

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

2012 Accomplishment Plan

Program Title: Land Addition to Janet Johnson Memorial WMA (H-04)

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Funds Recommended: \$577,000.00

Legislative Citation: ML 2011, Ch. X, Art. X, Sec. X, Subd. X (x): *(to be completed when signed by Governor)*

Abstract:

Acquire 108.5 acres of land adjacent to the 555 acre Janet Johnson WMA. The land is a mix of forest (29 acres), wetlands (35 acres on the NWI), and agriculture (44.5 acres). This land will be seeded with native vegetation and managed as part of the Janet Johnson WMA

Program Narrative

Design and Scope of Work:

This parcel has recently been inherited by the siblings whose parents died last year. The siblings are interested in selling the parcel as soon as possible and they would prefer to see the land as part of the Janet Johnson WMA, however they will sell the parcel for development if this application is not successful. The land is close to the City of North Branch. The land has access off of Chisago County 14, a black topped road. The land will provide good public access from the north through this parcel to the Janet Johnson WMA. The parcel has great diversity and will provide excellent pheasant, turkey, deer habitat and be an excellent addition to the existing WMA. There are three other smaller parcels that in the future would round out the acquisition of the WMA. This acquisition will also provide an open space corridor linking the Janet Johnson WMA with the North Branch of the Sunrise River. The Chisago Pheasants Forever Chapter, the Long Spurs of the Sunrise NWTF Chapter and the DNR Area Wildlife Manager are supporters and partners in the project. The continued enhancement of the Janet Johnson WMA has been a community supported effort and there has not been any opposition to the acquisition. The local conservation organizations, the local fire department and local government staff will be involved in the development of the area once acquired.

Planning:

This acquisition is consistent with the Council's vision for the Metropolitan Urbanizing Section. The land is highly developable and if sold for development would significantly detract from the value and utilization of the Janet Johnson WMA. The land contains a number of wetlands, forested areas and agricultural lands. The agricultural lands will be planted to native prairie upon acquisition giving perpetual protection to this biologically diverse landscape. There will be excellent public access through this site to the existing WMA. In an urbanizing area good access that also provides great hunting for pheasants, turkey and deer is hard to come by. The acquisition will further the "Priority Actions for the Metropolitan Urbanizing Area: 1) Protect, enhance and restore native prairie (restore native prairie); 2) Provide habitat corridors (corridor connection to the North Branch Sunrise River which is tributary to the St. Croix River).

Relationship to Other Constitutional Funds

There is no direct relationship to other Constitutional Funds

Relationship to Current Organizational Budget

Chisago County does not have other funds that could be used for this acquisition. This is a one time opportunity and does not substitute for traditional funding sources.

Sustainability and Maintenance

The County, SWCD, Chisago PF, Long Spurs of the Sunrise, local deer hunters, local fire department and other volunteers will provide the necessary development for the site (boundary signing, parking area, native prairie seeding, old building demolition, etc. The land will be turned over to the DNR to manage as part of the Janet Johnson WMA. The local interests listed above will also provide assistance in the long-term maintenance of the area by participating in noxious weed management and periodic burning of the site to enhance native vegetation.

Accomplishment Timeline

Activity	Milestone	Date completed
Appraisal	Contract & Complete Appraisal	August 2011
Complete Acquisition	Purchase agrmt	October 2011
Bldg Clearing	Bldgs removed	January 2011
Fall dormant seeding	Site prep and seeding	November 2011
Bndry Survey/Signing	WMA signs erected	July 2012

Table B-2. Other Outcome Table

(This table should be used instead of attachment B for activities that are not counted in acres, miles etc. If you use attachment B you can delete this table from the accomplishment plan.)

Goal 1	Activity – P/R/E	Measure	Impact	Ecological Type
Acquire	protection	Addition to JJWMA	108 acres public hunting	Metropolitan Urbanizing Section
Goal 2				

Attachments (*on spreadsheet workbook – 3 separate tabs*):

- A. Budget
- B. Proposed Outcome Tables
- C. Parcel List

[Link Here to definitions of the budget items below.](#)

Total Amount of Request \$ 577,000 *From page 1 on the funding form.*

Personnel

Position breakdown here	FTE	Over # of years	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Cash Leverage	Cash Leverage Source	Total
Manager of Programs	0.15	2	\$ -	\$ 15,000	County	\$ 15,000
Admin Asst						\$ -
position 3						\$ -
position 4						\$ -
position 5						\$ -
position 6						\$ -
position 7						\$ -
Total	0.15		\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000

Budget and Cash Leverage *(All your LSOHC Request Funds must be direct to and necessary for program outcomes.)*

Please describe how you intend to spend the requested funds.

