

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Laws of Minnesota 2014 Final Report



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Program or Project Title: Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration Phase II

Funds Recommended: \$5,770,000

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Appropriation Language: \$5,770,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for agreements to acquire land in fee for wildlife management area purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8; to acquire land in fee for scientific and natural areas under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 5; to acquire land in fee for state forest purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 7; for permanent conservation easements; and to restore and enhance habitat on publicly protected lands as follows: \$4,800,000 to The Nature Conservancy; and \$970,000 to Minnesota Land Trust, of which up to \$160,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. Lands acquired or lands with easements acquired with this appropriation may not be used for emergency haying and grazing in response to federal or state disaster declarations. Conservation grazing under a management plan that is already being implemented may continue. A list of proposed acquisitions, permanent conservation easements, and restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

County Locations: Fillmore, Houston, Wabasha, and Winona.

Eco regions in which work was completed:

- Southeast Forest

Activity types:

- Protect in Easement
- Restore
- Enhance
- Protect in Fee

Priority resources addressed by activity:

- Forest
- Prairie
- Habitat

Summary of Accomplishments:

Through this appropriation, The Nature Conservancy and Minnesota Land Trust protected 2,135 acres through fee acquisition and conservation easements. This includes over 7 miles of stream frontage. Three new Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) were created around the fee acquisitions, opening up 1,505 acres of habitat to public recreation. Restoration or enhancement work was completed

on 225 acres of bluff prairies and forests, much of it on lands protected through this program.

Process & Methods:

In its proposal, this project identified three primary components: 1) fee title acquisition of priority parcels, 2) restoration and enhancement of prairie and forest habitat in important complexes of protected habitat, and 3) the strategic protection of high-quality habitat on private lands through the acquisition of conservation easements. Work done using this appropriation accomplished all three of those objectives.

The Nature Conservancy used funds from this appropriation in acquiring 1,505 acres of land in fee from three landowners. These acquisitions have all been transferred to the MN DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife, creating three new management units known as 7 Springs, Rush Creek Woods, and Choice Wildlife Management Area (WMA). This new public land protects over 7 miles of trout stream frontage, along with important forest and bluff prairie habitat. TNC worked closely with DNR Wildlife in prioritizing and acquiring all three of these units, and performing important restoration and enhancement work after acquisition. The size and cost of these acquisitions and the time frames provided by the sellers, it was necessary for the Conservancy to use \$2,106,000 of private funds to complete the largest acquisition.

Restoration and enhancement through this appropriation focused primarily on projects on acquired tracts, where TNC restored 44 acres of forest and enhanced 100 acres of forest and 81 acres of prairie. TNC worked with DNR staff, Conservation Corps MN, and local contractors to remove encroaching brush from large bluff prairies and oak savanna on Choice and Rush Creek Woods WMAs. We also treated invasive species in fire-dependent oak woods surrounding prairie areas, allowing prescribed fire in the future to manage larger areas and maintain the diverse transition zone that includes prairie, savanna and oak forest. One burn has already occurred at Rush Creek Woods, and another is planned for Choice WMA this spring to follow up on these enhancement projects. Several floodplain crop fields included on Choice WMA were restored to mesic hardwood forests. These fields were planted through direct seeding in order to provide the best chance of having sufficient seedlings survive the expected impacts of deer browsing.

The Minnesota Land Trust (MLT) used funds from this appropriation to acquire conservation easements from three landowners, totaling 630 acres. These protected acres include dry bluff prairie, oak savanna and woodlands, and mesic hardwood forests. A mile and a half of undeveloped shoreline was also protected along designated trout streams and tributaries. One easement in particular, East Indian Creek, was the key final piece to solidifying a protected corridor running from McCarthy WMA all the way through to Whitewater WMA, linking together over 28,000 acres of protected land.

