

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Laws of Minnesota 2010 Final Report



Date: April 08, 2014

Program or Project Title: Rum River - Cedar Creek Initiative, Phase 2

Funds Recommended: \$1,900,000

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

Appropriation Language: \$1,900,000 in fiscal year 2011 is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Anoka County to acquire fee title to land at the confluence of the Rum River and Cedar Creek in Anoka County. Land acquired in fee must remain open to hunting and fishing, consistent with the capacity of the land, during the open season, as determined in writing by the commissioner of natural resources. All restorations must comply with subdivision 9, paragraph (b).

County Locations: Anoka

Regions in which work will take place:

- Not Listed

Activity types:

- Protect in Fee

Priority resources addressed by activity:

- Wetlands
- Forest
- Prairie
- Habitat

Abstract:

This program will acquire the remaining 328 acres of prairie, wetland, forest and shoreline habitat for fish, game and wildlife along the Rum River and Cedar Creek in the cities of Oak Grove and Andover and will provide additional opportunities. This appropriation acquired and protected 328 acres of prairie, wetland, forest and shoreline habitat for fish, game and wildlife along the Rum River and Cedar Creek in the cities of Oak Grove and Andover and will provide additional opportunities for public fishing, hunting and wildlife conservation. 222 acres of prairie, wetland, forest and shoreline habitat were previously acquired under ML 2009, Ch. 172, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 2g.

Design and scope of work:

Problem Addressed:

The problem this acquisition project addresses is the urgent need to protect and enhance 275 acres of land that will provide an excellent conservation area along the Rum River and Cedar Creek. The proposed acquisition parcels are currently owned by a development group planning to sell the land for residential construction. The acquisition and protection of these parcels is of utmost concern, because without immediate action, this opportunity could be permanently lost. By acquiring this land, the LOHC has an excellent opportunity to increase and enhance the biological diversity in the area, as well as create additional hunting and fishing

opportunities in the region.

Action Plan:

Once funding is appropriated, Anoka County would start the acquisition process immediately. Appraisals have been conducted and negotiations are underway with the seller for the purchase of 275 acres in 2010 and the remaining 275 acres in 2011 as proposed in the Lessard Outdoor Heritage Council recommendations.

Relation to LOHC Goals:

This acquisition project relates directly to the “restore, protect and enhance habitat” provisions outlined in the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Program. First, upon acquisition, the land will be protected by being under County ownership. Second, after acquisition, the County proposes to restore approximately 250 acres of the 550 acres to a prairie/grassland habitat. Restoring and enhancing the land back to a prairie/grassland habitat will help provide the necessary biological diversity needed to support game populations, such as ring-neck pheasants, ruffed grouse, wild turkeys, white tail deer, wood ducks and mallards and furbearers. Acquired land will remain open to hunting and fishing, consistent with the capacity of the land, during the open season, as determined by the commissioner of natural resources.

Habitat Changes:

Existing non-agricultural land on the site is recognized by the MNDNR as a high quality ecologically diverse corridor along two major greenways, the Rum River and Cedar Creek. With the acquisition, this corridor would be protected and enhanced to increase the number of species and increase the ease with which they move through this corridor.

After acquisition, County proposes to restore approximately 250 acres of the 550 acres to a prairie/grassland habitat. The ecological restoration plan will include restoring the forests, wetland and prairies. Restoration work will include introducing over 30 species of native grasses, sedges, and forbs to restore the mosaic of dry, mesic and wet prairie habitats. In addition, the existing high quality fens, wet meadows, shrub swamps and oak savannas will be managed to sustain their high quality value. Restoring and enhancing the land back to its native habitat will help provide the necessary biological diversity needed to support a diverse variety of wildlife.

The acquisition of these parcels will protect 550 acres of habitat at the confluence of the Rum River and Cedar Creek. There is approximately 1-1/2 miles of shoreline along the Rum River and about 3/4 of a mile of the Cedar Creek that runs through the property. The Rum River provides angling access opportunities for some of the most sought after game fish, such as walleye, northern pike, and small mouth bass; the river provides exceptional fisheries habitat for these game fish. As future funding is available, restoration of the flood plain and riparian edges along the Rum River and Cedar Creek will enhance habitat and cover for all migratory waterfowl species, white tail deer and wild turkeys.

Schedule:

Restoration work would start as soon after acquisition as funding allows. The majority of the restoration work is anticipated to be completed within three years of acquisition. Restoration monitoring and maintenance will be provided on an on-going basis.

Strategy:

The strategy for this project will work because the Anoka County Parks and Recreation Department is a governmental agency that currently manages a large natural resource based parks and open space system throughout the County. The County has the budget, equipment and staff with the expertise to manage this project and the on-going maintenance required. In addition, it has the support of the Anoka County Board of Commissioners and the local communities.

Support:

The Anoka County Board of Commissioners unanimously supports this project. The Andover City Council has written a letter of support for the acquisition. The Oak Grove City Council concurs with the County's plans to proceed with funding requests for the acquisition. Strong support in favor of the project has been expressed by area residents. There are no known barriers to the success of this project.

