

ML 2016 / FY 2017 LSOHC Member Allocation - Comments

Project ID	Project Title	Organization	Fund Request	Member Comments
PA 01	DNR WMA and SNA Acquisition - Phase VIII	DNR	\$9,118,000	SO: Any funding awarded should be contingent on no planting of corn, soybeans, or other row crops on land purchased or restored with these funds. DM: No SNA's and earmark \$2,188,000 for FA 09 as a DNR WMA. DH: 3 issues with food plots that need discussion - GMO, use of contract labor that strip the food from 2/3 instead of DNR planting and allowing 100% to be available and the use of food plots generally. EW: SNA priority.
PA 02	Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program - Phase VIII	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	\$19,272,000	SO: Any funding awarded should be contingent on no planting of corn, soybeans, or other row crops on land purchased or restored with these funds. DH: 3 issues with food plots that need discussion - GMO, use of contract labor that strip the food from 2/3 instead of DNR planting and allowing 100% to be available and the use of food plots generally.
PA 03	Martin County/Fox Lake DNR WMA Acquisition	Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc.	\$3,372,500	SO: Any funding awarded should be contingent on no planting of corn, soybeans, or other row crops on land purchased or restored with these funds. DH: 3 issues with food plots that need discussion - GMO, use of contract labor that strip the food from 2/3 instead of DNR planting and allowing 100% to be available and the use of food plots generally.
PA 04	Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge Land Acquisition - Phase VII	The Nature Conservancy	\$7,000,000	SO: Any funding awarded should be contingent on no planting of corn, soybeans, or other row crops on land purchased or restored with these funds.
PA 05	Cannon River Watershed Habitat Complex - Phase VI	Trust for Public Land	\$1,050,000	
PA 06	Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection - Phase II	DNR	\$9,090,000	
PA 07	Minnesota Buffers for Wildlife and Water - Phase VI	BWSR	\$15,000,000	SO: Any funding awarded should be contingent on no planting of corn, soybeans, or other row crops on land purchased or restored with these funds. DM: Great match with Clean Water money. BI: Should qualify for clean water legacy funding as well. DH: 3 issues with food plots that need discussion - GMO, use of contract labor that strip the food from 2/3 instead of DNR planting and allowing 100% to be available and the use of food plots generally. EW: Legislative action.
PA 08	Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley - Phase II	MN Prairie Chicken Society/ Pheasants Forever, Inc.	\$7,885,100	SO: Any funding awarded should be contingent on no planting of corn, soybeans, or other row crops on land purchased or restored with these funds. DH: 3 issues with food plots that need discussion - GMO, use of contract labor that strip the food from 2/3 instead of DNR planting and allowing 100% to be available and the use of food plots generally
PA 09	Lower Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat Restoration - Phase II	Wild Rice River Watershed District	\$4,150,000	DM: testifier mentioned 30 year easements-not sure LSOHC can fund them.
PA 10	Grasslands Conservation Partnership	The Conservation Fund	\$6,848,500	SO: Any funding awarded should be contingent on no planting of corn, soybeans, or other row crops on land purchased or restored with these funds. DH: Criteria #3 should be adjacent to protected land. Reverse auction process required. 3 issues with food plots that need discussion - GMO, use of contract labor that strip the food from 2/3 instead of DNR planting and allowing 100% to be available and the use of food plots generally. EW: Pilot project. JK: Adjacent parcel priority.
PRE 01	DNR Grassland - Phase VIII	DNR	\$9,107,100	SO: Any funding awarded should be contingent on no planting of corn, soybeans, or other row crops on land purchased or restored with these funds. DH: 3 issues with food plots that need discussion - GMO, use of contract labor that strip the food from 2/3 instead of DNR planting and allowing 100% to be available and the use of food plots generally.
PRE 02	Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Conservation - Phase IV	Great River Greening	\$3,251,500	
FA 01	Young Forest Conservation - Phase II	American Bird Conservancy	\$3,834,300	DH: Fund for 2 years rather than 4. Only fund restoration portion of proposal.
FA 02	Jack Pine Forest/Crow Wing River Watershed Habitat Acquisition	MN Deer Hunters Association	\$18,940,000	SO: Any funding awarded should be specifically contingent on NO motorized vehicle trails (existing or new) on any of the acquired or eased lands. DM: lots of potential problems that should get worked on first. DH: Sustainable forest management plans required. No motorized trails. Any future transfers of land to be subject to a conservatoin easement prohibiting subdivision, development or road/trail building. How to handle timber profits in the future must be addressed. JB: Start up and demonstrate success; come back after obtaining results. JK: State trail management standards preferred, minimize trails.
FA 03	Camp Ripley ACUB - Phase VI	Morrison SWCD	\$3,000,000	
FA 04	Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration - Phase IV	The Nature Conservancy	\$9,517,700	SO: Awesome concept on easements and reverse bidding.
FA 05	Minnesota Forests for the Future - Phase IV	MN DNR Forestry	\$8,486,000	
FA 06	Protect (Acquire) Key Forest Habitat Lands in Cass County - Phase VII	Cass County	\$1,319,500	DH: Providing access to other public lands is not a rationale for these funds as they are to protect, restore or enhance habitat.