MLT strategically concentrated its land protection activities on high priority upland habitats, including bluff prairies, forests, savanna and high quality trout streams. MLT targeted private lands that helped fill gaps in the existing protected land framework, contained the highest-quality habitat, and provided the greatest leverage to the state. The Land Trust sought donated easement value in these areas whenever possible but purchased easements that help complete key complexes as necessary. This was the first grant in Southeast Minnesota where MLT transitioned to a competitive, market-based approach to identifying and securing conservation easements. This approach proved to be effective, leveraging \$138,800, or 14% of MLT's total appropriation.

Working closely with partners was key to the success of this program. Both TNC and MLT worked with other local stakeholders including Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs), DNR staff from multiple agencies, local contractors, and landowners in identifying opportunities, prioritizing projects, and completing them effectively. The collaboration built through this effort continues to benefit ongoing work funded through LSOHC and helps inform other conservation initiatives, such as local water planning and habitat monitoring carried out by other entities. TNC and MLT are committed to staying engaged in Southeast Minnesota and continuing the successful work of this partnership.

Explain Partners, Supporters, & Opposition:

The Nature Conservancy partnered with the Minnesota Land Trust (MLT) for this program in order to achieve protection through both fee title and easement acquisition. More broadly, this work was carried out with strong cooperation of the DNR division of Fish and Wildlife, Forestry, and Ecological and Waters Resource non-game program. All activities included in this effort were also coordinated with local stakeholders, including local county and Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) staff, Non-profits, and other state agencies such as Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

By communicating openly and consistently with local stakeholders, neighbors, and landowners, we were able to address local concerns before they led to significant opposition.

Additional Comments:

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

Due to the cost of the large Choice WMA and the seller's demands to sell quickly the cost exceeded funds available. The Conservancy secured \$2,106,000 of private funds to complete the project. Southeast Minnesota presents several challenges to R/E efforts.

Enhancement work on sites where timber rattlesnakes are known or expected to occur is limited to winter months to minimize the chance of human-snake encounters. Flooding on the South Fork Root River, which passes through Choice WMA, also presented challenges to projects. Some direct seeding fields have been flooded multiple times after seeding, and we continue to monitor them to assess the needs of those sites. The challenges Conservation Corps of Minnesota has been facing with recruitment of field crews have also caused us to rely more on local contractors, which has increased costs.

Other Funds Received:

- Not Listed

How were the funds used to advanced the program:

Not Listed

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

TNC has worked with DNR to accomplish the most significant restoration work required on fee title acquisition properties, bringing future management needs to a level consistent with other state lands.

Restoration and enhancement projects were also chosen with their long-term impact and manageability into the future in mind. After using OHF funding to remove encroaching woody vegetation on fire dependent habitat, future management with prescribed fire and grazing will have much lower costs per acre.

In this landscape, on-going management is required for natural systems to remain healthy. TNC plans to continue working with land managers to sustain that important work. TNC has secured federal funds to increase prescribed fire in priority complexes.

The land protected through conservation easements by MLT will be sustained through the best standards and practices for conservation easement stewardship, including annual property monitoring and enforcement as necessary. Funding for these easement stewardship activities was provided through the grant and was incorporated into the Land Trust's long-term stewardship and enforcement fund.

In addition, MLT encourages landowners of these properties to ecologically manage their lands, provides them with habitat management plans to guide their actions, and seeks funding to assist landowners in undertaking this work.

Outcomes:

The original accomplishment plan stated the program would

Programs in southeast forest region:

- Healthier populations of endangered, threatened, and special concern species as well as more common species
- High priority riparian lands, forestlands, and savannas are protected from parcelization and fragmentation
- Landlocked public properties have increased access for land managers
- Forestlands and savannas are protected from parcelization and fragmentation and accessible for resource management purposes
- Large corridors and complexes of biologically diverse wildlife habitat typical of the unglaciated region are restored and protected
- Remnant goat prairies are perpetually protected
- Rivers, streams, and surrounding vegetation provide corridors of habitat
- Stream to bluff habitat restoration and enhancement will keep water on the land to slow runoff and degradation of aquatic habitat

How will the outcomes be measured and evaluated?

