

Main Request for Funding Form

**Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
Fiscal Year 2013**

Program or Project Title: DNR Wildlife Management Area Acquisition

Funds Requested: \$ 8,028,000

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County Location: *[Only need to enter on web form.]*

Ecological Planning Regions: [to](#)]

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

Activity Type:

- Protect - Fee Protect - Easement Protect - Other

 Restore Enhance

Priority Resources addressed by activity:

- Wetlands Forests Prairie Habitat

Project Abstract

Our program will acquire and develop 2,209.12 acres of new Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) lands for public hunting, trapping and compatible outdoor uses consistent with the Outdoor Recreation Act (M.S. 86A.05, Subd.8).

Project Narrative

Design and scope of work

Minnesota's population has grown by over 1 million people, to 5.3 million, in the past 20 years and is projected to continue this growth rate for the next 20 years. Thousands of acres of habitat are being converted to intensive commercial, residential, and agricultural development each year. Due to the current recession, land prices have stabilized or declined and a short-term opportunity exists to purchase more value for our expenditures.

Lands acquired will become part of the Outdoor Recreation System (M.S. 86A.06) as WMAs. This project includes the initial land development of each parcel acquired including boundary surveys and signage, well and septic closure, building and dump disposal, restoration of shallow temporary and seasonal wetlands and restoration of bare ground with native vegetation.

Management Areas

This proposal will protect 2,209.12 acres of wildlife habitat through acquisition and development as State Wildlife Management Area (WMA). Lands will be acquired and developed within each Ecological Planning Region following general guidelines from the 2002 Citizens' Advisory Committee on WMA acquisition and the 2013 LSOHC Call for Funding Request. This proposal emphasizes WMA protection in the Prairie and Metro/Urban LSOHC planning sections.

WMAs are established to protect those lands and waters which have a high potential for wildlife production and to develop and manage these lands and waters for the production of wildlife, for public hunting, fishing and trapping, and for other compatible outdoor recreational uses. While highly successful, the current WMA system does not meet all of the present and future needs for wildlife habitat, wildlife population management, hunter access and wildlife related recreation.

DNR Section of Wildlife uses a geospatial analytical (GIS) based tool to identify the highest priority tracts for potential Wildlife Management Area (WMA) acquisitions. This ensures that funds are used to acquire the effective available land consistent with the statutory purpose of WMAs. This approach uses a quantitative or data based approach to score and rank acquisition proposals based on a set of weighted criteria and creates a standardized method for evaluating proposed acquisitions on a statewide level. Criteria and weights are annually reviewed and adapted to changing conditions and priorities.

The WMA acquisition program is guided by the 2002 Citizens' Committee report. This committee was composed of a diverse group of eleven major stakeholder groups. A

master list of potential acquisition opportunities from willing sellers is coordinated with interested stakeholders to eliminate duplication and identify concerns or support. All WMA acquisitions by DNR require approval of the County Board of Commissioners in the county of acquisition.

Planning

Strategic habitat conservation is defined as an iterative process of developing and refining a conservation strategy, making efficient management decisions, and using research and monitoring to assess accomplishments and inform future iterations of the conservation strategy. DNR has implemented a GIS computer model to assess, prioritize and rank individual land parcels using a variety of ecological and functional criteria to ensure that the best available parcels are being considered.

Relationship to the *Minnesota Conservation and Preservation Plan* and Other Published Resource Management Plans

This project will protect habitat in Minnesota. All published resource management and species plans recognize that habitat is critical for the success of Minnesota's fish and wildlife species. Lack of funding is consistently listed in many plans as one of the largest issues limiting the amount of protection that is completed each year.

This project addresses three Habitat Recommendations of the Minnesota Conservation and Preservation Plan; Critical Land Protection, Land and Water Restoration and Protection and Sustainability Practices.

H1: Protect priority land habitats (pg 63)

H2: Protect critical shorelands of streams and lakes (pg 67)

H3: Improve connectivity and access to outdoor recreation (pg 74)

H5: Restore land, wetlands, and wetland –associated watersheds (pg 80)

Other plans that list habitat protection as priorities include:

- Tomorrow's Habitat for the Wild and Rare - Minnesota's Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy for species in greatest conservation need has identified significant loss and degradation of habitat as the number one management challenge and one of the principle strategies is to provide protection through selective acquisition of key habitats in each Ecological Section (pg 43).
- The State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Strategies #1 and 2.
- Minnesota's Long Range Duck Recovery Plan lists the objective of restoring a breeding population of 1 million ducks by 2056. The primary strategy is the protection and restoration of 2 million additional acres of habitat (pg 16).
- Minnesota's Long Range Plan for the Ring-necked Pheasant lists the objective of increasing pheasant population to 1.8 million birds. To accomplish this objective the plan calls for an additional 21,000 acres of grassland to be protected through acquisition of WMAs (pg 18).

