse the 1979 DNR Ecological Services report saying "Much of the lake basin has filled in with silt and the Reservoir has degraded and is no longer capable of sustaining a diverse gamefish community." - Since that report the DNR Fisheries has ceased stocking fish in the lake.</p> <p>Prairie</p>	<p>James Doering</p> <p>Public Works Project Coordinator</p> <p><b>Redwood Cottonwood Rivers Control Area &amp; City of Redwood Falls</b></p> <p>jdoering@ci.redwood-falls.mn.us</p> <p>(507) 637-5755</p>
\$1,000,000	<p><b>12 South Central Wildlife Heritage Initiative</b></p> <p>This program will establish approximately 200 acres of native grasses or woody plants [where appropriate] on high priority lands for wildlife, currently in annual tillage, in the Greater Blue Earth River Watershed in south central Minnesota that protect, restore and enhance wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game and wildlife while allowing periodic harvest.</p> <p>Prairie</p>	<p>Kay Clark</p> <p>Coordinator</p> <p><b>Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance [GBERBA]</b></p> <p>✉kay.clark@windomnet.com</p> <p>(507) 831-1153</p>

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\$1,220,000 SE Forest	<b>13 Historic Rice Lake Restoration</b> This program will restore 30 acres of shallow open water wetland/historic Rice Lake within the floodplain of Mississippi River near its confluence with the Cannon River. This project also includes reforestation of 18 acres of lowland hardwood forest with high wildlife value trees adjacent to the restored wetland and Cannon/Mississippi Rivers.	Joel Schmidt League President <b>Red Wing Wildlife League (RWWL)</b> joelwschmidt@comcast.net (651) 775-8191
\$3,759,400 Northern Forest	<b>14 Northeastern Minnesota Sharp-tailed Grouse Habitat</b> This program will protect, enhance and restore up to 2,267.4 acres of open and brushland habitat and 165 acres of forest habitat in northeastern Minnesota, provide access to additional public lands for recreation, provide multiple environmental benefits, and benefit sharp-tailed grouse and other open and brushland species in greatest conservation need (several of which are state listed as endangered, threatened or special concern) by acquiring priority land parcels in Aitkin, St. Louis and Kanabec Counties for addition to the WMA system.	Ward Julien Board Member & Treasurer <b>Minnesota Sharp-tailed Grouse Society</b> wjulien@peoplepc.com (651) 209-4919
\$3,300,000 Northern Forest	<b>15 RIM for Forest Habitat</b> This program will expand the highly effective Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) program to the forested region of the state. RIM has been successful in the agricultural areas of MN for twenty years. Expanding RIM to forested regions will provide a new opportunity to protect these high priority habitats that have not been targeted in the past. By investing funds in easements on strategic private lands protection of large blocks of adjacent public lands can be completed.	Steve Hughes SWCD District Manager <b>Aitkin County SWCD</b> hughes.aitkinswcd@gmail.com (218) 927-6565
\$2,500,000 Metro Urbanizing Area	<b>16 The Fish Creek Corridor Acquisition Program</b> The program will protect habitat corridors of the Mississippi River through the protection of Fish Creek which is a first order tributary to the Mississippi River. The Fish Creek Corridor Acquisition Program seeks to protect the waters in the Fish Creek watershed by acquiring land that will result in creating and improving habitat in this area of the Mississippi River basin.	DuWayne Konewko Community Development and Parks Director <b>City of Maplewood</b> DuWayne.Konewko@ci.mmaplewood.mn.us (651) 249-2330

**17 Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project**

\$6,286,298

Forest Prairie  
Transition, Prairie

This program will protect the remaining 90,000 acres of native prairie/savanna, a 20-year goal to restore and protect an additional 500,000 acres of diverse grasslands/savannas, and a 10-year goal to increase management capacity to annually manage 300,000 acres of grassland and savannas per year. This proposal takes the first steps to achieve these goals by initiating a comprehensive, coordinated and collaborative prairie conservation initiative. Annual investments by the LSOHC will be required to realize these ambitious outcomes.

When completed, the outcomes of this proposal will include: protection of 2000 acres of native prairie and/or savanna; restoration of 500 acres of diverse, local ecotype grassland; enhancement of 8000 acres of grassland/savanna by prescribed fire, invasive species removal, and/or conservation grazing; and development of a new conservation model in 3 parts of the state that will serve as a platform for accelerated conservation across Minnesota.