In addition to tracking acres and stream frontage protected, enhanced, restored, and made accessible to the public, TNC and MLT are partners in two Southeast MN Conservation Focus Areas (CFAs). The CFAs are partnerships organized around priority landscapes in the State Wildlife Action Plan. That partnership is beginning implementation of a monitoring program to assess the impact of protection, restoration, and enhancement activities on Species in Greatest Conservation need in the region. These results will give a robust picture of the impact we are having on the region, and help guide future strategies and management.

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: \$5,770,000

Budget and Cash Leverage

BudgetName	Request	Spent	Cash Leverage (anticipated)	Cash Leverage (received)	Leverage Source	Total (original)	Total (final)
Personnel	\$417,900	\$207,000	\$0	\$0		\$417,900	\$207,000
Contracts	\$240,000	\$284,200	\$0	\$0		\$240,000	\$284,200
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	\$4,124,700	\$4,126,500	\$0	\$2,106,000	Private	\$4,124,700	\$6,232,500
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Easement Acquisition	\$540,000	\$727,000	\$0	\$139,400	Private	\$540,000	\$866,400
Easement Stewardship	\$160,000	\$60,000	\$0	\$0		\$160,000	\$60,000
Travel	\$11,600	\$10,200	\$0	\$0		\$11,600	\$10,200
Professional Services	\$187,000	\$195,400	\$0	\$0		\$187,000	\$195,400
Direct Support Services	\$53,300	\$49,600	\$53,300	\$49,600	Private	\$106,600	\$99,200
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$0		\$30,000	\$30,000
Capital Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Other Equipment/Tools	\$500	\$8,500	\$0	\$0		\$500	\$8,500
Supplies/Materials	\$5,000	\$27,300	\$0	\$0		\$5,000	\$27,300
DNR IDP	\$0	\$40,000	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$40,000
Total	\$5,770,000	\$5,765,700	\$53,300	\$2,295,000		\$5,823,300	\$8,060,700

Personnel

Position	FTE	Over # of years	Spent	Cash Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
MLT - Conservation Staff	0.27	3.00	\$75,000	\$0		\$75,000
TNC - Negotiator	0.25	3.00	\$67,000	\$0		\$67,000
TNC - Project Manager	0.35	3.00	\$55,600	\$0		\$55,600
TNC - Data Manager	0.00	3.00	\$0	\$0		\$0
TNC - Grant Administrator	0.27	3.00	\$9,400	\$0		\$9,400
Total	1.14	15.00	\$207,000	\$0		\$207,000

Budget and Cash Leverage by Partnership

Budget Name	Partnership	Request	Spent	Cash Leverage (anticipated)	Cash Leverage (received)	Leverage Source	Original AP Total	Total Spent
Personnel	Minnesota Land Trust	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$0	\$0		\$150,000	\$75,000
Contracts	Minnesota Land Trust	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	Minnesota Land Trust	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	Minnesota Land Trust	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Easement Acquisition	Minnesota Land Trust	\$540,000	\$727,000	\$0	\$139,400	Private	\$540,000	\$866,400
Easement Stewardship	Minnesota Land Trust	\$160,000	\$60,000	\$0	\$0		\$160,000	\$60,000
Travel	Minnesota Land Trust	\$7,000	\$5,600	\$0	\$0		\$7,000	\$5,600
Professional Services	Minnesota Land Trust	\$113,000	\$89,600	\$0	\$0		\$113,000	\$89,600
Direct Support Services	Minnesota Land Trust	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	Minnesota Land Trust	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Capital Equipment	Minnesota Land Trust	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Other Equipment/Tools	Minnesota Land Trust	\$0	\$8,500	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$8,500
Supplies/Materials	Minnesota Land Trust	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
DNR IDP	Minnesota Land Trust	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Total		\$970,000	\$965,700	\$0	\$139,400		\$970,000	\$1,105,100

