

**Request for Funding Form
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
Fiscal Year 2011**

Program or Project Title: #16 The Fish Creek Corridor Acquisition Program

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	Council Funding Request	Out-Year Projections of Needs		
Funds Requested (\$000s)	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Outdoor Heritage Fund	2,500,000	0	0	0

A. Summary - Our program will protect habitat corridors of the Mississippi River through the protection of Fish Creek which is a first order tributary to the Mississippi River. The Fish Creek Corridor Acquisition Program seeks to protect the waters in the Fish Creek watershed by acquiring land that will result in creating and improving habitat in this area of the Mississippi River basin.

B. Background Information

- 1. What is the problem or opportunity being addressed?**
Protection of the Fish Creek Corridor through the acquisition of land that will help in providing much needed habitat and protection in this Mississippi River Basin
- 2. What action will be taken? The Fish Creek Corridor Acquisition Program will purchase land that is vital to improving habitat corridors in this Mississippi River Basin.**

3. **Who will take action and when?** The Fish Creek Natural Area Greenway Corridor Ad Hoc Commission will be responsible for prioritizing land in this corridor for acquisition and forwarding these recommendations to the city council for consideration.
4. **How will you coordinate this program with the other Constitutional Funding?** The City of Maplewood will ensure that the funding of this program is coordinated with other Constitutional Funding.
5. **What specific habitat changes will occur if this item is funded? Be specific about and list multiple benefits if they exist. The program will acquire land that will provide much needed resources for habitat in this Mississippi River Basin.**
6. **When do you expect to see these habitat changes? Upon acquisition, staff will work directly with many other partners in developing and charting a strategy to improve and enhance habitat opportunities with these acquired lands.**
7. **Will your Outdoor Heritage Fund dollar request complete the planned accomplishments?**

_____ YES _____ x _____ NO
If not, how will you finance completion? The city and its partners will continue to explore additional opportunities regarding funding for this unique area.
8. **How will you pay for the maintenance of the accomplishments? The maintenance will be programmed into the city's budget.**
9. **How does this action directly restore, enhance, or protect prairies, wetlands, forests or habitat for fish, game, and wildlife? Through the acquisition of land, the city and its many partners will begin the restoration and enhancement aimed directly at improving habitat.**
10. **If you are restoring or enhancing property, is the activity on permanently protected land?**

_____ x _____ YES _____ NO
If yes briefly describe the kind of protection. The acquired land will be public.

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- 11. How will you ensure transparency and provide information about your work and use of Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars. Through working with many other government entities as well as not for profit environmental advocacy groups.**
- 12. Why will this strategy work? Yes, this will ensure that the program fund dollars are used appropriately and wisely.**
- 13. Who might make decisions that assist or work against achieving the expected impact program? Private property advocates and other groups who oppose acquisition of private property for “public use”.**
- 14. If this is acquisition of land, has the local government formally approved the acquisition?**

 YES x NO The Fish Creek Natural Area Greenway Corridor Ad Hoc commission will complete its prioritization of potential land for acquisition work in the next month or so.

- 15.If this is fee simple acquisition of land, is the land free of any other permanent protection such as a conservation easement?**

_____YES _____NO The Fish Creek Natural Area Greenway Corridor Ad Hoc commission will complete its prioritization of potential land for acquisition work in the next month or so.

- 16.If this is an easement acquisition, will the eased land be open for public use?**

 YES NO
If Yes what kind of use? The Fish Creek Natural Area Greenway Corridor Ad Hoc commission will complete its prioritization of potential land for acquisition work in the next month or so. The use of easements is also a tool the commission is reviewing.

17. If easement acquisition, will the easement be a permanent conservation easement as described in MS 2009, Chapter 84C.01, specifically protecting the natural resource values of real property forever?

_____ **YES**

_____ **NO** To be determined.

18. If you are proposing funding for a new or ongoing program how long into the future do you expect this program to operate?