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**18 Valley Creek Protection Partnership**

\$2,530,000

Metro Urbanizing  
Area

The program will permanently protect, restore and enhance priority lands within the watershed of Valley Creek, a coldwater fishery that flows directly into the St. Croix River. We propose to accomplish this protection by acquiring land and conservation easements and restoring the riparian woodlands, prairies, oak savannas, and in-stream areas that provide significant habitat for fish and other wildlife. The Partnership seeks to build upon the collective experience of each of the organizations, working collaboratively and strategically, to permanently protect the most important parcels on this trout stream and restore the oak savannas that were once present.

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Director**Minnesota Land Trust**

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\$1,200,000  Northern Forest	<b>19 Critical Shoreline Habitat Protection Program</b>  This program will implement a Critical Shoreline Habitat Protection Program to protect essential lakeshore and stream side habitat. The set goal of this project is to protect over 100 miles of sensitive shoreline habitat over the next 10 years, thereby complimenting the goals of the DNR's Aquatic Management Area program, the State Conservation and Preservation Plan and many others.  In this phase of the program, the Minnesota Land Trust will strategically concentrate its activity on important aquatic resources within northeast Minnesota's Arrowhead region, including DNR-designated high priority trout streams and lakes. With the assistance of the L-SOHC, the Land Trust will protect more than 50,000 feet of threatened shoreline habitat by acquiring 10-12 conservation easements which will permanently protect naturally vegetated shoreline and forest land on more than 1,000 acres.	Kris William Larson  Executive Director  <b>Minnesota Land Trust</b>  klarson@mnland.org  (651) 647-9590
\$4,490,733  Metro Urbanizing Area	<b>20 Metro Big Rivers Habitat</b>  This program will protect and enhance wetlands, forests, prairies and habitat for fish, game and wildlife along the Minnesota, Mississippi and St. Croix Rivers and tributaries, by acquiring conservation easements or fee title on 850 acres, and restoring at least 338 acres. A partnership of nonprofits - Friends of the Mississippi River, Great River Greening, Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc., and the Trust for Public Land – will expand, buffer, and improve selected wildlife refuges, scientific and natural areas, and habitat sanctuaries. It will collaborate with private and public landowners and apply existing conservation planning and land acquisition programs.	Deborah Loon  Executive Director  <b>Minnesota National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc.</b>  DebLoon@comcast.net  (612) 801-1935
\$2,500,000  Metro Urbanizing Area	<b>21 Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Land Acquisition</b>  This program will protect 78 acres of land, located adjacent to the Arboretum's Horticultural Research Center, on the north side of Highway 5 and east of Bavaria Road in Carver County through purchase. This site is 78.13 acres which includes approximately 20 acres of wetlands. The property also contains 1,300 feet of lakeshore on Lake Tamarack, the deepest lake in Carver County, and one of the most pristine lakes in the Metropolitan Urbanizing Area Section.	Dr. Mary Meyer  Director and Professor  <b>Minnesota Landscape Arboretum</b>  meyer023@umn.edu  (952) 443-1447