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

- Not Listed

Which LSOHC section priorities are addressed in this proposal:

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:

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: \$1,900,000

Budget and Cash Leverage

BudgetName	Request	Spent	Cash Leverage (anticipated)	Cash Leverage (received)	Leverage Source	Total (original)	Total (final)
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000		\$0	\$25,000
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	\$1,900,000	\$1,900,000	\$450,000	\$700,000	Ano ka County	\$2,350,000	\$2,600,000
Easement Acquisition	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Easement Stewardship	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Professional Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Direct Support Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Capital Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Other Equipment/Tools	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	Ano ka County	\$0	\$15,000
Supplies/Materials	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,500	Ano ka County	\$0	\$2,500
DNR IDP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Total	\$1,900,000	\$1,900,000	\$450,000	\$742,500		\$2,350,000	\$2,642,500

Personnel

Position	FTE	Over # o f years	Spent	Cash Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Natural Resource Tech	0.10	23.00	\$0	\$25,000	Ano ka County	\$25,000
Total	0.10	23.00	\$0	\$25,000		\$25,000

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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	90	100	150	150	90	75	1	3	331	328
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	90	100	150	150	90	75	1	3	331	328

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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$425,000	\$570,000	\$800,000	\$874,000	\$425,000	\$437,000	\$250,000	\$19,000	\$1,900,000	\$1,900,000
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	\$425,000	\$570,000	\$800,000	\$874,000	\$425,000	\$437,000	\$250,000	\$19,000	\$1,900,000	\$1,900,000

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	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	0	328	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	328
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	328	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	328

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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$1,900,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,900,000
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	\$1,900,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,900,000

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

0

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

2.25

Parcel List

Section 1 - Restore / Enhance Parcel List

No parcels with an activity type restore or enhance.

Section 2 - Protect Parcel List

Anoka

Name	TRDS	Acres	OHF Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?
Rum River Cedar Creek Conservation Area	03324231	39	\$			
Rum River Cedar Creek Conservation Area	03324231	40	\$			
Rum River Cedar Creek Conservation Area	03324231	49	\$			
Rum River Cedar Creek Conservation Area	03324232	40	\$			
Rum River Cedar Creek Conservation Area	03324232	40	\$			
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Rum River Cedar Creek Conservation Area	03324232	40	\$			
Rum River Cedar Creek Conservation Area	03324232	40	\$			

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: Rum River Cedar Creek Conservation Area

# of Total Acres:	40
County:	Anoka
Township:	033
Range:	24
Direction:	2
Section:	32
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	10
# of Acres: Forest:	10
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	20
Amount of Shoreline:	
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	
Has there been signage erected at the site:	Yes
Annual Reporting Organization Name:	Anoka County
Annual Reporting Manager Name:	Karen Blaska
Annual Reporting Address:	550 Bunker Lake Blvd
Annual Reporting City:	Andover
Annual Reporting State:	MN
Annual Reporting Zip:	55304
Annual Reporting Email:	karen.blaska@co.anoka.mn.us
Annual Reporting Phone:	763-767-2865
Purchase Date:	September 22, 2010
Acquisition Title:	
Purchase Price:	\$286,600
Appraised Value:	\$286,600
Professional Service Costs:	\$0
Assessed Value:	\$0
Total Project Cost:	\$2,350,000
Fees Received:	\$0
Donations:	\$0
Related Parties:	
Property Managed By:	Local Unit of Government -
Name of the unit area or location government unit or land manager:	Anoka County

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# of Total Acres:	40
County:	Anoka
Township:	033
Range:	24
Direction:	2
Section:	32
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	23
# of Acres: Forest:	
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	17
Amount of Shoreline:	
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	
Has there been signage erected at the site:	Yes
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County:	Anoka
Township:	033
Range:	24
Direction:	2
Section:	32
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	9
# of Acres: Forest:	25
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	6
Amount of Shoreline:	
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	
Has there been signage erected at the site:	Yes
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Professional Service Costs:	\$0
Assessed Value:	\$0
Total Project Cost:	\$2,350,000
Fees Received:	\$0
Donations:	\$0
Related Parties:	
Property Managed By:	Local Unit of Government -
Name of the unit area or location government unit or land manager:	Anoka County

Completed Parcel: Rum River Cedar Creek Conservation Area

# of Total Acres:	39
County:	Anoka
Township:	033
Range:	24
Direction:	2
Section:	31
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	19
# of Acres: Forest:	20
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	
Amount of Shoreline:	
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	
Has there been signage erected at the site:	Yes
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Annual Reporting Zip:	55304
Annual Reporting Email:	karen.blaska@co.anoka.mn.us
Annual Reporting Phone:	763-767-2865
Purchase Date:	September 22, 2010
Acquisition Title:	
Purchase Price:	\$279,396
Appraised Value:	\$279,396
Professional Service Costs:	\$0
Assessed Value:	\$0
Total Project Cost:	\$2,350,000
Fees Received:	\$0
Donations:	\$0
Related Parties:	
Property Managed By:	Local Unit of Government -
Name of the unit area or location government unit or land manager:	Anoka County

