



Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Laws of Minnesota 2019 Accomplishment Plan

General Information

Date: 12/07/2023

Project Title: Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration

Funds Recommended: \$2,946,000

Legislative Citation: ML 2019, 1st Sp. Session, Ch. 2, Art. 1, Sec. 2, subd. 5(e)

Appropriation Language: \$2,946,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for agreements to acquire lands in fee and permanent conservation easements and restore and enhance wildlife habitat in the Sauk River watershed as follows: \$440,000 to Sauk River Watershed District, \$590,000 to Pheasants Forever, and \$1,916,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$192,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

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Location Information

County Location(s): Pope, Douglas and Stearns.

Eco regions in which work will take place:

- Forest / Prairie Transition
- Prairie

Activity types:

- Protect in Easement
- Protect in Fee
- Restore
- Enhance

Priority resources addressed by activity:

- Wetlands
- Prairie
- Habitat

Narrative

Abstract

This project will permanently protect, restore and enhance critical habitat within the Sauk River Watershed, which has experienced considerable habitat loss and is at high risk for more land use conversion. Using conservation easements and fee land acquisition, we will protect approximately 720 acres of high priority habitat in Minnesota's Prairie and Forest-Prairie Transition area and will restore/enhance approximately 290 acres of wetlands and accompanying uplands to create vital habitat for important waterfowl and SGCN populations. Properties selected will be strategically targeted using an innovative site prioritization model that maximizes conservation benefit and financial leverage.

Design and Scope of Work

Sauk River Watershed District (SRWD), Minnesota Land Trust (MLT), and Pheasant Forever (PF), along with technical assistance provided by Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), Todd SWCD, Douglas SWCD, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR), and The Nature Conservancy (TNC), will partner to implement habitat protection and restoration within the Sauk River Watershed (SRW). Sites that include top priority habitats, such as existing high quality or easily restorable wetland complexes, upland forests, floodplain forests, and prairies will be prioritized. Prioritized sites will be protected to preserve and enhance critical habitat for waterfowl and other important wildlife species.

This program will protect high caliber habitats and protect and restore degraded habitats in key locations. The SRW is in a rapidly growing region of the state that has also experienced some of the most intense conversion from perennial cover to cropland in the past decade. This conversion is expected to increase. Interest by landowners in protecting their land is strong in the SRW, but often these lands do not qualify for CREP. A small window of opportunity exists to protect these high habitat quality sites now as they are expiring from CRP, before they are developed or converted back to farm land. This year alone in the SRW there are 434 CRP contracts expiring, comprising 3,122 acres of quality habitat.

SRWD will manage the grant and will subcontract for associated R/E activities. PF will negotiate and secure fee title acquisitions and oversee related R/E activities. MLT will negotiate and close on all associated conservation easements.

Conservation Easements:

SRWD, with assistance from local partners such as the County SWCDs, will conduct outreach to landowners within targeted priority areas identified using TNC's Multiple Benefits Analysis that has been completed for protection prioritization in the SRW. Interested landowners will submit proposals to MLT using a competitive request for proposal (RFP) process that will rank properties based on ecological value and cost, prioritizing the projects that provide the best ecological value and acquiring them at the lowest cost to the state. MLT will secure approximately 1,200 acres of permanent conservation easements and develop restoration and habitat management plans for eased acres.

Fee acquisition:

PF will coordinate with MN DNR and United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) on all potential fee simple acquisitions. PF will work with willing sellers to protect and restore 109 acres of strategically identified parcels within the SRW and then donate the parcels to the MN DNR as a WMA or FWS as WPA where they will be managed as wildlife habitat and provide public access in perpetuity.

Restoration and Enhancement:

SRWD, with assistance from County SWCDs, will restore/enhance approximately 290 acres of wetland, riparian and associated upland habitat on conservation easements acquired. Specific activities and scope will vary based on quality of parcel but may include performing hydrologic restoration, invasive species management, and installing vegetation to increase site biodiversity. PF will manage all needed restoration activities on fee acquisition sites.

How does the plan address habitats that have significant value for wildlife species of greatest conservation need, and/or threatened or endangered species, and list targeted species?