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\$1,000,000 Northern Forest	<b>22 Protect (Acquire) Key Industrial Forest Land Tracts in Central Minnesota</b> This project will protect and restore 500+- acres of forest and wetland wildlife habitats in central Minnesota (Cass County) through fee title acquisition of key industrial forest tracts. Title of lands acquired will be held by Cass County for a majority of the tracts listed. However, land asset (e.g. exchange) and management partnerships (e.g. cooperative lease) will be worked out with the Minnesota DNR for those tracts identified in Table 6 that are best suited for management within the State recreational unit listed.	Joshua Stevenson Land Commissioner <b>Cass County</b> josh.stevenson@co.cass.mn.us (218) 947-7501
\$6,500,000 Metro Urbanizing Area, SE Forest	<b>23 Riparian and Lakeshore Protection, Restoration and Access in Dakota County</b> This program will work with willing landowners to establish permanent conservation easements totaling 2,400 acres along the Vermillion River and including North, Middle and South Creeks, South Branch and their tributaries; the Cannon River and its primary tributaries within Dakota County (Dutch, Mud, Chub, Darden and Pine Creeks, and Trout Brook); acquire permanent easements on 112 acres along Marcott Lake in Inver Grove Heights, Lake Marion in Lakeville, and Chub Lake in Eureka Township; and provide shoreline habitat and public access improvements on Thompson Lake in West St. Paul, Spring Lake in Nininger Township, and Lake Byllesby in Randolph Township	Alan Singer Land Conservation Manager <b>Dakota County</b> al.singer@co.dakota.mn.us (952) 891-7001
\$5,000,000 SE Forest	<b>24 Lake Zumbro Restoration Project – Dredging with Nature</b> This program will dredge 120 acres of Lake Zumbro to restore aquatic habitat, improve water quality, increase public access, expand recreational opportunities for boating, fishing, and swimming, and enhance hydropower production. Improved water clarity would promote the growth of submergent vegetation which would result in improved fish habitat on approximately 500 additional acres of lake.	Terry Lee Water Coordinator <b>Olmsted County</b> lee.terry@co.olmsted.mn.us (507) 328-6723
\$1,260,000 Metro Urbanizing Area	<b>25 Lake Waconia Shoreline Preservation and Public Water Access</b> This program will protect 19 acres and 915 feet of shoreline on the second largest lake in the metro area, Lake Waconia. The project will restore 8 acres to big woods and oak savanna. Approximately 1.5 acres, including 800 feet of shoreline, would be planted with native shoreland vegetation. Protection is accomplished through partnering local, regional and LSOHC funds to acquire the site. Impacts are achieved by following an existing ecological stewardship and water resources management plan created as a part of a master plan for the site.	Marty Walsh Parks Director <b>Carver County</b> mwalsh@co.carver.mn.us (952) 466-5250

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<p><b>26 Grand Marais Creek Outlet Restoration</b></p> <p>\$4,740,000</p> <p>Prairie</p>	<p>This program will complete the restoration and reconnection of about six miles of the Grand Marais Creek channel and 470 acres of river corridor habitat to the Red River of the North and will stabilize the existing cutoff channel.</p>	<p>Myron Jesme Administrator <b>Red Lake Watershed District</b> jesme@wiktel.com (218) 681-5800</p>
<p><b>27 Mustinka River Channel Rehabilitation, Reconnection, and Northern Pike Spawning Area</b></p> <p>\$2,650,000</p> <p>Prairie</p>	<p>This program will convert about 5.3 miles of ditch into eight miles of functional natural channel with 250 acres of stream corridor habitat, convert two miles of ditch to a two-stage channel with 80 acres of habitat, and will reconnect 8.8 miles of the Mustinka River which were bypassed when the natural channel was ditched.</p>	<p>Jon Roeschlein Administrator <b>Bois de Sioux Watershed District</b> bds wd@frontiernet.net (320) 563-4185</p>
<p><b>28 Sand Hill River Dams Modifications for Fish Passage and Habitat Connectivity</b></p> <p>\$1,937,000</p> <p>Prairie</p>	<p>This program will reconnect Red River of the North and 22 miles of stream habitat in lower Sand Hill River with 50 miles of upstream habitat in Sand Hill River, which includes rare lake sturgeon and walleye spawning habitat found in the beach ridges formed by glacial Lake Agassiz. The project will also stabilize one mile of channel within the degraded stream segment where the passage barriers are located. This will be done by modifying four dams (locally referred to as "drop-structures") identified as fish passage barriers into rock-arch rapids and installing several vortex weirs.</p>	<p>Dan Wilkens Administrator <b>Sand Hill River Watershed District</b> shrwd@gvtel.com (218) 945-3204</p>
<p><b>29 Restoring and Enhancing Wildlife Habitat on Key Public Lands Across the Anoka Sand Plain through Collaborative Partnerships</b></p> <p>\$1,425,563</p> <p>Forest Prairie Transition, Metro Urbanizing Area</p>	<p>This program will restore and enhance over 3900 acres of prairie and forest habitat across 17 priority sites, including state WMAs (8), state SNAs (5), USFWS National Wildlife Refuges (1), county parks (2), and a ecological science reserve operated by the University of Minnesota (1).</p>	<p>Wayne Ostlie  Director of Conservation Programs <b>Great River Greening</b> wostlie@greatrivergreening.org (651) 665-9500</p>



**30 Accelerated Forest Wildlife Habitat Program**

Cynthia Osmundson

Forest Wildlife Program  
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\$17,523,000

This program will treat 27,060 ac during this funding cycle. Additionally, our program will acquire 2,219 ac of forestland that contributes to habitat complexes and other high priorities. Acquisitions focus on forestland for public hunting, and compatible outdoor uses consistent with the Outdoor L-SOHC Request for Funding Form.