FA 07	State Forest Acquisition - Phase III	DNR - Forestry	\$4,648,000	
FA 08	Forest Habitat Protection Revolving Account	DNR - Forestry	\$2,633,000	
FA 09	Protecting Forest Wildlife Habitat in the Wild Rice River Watershed	White Earth Nation	\$2,188,000	SO: Thank you for bringing this one back. I hope it is fully funded and that the legislature doesn't remove it again. RS: Legislature in last session denied this proposal; will support if project is revised as instructed by Legislative member of the Council. JK: Perch Lake Parcel preferred.
FRE 01	Floodplain Forest Enhancement - Mississippi River - Phase II	Audubon Minnesota	\$663,000	JB: Recommend a pilot project through the CPL or LCCMR.
WA 01	Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program - Phase VIII	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	\$19,309,100	DM: No "forest zone" acquisitions unless DNR sells the like value of land in county. DH: No GMOs to be used in restoration prep.
WA 02	Shallow Lake & Wetland Protection Program - Phase V	Ducks Unlimited	\$14,700,000	SO: Any funding awarded should be contingent on no planting of corn, soybeans, or other row crops on land purchased or restored with these funds. DM: No "forest zone" acquisitions unless DNR sells the like value of land in county. DH: 3 issues with food plots that need discussion - GMO, use of contract labor that strip the food from 2/3 instead of DNR planting and allowing 100% to be available and the use of food plots generally.
WA 03	RIM Wetlands - Phase VII	BWSR	\$25,000,000	DM: great potential Federal match. DH: Come back when they know what the leverage will be. 3 issues with food plots that need discussion - GMO, use of contract labor that strip the food from 2/3 instead of DNR planting and allowing 100% to be available and the use of food plots generally. EW: Legislative action.
WA 04	Wetland Habitat Protection Program - Phase II	Minnesota Land Trust	\$2,563,000	SO: Awesome concept on easements and reverse bidding.
WRE 01	Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancement - Phase VIII	DNR	\$5,515,000	
WRE 02	Marsh Lake - Phase II	DNR, Div. Fish & Wildlife	\$2,000,000	
HA 01	MNDNR Aquatic Habitat Protection - Phase VIII	DNR	\$6,444,700	
HA 02	Metro Big Rivers Habitat - Phase VII	MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc. (Metro Big Rivers)	\$6,076,900	
HA 03	Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project	Mississippi Headwaters Board	\$9,000,000	SO: Any funding awarded should be specifically contingent on NO motorized vehicle trails (existing or new) on any of the acquired or eased lands. DM: Lots of potential problems that should get worked on first. BI: Should qualify for clean water legacy funding as well. DH: No motorized or off road bike trails. JB: Start up and demonstrate success; come back after obtaining results.
HA 04	Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes - Phase II	Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation	\$2,948,200	SO: The claim that "sport fishing is a powerful economic engine ... important to ...quality of life and our regional economy" has absolutely nothing to do with the purpose of LSOHC funding.
HA 05	Restoring Duluth's Cold Water Streams	City of Duluth	\$1,077,500	SO: Recommend you request the funding for Buckingham from the CPL grant program. The other portion of the project truly appears to be a park project and isn't focused on the stream.
HRE 01	Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement - Phase VIII	Minnesota Trout Unlimited	\$3,000,000	
HRE 02	DNR Stream Habitat	DNR	\$6,095,000	SO: Need to make sure that no double-funding of a Trout Unlimited project. The 2 groups duplicated one site in error.
HRE 03	St. Louis River Restoration Initiative - Phase III	DNR	\$5,242,000	
HRE 04	Sand Hill River Fish Passage Restoration & Habitat Enhancement - Phase II	Sand Hill River Watershed District	\$1,333,200	SO: Contingent on grantee obtaining its own prefunding to meet USACE requirements. JK: Needs CWC component.
HRE 05	Root River Restoration	Root River Restoration and Preservation	\$1,058,000	DH: Come back with a cooperative program involving the watershed district, DNR, TU and landowners EW: Seek CPL funding. JK: Apply for CPL grants.
HRE 06	Shell Rock River Habitat Restoration Program - Phase V	Shell Rock River Watershed District	\$3,788,800	
HRE 07	Restoring the Northern Gateway	City of Champlin	\$3,000,000	DH: Come back with upstream habitat protection/restoration. Or go to CLP file small grants to do that work.
HRE 08	Wolverton Creek Habitat Restoration	Buffalo-Red River Watershed District	\$4,963,000	DH: Funds only for fee or easements Haying and grazing only where the the plan improves the habitat. JK: Needs CWC component.
CPL 1	Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program - Phase VIII: Statewide and Metro Habitat	DNR	\$11,488,000	
N/A	Roseau Lake Rehabilitation	DNR & Roseau River Watershed District	\$6,000,000	DH: Just fund easement portion. JK: Needs CWC LCCMR components.