Personnel - Minnesota Land Trust

Position	FTE	Over # of years	Spent	Cash Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
MLT - Conservation Staff	0.27	3.00	\$75,000	\$0		\$75,000
Total	0.27	3.00	\$75,000	\$0		\$75,000

BudgetName	Partnership	Request	Spent	Cash Leverage (anticipated)	Cash Leverage (received)	Leverage Source	Original AP Total	Total Spent
Personnel	The Nature Conservancy	\$267,900	\$132,000	\$0	\$0		\$267,900	\$132,000
Contracts	The Nature Conservancy	\$240,000	\$284,200	\$0	\$0		\$240,000	\$284,200
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	The Nature Conservancy	\$4,124,700	\$4,126,500	\$0	\$2,106,000	Private	\$4,124,700	\$6,232,500
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	The Nature Conservancy	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Easement Acquisition	The Nature Conservancy	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Easement Stewardship	The Nature Conservancy	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Travel	The Nature Conservancy	\$4,600	\$4,600	\$0	\$0		\$4,600	\$4,600
Professional Services	The Nature Conservancy	\$74,000	\$105,800	\$0	\$0		\$74,000	\$105,800
Direct Support Services	The Nature Conservancy	\$53,300	\$49,600	\$53,300	\$49,600	Private	\$106,600	\$99,200
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	The Nature Conservancy	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$0		\$30,000	\$30,000
Capital Equipment	The Nature Conservancy	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Other Equipment/Tools	The Nature Conservancy	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$500	\$0
Supplies/Materials	The Nature Conservancy	\$5,000	\$27,300	\$0	\$0		\$5,000	\$27,300
DNR IDP	The Nature Conservancy	\$0	\$40,000	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$40,000
Total		\$4,800,000	\$4,800,000	\$53,300	\$2,155,600		\$4,853,300	\$6,955,600

Personnel - The Nature Conservancy

Position	FTE	Over # of years	Spent	Cash Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
TNC - Negotiator	0.25	3.00	\$67,000	\$0		\$67,000
TNC - Project Manager	0.35	3.00	\$55,600	\$0		\$55,600
TNC - Data Manager	0.00	3.00	\$0	\$0		\$0
TNC - Grant Administrator	0.27	3.00	\$9,400	\$0		\$9,400
Total	0.87	12.00	\$132,000	\$0		\$132,000

Explain any budget challenges or successes:

The Filmore 5 parcel had several boundary complications which required extra work from the surveyor. This raised Professional Services costs above what was anticipated for Fee Acquisition.

Fee acquisitions exceeded available funds by \$2,106,000.

Because of unanticipated larger easement acquisition costs the Land Trust needed to shift money to the acquisition line item during the middle of the grant period. However, with 2 of the easement purchases (East Indian Creek & Wiscoy Valley) a significant amount of donative value on the part of the landowner was realized, amounting to \$139,350 in leveraged funding.

All revenues received by the recipient that have been generated from activities on land with money from the OHF:

Total Revenue: \$0

Revenue Spent: \$0

Revenue Balance: \$0

- E. This is not applicable as there was no revenue generated.

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	70	0	0	0	70	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	0	170	536	1,087	827	0	60	1,257	1,423
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Easement	0	0	50	49	340	416	90	165	480	630
Enhance	0	0	127	6	40	0	0	0	167	6
Total	0	0	347	591	1,537	1,243	90	225	1,974	2,059

Table 1b. How many of these Prairie acres are Native Prairie?