This program will utilize a prioritization framework that uses SGCN and quality habitat as major weighting factors. The SRW region is an important migratory corridor for forest birds and waterfowl. It contains wetlands, upland forests, and shorelands, which are essential habitats to Minnesota's wildlife diversity and health, all of which will be targeted for protection and restoration/enhancement as part of this program.

A variety of SGCN will benefit from this program include Blanding's turtles, bobolinks, veerys, caddisflies, smooth green snakes, Poweshiek skippers, western harvest mice, and jumping spiders (*M. grata*). Other species that will benefit from improved habitat as part of this program include trumpeter swans, sandhill cranes, bald eagles, swainson's hawks, and dickcissels.

Describe how the plan uses science-based targeting that leverages or expands corridors and complexes, reduces fragmentation or protects areas identified in the MN County Biological Survey:

The program will utilize TNC's Multiple Benefits Analysis, a science-based process completed in 2017 for the Upper Mississippi River Basin, that prioritized protection sites for the SRW and other parts of this region. The Multiple Benefits Analysis developed and scored priorities according to specific but multiple cross-cutting needs and looks for the "sweet spot", where multiple benefits overlap. It includes four modules: fish and wildlife habitat, drinking water/source water, flooding and erosion control, and groundwater benefits. Each module contains numerous data layers. Sites are prioritized in each module as well as a whole. Size of parcel and proximity to other protected lands are also considered in this analysis.

The vast majority of the SRW landscape is in private ownership. Therefore, once priority parcels are identified, working with private owners on land protection strategies is key to successful conservation in this region. We will also work closely with partners in the region to identify those habitat complexes where private land protection can make a significant contribution to existing conservation investments. Specific parcels available for acquisition of easements will be further reviewed relative to each other to identify priorities among the pool of applicants. This relative ranking is based on: amount of habitat on the parcel (size), abundance of SGCN, the quality or condition of habitat, the parcel's context relative to other natural habitats and protected areas, and cost. MBS data will be another important component of potential conservation easements and fee simple acquisitions. Field visits to further identify and assess condition of habitats prior to easement acquisition will also occur, as many private lands were not formally assessed through MBS.

The program will work to build on initial conservation investments in the program area, expanding and buffering the footprint of existing protected areas, such as WMAs, WPAs, AMAs, etc., facilitating the protection of habitat corridors and reducing the potential for fragmentation of existing habitats.

Which two sections of the Minnesota Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan are most applicable to this project?

- H1 Protect priority land habitats
- H5 Restore land, wetlands and wetland-associated watersheds

Which two other plans are addressed in this program?

- Minnesota DNR Strategic Conservation Agenda
- Outdoor Heritage Fund: A 25 Year Framework

Which LSOHC section priorities are addressed in this program?

Forest / Prairie Transition

- Protect, enhance, and restore wild rice wetlands, shallow lakes, wetland/grassland complexes, aspen parklands, and shoreland that provide critical habitat for game and nongame wildlife

Prairie

- Protect, enhance, or restore existing wetland/upland complexes, or convert agricultural lands to new wetland/upland habitat complexes

Outcomes

Programs in forest-prairie transition region:

- Protected, restored, and enhanced nesting and migratory habitat for waterfowl, upland birds, and species of greatest conservation need ~ *Large corridors and complexes of biologically diverse wildlife habitat, providing nesting and migratory habitat for waterfowl, upland birds, and Species in Greatest Conservation Need will be restored and protected. Partners will work together to identify priority lands using existing data and public plans, then coordinate protection, restoration and enhancement activities in those priority areas. Success within each priority area will be determined based on the percentage of area protected, restored and/or enhanced.*

Programs in prairie region:

- Restored and enhanced upland habitats ~ *Large corridors and complexes of biologically diverse wildlife habitat, providing nesting and migratory habitat for waterfowl, upland birds, and Species in Greatest Conservation Need will be restored and protected. Partners will work together to identify priority lands using existing data and public plans, then coordinate protection, restoration and enhancement activities in those priority areas. Success within each priority area will be determined based on the percentage of area protected, restored and/or enhanced.*

Does this program include leveraged funding?

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Per MS 97A.056, Subd. 24, Please explain whether the request is supplanting or is a substitution for any previous funding that was not from a legacy fund and was used for the same purpose.

