

Main Request for Funding Form
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
Fiscal Year 2013

Program or Project Title: Restoration Evaluations Program

Funds Requested: \$89,000

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County Location: Statewide

Ecological Planning Regions:

- Northern Forest Forest/Prairie Transition Southeast Forest
 Prairie Metro/Urban

Activity Type: N/A

- Protect - Fee Protect - Easement Protect - Other
 Restore Enhance

Priority Resources addressed by activity:

- Wetlands Forests Prairie Habitat

Project Abstract

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.

Project 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) of technical experts to annually evaluate a sample of up to 10 habitat restoration projects completed with outdoor heritage funding, as provided in M.S. 97A.056, Subd. 10. 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 for the REP is responsible for both identifying the sample of projects to be evaluated by the panel and providing a report to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) and the legislature determining whether restorations are meeting planned goals, identifying problems with implementation of restorations and, if necessary, providing recommendations on improving restorations. As part of the restoration evaluation process, site assessments will be conducted on the selected habitat restoration projects.

This request supports a portion of the interagency Restoration Evaluations Program, which provides for the evaluation of habitat restoration projects completed with funds from the Parks and Trails Fund (M.S. 85.53), Outdoor Heritage Fund (M.S. 97A.056), and Clean Water Fund (M.S. 114D.50) as required by state law. Primary goals of this program include informing future habitat restorations in the state and providing for transparency and accountability in the use of Legacy funds.

Planning

As described in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (U.S. FWS) *Strategic Habitat Conservation* (July 2006), the elements of strategic habitat conservation involve planning, conservation design and delivery, and evaluation, with evaluation serving as a critical component to the success of strategic habitat conservation. As described in the first chapter of the U.S. FWS report, strategic habitat conservation allows for the evaluation of management outcomes to protect, manage, and restore, "rather than simply delivering 'more'" (2006:9). Likewise, the Minnesota Conservation and Preservation Plan recommends, as part of the major habitat recommendations, the evaluation of habitat restorations. Depending on the habitat restoration projects selected for evaluation and whether these restorations were implemented as part of the Minnesota Conservation and Preservation Plan or other published resource management plans in the state, the evaluations may inform the relative outcomes of habitat restorations and whether the restorations, as implemented, are likely to meet planned goals. As part of this evaluation process, site assessments will be conducted using a variety of science-based evaluation tools.

Once seated, the REP may establish annual evaluation priorities for the Restoration Evaluations Program, which may influence which LSOHC sections are addressed by this proposal. Regardless of the LSOHC section, however, the LSHOC section priorities addressed by this proposal involve the evaluation of priority habitat restorations, such as native prairie or wetland restorations in the LSOHC Prairie Section.

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.

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. The agencies may use professional/technical contracts to conduct the site assessments. 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.

Outcomes

The anticipated long-term outcomes of this program are the increased success of habitat restorations and an increased awareness among practitioners and decision-makers of common challenges associated with habitat restorations and recommended management options to improve future restorations.

Activity Type Detail

Fee Acquisition Projects

Will local government approval be sought prior to acquisition?

Yes No, please explain not applicable

If no, please explain here:

Is the land you plan to acquire free of any other permanent protection?

Yes No, please explain not applicable

If no, please explain here:

Easement Acquisition Projects

Will the eased land be open for public use?

Yes No, please explain not applicable

If no, please explain here:

Will the conservation easement be permanent?

Yes No, please explain not applicable

If no, please explain here:

Restoration and Enhancement Projects

Is the activity on permanently protected land and/or public waters?

Yes No, please explain not applicable

If no, please explain here:

Does the activity take place on an Aquatic Management Area (AMA), Scientific and Natural Area (SNA), Wildlife Management Area (WMA), or State Forests?