Type	Native Prairie (original)	Native Prairie (final)
Restore	0	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	100
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	0	0
Protect in Easement	0	80
Enhance	0	6
Total	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	\$63,300	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$63,300	\$40,000
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$876,000	\$1,695,300	\$3,504,000	\$2,621,800	\$0	\$0	\$4,380,000	\$4,317,100
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$0	\$120,000	\$197,000	\$600,000	\$768,700	\$250,000	\$0	\$970,000	\$965,700
Enhance	\$0	\$0	\$330,700	\$343,000	\$26,000	\$77,900	\$0	\$22,000	\$356,700	\$442,900
Total	\$0	\$0	\$1,326,700	\$2,235,300	\$4,193,300	\$3,508,400	\$250,000	\$22,000	\$5,770,000	\$5,765,700

Table 3. Acres within each Ecological Section

Type	Metro Urban (original)	Metro Urban (final)	ForestPrairie (original)	Forest Prairie (final)	SEForest (original)	SE Forest (final)	Prairie (original)	Prairie (final)	N Forest (original)	N Forest (final)	Total (original)	Total (final)
Restore	0	0	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	70	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	1,257	1,423	0	0	0	0	1,257	1,423
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	480	630	0	0	0	0	480	630
Enhance	0	0	0	0	167	6	0	0	0	0	167	6
Total	0	0	0	0	1,974	2,059	0	0	0	0	1,974	2,059

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	\$63,200	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$63,200	\$40,000
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,380,000	\$4,317,100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,380,000	\$4,317,100
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	\$970,000	\$965,700	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$970,000	\$965,700
Enhance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$356,800	\$442,900	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$356,800	\$442,900
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,770,000	\$5,765,700	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,770,000	\$5,765,700

Automatic system calculation / not entered by managers

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

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

7.3

Explain the success/shortage of acre goals:

While very few acres are reported in the above tables for restoration or enhancement, this does not reflect the significant restoration and enhancement work that occurred on properties acquired through this appropriation. On properties included in this project, 44 acres of forest were restored, and 100 acres of forest and 81 acres of prairie were enhanced. The partnership exceeded its acre goals for protection in fee and protection in easement by a combined total of 398 acres, or 23%. In total, TNC and MLT combined to affect 2,141 acres through this appropriation, 167 acres above the bottom-line goal.

Parcel List

Section 1 - Restore / Enhance Parcel List

Houston

Name	TRDS	Acres	Total Cost	Existing Protection?	Description
Hammel Tracts	10104229	6	\$3,900	Yes	Prescribed grazing on bluff prairie sites

Section 2 - Protect Parcel List

Fillmore

Name	TRDS	Acres	OHF Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?	Description
7 Springs WMA	10212216	95	\$475,000	No	Full	Full	Bluff prairie, trout stream, hardwood forest, cropland
Fillmore 5	10208211	1,054	\$2,846,300	No	Full		Hardwood forest, 5+miles of coldwater trout stream, bluff prairie and cropland
Rush Creek 3	10408214	274	\$909,090	No	Full	Full	Bluff prairie, savanna, hardwood forest, riparian

Houston

Name	TRDS	Acres	OHF Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?	Description
Crooked Creek (Novotny)	10204221	275	\$275,000	No	No	No	Protects 275 acres of mesic hardwood forest that abuts DNR forestry lands and several intermittent streams that feed into designated trout streams

Wabasha

Name	TRDS	Acres	OHF Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?	Description
East Indian Creek (Gates)	10910226	200	\$305,000	No	No	No	Protects 200 acres of mesic hardwood forest adjacent to DNR State Forest land as well as a designated trout stream and several intermittent streams that feed into it.

Winona

Name	TRDS	Acres	OHF Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?	Description
Wiscoy Valley 2 (Zephyr Valley Community Cooperative)	10507217	155	\$147,250	No	No	No	Protects 155 acres of mesic hardwood forest and native bluff prairie

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.