Funding procured by any of the Partners through the Outdoor Heritage Fund via this proposal will not supplant or substitute any previous funding from a non-Legacy fund used for the same purpose.

How will you sustain and/or maintain this work after the Outdoor Heritage Funds are expended?

MLT will sustain the land protected through conservation easements using state-of-the-art easement stewardship standards and practices. MLT is a nationally-accredited and insured land trust with a successful easement stewardship program that conducts annual property monitoring, maintains effective records management, addresses inquiries and interpretations, tracks changes in ownership, investigates potential violations and defends the easement in case of a true violation. Funding for these easement stewardship activities is included in the project budget. In addition, MLT encourages landowners to undertake active ecological management of their properties, provides them with habitat management plans, and works with them to secure resources (expertise and funding) to undertake these activities over time.

Acquisition projects will abut or be within close proximity to existing protected lands, including state-owned lands and lands under conservation easement. This will allow for the expansion of maintenance and restoration activities currently taking place on those protected lands and adjacent private lands. Lands outside of this connectivity will

be maintained by fee-title land holders (MNDNR, USFWS) and/or the Sauk River Watershed District (conservation land inspections). Habitats cleared of invasive species will be maintained with prescribed fire and other practices.

Actions to Maintain Project Outcomes

Year	Source of Funds	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
2025 and in perpetuity	Minnesota Land Trust - long term stewardship and enforcement fund	Annual monitoring of conservatoin easements in perpetuity	enforcement as necessary	-
Every 4-6 years	MN DNR, USFWS, Landowners	Prescribed fire, tree control, invasive species control	-	-

Activity Details

Requirements

If funded, this program will meet all applicable criteria set forth in MS 97A.056?

Yes

Will county board or other local government approval be formally sought prior to acquisition, per 97A.056 subd 13(j)?**

No

Describe any measures to inform local governments of land acquisition under their jurisdiction:

Local governments are notified of each proposed land acquisition that will be transferred to the state and program staff are available to discuss projects with local government staff and/or elected officials.

Is the land you plan to acquire (fee title) free of any other permanent protection?

No

Describe the permanent protection and justification for additional protection:

A limited number of the parcels may have a federal or state easement on a portion of the tract which provides permanent protection for wetlands or grasslands. If a parcel has one of these encumbrances, and is still deemed a high priority by our agency partners, we will follow guidance established by the Outdoor Heritage Fund to proceed, or use non-state funding to acquire the residual value of the protected portion of the property.

Is the land you plan to acquire (easement) free of any other permanent protection?

No

Describe the expected public use:

A limited number of the parcels may have a federal or state easement on a portion of the tract which provides permanent protection for wetlands or grasslands. If a parcel has one of these encumbrances, and is still deemed a high priority by our agency partners, we will follow guidance established by the Outdoor Heritage Fund to proceed, or use non-state funding to acquire the residual value of the protected portion of the property.

Who will manage the easement?

Minnesota Land Trust

Who will be the easement holder?

Minnesota Land Trust

What is the anticipated number of easements (range is fine) you plan to accomplish with this appropriation?

MLT expects to close on 1-8 easement acquisitions through this grant. The number of easement acquisitions proposed can vary significantly due to the size and cost of targeted parcels. The maximum number of easements is capped at 8 based on the amount of stewardship funding requested.

Will restoration and enhancement work follow best management practices including MS 84.973 Pollinator Habitat Program?

Yes

Is the restoration and enhancement activity on permanently protected land per 97A.056, Subd 13(f), tribal lands, and/or public waters per MS 103G.005, Subd. 15 or on lands to be acquired in this program?

Yes

Where does the activity take place?

- WMA
- WPA
- Permanently Protected Conservation Easements

Land Use

Will there be planting of any crop on OHF land purchased or restored in this program?

Yes

Explain what will be planted:

For fee acquisitions, the primary purposes of WMAs are to develop and manage for the production of wildlife and for compatible outdoor recreation. To fulfill those goals, the DNR may use limited farming specifically to enhance or benefit the management of state lands for wildlife. This proposal may include initial development plans or restoration plans to utilize farming to prepare previously farmed sites for native plant seeding. This is a standard practice across the Midwest to prepare the seedbed for native seed planting. In restorations, non neonicotinoid treated seed will be used and no herbicides other than glyphosate. On a small percentage of WMAs (less than 2.5%), DNR uses farming to provide a winter food source for a variety of wildlife species in agriculture-dominated landscapes largely devoid of winter food sources. There are no immediate plans to use farming for winter food on any of the parcels in this proposal.