Forest Prairie  
Transition, Metro  
Urbanizing Area,  
Northern Forest,  
Prairie, SE Forest

**31 Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetlands Enhancement, Restoration, and Protection Partnership**

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\$7,841,000

This program will accelerate efforts to restore, protect and enhance shallow lakes and associated wetlands. Every statewide conservation plan recognizes the need for improving and protecting Minnesota's shallow lakes and associated wetlands for wildlife habitat. The MN DNR Duck Recovery Plan is the most specific, calling for the active management of 1,800 shallow lakes and adding 64,000 wetlands to Minnesota's landscape. DU's Living Lakes conservation initiative supports this plan through its goal of improving 300 shallow lakes in 10 years in Minnesota.

Forest Prairie  
Transition, Metro  
Urbanizing Area,  
Northern Forest,  
Prairie, SE Forest

**32 Restoring Fish & Wildlife Populations in the Lower St. Louis River (Implementing the Remedial Action Plan) Knowlton Creek Fishery Restoration and Enhancement Project**

John Lindgren

St. Louis River AOC and  
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\$2,971,000

This program will implement fish and wildlife related portions of the St. Louis River Remedial Action Plan (RAP). Completion of the proposed project will restore coldwater fishery habitat, establish a critical fish and wildlife corridor, and ensure perpetual angler access to an urban fishery.

Northern Forest

**33 DNR Aquatic Habitat Program**

Michael Duval

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Coordinator**DNR**michael.duval@state.mn.us  
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\$17,158,000

Forest Prairie  
Transition, Metro  
Urbanizing Area,  
Northern Forest,  
Prairie, SE Forest

This program will accelerated aquatic habitat management within a comprehensive statewide framework of existing DNR habitat programs. This project will: i) protect 42.8 miles of shoreline on lakes, rivers and trout streams; ii) effect structural repairs to 4 lake outlet control structures that will integrate fish passage; iii) restore and enhance river and stream functions that will benefit over 600 river miles; and iv) enhance 3.6 miles of shoreline habitat on publicly-owned lakeshore.

**34 Accelerated Prairie Grassland Restoration and Enhancement Program on DNR lands and Roadsides**

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\$12,603,000

Forest Prairie  
Transition, Metro  
Urbanizing Area,  
Prairie, SE Forest

This program will acquire and develop approximately 1,622 acres of new Wildlife Management Area (WMA) lands for public hunting, trapping and compatible outdoor uses consistent with the Outdoor Recreation Act (M.S. 86A.05, Subd.8). Permanent protection and development of wildlife lands as part of a strategic habitat conservation program will focus efforts on existing and developing high value habitat complexes. Parcels will be assessed for their contribution to the habitat complex and the highest priority parcels will be persued. New WMA acquisition acre targets by LSOHC Sections will be consistent with the recommendations of The Citizens Advisory Committee report of 2002 "Minnesota's Wildlife Management Area Acquisition – The Next 50 Years".

**35 Lower Mississippi River Habitat Restoration Partnership**

Tim Schlagenhaft

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\$5,528,000

Metro Urbanizing  
Area, SE Forest

This program will restore habitat connectivity and improve water quality in critical areas along the Mississippi River corridor from the Twin Cities to the Iowa border by reconnecting tributaries to the floodplain, revitalizing backwaters and channels, and protecting and enhancing floodplain wetlands, forests, and prairies that are essential to sustaining the incredible diversity of plants, animals, and human uses that are provided by this great river.

**36 Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program**

\$4,580,000

Forest Prairie  
Transition, Metro  
Urbanizing Area,  
Northern Forest,  
Prairie, SE Forest

This program will provide competitive matching grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional, state, and national non-profit organizations, including governments. Grant activities include the enhancement, restoration, or protection of forests, wetlands, prairies, and habitat for fish, game, or wildlife in Minnesota. A 10% non-state cash or in-kind match will be required from all grantees, and must be identified at the time of application.