Completed Parcel: 7 Springs WMA

# of Total Acres:	95
County:	Fillmore
Township:	102
Range:	12
Direction:	2
Section:	16
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	0
# of Acres: Forest:	0
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	95
Amount of Shoreline:	8448 (Linear Feet)
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	South Branch of Root River
Has there been signage erected at the site:	Yes
Annual Reporting Organization Name:	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Annual Reporting Manager Name:	Mike Tenney
Annual Reporting Address:	3555 9th St NW Suite 350
Annual Reporting City:	Rochester
Annual Reporting State:	MN
Annual Reporting Zip:	55901
Annual Reporting Email:	michael.tenney@state.mn.us
Annual Reporting Phone:	5072062858
Purchase Date:	September 05, 2015
Acquisition Title:	
Purchase Price:	\$1,316,540
Appraised Value:	\$1,316,540
Professional Service Costs:	\$30,447
Assessed Value:	\$1,178,400
Total Project Cost:	\$1,316,540
Fees Received:	\$0
Donations:	\$0
Related Parties:	Option Holder
Property Managed By:	DNR - Wildlife Management Area -
Name of the unit area or location government unit or land manager:	7 Springs WMA

Completed Parcel: Crooked Creek (Novotny)

# of Total Acres:	275
County:	Houston
Township:	102
Range:	04
Direction:	2
Section:	21
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	0
# of Acres: Forest:	197
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	0
Amount of Shoreline:	7665 (Linear Feet)
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	perennial and intermittent streams
Has there been signage erected at the site:	No - Signage was presented to the landowner at closing. The Land Trust will confirm that the sign has been erected during annual monitoring visits.
Annual Reporting Organization Name:	Minnesota Land Trust
Annual Reporting Manager Name:	Wayne Ostlie
Annual Reporting Address:	2356 University Ave. West, Suite 240
Annual Reporting City:	St Paul
Annual Reporting State:	MN
Annual Reporting Zip:	55114
Annual Reporting Email:	wostlie@mnland.org
Annual Reporting Phone:	6516479590
Purchase Date:	April 21, 2017
Purchase Price:	\$275,000
Appraised Value:	\$275,000
Professional Service Costs:	\$16,673
Assessed Value:	\$860,500
Total Project Cost:	\$275,000
Donations:	\$0
Easement Holder Organization Name:	Minnesota Land Trust
Easement Holder Manager Name:	Wayne Ostlie
Easement Holder Address:	2356 University Ave. West, Suite 240
Easement Holder City:	St Paul
Easement Holder State:	MN
Easement Holder Zip:	55114
Easement Holder Email:	wostlie@mnland.org
Easement Holder Phone:	6516479590
Responsible Organization Name:	Minnesota Land Trust
Responsible Manager Name:	Wayne Ostlie
Responsible Address:	2356 University Ave. West, Suite 240
Responsible City:	St Paul
Responsible State:	MN
Responsible Zip:	55114
Responsible Email:	wostlie@mnland.org
Responsible Phone:	6516479590
Underlying Fee Owner:	Novotny Land, LLC

Completed Parcel: East Indian Creek (Gates)

# of Total Acres:	200
County:	Wabasha
Township:	109
Range:	10
Direction:	2
Section:	26
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	7
# of Acres: Forest:	114
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	0
Amount of Shoreline:	8349 (Linear Feet)
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	East Indian Creek
Has there been signage erected at the site:	No - Landowner was given signs at closing. The Land Trust will confirm placement during annual monitoring visit.
Annual Reporting Organization Name:	Minnesota Land Trust
Annual Reporting Manager Name:	Wayne Ostlie
Annual Reporting Address:	2356 University Ave. West, Suite 240
Annual Reporting City:	St Paul
Annual Reporting State:	MN
Annual Reporting Zip:	55114
Annual Reporting Email:	wostlie@mnland.org
Annual Reporting Phone:	6516479590
Purchase Date:	February 03, 2017
Purchase Price:	\$421,600
Appraised Value:	\$421,600
Professional Service Costs:	\$8,600
Assessed Value:	\$774,700
Total Project Cost:	\$421,600
Donations:	\$116,600
Easement Holder Organization Name:	Minnesota Land Trust
Easement Holder Manager Name:	Wayne Ostlie
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Easement Holder City:	St Paul
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Underlying Fee Owner:	Larry Gates