- Citizens report Minnesota's Wildlife Management Area Acquisition – The Next 50 Years recommends acquisition goals of an additional 702,200 acres of WMAs s over the next 50 years (pg 3)
- Minnesota's Long Range Plan for the Wild Turkey – to achieve turkey population goals Action B recommends acquiring turkey habitat in fee title or easement (pg 7).
- Prairie Pothole Joint Venture Implementation Plan (North American Waterfowl Management Plan) recommends protection through acquisition within the Prairie Pothole region of 200,000 acres of wetlands and 400,000 acres of grasslands (Section II, pg 17).

This proposal addresses the following LSOHC Section Priorities

Forest

1. Protect shoreland and watersheds to restore or enhance critical habitat on wild rice lakes, shallow lakes, cold water lakes, streams and rivers, and spawning areas.
2. Provide access to manage habitat on landlocked public properties or protect forest land from parcelization and fragmentation through fee acquisition, conservation or access easement.

Forest/Prairie Transition

1. Protect, enhance and restore wild rice wetlands, shallow lakes, wetland/grassland complexes, aspen parklands, and shoreland that provide critical habitat for game and non-game wildlife.
3. Protect, enhance and restore migratory habitat for waterfowl and related species, so as to increase migratory and breeding success.

Metro Urbanizing

1. Protect, enhance and restore remnant native prairie, Big Woods forests and oak savanna with an emphasis on areas with high biological diversity.
2. Protect habitat corridors, with emphasis on the Minnesota, Mississippi and St. Croix rivers (bluff to floodplain.)

Southeast Forest

1. Protect forest habitat though acquisition in fee or easement, to prevent parcelization and fragmentation and to provide the ability to access and manage landlocked public properties.
2. Protect, enhance and restore habitat for fish, game and non-game wildlife in rivers, cold water streams and associated upland habitat.
4. Restore forest-based wildlife habitat that has experienced substantial decline in aerial extent in recent decades.

Prairie

1. Protect, enhance, or restore existing wetland/upland complexes, or convert agricultural lands to new wetland/upland habitat complexes.
2. Protect, enhance and restore remnant native prairie, Big Woods forests and oak savanna.
3. Convert agricultural land to wetland/upland to protect, enhance, or restore existing habitat complexes, such as existing WMAs.
6. Protect expiring Conservations Reserve Program (CRP) lands.
7. Protect, enhance and restore migratory habitat for waterfowl and related species, so as to increase migratory and breeding success.

Relationship to Other Constitutional Funds

Past acquisitions for WMAs have been funded in part by the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as part of the Habitat Corridors Partnership.

Relationship to Current Organizational Budget

This program funding will be supplemental to traditional funding sources, and is of reasonable size given the scale of DNR's recent fiscal year expenditures. Though Outdoor Heritage Funds would be spread out over multiple years, below are approximate Fiscal Year 2010 expenditures (not including Bonding) as an example of what DNR spends in a given year:

Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2010, not including Bonding funds

DNR total - \$456 million

Division of Ecological and Water Resources total - \$74.6 million

Division of Fish and Wildlife total - \$90.3 million

Division of Forestry total - \$83.2 million

Sustainability and Maintenance

Ongoing maintenance of WMAs is a core function of DNR Section of Wildlife and will be funded with biennial appropriations from the Game and Fish Fund and the Heritage Enhancement Fund. Periodic enhancements or one time restorations will seek supplemental funding from a variety of funding sources including Outdoor Heritage Funds, Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund and state bonding.

Outcomes

Northern Forest

- ❖ Greater public access for wildlife and outdoor-related recreation
- ❖ Forestlands are protected from development and fragmentation

Forest/Prairie Transition

- ❖ Protected habitat for waterfowl, upland birds, and species of greatest conservation need.