On conservation easements, MLT may incorporate the short-term use of agricultural crops, which is an accepted best practice in some instances for preparing a site for restoration. For example, short-term use of soybeans could be used for restorations to control weed seedbeds prior to prairie planting. In some cases, this necessitates the use of GMO-treated products to facilitate herbicide use to control weeds present in the seedbank. However, neonicotinoids will not be used.

The purpose of the MLT's conservation easements is to protect existing high quality natural habitat and to preserve opportunities for future restoration. As such, we restrict any agricultural lands and use on the

properties. In cases where there are agricultural lands associated with the larger property, we will either carve the agricultural area out of the conservation easement, or in some limited cases, we may include a small percentage of agricultural lands if it is not feasible to carve those areas out. In such cases, however, we will not use OHF funds to pay the landowners for that portion of the conservation easement.

Are any of the crop types planted GMO treated?

True

Is this land currently open for hunting and fishing?

No

Will the land be open for hunting and fishing after completion?

Yes

Describe any variation from the State of Minnesota regulations:

Fee-title acquisition land secured as part of this project will be open for hunting and fishing.

Who will eventually own the fee title land?

- State of MN
- Federal

Land acquired in fee will be designated as a:

- WMA
- WPA

What is the anticipated number of closed acquisitions (range is fine) you plan to accomplish with this appropriation?

Pheasants Forever anticipates closing on 1-2 acquisitions with this appropriation.

Will the eased land be open for public use?

No

Are there currently trails or roads on any of the proposed acquisitions?

Yes

Describe the types of trails or roads and the allowable uses:

Most conservation easements are established on private lands, many of which have driveways, field roads and trails located on them. Often, these established trails and roads are permitted in the terms of the easement and can be maintained for personal use if their use does not significantly impact the conservation values of the property. Creation of new roads/trails or expansion of existing ones is typically not allowed.

Will the trails or roads remain and uses continue to be allowed after OHF acquisition?

Yes

How will maintenance and monitoring be accomplished?

Existing trails and roads are identified in the project baseline report and will be monitored annually as part of the Land Trust's stewardship and enforcement protocols. Maintenance of permitted roads/trails in line with the terms of the easement will be the

responsibility of the landowner.

Will new trails or roads be developed or improved as a result of the OHF acquisition?

No

Will the acquired parcels be restored or enhanced within this appropriation?

Yes

A modest amount of restoration and/or enhancement funding has been allotted to easements acquired through this grant, earmarked to the Sauk River Watershed District appropriation. These funds will enable significant improvement to the condition and extent of habitat on protected lands, making good projects great.

Timeline

Activity Name	Estimated Completion Date
Site prioritization and targeted outreach	December 2020
Conservation easement and fee-title acquisition completed	June 2022
Restoration	June 2024

Date of Final Report Submission: 10/31/2024

Availability of Appropriation: Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation

Money appropriated in this section may not be spent on activities unless they are directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation and are specified in the accomplishment plan approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. Money appropriated in this section must not be spent on indirect costs or other institutional overhead charges that are not directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation. Unless otherwise provided, the amounts in this section are available until June 30, 2022. For acquisition of real property, the amounts in this section are available until June 30, 2023, if a binding agreement with a landowner or purchase agreement is entered into by June 30, 2022, and closed no later than June 30, 2023. Funds for restoration or enhancement are available until June 30, 2024, or five years after acquisition, whichever is later, in order to complete initial restoration or enhancement work. If a project receives at least 15 percent of its funding from federal funds, the time of the appropriation may be extended to equal the availability of federal funding to a maximum of six years if that federal funding was confirmed and included in the original draft accomplishment plan. Funds appropriated for fee title acquisition of land may be used to restore, enhance, and provide for public use of the land acquired with the appropriation. Public-use facilities must have a minimal impact on habitat in acquired lands.

