



Fiscal Year 2015

Outdoor Heritage Fund

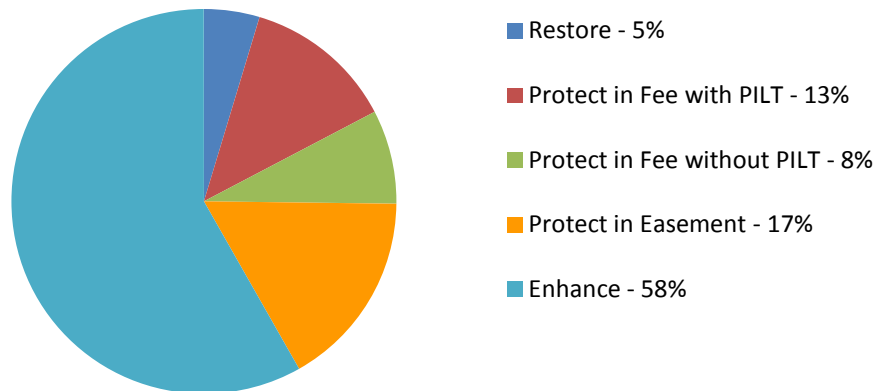
Recommendations Bill Summary

The tables and figures that follow summarize the expected impacts of the appropriations recommended by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council for fiscal year 2015, the sixth year of outdoor heritage funding. The council recommended 42 proposals for funding, totaling \$109.32 million. * The data omit the expected impacts of the Conservation Partners Legacy grant programs, which are recommended for funding at \$8,550,000.

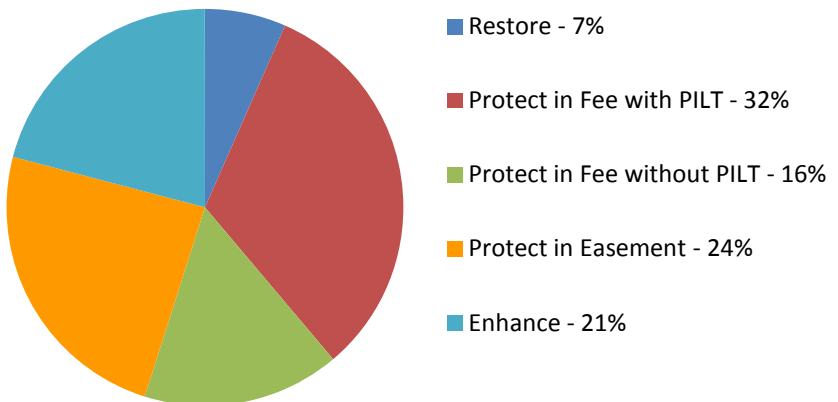
WHAT:

- The majority of activity 63% (34,183 out of 54,341 acres) is in enhancement and restoration, which incurs no PILT liability.
- The majority of funding (\$71,906,000 or 72%) is in acquisition. Of this amount, approximately 66% is fee acquisition and 33% in easement acquisition.
- PILT obligations from fee acquisition are estimated to be \$239,880.*
- Four entities (BWSR, DNR, MLT, and Dakota County) will hold almost \$1 million in easement stewardship funds for on-going monitoring and enforcement of conservation easements.
- A pilot program on best management practices to contain the spread of aquatic invasive species is recommended for \$4.04 million.
- 41.41 FTE (7% of total) will be funded with the appropriations. Of that figure, 16.09 FTE will be in state government, 21.34 in NGO, and 3.98 in local units of government.
- Outcomes associated with programs include
 - improved aquatic indicators;
 - remnant native prairies and wetlands are perpetually protected;
 - protected, restored, and enhanced habitat for migratory waterfowl, upland birds, and species of greatest conservation need;
 - forestlands are protected from development and fragmentation;
 - wetland and upland complexes will consist of native prairies, restored prairies, quality grasslands, and restored shallow lakes and wetlands; and
 - core areas protected with highly biologically diverse wetland and plant communities, including native prairie, Big Woods, and oak savanna.