_____ **1-10** _____ **Years**

19. Which planning sections will you work in? Check all that apply in the list below.

_____ Northern Forest

_____ Forest/Prairie Transition

_____ Southeast Forest

_____ Prairie

☒ Metropolitan Urbanizing Area

20. Does the request address an urgent conservation opportunity that will be lost if not immediately funded?

_____ **YES**

_____ **NO**

If yes, please explain. Undeveloped land is currently available in the Fish Creek Corridor that might not be otherwise available in the future – developed state.

21. Does the request restore and/or enhance habitat on existing state-owned Wildlife or Aquatic Management Areas or Scientific and Natural Areas?

_____ **YES**

_____ ☒ **NO**

If Yes, list the names of the AMAs, WMAs and/or SNAs and the acres to be restored and/or enhanced.

22. Is this request based on assessment through a science based strategic planning and evaluation model similar to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service's Strategic Habitat Conservation model?

_____ YES _____ NO
If yes explain the model briefly. Information will be forthcoming.

23. Explain the scientific foundation for your project, and the benefits it will produce. Information will be forthcoming.

24. How do you set priorities? (*Be sure to list the criteria you use and the weight you give each one.*) Information to be forthcoming.

C. Relationship to the *Minnesota Conservation and Preservation Plan* and Other Published Resource Management Plans - Information will be forthcoming

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D. Budget

Budget Item	Fiscal Year 11	Fiscal Year 12	Fiscal Year 13
Personnel			
Contracts			
Equipment/Tools/Supplies			
Fee Acquisition	2,500,000		
Easement Acquisition			
Easement Stewardship			
Professional Services			
Travel			
Additional Budget Items			
TOTAL	2,500,000		

E. Personnel Details *In the space below list the names, titles and anticipated program funds to be paid by this recommendation. If you will need to fill a position just list the title and amount.*

Title	Name	Amount.
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It is not anticipated at this point that any additional personnel will be required to implement the outcomes of this program.

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F. All Leverage In the table below list the sources and amounts of leverage you anticipate by fiscal year you anticipate receiving it. Include state and non-state leverage.

Source of Leverage	Fiscal Year 11	Fiscal Year 12	Fiscal Year 13
Information will be forthcoming			
TOTAL			

G. Outcomes: Information will be forthcoming regarding these tables

- 1) *In the first table below, quantify the outcomes you plan to achieve with the recommended funds.*
- 2) *In the second table show list the sections where outcomes will occur.*
- 3) *In the third table, allocate your recommended funds to each cell with outcomes listed in table 1.*
- 4) *In the fourth table show the leverage to be applied to each cell with outcomes listed in table 1. and*
- 5) *If you have any outcomes listed in the “protect” row in table 1, account for them according to the type of acquisition and PILT status in table 5*

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Table 1 Accomplish- ments	Wetlands	Prairies	Forests	Habitats for Fish, Game and Wildlife
Restore				
Protect				
Enhance				

Table 2 Sections Impacted and Impact Quantifier	Wetlands	Prairies	Forests	Habitats for Fish, Game and Wildlife
Restore				
Protect				
Enhance				

Table 3 Recommend Fund Allocation	Wetlands	Prairies	Forests	Habitats for Fish, Game and Wildlife
Restore				
Protect				
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Table 4 Leverage \$	Wetlands	Prairies	Forests	Habitats for Fish, Game and Wildlife
Restore				
Protect				
Enhance				

Table 5 Acquisition Data	Wetlands	Prairies	Forests	Habitats for Fish, Game and Wildlife
Acquired in Fee with State PILT Liability				
Acquired in Fee without State PILT Liability				
Permanent Easement				

H. Accomplishment Time Table Using the headings below, include a clear statement of how much of what is being accomplished and when. Attach a map showing where accomplishments are anticipated. Accomplishments should clearly restore, enhance or protect forests, wetlands, prairies and habitat for fish, game and wildlife.