Completed Parcel: Fillmore 5

# of Total Acres:	10 54
County:	Fillmore
Township:	10 2
Range:	0 8
Direction:	2
Section:	11
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	0
# of Acres: Forest:	623
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	431
Amount of Shoreline:	26400 (Linear Feet)
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	South Fork Root River and Vesta Creek
Has there been signage erected at the site:	Yes
Annual Reporting Organization Name:	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Annual Reporting Manager Name:	Mike Tenney
Annual Reporting Address:	3555 9th St NW Suite 350
Annual Reporting City:	Rochester
Annual Reporting State:	MN
Annual Reporting Zip:	55901
Annual Reporting Email:	michael.tenney@state.mn.us
Annual Reporting Phone:	5072062858
Purchase Date:	August 14, 2015
Acquisition Title:	
Purchase Price:	\$4,848,400
Appraised Value:	\$4,848,400
Professional Service Costs:	\$103,900
Assessed Value:	\$3,841,600
Total Project Cost:	\$4,848,400
Fees Received:	\$0
Donations:	\$2,106,000
Related Parties:	Option Holder
Property Managed By:	DNR - Wildlife Management Area -
Name of the unit area or location government unit or land manager:	Choice WMA

Completed Parcel: Hammel Tracts

# of Total Acres:	6
County:	Houston
Township:	101
Range:	04
Direction:	2
Section:	29
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	
# of Acres: Forest:	
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	6
Amount of Shoreline:	
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	
Has there been signage erected at the site:	Yes
Total cost of Restoration/Enhancement:	\$3,900

Completed Parcel: Rush Creek 3

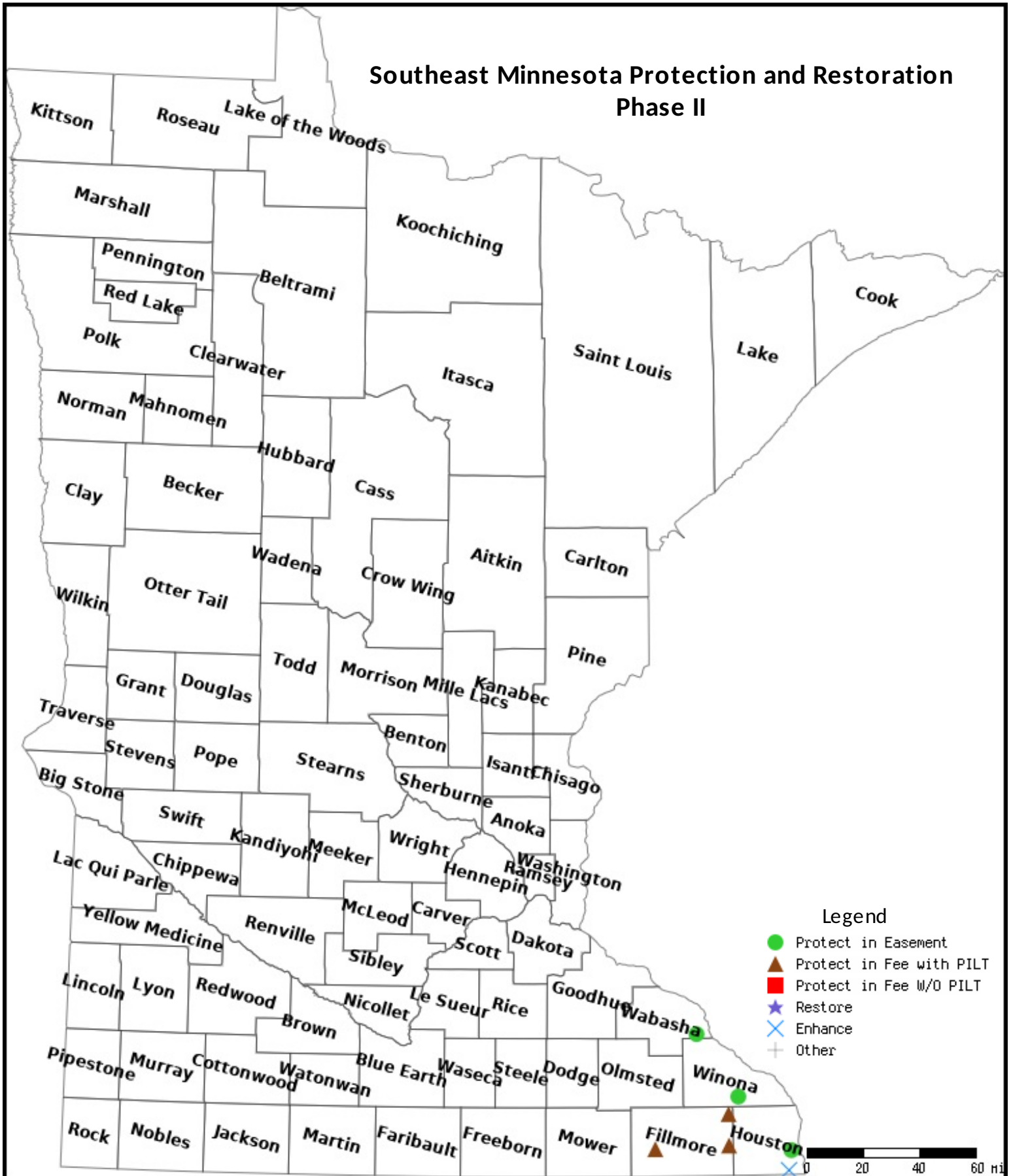
# of Total Acres:	274
County:	Fillmore
Township:	104
Range:	08
Direction:	2
Section:	14
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	0
# of Acres: Forest:	204
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	10
Amount of Shoreline:	0 (Linear Feet)
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	NA
Has there been signage erected at the site:	Yes
Annual Reporting Organization Name:	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Annual Reporting Manager Name:	Mike Tenney
Annual Reporting Address:	3555 9th St NW Suite 350
Annual Reporting City:	Rochester
Annual Reporting State:	MN
Annual Reporting Zip:	55901
Annual Reporting Email:	michael.tenney@state.mn.us
Annual Reporting Phone:	5072062858
Purchase Date:	October 15, 2014
Acquisition Title:	
Purchase Price:	\$909,090
Appraised Value:	\$909,090
Professional Service Costs:	\$0
Assessed Value:	\$922,400
Total Project Cost:	\$909,090
Fees Received:	\$0
Donations:	\$0
Related Parties:	
Property Managed By:	DNR - Wildlife Management Area -
Name of the unit area or location government unit or land manager:	Rush Creek Woods WMA

