

ML 2015 / FY 2016 LSOHC Member Comments Summary

Project ID	Project Title	Organization	Original Fund Request	Notes:
P A 01	DNR WMA and SNA Acquisition - Phase VII	MN DNR	\$9,548,000	SR: prairie zone only; RH: SNA only.
P A 02	Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program - Phase VII	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	\$18,409,000	SR: prairie zone only; EW: final reports for previous phases must be submitted/approved by date due.
P A 03	MN Prairie Recovery Project - Phase VI	The Nature Conservancy	\$4,147,300	
P A 04	Northern Tallgrass Prairie NWR Land Acquisition - Phase VI	The Nature Conservancy	\$6,000,000	EW: final reports for previous phases must be submitted/approved by date due.
P A 05	Cannon River Watershed Habitat Complex - Phase V	The Trust for Public Land	\$2,000,000	EW: final reports for previous phases must be submitted/approved by date due; DM: need language protecting St of MN from TPL financial windfall with donation given back to TPL that exceeds it costs.
P A 06	Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection - Phase IV	MN DNR	\$9,887,000	EW: Once restored, landowner needs to maintain.
P A 07	Minnesota Buffers for Wildlife and Water - Phase V	BWSR	\$12,000,000	EW: Cost per acre too high; in addition, public should not have to enhance/restore private property; DH: Staff cost too high - 5.5 easements per person per year for easement processing; DM: need more control on longterm mgmt or don't do this.
P A 08	Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley	MN Prairie Chicken Society / PF	\$7,064,000	DM: Should we concentrate in southern area of proposal that help both Prairie Chickens and Pheasants?; RS: I think we need more coordinated habitat effort on behalf of prairie chickens; see PA 10; PA 3, PA 04.
P A 09	SW MN Riparian Woodland Habitat Protection - Phase I	MN Deer Hunters Association	\$5,086,500	EW: pilot project; RS: It's a start; important habitat there.
P A 10	Protecting and Restoring Minnesota's Important Birds Areas	Audubon Minnesota	\$6,209,000	
P A 11	Lower Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat Restoration -- Phase 1	Wild Rice River Watershed District	\$6,420,000	DH: No stacking of easements.
P RE 01	DNR Grassland - Phase VII	MN DNR Wildlife	\$9,412,300	EW: omit landowner NPB easement; final reports for previous phases must be submitted/approved by due date; DM: we should fund 2 years roving crews, not 3 as requested.
P RE 02	Enhanced Public Land Grasslands - Phase II	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	\$2,130,000	EW: majority of 2012 money left to spend; SO: Contingent on requiring a 5% match for actual projects to be performed; DH: no direct services; DM: how much of \$1.2 million in phase 1 was done by PF's sister org Habitat Forever?
F A 01	Young Forest Conservation: Integrated Wildlife Management - Phase II	American Bird Conservancy	\$2,863,300	EW: enhance public lands only; DM: don't do acquisition.
F A 02	Protecting Forest Wildlife Habitat in the Wild Rice River Watershed	White Earth Nation	\$2,188,000	EW: matching; JK: Perch Lake Parcel preferred; DM: Only if State of Mn fee holder of land; BI: I would consider full funding if the state owns property and there would be a grey wolf hunt.
F A 03	Camp Ripley ACUB - Phase 5	Morrison SWCD	\$3,000,000	
F A 04	Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration - Phase III	The Nature Conservancy	\$4,967,400	EW: enhance/restore activities only.
F A 05	Protecting Pinelands Sands Forest and Aquatic Habitat - Phase II	MN DNR Forestry	\$4,260,000	EW: use existing tools (statutes, permits) to protect ground water.
F A 06	Protect (Acquire) Key Forest Habitat Lands Cass County - Phase VI	Cass County	\$1,710,000	EW: no specific habitat outcomes.
F A 07	State Forest Acquisition Phase III - Protecting Forest Habitat in the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Forest	MN DNR - Forestry	\$4,020,000	
F A 08	Critical Shoreland Habitat Protection Program - Phase III	Minnesota Land Trust	\$1,920,000	DM: Land Trust needs to reduce overhead costs.
F A 09	Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Partnership	The Trust for Public Land	\$4,685,000	DM: need language protecting St of MN from TPL financial windfall with donation given back to TPL that exceeds it costs.
F RE 01	Southeast Forest Habitat Enhancement	MN DNR Wildlife	\$949,000	EW: "partners" need to provide more resources.
W A 01	Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program - Phase VII	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	\$16,528,000	SR: prairie zone only; EW: final reports for previous phases must be submitted/approved by date due.
W A 02	Shallow Lake & Wetland Protection Program - Phase IV	Ducks Unlimited	\$16,000,000	
W A 03	Wild Rice Shoreland Protection - Phase IV	MN BWSR	\$2,494,800	EW: final reports for previous phases must be submitted/approved by date due.
W RE 01	Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancement - Phase VII	MN DNR	\$4,005,000	
H A 01	Aquatic Habitat Protection, Restoration, and Enhancement - Phase VII	MN DNR	\$12,948,000	EW: final reports for previous phases must be submitted/approved by date due; DM: We can direct to certain project areas; RS: Has unspent funds from earlier grants?
H A 02	Metro Big Rivers Partnership - Phase VI	MN Valley Trust (Metro Big Rivers)	\$3,678,900	
H A 03	Access to Isolated State Lands for Habitat Management	MN DNR	\$2,021,000	EW: is this the proper source of funding?; RS: Lower priority; BI: DNR should sell smaller tracts that are landlocked.
H RE 01	Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement - Phase VII	MN Trout Unlimited	\$2,130,000	EW: final reports for previous phases must be submitted/approved by date due; JK: Chester inferior; RS: Excellent match.
H RE 02	Lake Bemidji South Shore Restoration and Enhancement	City of Bemidji	\$1,650,000	JK: Recreation, City Park, \$\$\$.
H RE 04	Sand Hill River Fish Passage	Sand Hill River Watershed District	\$1,666,800	DH: Conditional on match from the Army Corp; DM: 300% Federal match.
H RE 06	Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program - Phase IV	Shell Rock River Watershed District	\$4,033,500	SR: no in lake structures or chemical treatments; EW: enhance.

H RE 07	Lake Nokomis Integrated Habitat Enhancements	Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Board	\$744,300	EW: matching on shoreline restoration; DH: Shorland only; JK: Recreation, City Park, \$\$\$, lack of coordination with DNR, dubious science, substitution, fish stocking, temporary; RH: no stocking; RS: For shoreline enhancement portion of project; DNR stocking of walleye should not have an expense??; BI: Park money should be applied for.
CPL 1	Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program - Phase VII	MN DNR	\$5,555,000	EW: final reports for previous phases must be submitted/approved by date due; BI: Metro Conservation Partners (not eligible).
CPL 2	Metro Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program - Phase II	MN DNR	\$5,065,500	JK: Share Personnel costs equally with CPL, make unused funds available to CPL; BI: Rural Conservation Projects (not eligible).
O 1	Contract Management	MN DNR	\$150,000	DM: both CPL programs should have reciprocity with each other.
O 2	Restoration Evaluations	MN DNR	\$100,000	DM: both CPL programs should have reciprocity with each other.