

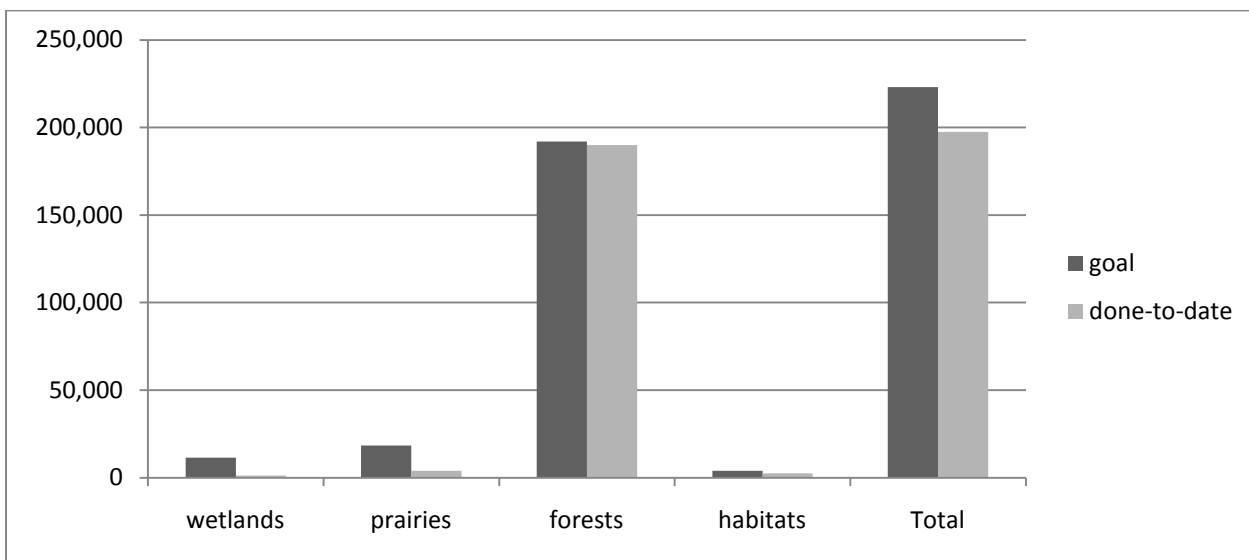
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August 2010 Program Accomplishment Plan Status Report Summary

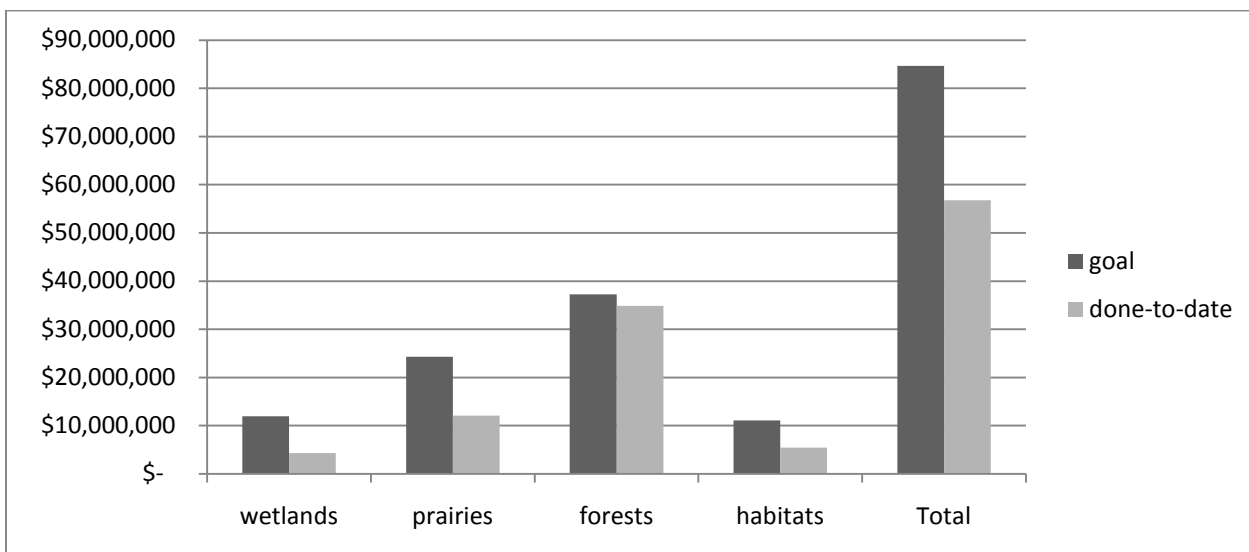
M.L 2009, Chapter 172, Article 1, Section 2 / FY2010 Appropriations

In FY2010, the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council recommended and the Minnesota Legislature funded 19 programs totaling \$66,652,000 to protect, restore, and enhance wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife. Program managers received their appropriation and authority to spend starting July 1, 2010. This is summarized information from the second of two status reports that program managers have submitted.

Summary of Acres Impacted - 88% of the target acre accomplishments have been attained.



Dollars Legally Committed - 67% of the appropriations have been legally committed or spent.



Program Highlights

- The Forest Legacy Project received much attention in the press and conservation community. An additional \$750,000 became available due to a private match for the Forest Legacy project and a 76,251 acre parcel in Koochiching Co. will be acquired through conservation easement.
- Key acquisitions have been made around the state that add to the WMA system, including Lamberton in Redwood Co., Dead Lake in Otter Tail Co., Pelican Lake in Wright Co., Swan Lake in Nicollet Co., and Four Corners in Martin Co.
- Five trout stream easements have been secured in southeastern Minnesota, one in St. Louis Co., and another in Hubbard Co.
- Issues with securing local ecotype seed have hampered restore and enhance progress in southwestern Minnesota.
- A wet spring and summer has slowed down work in restore and enhance activities in the prairie regions.
- Changes in the real estate market have impacted program acquisitions due to low appraisals. Project managers are working to identify alternate parcels to pursue.
- The Rum River/Cedar Creek program, the Accelerated DNR Wildlife Management Area Acquisition program, and the Fountain Lake Fish Barrier programs are fundamentally completed.
- Program managers are reporting successful working relationships with partners.
- All programs report being completed by the mandated deadlines.

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