Yes, which ones No, please explain not applicable

If so, please indicate which ones:

Past Outdoor Heritage Fund Appropriations Received for this program

ML 2009	ML 2010	ML 2011
\$	\$	\$42,000

Accomplishment Timeline

Restoration Evaluations Program – Draft FY 2013 Proposal

Activity	Milestone	Date
Project selection	Projects selected by coordinator	Fall 2012
Project evaluation	Projects evaluated by REP	Spring-Summer 2013
Program report	Report submitted to L-SOHC and legislature	Fall 2013

Attachments:

- A. Budget**
- B. Proposed Output Tables 1-5**
- C. Parcel List**

Attachment A. Budget Spreadsheet

Name of Proposal:

Restoration Evaluations Program

Date:

30-Jun-11

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

Total Amount of Request \$ 89,000 *From page 1 on the funding form.*

Personnel

Position breakdown here	FTE	Over # of years	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Cash		Total
				Leverage	Cash Leverage Source	
<i>REP Coordination/Support</i>	0.5	1	\$ 50,750			\$ 50,750
						\$ -
						\$ -
						\$ -
						\$ -
						\$ -
Total	0.5		\$ 50,750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,750

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		Total
		Leverage	Cash Leverage Source	
Personnel - <i>auto entered from above</i>	\$ 50,750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,750
Contracts	\$ 35,000			\$ 35,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT <i>(breakout in table 7)</i>				\$ -
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT <i>(breakout in table 7)</i>				\$ -
Easement Acquisition				\$ -
Easement Stewardship				\$ -
Travel (in-state)	\$ 3,250			\$ 3,250
Professional Services				\$ -
Direct Support Services				\$ -
DNR Land Acquisition Costs <i>(\$3,500 per acquisition)</i>				\$ -
Other				\$ -
Capital Equipment <i>(auto entered from below)</i>	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Other Equipment/Tools				\$ -
Supplies/Materials				\$ -
	\$ 89,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 89,000

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

Item Name	LSOHC Request	Leverage
Total	-	-

Attachment B. Output Tables

Name of Proposal:

Date:

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 Fee					0
Protect Easement					0
Protect Other					0
Enhance					0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

Total Acres (sum of Total column)
Total Acres (sum of Total row)

0
0
These two cells should be the same figure.

Table 2. Total Requested Funding by Resource Type

	Wetlands	Prairies	Forest	Habitats	Total
Restore					\$ -
Protect Fee					\$ -
Protect Easement					\$ -
Protect Other					\$ -
Enhance					\$ -
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Total Dollars (sum of Total column)
Total Dollars (sum of Total row)

\$ -
\$ -
These two cells should be the same figure.

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 Fee						0
Protect Easement						0
Protect Other						0
Enhance						0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

Total Acres (sum of Total column)
Total Acres (sum of Total row)
Total Acres from Table 1.

0
0
0
These three cells should be the same figure.

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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 Fee						\$ -
Protect Easement						\$ -
Protect Other						\$ -
Enhance						\$ -
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Total Dollars (sum of Total column) \$ - *These two cells should be the same figure.*
 Total Dollars (sum of Total row) \$ -
 Check to make sure these amounts are the same as the Funding Request Amount on page 1 of Main Funding Form.

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					0
Acquired in Fee w/o State PILT Liability					0
Permanent Easement <i>PILT Liability</i> <i>NO State</i>					0
	0	0	0	0	0

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

	Wetlands	Prairies	Forests	Habitats	Total	
Acquired in Fee with State PILT Liability					\$ -	\$ -
Acquired in Fee w/o State PILT Liability					\$ -	\$ -
Permanent Easement <i>PILT Liability</i> <i>NO State</i>					\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

FYI: should match total in budget table that is auto entered below

Attachment C. Parcel List

Name of Proposal: _____

Date: _____

County	Township (25-258)	Range (01-51)	Direction most parcels are 2 with the exception of some areas of Cook County which is 1	Section (01 thru 36)	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 PF=Protect Fee PE=Protect Easement PO=Protect Other R=Restore E=Enhance	If Easement, what is the easement cost as a % of the fee acquisition?	Any existing protection? (yes/no)	Open to hunting and fishing? (yes/no)
Parcel Name												

Information provided will be used to map project locations. Incomplete or inaccurate information will result in that parcel or program not being mapped.