Southeast Forest

- ❖ Forests and savannas are protected from parcelization and fragmentation and accessible for resource management purposes
- ❖ High priority riparian lands are protected from parcelization and fragmentation

Prairie

- ❖ Key core parcels are protected for fish, game and other wildlife.
- ❖ Remnant native prairie and wetland are perpetually protected and adequately buffered.
- ❖ Remnant native prairie is part of large complexes of restored prairies, grasslands, and large and small wetlands.
- ❖ Agricultural lands are converted to grasslands to sustain functioning prairies

Metro/Urban

- ❖ A network of natural land habitats will connect, making corridors for wildlife and species in greatest need of conservation.
- ❖ Protected habitats will hold wetlands and shallow lakes open to public recreation and hunting

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
\$6,813,000	\$3,195,000	\$3,205,000

Accomplishment Timeline

Activity	Milestone	Date
Fee Acquisition	1,000 acres acquired	June 30, 2014
Fee Acquisition	1,209.12 acres acquired	June 30, 2015
Initial site development of acquired acres completed	2,209.12 acres developed	June 30, 2017

Attachments: *[Attach the spreadsheet to the web application form.]*

A. Budget

B. Proposed Output Tables 1-5

C. Parcel List

Attachment A. Budget Spreadsheet

Name of Proposal:	DNR Wildlife Management Area Acquisition
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[Link HERE to definitions of the budget items below.](#)

Total Amount of Request \$ 8,028,000 *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>Manager of Programs</i>					\$	-
<i>Admin Asst</i>					\$	-
<i>position 3</i>					\$	-
<i>position 4</i>					\$	-
<i>position 5</i>					\$	-
<i>position 6</i>					\$	-
<i>position 7</i>					\$	-
Total	0		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contracts	\$ 441,800			\$ 441,800
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT <i>(breakout in table 7)</i>	\$ 7,211,000			\$ 7,211,000
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT <i>(breakout in table 7)</i>				\$ -
Easement Acquisition				\$ -
Easement Stewardship				\$ -
Travel (in-state)				\$ -
Professional Services	\$ 360,545			\$ 360,545
Direct Support Services	\$ 4,655			\$ 4,655
DNR Land Acquisition Costs <i>(\$3,500 per acquisition)</i>				\$ -
Other				\$ 10,000
Capital Equipment <i>(auto entered from below)</i>	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Other Equipment/Tools				\$ -
Supplies/Materials	\$ 10,000			\$ 10,000
	\$ 8,028,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,028,000

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

Item Name	LSOHC Request	Leverage
<i>Truck</i>		
<i>Item 2 enter here</i>		
<i>Item 3 enter here</i>		
<i>Item 4 enter here</i>		
<i>Item 5 enter here</i>		
<i>Item 6 enter here</i>		
<i>Item 7 enter here</i>		
<i>Item 8 enter here</i>		
Total	-	-

Attachment B. Output Tables

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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		1075.77	1133.35		2209.12
Protect Easement					0
Protect Other					0
Enhance					0
Total	0	1075.77	1133.35	0	

Total Acres (sum of Total column)

2209.12

These two cells should be the same figure.

Total Acres (sum of Total row)

2209.12

Table 2. Total Requested Funding by Resource Type

	Wetlands	Prairies	Forest	Habitats	Total
Restore					\$ -
Protect Fee		\$ 3,211,000	\$ 4,000,000		\$ 7,211,000
Protect Easement					\$ -
Protect Other					\$ -
Enhance					\$ -
Total	\$ -	\$ 3,211,000	\$ 4,000,000	\$ -	

Total Dollars (sum of Total column)

\$ 7,211,000

These two cells should be the same figure.

Total Dollars (sum of Total row)

\$ 7,211,000

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 Fee	722.3	80	211.05	995.77	200	2209.12
Protect Easement						0
Protect Other						0
Enhance						0
Total	722.3	80	211.05	995.77	200	

Total Acres (sum of Total column)

2209.12

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Total Acres (sum of Total row)

2209.12

Total Acres from Table 1.

2209.12

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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	\$ 3,330,000	\$ 165,000	\$ 420,000	\$ 3,046,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 7,211,000
Protect Easement						\$ -
Protect Other						\$ -
Enhance						\$ -
Total	\$ 3,330,000	\$ 165,000	\$ 420,000	\$ 3,046,000	\$ 250,000	

Total Dollars (sum of Total column) \$ 7,211,000 *These two cells should be the same figure.*
 Total Dollars (sum of Total row) \$ 7,211,000
 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		1075.77	1133.35		2209.12
Acquired in Fee w/o State PILT Liability					0
Permanent Easement PILT Liability <i>NO State</i>					0
	0	1075.77	1133.35	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		\$ 3,211,000	\$ 4,000,000		\$ 7,211,000	\$ 7,211,000
Acquired in Fee w/o State PILT Liability					\$ -	\$ -
Permanent Easement PILT Liability <i>NO State</i>					\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ 3,211,000	\$ 4,000,000	\$ -		

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

Attachment C. Parcel List

Name of Proposal:
Date:

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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)
Vermillion River WMA Tr. 2B	Dakota	114	19	2	16	11419216	50	250,000	This parcel is contiguous to a 110 acre parcel going through its final stages of acquisition which is also contiguous with the Vermillion River WMA/AMA. The addition of this 50 acres to the existing 838 acre parcel would greatly enhance our ability to provide quality hunting opportunity within one of the fastest growing counties in the state. Purchase of this parcel would help us offer the County an easement to a regional trail which could be placed upon its northern and western boundaries. This would help keep the interior of the Vermillion River unit intact and free of trails. This parcel has long been identified as a key parcel to protect and	PF	No	Yes
Pelican Lake Tr. 10	Wright	120	24	2	17	12024217	45.30	\$450,000	Pelican Lake has been identified as a high priority area for restoration and lakeshore acquisition by DNR and the USFWS. This parcel would greatly augment Wright County, City of St. Michael, USFWS and DNR efforts to protect Pelican Lake shoreline and buffer human development impacts. This area would be a stand-out area for grassland and wetland habitat development.	PF	No	Yes
Deer Lake Tr. 1	Anoka	33	23	2	23	3323223	42.00	\$250,000	7 acres old field, 34.5 acres oak woodland. Parcel would provide public access to Deer Lake for waterfowl hunting. Area could be included into the Sandhill Crane Natural Area, which has been identified as a priority conservation area and is part of a targeted habitat corridor for protection and includes DNR Forestry, City of East Bethel, and Anoka County Parks lands. Possible additional acquisition of adjacent 41.5 acre parcel from absentee landowner to the east.	PF	No	Yes
Carlos Avery Tr. 11	Anoka	33	22	2	24	3322224	160.00	\$800,000	Mix of wetlands and upland ¼ mile of the south branch of the Sunrise River runs through it within Carlos Avery Sunrise addition.	PF	No	Yes
Gordie Mikkelson Tr. 1B	Anoka	33	22	2	8	332228	40	150,000	20 acres of hay crop and 20 acres woodland. This parcel connects 2 disjunct parcels of the the Gordie Mikkelson WMA and is within the project boundary of this WMA. Purchase of this parcel would eliminate the 1/4 mile distance from the current parking lot to the WMA boundary.	PF	No	Yes
Janet Johnson Memorial Tr. 7	Chisago	35	21	2	34	3521234	10.00	\$50,000	Solve neighbor issues and add habitat to this WMA	PF	No	Yes

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Kunkel Tr. 30	Mille Lacs	36	27	2	33	3627233	150.00	\$450,000	Of the 161 acres in the acquisition: 50 acres of type 2 wetlands, 60 acres of oak woodlands, 51 acres of upland grass which will be restored to native prairie. Excellent nesting habitat for waterfowl and pheasants. This parcel will also provide access to part of the existing Kunkel WMA that to this date was difficult to obtain. We will be able to manage parcels of land that were inaccessible. Our clientele will not only gain 161 acres of huntable land, but yet another access to one of our largest and most diverse WMAs.	PF	No	Yes
Carlos Avery Tr 7	Anoka	33	22	2	25	3322225	80	\$280,000	70% wooded, 30% wetland. Mix of woods and small wetlands. State currently owns on two sides of property.	PF	No	Yes
Mud Creek WMA Tr. 2	Dakota	112	20	2	29	11220229	145	\$650,000	This parcel abuts the recently acquired Kirby Property to the north which is in the process of being turned over to the State of Minnesota via Pheasants Forever. It would secure access to the wetland basin and would give the state control over the entire open water portion of the basin. The parcel is approximately 45 acres wetland and 100 acres upland which is in crop production.	PF	No	Yes
Metro Urban							722.3	\$3,330,000				
Blackhoof River Tr. 12	Carlton	47	17	2	25	4717225	200.00	\$250,000	Parcel contains a hunting cabin and well, it is centrally located in the WMA and includes .92 miles of the Blackhoof River. It is rolling topography made up of aspen/birch forests with some red and white pine	PF	No	Yes
Northern Forest							200.0	\$250,000				
Stearns Prairie Heritage Tr. 5	Stearns	123	34	2	26	12334226	160.00	\$450,000	This parcel is very important in that it contains biologically significant native prairie plant resources and connects two large WMAs (Stearns Prairie Heritage and Tribune WMAs) with similar prairie resources. These two parcels would create a corridor of connecting public habitat over 3 miles long. There is a good chance that neighboring lands with other significant resources will become available in the near future, as well. There is also a 40 DNR Wildlife (cost-shared) restored wetland on this tract.	PF	No	Yes
North Fork Tr. 2	Stearns	124	35	2	23	12435223	117.00	\$540,000	Parcel will add 117 acres to existing 156 acre, increasing remnant prairie and winter cover habitat. Parcel has outstanding prairie & riparian habitat.	PF	No	Yes
Faith Tr. 2	Norman	144	43	2	26	14443226	81.00	\$83,500	This tract has Heritage elements and state ownership will ease constraints for proper mgmt with fire. This tract has potential for management with food plots or as upland nesting cover if restored with native vegetation.	PF	No	Yes
Faith Tr. 15	Norman	144	43	2	35	14443235	118.00	\$122,500	Acquisition of this tract offers buffering and protecting the calcareous fens on the existing WMA. If not purchased for conservation purposes, these tracts will likely be mined for gravel. This tract has potential for management with food plots or as upland nesting cover if restored with native vegetation.	PF	No	Yes
Lac qui Parle Tr. C61	Chippewa	118	42	2	13	11842213	26.87	250,000	This is an inholding of the LQP Refuge. Buildings & business pose the biggest issues, but a life estate could mitigate this.	PF	No	Yes

