Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
Laws of Minnesota 2012 Final Report

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Program or Project Title: Technical Evaluation Panel

Funds Recommended: $45,000

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Legislative Citation: ML 2012, Ch. 264, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 6(b)

Appropriation Language: $45,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for a technical evaluation panel to conduct up to ten restoration evaluations under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 10.

County Locations: Not Listed

Regions in which work was completed:

- Not Listed

Activity types:

- Not Listed

Priority resources addressed by activity:

- Not Listed

Summary of Accomplishments:

The purpose of this program is to annually evaluate a sample of Outdoor Heritage Fund habitat restoration projects and provide a report on the evaluations in accordance with state law.

Process & Methods:

The Fiscal Year 2013 (ML 12) Restoration Evaluation report was submitted to the Legislature and the Outdoor Heritage Council December 2014. This report is available on the Legislative Library website: http://www.leg.state.mn.us/edocs/edocs.aspx?oclcnumber=823766285
Four Outdoor Heritage Fund project evaluations were presented in this report:
- Trout Unlimited. ML 2010 5 (c) Cold Water River and Stream Restoration, Protection and Enhancement; Project: West Indian Creek Habitat Restoration
- CPL Grant ML 2010, Rollie Johnson Island Shoreland Restoration
- Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust (Great River Greening). ML 2010 5(a) Metro Big Rivers Habitat Program; Project: Cherokee Bluff Restoration

All projects were on track to meet planned goals with continued prescribed maintenance.
The Evaluation Panel's recommendations for improvement in restoration practice based on evaluation of all projects (including Clean Water and Parks and Trails projects) were:
- Improved documentation to provide better tracking and clear, explicit direction for adaptive management
- Improved restoration training to disseminate best practices in the evolving field of restoration
- Evaluation process improvement to best capture and feedback lessons learned from restoration practice

Explain Partners, Supporters, & Opposition:

Outdoor Heritage Fund Restoration Evaluations are the joint statutory responsibility of DNR and BWSR. As directed in statute a Panel of restoration experts reviews project evaluations and makes recommendations for improving future restorations. During the period of ML 2012 funding the Panel consisted of:
Chris Weir-Koetter – DNR, Parks and Trails
Greg Larson – BWSR
Sue Galatowitsch – University of Minnesota
Greg Berg – Stearns County SWCD
Greg Hoch – DNR, Wildlife
Mark Oja – MN NRCS

Contracted and State Agency technical experts provide field assessment reports to the Panel for review.

Additional Comments:

Exceptional challenges, expectations, failures, opportunities, or unique aspects of program

Not Listed

Other Funds Received:

- Not Listed

How were the funds used to advanced the program:

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.

What is the plan to sustain and/or maintain this work after the Outdoor Heritage Funds are expended:

It is anticipated that the evaluation program outputs will help to create a framework for continuous improvement in restoration practice. Direct work of the Legacy Fund Restoration Evaluation Program will be sustained for the period of funding.

Outcomes:

The original accomplishment plan stated the program would

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: $45,000

Budget and Cash Leverage

Budget Name	Request	Spent	Cash Leverage (anticipated)	Cash Leverage (received)	Leverage Source	Total (original)	Total (final)
Personnel	$35,500	$43,500	$0	$0		$35,500	$43,500
Contracts	$0	$0	$0	$0		$0	$0
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	$0	$0	$0	$0		$0	$0
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	$4,200	$700	$0	$0		$4,200	$700
Professional Services	$2,600	$0	$0	$0		$2,600	$0
Direct Support Services	$1,700	$600	$0	$0		$1,700	$600
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	$0	$0	$0	$0		$0	$0
Capital Equipment	$0	$0	$0	$0		$0	$0
Other Equipment/Tools	$200	$0	$0	$0		$200	$0
Supplies/Materials	$800	$200	$0	$0		$800	$200
DNR IDP	$0	$0	$0	$0		$0	$0
Total	$45,000	$45,000	$0	$0		$45,000	$45,000

Personnel

Position	FTE	Over # of years	Spent	Cash Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Program coordination	0.26	2.00	$41,500	$0		$41,500
Assessment Staff	0.01	2.00	$2,000	$0		$2,000
Total	0.27	4.00	$43,500	$0		$43,500

Explain any budget challenges or successes:

Not Listed

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	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 2. Total 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	$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	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0

Table 3. Acres within each Ecological Section

Type	Metro Urban (original)	Metro Urban (final)	Forest Prairie (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	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	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 4. Total Funding within each Ecological Section

Type	Metro Urban (original)	Metro Urban (final)	Forest Prairie (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	$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	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0

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

0

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

0

Explain the success/shortage of acre goals:

Not Listed

Parcel List

Section 1 - Restore / Enhance Parcel List

No parcels with an activity type restore or enhance.