Budget

Budget reallocations up to 10% do not require an amendment to the Accomplishment Plan.

Grand Totals Across All Partnerships

Item	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	\$218,000	-	-	\$218,000
Contracts	\$621,000	-	-	\$621,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	\$185,000	\$13,600	-, Federal Funds, Landowner donations, contractor donations	\$198,600
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	\$228,000	-	-	\$228,000
Easement Acquisition	\$869,000	\$280,000	Landowner donations, contractor donations	\$1,149,000
Easement Stewardship	\$168,000	-	-	\$168,000
Travel	\$6,000	-	-	\$6,000
Professional Services	\$521,500	-	-	\$521,500
Direct Support Services	\$48,100	-	-	\$48,100
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	\$10,000	-	-	\$10,000
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	\$500	-	-	\$500
Supplies/Materials	\$55,900	-	-	\$55,900
DNR IDP	\$15,000	-	-	\$15,000
Grand Total	\$2,946,000	\$293,600	-	\$3,239,600

Partner: Pheasants Forever**Totals**

Item	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	\$19,000	-	-	\$19,000
Contracts	\$120,000	-	-	\$120,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	\$185,000	\$13,600	Federal Funds, Landowner donations, contractor donations	\$198,600
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	\$228,000	-	-	\$228,000
Easement Acquisition	-	-	-	-
Easement Stewardship	-	-	-	-
Travel	-	-	-	-
Professional Services	\$17,000	-	-	\$17,000
Direct Support Services	\$1,000	-	-	\$1,000
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	\$10,000	-	-	\$10,000
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	-	-	-	-
Supplies/Materials	-	-	-	-
DNR IDP	\$10,000	-	-	\$10,000
Grand Total	\$590,000	\$13,600	-	\$603,600

Personnel

Position	Annual FTE	Years Working	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
State Coordinator	0.01	3.0	\$6,500	-	-	\$6,500
Field Staff	0.01	3.0	\$6,200	-	-	\$6,200
Grants Staff	0.01	3.0	\$6,300	-	-	\$6,300

Partner: Sauk River Watershed District**Totals**

Item	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	\$25,000	-	-	\$25,000
Contracts	\$15,000	-	-	\$15,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	-	-	-	-
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	-	-	-	-
Easement Acquisition	-	-	-	-
Easement Stewardship	-	-	-	-
Travel	-	-	-	-
Professional Services	\$400,000	-	-	\$400,000
Direct Support Services	-	-	-	-
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	-	-	-	-
Supplies/Materials	-	-	-	-
DNR IDP	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	\$440,000	-	-	\$440,000

Personnel

Position	Annual FTE	Years Working	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Water Resource Manager	0.04	3.0	\$11,900	-	-	\$11,900
Project Management Supervisor	0.04	3.0	\$13,100	-	-	\$13,100

Partner: Minnesota Land Trust**Totals**

Item	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	\$174,000	-	-	\$174,000
Contracts	\$486,000	-	-	\$486,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	-	-	-	-
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	-	-	-	-
Easement Acquisition	\$869,000	\$280,000	Landowner donations, contractor donations	\$1,149,000
Easement Stewardship	\$168,000	-	-	\$168,000
Travel	\$6,000	-	-	\$6,000
Professional Services	\$104,500	-	-	\$104,500
Direct Support Services	\$47,100	-	-	\$47,100
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	\$500	-	-	\$500
Supplies/Materials	\$55,900	-	-	\$55,900
DNR IDP	\$5,000	-	-	\$5,000
Grand Total	\$1,916,000	\$280,000	-	\$2,196,000

Personnel

Position	Annual FTE	Years Working	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
MLT Protection Staff	0.44	3.0	\$174,000	-	-	\$174,000

Amount of Request: \$2,946,000**Amount of Leverage:** \$293,600**Leverage as a percent of the Request:** 9.97%**DSS + Personnel:** \$266,100**As a % of the total request:** 9.03%**Easement Stewardship:** \$168,000**As a % of the Easement Acquisition:** 19.33%**How will this program accommodate the reduced appropriation recommendation from the original proposed requested amount?**

Outputs were reduced proportionately to the funding that was allocated – both between partners and within specific partner allocations. This proportional allocation was tweaked to enable SRWD to effectively manage the grant and ensure R/E projects are completed. MLT's budget allows for 8 conservation easements and associated R/E activities.