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**37 Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat Restoration And Enhancement Program**

\$1,397,000

Metro Urbanizing  
Area, SE Forest

Our program will restore and enhance in-stream and riparian fish and wildlife habitat in six coldwater streams in the State of Minnesota. The proposed projects will improve habitat for both game and non-game fish and wildlife species uniquely associated with coldwater trout streams and provide expanded recreational opportunities for Minnesota anglers.

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Unlimited**

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**38 Prairie Heritage Fund**

\$4,000,000

Forest Prairie  
Transition, Metro  
Urbanizing Area,  
Northern Forest,  
Prairie, SE Forest

Our proposal will protect 1,200 acres of prairie grassland and wetland habitat and native remnant prairie (if available) as state wildlife management areas (WMA). In addition, this proposal will restore or enhance acquired prairie grasslands and wetlands and provide significant, quality public recreation opportunities for the citizens of Minnesota.

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\$4,150,000  Metro Urbanizing Area	<b>39 Porter Creek Conservation Area</b>  Acquire 317 acres of highly erodible tilled land, wetland, woods, and Porter Creek from willing sellers for restoration and reuse as habitat lands, lakeshore access for fishing, taking of game, and biomass production. Acquisition and subsequent restoration to prairie, oak savanna, and oak woodland will result in multiple benefits for water quality, game, non-game and documented rare wildlife species and native plant communities. The site lies within Scott County's Natural Area Corridor, and is a part of a planned 2,665 acre publicly owned (state and county) habitat hub connecting four shallow lakes (Bradshaw, Lennon, St. Catherine's, MacMahon and potentially Cynthia) and hundreds of acres of wetlands, forests and grasslands.	Mark Themig  Program Manager  <b>Scott County</b>  mthemig@co.scott.mn.us  (952) 496-8783
	<b>40 City of Albert Lea - Land Between the Lakes Habitat Restoration, Enhancement and Public Access Improvement</b>  Our project program proposes restoration and enhancement of fishery habitat (in-stream), shoreland buffers and will improve recreational access by installing a canoe landing and a handicap fishing pier on publically owned city land. These restoration efforts will be completed along a 350 foot reach of the Shell Rock River, the segment that connects Fountain Lake to Albert Lea Lake near the core of Albert Lea's commercial/business district. The restored corridor will provide safe and hospitable public access for fishing and outdoor activities along this urban riparian corridor. The proposed project is ready for the final details and implementation and can be completed within two years. The citizens of Albert Lea are enthusiastic about the opportunity to partner with L-SCPL to bring nature, fish and wildlife back to the core of Albert Lea.	Victoria Simonsen  City Manager  <b>City of Alber Lea</b>  vsimonsen@city.albertlea.org  (507) 377-4325
\$1,799,400  Prairie	<b>41 Swan Lake Area Wildlife Management Area Land Acquisition</b>  Our project will acquire and develop 320 acres of new Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) lands for public hunting, trapping and compatible outdoor uses consistent with the Outdoor Recreation Act (M.S. 86A.05, Subd.8). Parcels will also be consistent with the Swan Lake Area "Project" initiated in 1985 and consistent with the recommendations of The Citizens Advisory Committee report of 2002 "Minnesota's Wildlife Management Area Acquisition – The Next 50 Years". Lands will be acquired from willing sellers through established acquisition processes governed by statute, rule and policy. Initial site development of new WMAs is included in our program.	Pell Johnson  Vice President  <b>Swan Lake Area Wildlife Association</b>  pelljo@mchsi.com  (507) 934-1312

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		<b>42 Sandy Lake Habitat Project</b>	Wayne	Alden
\$2,000,000		The purpose of this request is to open nearly 1000 acres of one of the best waterfowl hunting, bird-watching and hiking areas in Aitkin County to the public under a conservation easement. A permanent conservation easement will stop the flow of fertilizer run-off into the Sandy River caused by the farming of wild rice.	<b>c/o T.A. Towers</b>	
Northern Forest			wayne.a@settlersridgemn.com	
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\$185,547,255.00

Total Fund Request