Milestone

Date

Measure

Information will be forthcoming

I. Relationship to Your Current Budget

Information will be forthcoming

J. How Will the Habitat Improvements Be Sustained? Information will be forthcoming.

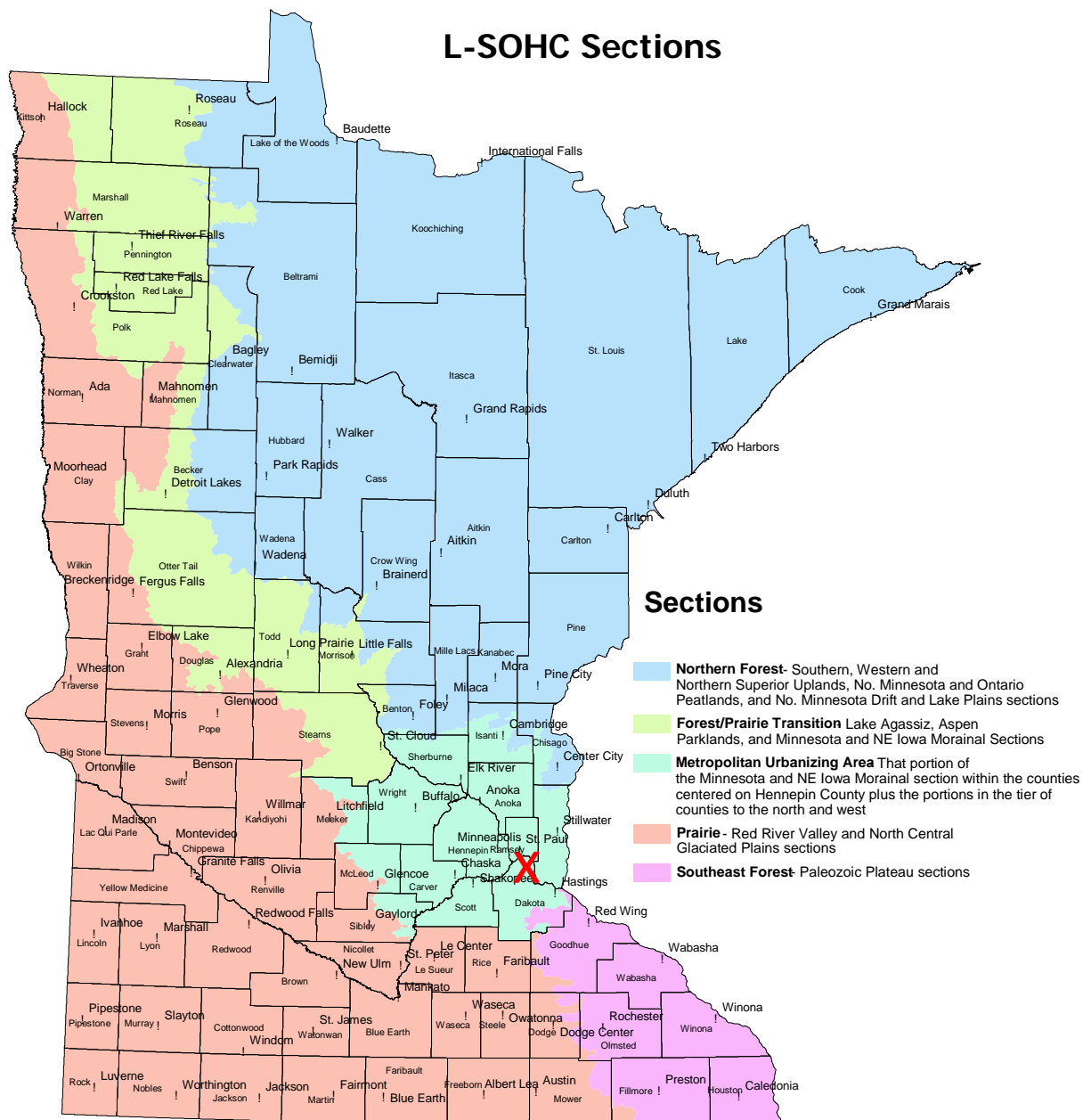
K. Attach a list of your projects listing their county location and edit the map of Minnesota on the next page to show each project as a symbol.

Double left click to bring up the map editor. Symbols should be on the left side of the pop-up banner at the top of your screen or at the bottom left depending on your software.

If you can't bring up the interactive map editor follow these instructions:

1. Make a paper copy of the map,
2. By hand place symbols on the map corresponding to the location of the projects in your proposal,
3. Scan the marked map to a pdf, and
4. Insert the marked pdf map as the last page in your submission.

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