Completed Parcel: Rum River Cedar Creek Conservation Area

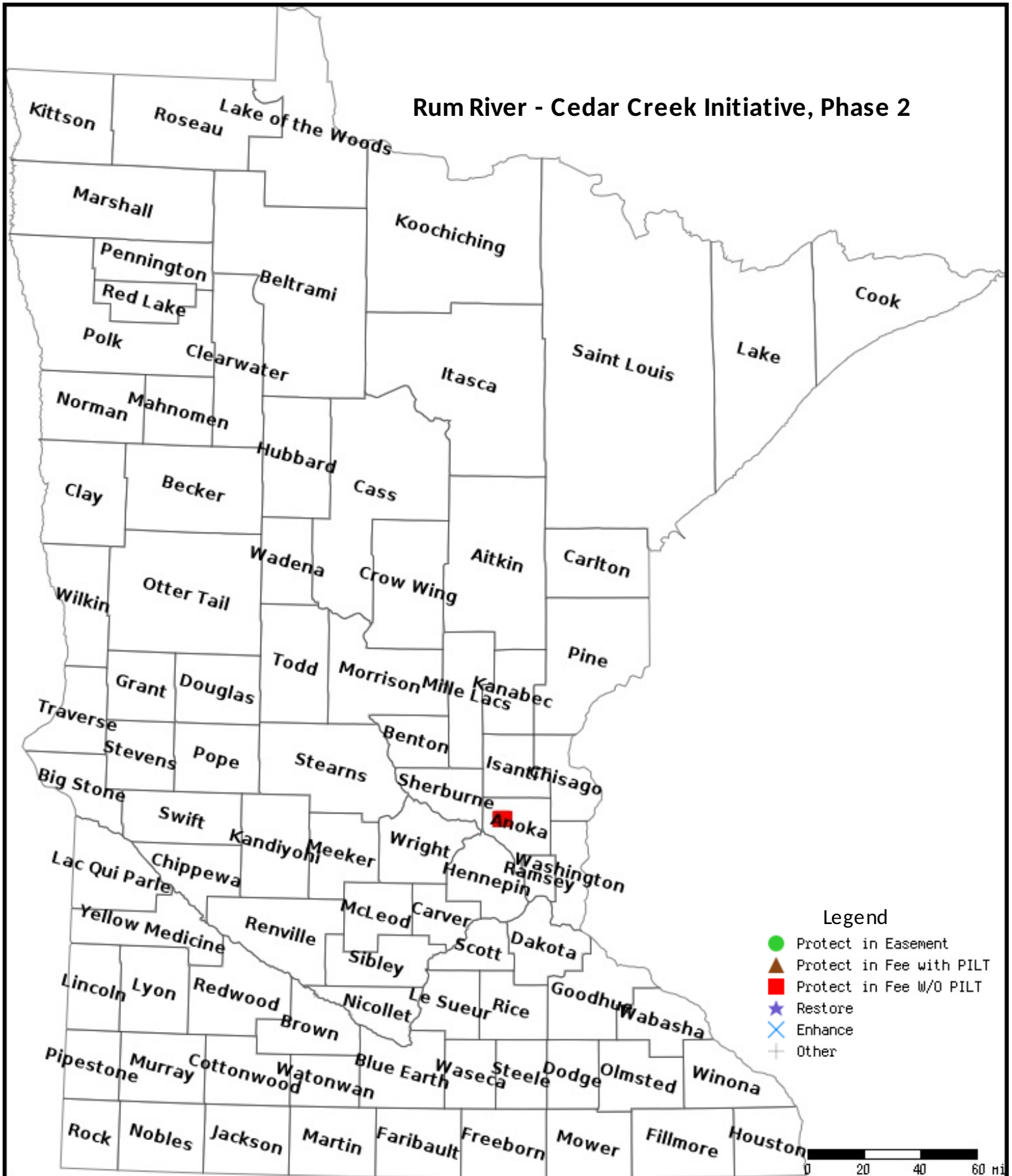
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Fees Received:	\$0
Donations:	\$0
Related Parties:	
Property Managed By:	Local Unit of Government -
Name of the unit area or location government unit or land manager:	Anoka County

Completed Parcel: Rum River Cedar Creek Conservation Area

# of Total Acres:	49
County:	Anoka
Township:	033
Range:	24
Direction:	2
Section:	31
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	29
# of Acres: Forest:	
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	20
Amount of Shoreline:	
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	
Has there been signage erected at the site:	Yes
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Annual Reporting Phone:	763-767-2865
Purchase Date:	September 22, 2010
Acquisition Title:	
Purchase Price:	\$351,036
Appraised Value:	\$351,036
Professional Service Costs:	\$0
Assessed Value:	\$0
Total Project Cost:	\$2,350,000
Fees Received:	\$0
Donations:	\$0
Related Parties:	
Property Managed By:	Local Unit of Government -
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Parcel Map

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Data Generated From Parcel List