

# Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

## Southern Metro Area Habitat Tour

### Outdoor Heritage Funded Program Sites

June 27, 2018

The public is welcome to join any of the stops on this tour.  
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Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018

| Time                | Site Name / Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Location/Notes                                                                                                   |
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| 8:00 am             | <b>Depart from State Office Building, St. Paul, MN</b><br>Council Members and Staff board bus and depart for Carver, MN.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd<br>St. Paul, MN 55155                                                   |
| 9:00 am – 11:00 am  | <b>MN VALLEY NWR – RAPIDS LAKE UNIT</b><br><i>Site Leaders – MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc., U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</i><br><u>Site Information:</u> USFWS will provide an overview of the MN Valley NWR, USFWS biologists will discuss refuge expansion, MN River ecology, flooding, prairie restoration, oak savanna restoration, public uses, while touring OHF funded projects within the Refuge. The site tour will start at the visitor center, with stops near the river banks, on top of the bluff, and ending at the hunter parking lot on Jonathan Carver Pkwy (14990 Jonathan Carver Pkwy).        | 15865 Rapids Lake Rd<br>Carver, MN 55315<br><br>14990 Jonathan Carver Pkwy<br>Carver, MN 55315                   |
| 11:40 am – 12:40 pm | <b>SANBORN LAKE WMA</b><br><i>Site Leaders – Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, MN Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</i><br><u>Site Information:</u> DNR, DU, and PF will provide site tours of two Outdoor Heritage Funded fee-title acquisitions acquired by DU and PF, restored, and donated to DNR for inclusion into the Wildlife Management System (WMA). The acquisitions are strategically located on the shoreline of Sanborn Lake, a DNR designated wildlife lake. Partners will discuss project history, restoration process and techniques, in addition to future plans for Sanborn Lake. | 32745 151 <sup>st</sup> Ave.<br>Montgomery, MN 56069<br><br>33516 137 <sup>th</sup> Lane<br>Montgomery, MN 56069 |
| 1:45 pm – 2:45 pm   | <b>VERMILLION RIVER AMA</b><br><i>Site Leader – MN Department of Natural Resources</i><br><u>Site Information:</u> DNR Fisheries will provide a site tour the Vermillion River AMA funded with OHF monies. The project included fee-title acquisition and restoration of uplands and in-stream work. DNR will discuss restoration strategies and                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1287 200 <sup>th</sup> Street West<br>Farmington, MN 55024                                                       |

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|                      | for both in-stream and upland habitat and provide an overview of the entire Vermillion River habitat complex.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                   |
| 2:50 pm -<br>3:50 pm | <b>VERMILLION RIVER AMA</b><br><i>Site Leader – MN Trout Unlimited</i><br>Trout Unlimited will provide a site tour of an additional project funded with OHF monies. The project included fee-title acquisition and restoration of uplands and in-stream work. TU biologists will discuss strategies of stream restoration and how those were applied to this site. | 5301 200 <sup>th</sup> Street East<br>Hastings, MN 55033          |
| 4:00 pm              | End of tour and depart for State Office Building, St. Paul, MN with expected arrival at 4:30 pm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther<br>King Jr. Blvd<br>St. Paul, MN 55155 |

**NOTE: All tour sites may or may not require walking through uneven terrain with ticks, flies, and mosquitoes. Please dress and plan accordingly!**