Describe and explain leverage source and confirmation of funds:

Leverage is expected from multiple sources including but not limited to federal sources, land value donations, contractor donations and Pheasants Forever (PF). Not every source is 100% confirmed at this point. However, PF has an exemplary track record of delivery and over-achievement of match commitments that further stretch OHF funding.

Contracts

What is included in the contracts line?

The SRWD and Pheasants Forever will contract for wetland/grassland restoration, tree removal, prescribed fire, building removal, posts, signs, and other development activities. MLT will contract for the writing of habitat management plans.

Easement Stewardship

What is the number of easements anticipated, cost per easement for stewardship, and explain how that amount is calculated?

The Land Trust easement stewardship cost is based on a number of factors, including: 1) easement administration & management, 2) monitoring, 3) updating of monitoring workbooks and baseline documentation reports, 4) encouraging voluntary compliance, 5) addressing potential violations, and 6) legal enforcement. The current cost is set at \$24,000/easement.

Travel

Does the amount in the travel line include equipment/vehicle rental?

Yes

Explain the amount in the travel line outside of traditional travel costs of mileage, food, and lodging

Land Trust staff regularly rent vehicles for grant-related purposes, which is a significant cost savings over use of personal vehicles.

I understand and agree that lodging, meals, and mileage must comply with the current MMB Commissioner Plan:

No

Direct Support Services

How did you determine which portions of the Direct Support Services of your shared support services is direct to this program?

PF utilizes the Total Modified Direct Cost method. This methodology is annually approved by the U.S. Department of Interior's National Business Center as the basis for the organization's Indirect Cost Rate agreement. PF's allowable direct support services cost is 4.12%. In this proposal, PF has discounted its rate to 1.5% of the sum of personnel, contracts, professional services, and travel. We are donating the difference-in-kind.

Federal Funds

Do you anticipate federal funds as a match for this program?

Yes

Are the funds confirmed?

No

What is the approximate date you anticipate receiving confirmation of the federal funds?

07/01/2019

Output Tables

Acres by Resource Type (Table 1)

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat	Total Acres
Restore	0	0	0	290	290
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	5	64	0	0	69
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	5	35	0	0	40
Protect in Easement	0	0	0	462	462
Enhance	0	0	0	149	149
Total	10	99	0	901	1,010

How many of these Prairie acres are Native Prairie? (Table 1b)

Type	Native Prairie (acres)
Restore	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	99
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	0
Protect in Easement	0
Enhance	0
Total	99

Total Requested Funding by Resource Type (Table 2)

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat	Total Funding
Restore	-	-	-	\$440,000	\$440,000
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$29,100	\$310,900	-	-	\$340,000
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	\$25,000	\$225,000	-	-	\$250,000
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	\$1,367,600	\$1,367,600
Enhance	-	-	-	\$548,400	\$548,400
Total	\$54,100	\$535,900	-	\$2,356,000	\$2,946,000

Acres within each Ecological Section (Table 3)

Type	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N. Forest	Total Acres
Restore	0	100	0	190	0	290
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	10	0	59	0	69
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	0	0	0	40	0	40
Protect in Easement	0	344	0	118	0	462
Enhance	0	75	0	74	0	149
Total	0	529	0	481	0	1,010

Total Requested Funding within each Ecological Section (Table 4)

Type	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N. Forest	Total Funding
Restore	-	\$151,700	-	\$288,300	-	\$440,000
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	\$15,000	-	\$325,000	-	\$340,000
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	\$250,000	-	\$250,000
Protect in Easement	-	\$1,009,000	-	\$358,600	-	\$1,367,600
Enhance	-	\$275,000	-	\$273,400	-	\$548,400
Total	-	\$1,450,700	-	\$1,495,300	-	\$2,946,000

Average Cost per Acre by Resource Type (Table 5)

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat
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Restore	-	-	-	\$1,517
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$5,820	\$4,857	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	\$5,000	\$6,428	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	\$2,960
Enhance	-	-	-	\$3,680

Average Cost per Acre by Ecological Section (Table 6)

Type	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N. Forest
Restore	-	\$1,517	-	\$1,517	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	\$1,500	-	\$5,508	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	\$6,250	-
Protect in Easement	-	\$2,933	-	\$3,038	-
Enhance	-	\$3,666	-	\$3,694	-

Target Lake/Stream/River Feet or Miles

0 miles

Parcels

For restoration and enhancement programs ONLY: Managers may add, delete, and substitute projects on this parcel list based upon need, readiness, cost, opportunity, and/or urgency so long as the substitute parcel/project forwards the constitutional objectives of this program in the Project Scope table of this accomplishment plan. The final accomplishment plan report will include the final parcel list.