Section 2 - Protect Parcel List

No parcels with an activity type protect.

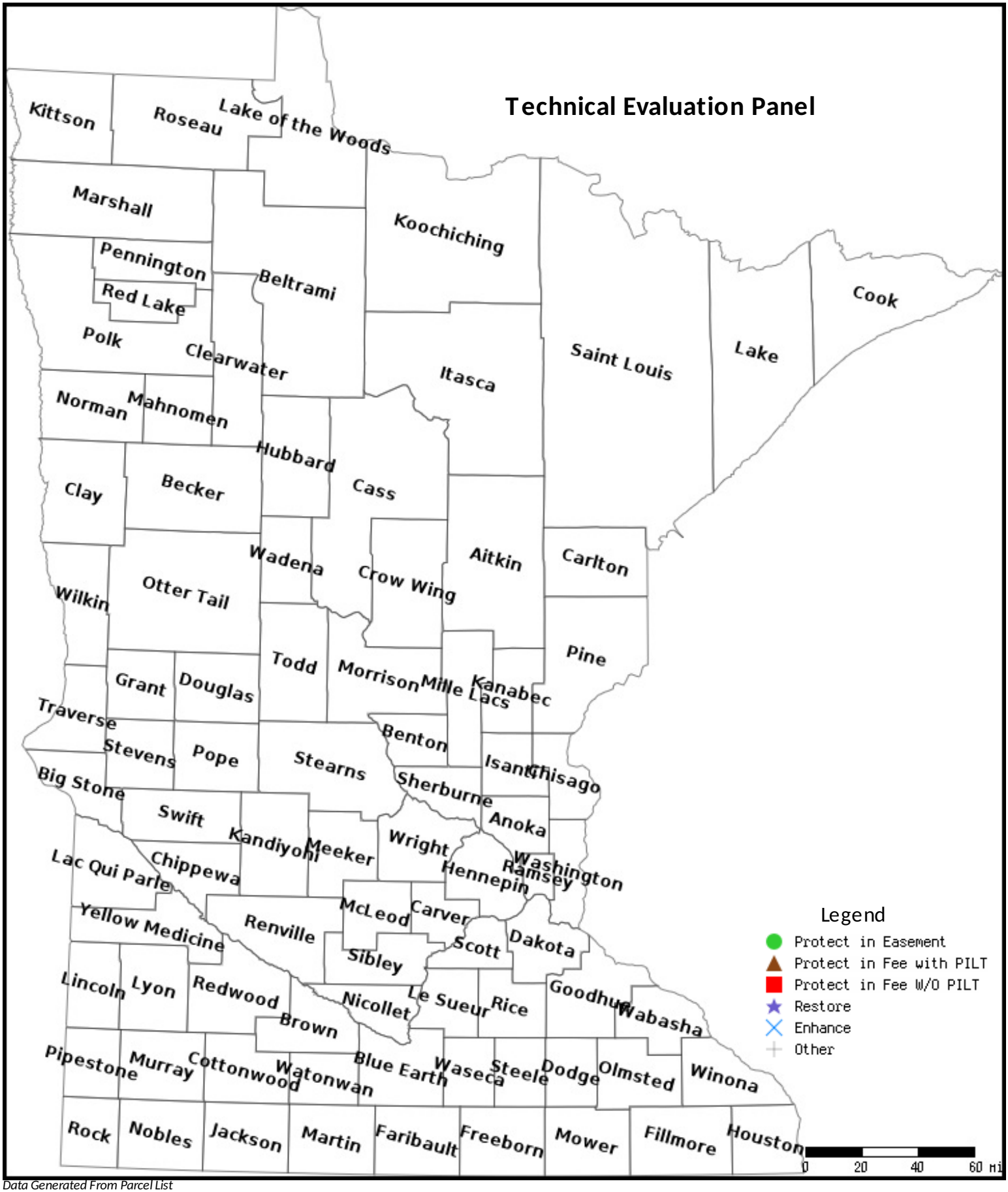
Section 2a - Protect Parcel with Bldgs

No parcels with an activity type protect and has buildings.

Section 3 - Other Parcel Activity

No parcels with an other activity type.

Parcel Map



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