Acres by Activity - detailed tables on page 4



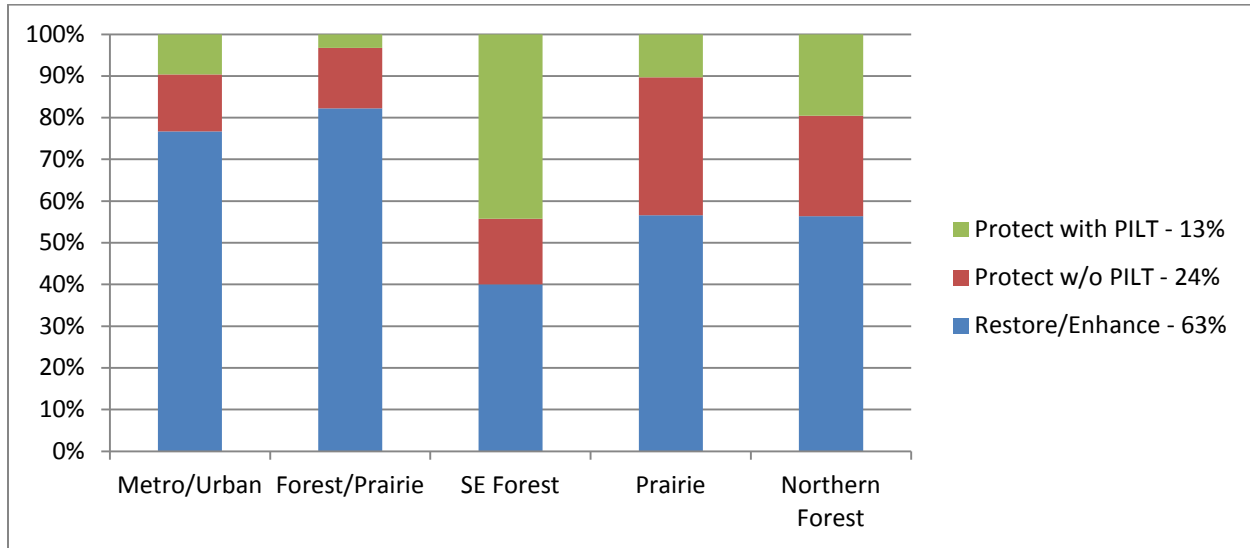
Funds by Activity - detailed tables on page 4



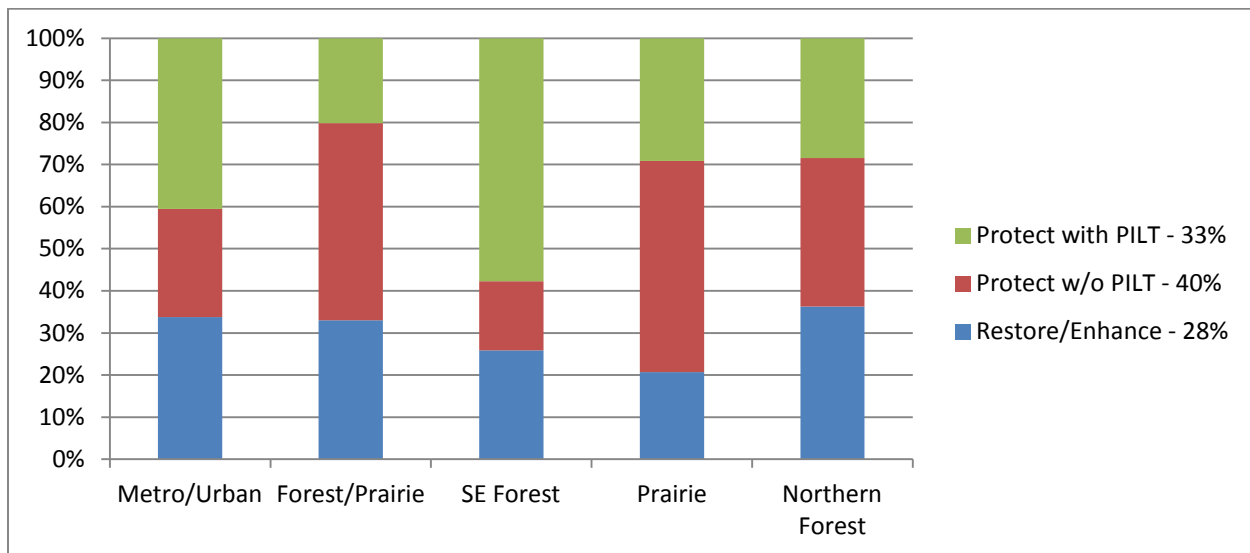
WHERE:

- The majority of activity (58%) and funding (54%) recommended will be focused on the prairie and prairie transition areas of the state and supports the goals and objectives of the Minnesota Prairie Plan.
- Almost 2,000 acres of native prairie is anticipated to be acquired and 7,000 acres of native prairie will be restored and enhanced with these recommendations.
- Forests in the northern and southeastern regions of the state are anticipated to see 42% of the activity with 29% of the recommended funds dedicated to this activity.
- 12% of the activity will be in the metro/urbanizing area, constituting 17% of funding recommended. (This figure does not include the Conservation Partners Legacy Metro area grant program, recommended for \$4 million.)
- 140 miles of shoreline will be restored, enhanced and/or protected.

Acres by ecological section



Funds by ecological section



WHO:

- Organizations recommended to receive funding include three park units, three watershed districts, one conservation district, four counties, one tribe, two state agencies, and thirteen non-governmental organizations.
- The continued investment in robust on-going programs constitutes 73% of the recommendations, including Metro Big Rivers, Ph. V, Living Shallow Lakes and Wetlands Initiative, Ph. IV, and Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project, Ph. V.*

- Over 25% of recommended programs involve two or more entities working in partnership to leverage resources to accomplish conservation objectives.
- Investments in public and private conservation partnerships involve 11 programs, which brings over \$35 million of leverage into play.

Acres	Wetlands	Prairies	Forests	Habitats	TOTAL	% of total
Restore	0	846	98	1,593	2,537	5%
Protect in Fee with PILT	450	2,026	2,077	2,320	6,873	12%
Protect in Fee without PILT	696	1,783	1,123	681	4,283	8%
Protect in Easement	1,592	5,052	1,468	890	9,002	17%
Enhance	11,889	14,338	1,233	4,186	31,646	58%
TOTAL	14,627	24,045	5,999	9,670	54,341	100%
<i>As a percent of total</i>	27%	44%	11%	18%	100%	
Funds	Wetlands	Prairies	Forests	Habitats	TOTAL	% of total
Restore	\$0	\$1,251,000	\$119,300	\$5,173,000	\$6,543,300	7%
Protect in Fee with PILT	\$3,312,000	\$13,101,000	\$6,306,700	\$9,264,300	\$31,984,000	32%
Protect in Fee without PILT	\$3,768,000	\$8,186,000	\$2,535,000	\$1,446,000	\$15,935,000	16%
Protect in Easement	\$3,237,800	\$15,041,300	\$2,513,200	\$3,194,700	\$23,987,000	24%
Enhance	\$6,626,000	\$4,444,500	\$1,874,200	\$7,791,000	\$20,735,700	21%
TOTAL	\$16,943,800	\$42,023,800	\$13,348,400	\$26,869,000	\$99,185,000	100%
<i>As a percent of total</i>	17%	42%	13%	27%	100%	