Completed Parcel: Wiscoy Valley 2 (Zephyr Valley Community Cooperative)

# of Total Acres:	155
County:	Winona
Township:	105
Range:	07
Direction:	2
Section:	17
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	1
# of Acres: Forest:	105
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	49
Amount of Shoreline:	1115 (Linear Feet)
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	pond, intermittent stream
Has there been signage erected at the site:	Yes
Annual Reporting Organization Name:	Minnesota Land Trust
Annual Reporting Manager Name:	Wayne Ostlie
Annual Reporting Address:	2356 University Ave, Ste 240
Annual Reporting City:	St. Paul
Annual Reporting State:	MN
Annual Reporting Zip:	55114
Annual Reporting Email:	wostlie@mnland.org
Annual Reporting Phone:	651-647-9590
Purchase Date:	March 06, 2018
Purchase Price:	\$170,000
Appraised Value:	\$170,000
Professional Service Costs:	\$13,114
Assessed Value:	\$1,165,600
Total Project Cost:	\$170,000
Donations:	\$22,750
Easement Holder Organization Name:	Minnesota Land Trust
Easement Holder Manager Name:	Wayne Ostlie
Easement Holder Address:	2356 University Ave W, Ste 240
Easement Holder City:	St. Paul
Easement Holder State:	MN
Easement Holder Zip:	55114
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Responsible Phone:	651-647-9590
Underlying Fee Owner:	Zephyr Valley Community Cooperative

Parcel Map

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