

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

2012 Accomplishment Plan

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Program Title: Restoration Evaluation Panel Coordination (X-01b)

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Funds Recommended: \$42,000

Legislative Citation: ML 2011, Ch. , Art. , Sec. , Subd. ()

Abstract:

The purpose of this program is to coordinate the restoration evaluation panel (REP) responsible for annually evaluating a sample of habitat restoration projects completed with outdoor heritage funding and to provide a report on REP findings to the legislature and the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

Program Narrative

Design and Scope of Work

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) are jointly responsible for convening a restoration evaluation panel (REP) to annually evaluate a sample of up to 10 habitat restoration projects completed with outdoor heritage funding, as provided in M.L. 2010, Ch. 361, Art. 1. The agencies will assign a coordinator for the REP. The coordinator is responsible for identifying the sample of projects to be evaluated by the panel. The REP will contain at least five technical experts, including one technical representative from BWSR, one technical representative from DNR, one technical representative from the University of Minnesota or the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, and two additional representatives with expertise related to the project being evaluated. The REP will evaluate the selected habitat restoration projects relative to the law, current science, stated goals and standards in the restoration plans, and applicable guidelines. The coordinator will summarize the findings of the panel and providing a report to the chairs of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (L-SOHC) and respective Minnesota House and Senate policy and finance committees with jurisdiction over natural resources and Outdoor Heritage Fund spending. The report

will determine whether restorations are meeting planned goals, identify problems with implementation of restorations and, if necessary, provide recommendations on improving restorations. It is anticipated the REP will travel to conduct site visits for the restoration evaluations. Up to five habitat restoration projects will be evaluated at the current funding level recommended for this program.

Planning

As described in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Strategic Habitat Conservation (July 2006), the elements of strategic habitat conservation involve planning, implementation, and evaluation, with evaluation serving as a critical component to the success of the continuous iterative process of this framework.

Relationship to Other Constitutional Funds

State law requires restoration evaluations be conducted on habitat restoration projects completed with funds from the Clean Water Fund (M.S. 114D.50), Outdoor Heritage Fund (M.S. 97A.056), and Parks and Trails Fund (M.S. 85.53). As provided by law, BWSR is the responsible agency for Clean Water Fund restoration evaluations; DNR is the responsible agency for Parks and Trails Fund restoration evaluations; and DNR and BWSR are jointly responsible for Outdoor Heritage Fund restoration evaluations (M.L. 2010, Ch. 361, Art. 1).

Relationship to Current Organizational Budget

DNR and BWSR are the responsible administering agencies for this program. As provided by state law, up to one-tenth of one percent of forecasted receipts from the Outdoor Heritage Fund may be used for restoration evaluations. This program provides funding for the coordination, staffing, and travel required to conduct Outdoor Heritage Fund restoration evaluations. There are no other funds available for these program activities, and this work would not otherwise exist without the requested program funding. All staff time spent on this program will be coded to ensure no substitution of traditional funds occurs.

Sustainability and Maintenance

This program will be administered according to state law. However, program outcomes will not be sustained after the period of funding has ended since there are no additional funds available for program activities.

Accomplishment Timeline

Activity	Milestone	Date completed
Project selection	Projects selected by coordinator	Late Summer- Early Fall 2011
Project evaluation	Projects evaluated by TEP	Late Spring-Early Summer 2012
Program report	Report submitted to L-SOHC and Legislature	June 30, 2012

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

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

No Map is needed for the accomplishment plan

Attachment A. Budget Spreadsheet

Name of Proposal:

Restoration Evaluation Panel Coordination

Date:

4-Nov-10

Legal Citation / Proposal Number:

X-01 (b)

[Link Here to definitions of the budget items below.](#)Total Amount of Request \$ From page 1 on the funding form.

Personnel

Position breakdown here	FTE	Over # of years	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Cash Leverage	Cash Leverage Source	Total
REP OHF Coordination and S	0.3	1	\$ 39,600		\$	39,600
					\$	-
					\$	-
					\$	-
					\$	-
					\$	-
					\$	-
Total	0.3		\$ 39,600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,600

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 - auto entered from above	\$ 39,600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,600
Contracts			\$	-
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT (breakout in table 6 & 7)			\$	-
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT (breakout in table 6 & 7)			\$	-
Easement Acquisition			\$	-
Easement Stewardship			\$	-
Travel (in-state)	\$ 2,400		\$	2,400
Professional Services			\$	-
DNR Land Acquisition Costs			\$	-
Other			\$	-
Capital Equipment (auto entered from below)	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-
Other Equipment/Tools			\$	-
Supplies/Materials			\$	-
	\$ 42,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,000

Capital Equipment (single items over \$10,000 - auto entered into table above)

Item Name	LSOHC Request	Leverage
Total	0	0