Parcel Information

Sign-up Criteria?

[Yes - Sign up criteria is attached](#)

Explain the process used to identify, prioritize, and select the parcels on your list:

Updated parcel name, acreage, and actual cost information for MLT.

Restore / Enhance Parcels

Name	County	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection
Herberger Lake WMA	Douglas	12736216	30	\$50,000	Yes
Ellis Wetland	Douglas	12736205	50	\$10,000	Yes
Ellis Wetland	Douglas	12736204	50	\$10,000	Yes
Herberger Lake WMA	Douglas	12736216	113	\$90,000	Yes
Westport WMA	Pope	12536203	45	\$175,000	Yes
Sauk River (Klehr Trust)	Stearns	12331209	20	\$15,000	Yes
Grand Lake (Jo)	Stearns	12329229	35	\$40,000	Yes
Cold Spring Creek (Johnson)	Stearns	12330224	39	\$25,000	Yes
Sauk River (Rothstein)	Stearns	12432226	6	\$10,000	Yes
Sauk River (Maile Trust)	Stearns	12432210	10	\$10,000	Yes
Sauk River (Lieser)	Stearns	12432226	10	\$10,000	Yes
Sauk River (Lindell)	Stearns	12330213	77	\$75,000	Yes
Heron SNA	Stearns	12330213	35	\$25,000	Yes
Zion WPA	Stearns	12332215	80	\$50,000	Yes
Farming WPA	Stearns	12431221	47	\$90,000	Yes
Rockville County Park	Stearns	12329208	33	\$25,000	Yes
Rockville County Park	Stearns	12329208	37	\$26,000	Yes
Rockville County Park	Stearns	12329208	15	\$32,000	Yes
Oak County Park	Stearns	12532230	10	\$12,000	Yes
Eggers	Stearns	12635216	-	\$30,918	Yes
Sauk River	Stearns	12331209	65	\$114,702	Yes
Grand Lake (Brink)	Stearns	12329230	15	\$10,000	Yes
Munson SJS	Stearns	12331219	260	\$100,000	Yes
Spirit Marsh WMA	Stearns	12534213	11	\$20,000	Yes
Ritter WMA	Stearns	12633213	4	\$15,000	Yes
Tower WMA	Stearns	12535206	15	\$20,000	Yes
Zion WPA	Stearns	12332215	12	\$20,000	Yes

Fee Parcels

Name	County	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection
Herberger Lake WMA Addition	Douglas	12736224	214	\$810,000	No
Zion WPA Addition	Stearns	12332215	160	\$800,000	No
Partners WMA	Stearns	12232203	40	\$180,000	No