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Spring Creek Tr. 1	Becker	142	41	2	7	1424127	50.00	\$90,000	Round-outs. Identified as moderate to high MSBS biodiversity. Registered calvareous fen in parcel 1.	PF	No	Yes
Spring Creek Tr. 3	Becker	142	42	2	12	14242212	40.00	\$75,000	Round-outs. Identified as moderate to high MSBS biodiversity. Registered calvareous fen in parcel 1.	PF	No	Yes
Spring Creek Tr. 4	Becker	142	42	2	1	1424221	70.00	\$130,000	Round-outs. Identified as moderate to high MSBS biodiversity. Registered calvareous fen in parcel 1.	PF	No	Yes
Spring Creek Tr. 2	Becker	142	41	2	18	14241218	35.00	\$65,000	Round-outs. Identified as moderate to high MSBS biodiversity. Registered calvareous fen in parcel 1.	PF	No	Yes
Faith Tr. 16	Norman	144	43	2	25	14443225	80.00	\$90,000	This tract would provide management public access to State Trust Fund land. This tract has potential for management with food plots or as upland nesting cover if restored with native vegetation.	PF	No	Yes
Swan Lake Courtland West Tr.	Nicollet	110	29	2	30	11029230	105.90	\$635,000	Additional 105.9 acres to existing Courland West Unit (127.4 acres. Provide additional nesting cover to the 10,000 plus acre Swan Lake Complex. Opportunity to restore 5 small seasonally flooded wetlands important to waterfowl during spring migration.	PF	No	Yes
North Fork Tr. 3	Stearns	124	35	2	22	12435222	112.00	\$515,000	The tract is closely associated (not connected at this time) with the North Fork WMA and would add important wetland and grassland habitat and increase opportunities for public outdoor recreation. This parcel has a very large (60 acre) intact type 3 wetland that appears to be restorable to a type 4. There are future plans and indications that this tract could be connected directly with the North Fork WMA and possibly Kjeldahl WMA.	PF	No	Yes
Prairie							995.77	3,046,000				
Little Elk Tr. 8	Morrison	130	31	2	18	13031218	80.00	\$165,000	High biodiversity intact mesic hardwood forest and wetland to purchase inholding in project boundary, provide additional hunting opportunity, and address access issues across WMA (parcel is currently landlocked, requiring access through WMA by annual permit). Purchase of this tract will resolve access issues and prevent the possibility that private landowner will request Township grant permanent access across the WMA. Acquisition will also prevent development of parcel adjacent to existing WMA boundary.	PF	No	Yes
Prairie Transition							80.00	\$165,000				
Gores Pool Tr. 5A	Dakota	115	16	2	32	11516232	171.05	\$300,000	These parcels are inholdings within the Gores Pool WMA. Gores Pool is part of a Major Unit referred to as the Vermillion River Complex. The purchase of this parcel is key to controlling illegal access and damage to existing fragile landscapes. Enforcement issues would be greatly diminished with the acquisition of these parcels.	PF	No	Yes
Whitewater Tr. 4	Winona	108	10	2	17	10810217	40.00	\$120,000	This parcel abuts current WMA lands and would round out the wooded acreage in this area providing habitat for deer, turkey, grouse, and woodcock. This parcel will require no development aside from boundary posting. This land has been selectively harvested and is regenerating to central hardwoods.	PF	No	Yes
Southeast Forest							211.05	\$420,000				

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Grand Total							2,209.12	\$7,211,000	
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