

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Laws of Minnesota 2010 Final Report



Date: March 30, 2015

Program or Project Title: The Green Corridor Legacy Program, Phase 2

Funds Recommended: \$1,651,000

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Legislative Citation: ML 2010, Ch. 361, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 2(b)

Appropriation Language: \$1,651,000 in fiscal year 2011 is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Redwood Area Communities Foundation to acquire and restore land for purposes allowed under the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15, in Redwood, Renville, Brown, Nicollet, Murray, Lyon, Yellow Medicine, Chippewa, and Cottonwood Counties to be added to the state outdoor recreation system as defined in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 86A. A list of proposed fee title acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan. The commissioner of natural resources must agree in writing to each proposed acquisition. All restorations must comply with subdivision 9, paragraph(b).

County Locations: Cottonwood, Redwood, and Renville.

Regions in which work will take place:

- Prairie

Activity types:

- Protect in Fee

Priority resources addressed by activity:

- Prairie

Abstract:

This program protected 447 acres of prairie in Renville, Redwood and Cottonwood Counties.

Design and scope of work:

While protecting natural resources, wildlife, and aquatic habitats this program also promotes publicly owned natural resource infrastructure (e.g. WMA, AMA, etc) which invigorates local and regional economies by providing public access to outdoor recreation systems. New and/or expanded business opportunities related to outdoor recreational tourism are likely to arise as a direct result of this appropriation and have been advanced and promoted by the Green Corridor Legacy Program.

The Green Corridor Legacy Program - Phase II appropriation protected high quality fish, game, and wildlife habitats by creating complexes or corridors of three (3) new and/or expansions of MN DNR Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) within the Program area totaling 447.51 acres in fee title.

Specifically; the Grunflur WMA at 164.36 acres is a new WMA complex located in Cottonwood County just south of Sanborn MN has protected a wetland structure and a small remnant native prairie parcel and is in close proximity of the Cottonwood River. This tract also protects habitat for upland game and waterfowl. This new WMA now provides greater public access to regional communities like Sanborn to this new outdoor recreational system and has the potential for future development and expansion.

The Lamberton WMA addition at 89.5 acres located in Redwood County northeast of Lamberton MN provides protection to a significant riparian drainage area and expands the existing Lamberton WMA complex. This tract also protects critical wildlife and waterfowl habitats (grasslands) that are usually associated to these types of riparian areas.

The Granite Prairie WMA at 193.65 acres is a new WMA complex located in Renville County northwest of Morton MN. This WMA protects numerous exposed granite outcrops, remnant native prairie, existing and restored hardwood forested areas, several wetland/shallow lake structures, and also protects nearly 1.1 miles of aquatic habitats along the Minnesota River shoreline. Numerous species of game and non-game wildlife inhabit this WMA and also provides water and fishing access to the Minnesota River. This tract is also adjacent to a portion of the Minnesota River Valley Scenic Byway transportation system.

The Green Corridor Legacy Programs success has been demonstrated by the numerous partnerships that have been developed from a wide variety of disciplines that will assist in monitoring outcomes, provide long range management of the acquired lands, provide technical support, and ensure that program activities will continue to advance the goals, objectives, and strategies of the various state-wide conservation plans and provide public transparency and input.

Which LSOHC state-wide priorities are addressed in this proposal:

- Restore or enhance habitat on state-owned WMAs, AMAs, SNAs, and state forests

Which LSOHC section priorities are addressed in this proposal:

Prairie:

- Not Listed

Relationship to other funds:

- Not Listed

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

Not Listed

Outcomes:

Programs in prairie region:

- Not Listed

How will they be measured and evaluated?

Not Listed

Budget Spreadsheet

Final Budget line item reallocations are allowed up to 10% and do not need require an amendment to the Accomplishment Plan

Total Amount: \$1,651,000

Budget and Cash Leverage

BudgetName	Request	Spent	Cash Leverage (anticipated)	Cash Leverage (received)	Leverage Source	Total (original)	Total (final)
Personnel	\$31,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$31,000	\$0
Contracts	\$27,000	\$49,800	\$0	\$0		\$27,000	\$49,800
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	\$1,557,700	\$1,593,700	\$110,000	\$2,500	cash donation	\$1,667,700	\$1,596,200
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Easement Acquisition	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Easement Stewardship	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Travel	\$1,300	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$1,300	\$0
Professional Services	\$8,500	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$8,500	\$0
Direct Support Services	\$9,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$9,000	\$0
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	\$16,500	\$7,500	\$0	\$0		\$16,500	\$7,500
Capital Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Other Equipment/Tools	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Supplies/Materials	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
DNR IDP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Total	\$1,651,000	\$1,651,000	\$110,000	\$2,500		\$1,761,000	\$1,653,500

Output Tables

Table 1a. Acres by Resource Type

Type	Wetlands (original)	Wetlands (final)	Prairies (original)	Prairies (final)	Forest (original)	Forest (final)	Habitats (original)	Habitats (final)	Total (original)	Total (final)
Restore	0	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	54	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	33	0	275	447	8	0	27	0	343	447
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Easement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enhance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	33	0	329	447	8	0	27	0	397	447

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

Type	Native Prairie (original)	Native Prairie (final)
Restore	0	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	0	0
Protect in Easement	0	0
Enhance	0	0
Total	0	0