Fee Parcels with Buildings

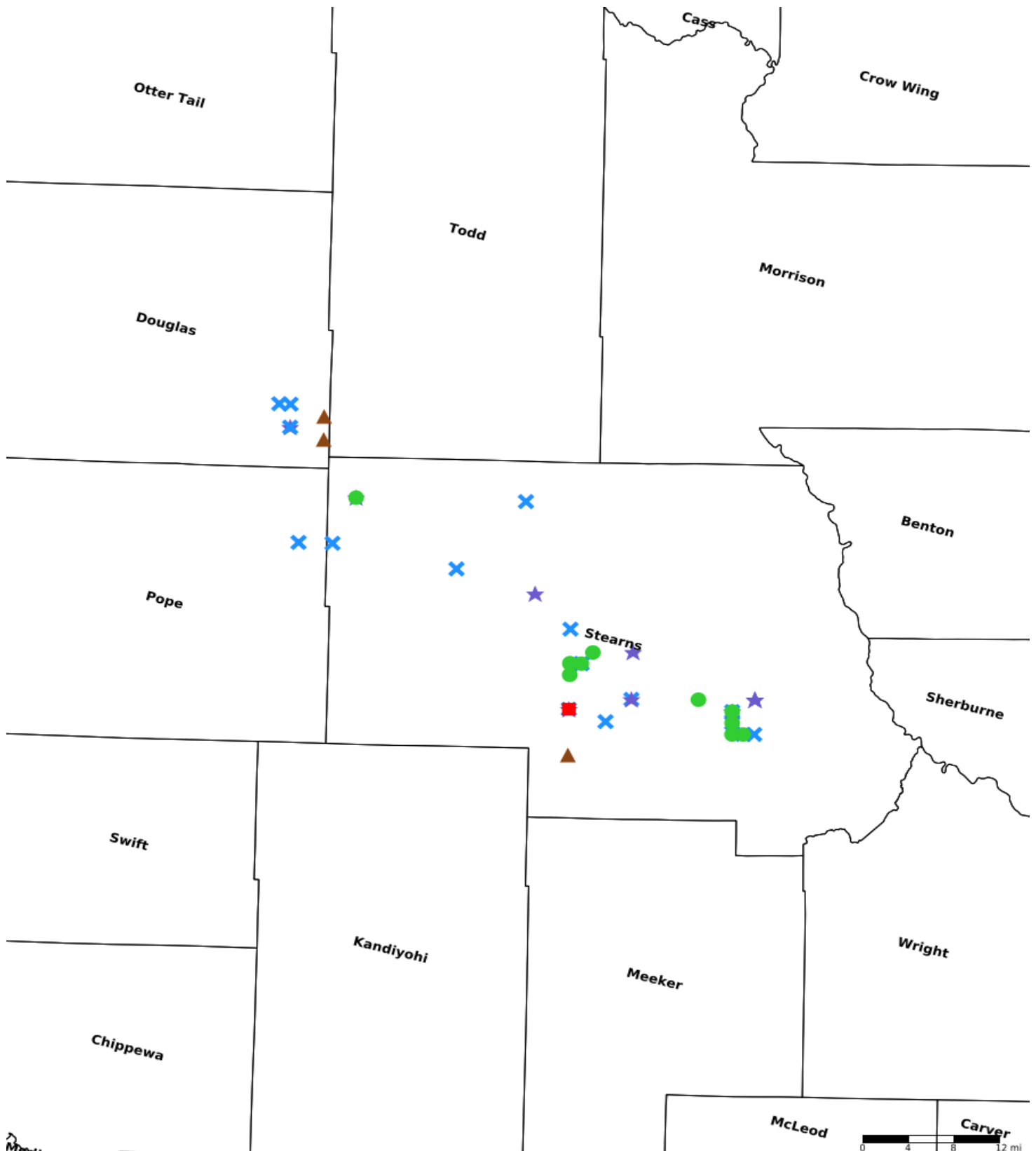
Name	County	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing	Buildings	Value of
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Herberger Lake WMA Addition	Douglas	12736212	300	\$950,000	Yes	1	\$0

Easement Parcels

Name	County	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection
Byer Lake (Gresser Family LLP)	Stearns	12330225	152	\$317,000	No
Byer Lake 1	Stearns	12330224	118	\$378,000	No
Sauk River 5	Stearns	12330213	48	\$120,000	No
Sauk River 3	Stearns	12432227	69	\$155,100	No
Byer Lake (Gillitzer)	Stearns	12329230	116	\$300,000	No
Sauk River (Maile Trust)	Stearns	12432234	85	\$151,500	No
Sauk River (Rothstein)	Stearns	12432226	6	\$11,400	No
Sauk River 6	Stearns	12432224	52	\$154,000	No
Sauk River (Lieser)	Stearns	12432227	37	\$65,500	No
Cold Spring Creek (Johnson)	Stearns	12330209	39	\$0	No
Ashley Creek (Eggers Trust)	Stearns	12635216	27	\$23,500	No

Parcel Map



- Protect in Easement
- ▲ Protect in Fee with PILT
- Protect in Fee W/O PILT
- ★ Restore
- ✕ Enhance
- ✚ Other