Subdivision and Appropriation Title	Recipient	Amount
2a DNR WMA and SNA Acquisition, Ph. VI	DNR	\$8,145,000
2b Accelerating the WMA Acquisition, Ph. VI	Pheasants Forever	\$10,350,000
2c Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project, Ph. V	The Nature Conservancy	\$3,940,000
2d Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge Land Acquisition, Ph. V	The Nature Conservancy	\$2,450,000
2e Accelerating the Protection of Grassland and Prairie Habitat with RIM-NPB Easements	DNR, BWSR	\$5,450,000
2f Minnesota Buffers for Wildlife and Water, Ph. IV	BWSR	\$2,200,000
2g Cannon River Headwaters Habitat Complex, Ph. IV	Trust for Public Land	\$1,430,000
2h Accelerate Prairie Restoration and Enhancement on DNR Lands, Ph. VI	DNR	\$1,530,000
2i Anoka Sandplain Habitat Restoration and Enhancement, Ph. III	Great River Greening, Anoka Conservation District, Isanti County Parks, Stearns County SWCD	\$1,190,000
2j Crow-Hassen Prairie Complex Restoration and Enhancement	Three Rivers Park District	\$370,000
2k Prairie and Oak Savanna Restoration along Mississippi and Rum Rivers	Anoka County	\$380,000
3a Preventing Forest Fragmentation and Protecting and Restoring Lake and Stream Habitat in St. Louis River	Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	\$2,800,000
3b Northeastern Minnesota Sharp-tailed Grouse Habitat, Ph. V	Pheasants Forever, Minnesota Sharp Tailed Grouse Society	\$3,150,000
3c Protecting Pineland Sands Aquifer Forest Lands	DNR	\$1,050,000
3d Protecting Key Industrial Forest Lands In Cass County, Ph. V	Cass County	\$880,000
3e State Forest Acquisition, Ph. II	DNR	\$950,000
3f Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration	The Nature Conservancy	\$5,770,000
3g Camp Ripley Partnership, Ph. IV	BWSR, Morrison County SWCD	\$1,200,000
3h Floodplain Forest Enhancement on Mississippi River	The Audubon Society	\$300,000
4a The RIM-WRP Program, Ph. VI	BWSR	\$9,710,00
4b Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Acquisition, Ph. VI	Pheasants Forever	\$7,280,000
4c Living Shallow Lakes and Wetland Initiative, Ph. IV	Ducks Unlimited	\$4,910,000
4d Wild Rice Shoreland Protection Program, Ph. III	DNR, BWSR	\$1,060,000
4e Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetlands Enhancement, Ph. VI	DNR	\$1,050,000

5a DNR Aquatic Habitat, Ph. VI	DNR	\$2,560,000
5b Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes	Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation, Minnesota Land Trust	\$2,130,000
5c Habitat Protection in Dakota County, Ph. V	Dakota County	\$1,190,000
5d Metro Big Rivers, Ph. V	Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Trust, Friends of the Mississippi River, Great River Greening, Minnesota Land Trust, Trust for Public Land	\$2,650,000
5e Mustinka River Fish and Wildlife Habitat Corridor Rehabilitation	Bois de Sioux Watershed District	\$2,440,000
5f Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement and Restoration, Ph. VI	Minnesota Trout Unlimited	\$1,900,000
5g St. Louis River Restoration Initiative, Ph. II	DNR, Minnesota Land Trust	\$2,290,000
5h Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation, Ph. II	Lake Superior Steelhead Association	\$1,410,000
5i Restoration and Enhancement of Washington County Public Lands	Washington County	\$430,000
5j Wirth Park Enhancements	Minneapolis Park Board	\$600,000
5k Evaluate Effectiveness of Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Strategies	Central Minnesota Initiative Fund	\$4,040,000
5l Albert Lea Lake Management and Invasive Species Control Structure – Supplement	Shell Rock River Watershed District	\$700,000
5m Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program, Ph. V	DNR	\$4,550,000
5n Conservation Partners Legacy Metro Grant Program	DNR	\$4,000,000