Table 2. Total Requested Funding by Resource Type

Type	Wetlands (original)	Wetlands (final)	Prairies (original)	Prairies (final)	Forest (original)	Forest (final)	Habitats (original)	Habitats (final)	Total (original)	Total (final)
Restore	\$0	\$0	\$27,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$27,000	\$0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$1,557,700	\$1,596,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,557,700	\$1,596,200
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Enhance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$1,584,700	\$1,596,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,584,700	\$1,596,200

Table 3. Acres within each Ecological Section

Type	Metro Urban (original)	Metro Urban (final)	ForestPrairie (original)	Forest Prairie (final)	SE Forest (original)	SE Forest (final)	Prairie (original)	Prairie (final)	N Forest (original)	N Forest (final)	Total (original)	Total (final)
Restore	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	0	0	54	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	343	447	0	0	343	447
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Easement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enhance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	397	447	0	0	397	447

Table 4. Total Requested Funding within each Ecological Section

Type	Metro Urban (original)	Metro Urban (final)	ForestPrairie (original)	Forest Prairie (final)	SE Forest (original)	SE Forest (final)	Prairie (original)	Prairie (final)	N Forest (original)	N Forest (final)	Total (original)	Total (final)
Restore	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$27,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$27,000	\$0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,557,700	\$1,651,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,557,700	\$1,651,000
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Enhance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,584,700	\$1,651,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,584,700	\$1,651,000

Target Lake/Stream/River Feet or Miles (original)

0

Target Lake/Stream/River Feet or Miles (final)

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Parcel List

Section 1 - Restore / Enhance Parcel List

No parcels with an activity type restore or enhance.

Section 2 - Protect Parcel List

Cottonwood

Name	TRDS	Acres	OHF Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?
Grunflur WMA	10836202	164	\$657,440			

Redwood

Name	TRDS	Acres	OHF Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?
Lamberton WMA addition	10937211	90	\$222,250			

Renville

Name	TRDS	Acres	OHF Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?
Granite Prairie WMA	11335218	194	\$716,505			

Section 2a - Protect Parcel with Bldgs

No parcels with an activity type protect and has buildings.

Section 3 - Other Parcel Activity

No parcels with an other activity type.

Completed Parcel: Granite Prairie WMA

# of Total Acres:	194
County:	Renville
Township:	113
Range:	35
Direction:	2
Section:	18
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	
# of Acres: Forest:	
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	194
Amount of Shoreline:	6000 (Linear Feet)
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	Minnesota River
Has there been signage erected at the site:	Yes
Annual Reporting Organization Name:	DNR
Annual Reporting Manager Name:	Pat Rivers (Jeff Zajac)
Annual Reporting Address:	1241 E. Bridge St
Annual Reporting City:	Redwood Falls
Annual Reporting State:	MN
Annual Reporting Zip:	56283
Annual Reporting Email:	jeff.zajac@state.mn.us
Annual Reporting Phone:	507-637-4076
Purchase Date:	September 16, 2011
Acquisition Title:	
Purchase Price:	\$716,505
Appraised Value:	\$716,505
Professional Service Costs:	\$6,807
Assessed Value:	\$716,505
Total Project Cost:	\$716,505
Fees Received:	\$0
Donations:	\$0
Related Parties:	
Property Managed By:	DNR - Wildlife Management Area -
Name of the unit area or location government unit or land manager:	

Completed Parcel: Grunflur WMA

# of Total Acres:	164
County:	Cottonwood
Township:	108
Range:	36
Direction:	2
Section:	02
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	
# of Acres: Forest:	
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	164
Amount of Shoreline:	
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	
Has there been signage erected at the site:	Yes
Annual Reporting Organization Name:	DNR
Annual Reporting Manager Name:	Pat Rivers (Randy Markl)
Annual Reporting Address:	175 Cty Rd 26
Annual Reporting City:	Windom
Annual Reporting State:	MN
Annual Reporting Zip:	56101
Annual Reporting Email:	randy.markl@state.mn.us
Annual Reporting Phone:	507-831-2900
Purchase Date:	April 08, 2011
Acquisition Title:	
Purchase Price:	\$657,440
Appraised Value:	\$657,440
Professional Service Costs:	\$6,808
Assessed Value:	\$657,440
Total Project Cost:	\$657,440
Fees Received:	\$0
Donations:	\$0
Related Parties:	
Property Managed By:	DNR - Wildlife Management Area -
Name of the unit area or location government unit or land manager:	

Completed Parcel: Lamberton WMA addition

# of Total Acres:	90
County:	Redwood
Township:	109
Range:	37
Direction:	2
Section:	11
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	
# of Acres: Forest:	
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	90
Amount of Shoreline:	
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	
Has there been signage erected at the site:	Yes
Annual Reporting Organization Name:	DNR
Annual Reporting Manager Name:	Pat Rivers (Jeff Zajac)
Annual Reporting Address:	1241 E. Bridge St
Annual Reporting City:	Redwood Falls
Annual Reporting State:	MN
Annual Reporting Zip:	56283
Annual Reporting Email:	1231TLC@charter.net
Annual Reporting Phone:	507-637-4076
Purchase Date:	March 30, 2011
Acquisition Title:	
Purchase Price:	\$222,250
Appraised Value:	\$222,250
Professional Service Costs:	\$6,807
Assessed Value:	\$222,250
Total Project Cost:	\$222,250
Fees Received:	\$0
Donations:	\$0
Related Parties:	
Property Managed By:	DNR - Wildlife Management Area -
Name of the unit area or location government unit or land manager:	

Parcel Map

The Green Corridor Legacy Program, Phase 2