Budget Item	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Cash Leverage	Cash Leverage Source	Total
Personnel - <i>auto entered from above</i>	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000
Contracts	\$ 21,000			\$ 21,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT <i>(breakout in table 6 & 7)</i>	\$ 550,000			\$ 550,000
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT <i>(breakout in table 6 & 7)</i>				\$ -
Easement Acquisition				\$ -
Easement Stewardship				\$ -
Travel (in-state)				\$ -
Professional Services	\$ 3,000			\$ 3,000
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	\$ 3,000			\$ 3,000
Other				\$ 1,500
Capital Equipment				\$ -
Other Equipment/Tools				\$ -
Supplies/Materials		\$ 1,500	NGO volunteers	\$ 1,500
	\$ 577,000	\$ 16,500	\$ -	\$ 593,500

Attachment B. Proposed Outcome Tables

Only enter data in the outlined cells

Table 1 and Table 3 column totals should be the same AND Table 2 and Table 4 column totals should be the same

If your project has lakes or shoreline miles instead of land acres, convert miles to acres for Tables 1 and 3 using the following conversion:

Lakeshore = 6 acres per lakeshore mile / Stream & River Shore = 12 acres per linear mile, if both sides

Table 1. Acres by Resource Type

Describe the scope of the project in acres (use conversion above if needed)

	Wetlands	Prairies	Forest	Habitats	Total
Restore					0
Protect				108.5	108.5
Enhance					0
Total	0	0	0	108.5	

Total Acres (sum of Total column)

108.5

These two cells should be the same figure.

Total Acres (sum of Total row)

108.5

Table 2. Total Requested Funding by Resource Type

	Wetlands	Prairies	Forest	Habitats	Total
Restore					\$ -
Protect				\$ 577,000	\$ 577,000
Enhance					\$ -
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 577,000	

Total Dollars (sum of Total column)

\$ 577,000

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Total Dollars (sum of Total row)

\$ 577,000

Check to make sure this amount is the same

as the Funding Request Amount on page 1 of Main Funding Form.

Table 3. Acres within each Ecological Section

	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	Northern Forest	Total
Restore						0
Protect	108.5					108.5
Enhance						0
Total	108.5	0	0	0	0	

Total Acres (sum of Total column)

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Total Acres from Table 1.

108.5

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Table 4. Total Requested Funding within each Ecological Section

	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	Northern Forest	Total
Restore						\$ -
Protect	\$ 577,000					\$ 577,000
Enhance						\$ -
Total	\$ 577,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

Total Dollars (sum of Total column)

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Table 5. Target Lake/Stream/River Miles

miles of Lakes / Streams / Rivers Shoreline

Table 6. Acquisition by PILT Status (enter information in acres)

	Wetlands	Prairies	Forests	Habitats	Total
Acquired in Fee with State PILT Liability				108.5	108.5
Acquired in Fee without State PILT Liability					0
Permanent Easement NO State PILT Liability					0

Table 7. Estimated Value of Acquisition by PILT Status (enter information in dollars)

	Wetlands	Prairies	Forests	Habitats	Total
Acquired in Fee with State PILT Liability				\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000
Acquired in Fee without State PILT Liability					\$ -
Permanent Easement NO State PILT Liability					\$ -

Program Title: Janet Johnson Memorial WMA Addition - Chisago County LGUs

County	Township	Range	Direction	Section	TRDS	# of acres	Budgetary Estimate (includes administrative, restoration or other related costs and do not include matching money contributed or earned by the transaction)	Description	Activity R=Restore P=Protect E=Enhance	Any existing protection? (yes/no)	Open to hunting and fishing? (yes/no)
Parcel Name											
Janet Johnson Memorial WMA (V. & A. Johnson Estate tract)	Chisago	35	21		27	108.5	\$577,000		P	N	N