

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Fiscal Year 2017 / ML 2016 Request for Funding



Date: June 03, 2015

Program or Project Title: Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project

Funds Requested: \$9,000,000

Manager's Name: Tim Terrill

Title: Executive Director

Organization: Mississippi Headwaters Board

Address: 322 Laurel St., Suite 11

City: Brainerd, MN 56401

Office Number: 218-824-1189

Email: timt@mississippiheadwaters.org

Website: www.mississippiheadwaters.org

County Locations: Aitkin, Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Crow Wing, and Hubbard.

Regions in which work will take place:

- Northern Forest
- Forest / Prairie Transition

Activity types:

- Protect in Easement
- Protect in Fee

Priority resources addressed by activity:

- Forest
- Prairie

Abstract:

The Mississippi Headwaters Board will work with conservation partners to protect and preserve targeted habitat in high quality shoreland areas and provide access on the Mississippi River, headwater's reservoirs, and connecting corridor tributaries through fee title and permanent easements.

Design and scope of work:

The Mississippi River is known as "America's River." It is the largest river in North America, and provides drinking water, industry, and recreation for millions of people, and is the embodiment of Minnesota's outdoor traditions. Strategic and well placed public ownership is essential to maintaining the hunting, fishing, and game habitat along the Mississippi River. Public lands adjacent to private property are in danger of losing habitat connectivity because of the continued development pressures on private lands which result in further fragmentation. Land accessibility to these lands is essential to ensuring high quality, memorable experiences while hunting and fishing within the Mississippi River Corridor. Riparian corridors and tributaries are of particular value to resident and migrating wildlife populations, providing connectivity to multiple habitat types.

As loss of habitat in western Minnesota and the Dakotas occurs, and climate change causes the drying up of existing wetlands, the Mississippi flyway will take on a more important role. The Mississippi flyway is the longest migration route of any in the western hemisphere, and is well timbered and watered to afford ideal conditions to support migrating birds. The Mississippi Headwaters supports more than 350 species of animals, mammals, and birds and is an important national treasure which must be preserved.

The Mississippi Headwaters Board will use targeted land acquisitions and permanent conservation easements to accomplish the goals of this proposal. All acquisitions will be approved by the local governmental unit and the Mississippi Headwaters Board where the property exists. The Mississippi river and its connecting tributaries and headwaters lakes are essential to wildlife, bird, and waterfowl transportation and sustainability. The Mississippi Headwaters Board will work with the Trust for Public Land to protect the priority lands

using fee title acquisitions; and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts in the counties of Clearwater, Beltrami, Hubbard, Cass, Itasca, Aitkin, Crow Wing, and Morrison to implement the Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) program through the Board of Water and Soil Resources to gain permanent conservation easements. These actions will protect against fragmentation of forest land, and provide access to existing public land. Parcels identified as potential acquisitions of the Mississippi river are shown on the attached map. The Mississippi Headwaters Board will administer, provide updated reports to the council, coordinate efforts, and develop a consistent process that utilizes county support to ensure that the program and spirit of this proposal is met. The Department of Natural Resources or individual counties will hold the fee title acquisitions, and the Board of Water and Soil Resources will hold the permanent easements. A local Project Technical Committee will review potential acquisitions and easements after ranking is concluded.

This Mississippi Headwaters Board has developed 4 priorities for acquiring land.

1. The acquired parcels or easements will be targeted toward the Mississippi River; precise in protecting access to public lands; and provide multiple benefits such as hunting, fishing, and outdoor heritage opportunities.
2. The acquired parcels or easements must meet the Mississippi Headwaters Board natural value criteria of identifying and promoting protection of critical habitat flora and fauna as described in the Mississippi Headwaters Board Comprehensive Management Plan.
3. Acquisition and easement priorities will focus on parcels that provide access and are adjacent to existing County, State, and Federal public lands along the Mississippi River to increase habitat and corridor connectivity.
4. Parcels will be ranked by technical committee, and a brought before the Mississippi Headwaters Board for final approval. Parcels will be ranked according to habitat, public access, parcel location, parcel size and cost, and supporting plans.

During the spring of 2015 the MHB Executive Director Tim Terrill visited all eight joint powers board member counties to share the new direction the MHB was taking with regard to river protection. This "Move the Needle" campaign was well received by all of the constituent counties. These public presentations resulted in very positive local media coverage.

The Nature Conservancy has been coordinating county, state, and federal partners in addition to the non-profit conservation community to develop a science supported decision support tool to help guide water protection priorities in the Mississippi Headwaters region. This group called the North Central Conservation Roundtable (NCCR) completed the prioritization tool such that it can be used in conjunction with the MHB river corridor assessment data recently developed in 2013-14. The NCCR continues to meet quarterly in an effort to coordinate partners, programs, and opportunities to protect forest and water resources in the Headwaters region to maximize hunting and fishing habitat.

Crops:

Will there be planting of corn or any crop on OHF land purchased or restored in this program - **No**

How does the request address MN habitats that have: historical value to fish and wildlife, wildlife species of greatest conservation need, MN County Biological Survey data, and/or rare, threatened and endangered species inventories:

The areas targeted by this proposal will strategically protect the habitat and connectivity for fish and game using permanent conservation easements and fee title acquisition to target riparian forest, wetland complexes, tributary confluences, and wild rice communities along the Mississippi river, headwater's reservoirs, and connecting corridors and tributaries. Land conversion and forest fragmentation have a threaten on habitat, corridor connectivity, and aquatic function on both land and water in this area.

What is the nature of urgency and why it is necessary to spend public money for this work as soon as possible:

The Mississippi river is the dominant river in the lakes tourism industry. This area is experiencing development pressure, and forest fragmentation from the economic decline of the timber industry.

Describe the science based planning and evaluation model used:

Zonation modeling that prioritizes fish and wildlife habitat along with water quality benefits will be utilized on a ranking sheet to help locate areas that provide the best fish, wildlife, and game habitat. The Mississippi Headwaters sub-watershed prioritization model will be utilized to identify adjacent public land and access.

Which sections of the Minnesota Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan are applicable to this project:

- H2 Protect critical shoreland of streams and lakes
- H3 Improve connectivity and access to recreation

Which other plans are addressed in this proposal:

- Mississippi River Headwaters Comprehensive Plan
- Outdoor Heritage Fund: A 25 Year Framework

Which LSOHC section priorities are addressed in this proposal:

Forest / Prairie Transition:

- Protect, enhance, and restore wild rice wetlands, shallow lakes, wetland/grassland complexes, aspen parklands, and shoreland that provide critical habitat for game and nongame wildlife

Northern Forest:

- Protect shoreland and restore or enhance critical habitat on wild rice lakes, shallow lakes, cold water lakes, streams and rivers, and spawning areas

Relationship to other funds:

- Clean Water Fund

We intend in the future to explore ways to utilize the Clean Water Fund to address water quality issues to compliment this habitat effort.

How does this proposal accelerate or supplement your current efforts in this area:

The Mississippi Headwaters Board is a Joint Powers Board formed in 1980 to preserve the wild and scenic values of the Mississippi river. This proposal, coordinated and administered by the Mississippi Headwaters Board, will bring together state agencies, local governmental units, Comprehensive Water Plans, county government, Land Resource Plans, and nongovernmental organizations to provide a consistent and coordinated approach to permanent habitat preservation.

Describe the source and amount of non-OHF money spent for this work in the past:

Not Listed

How will you sustain and/or maintain this work after the Outdoor Heritage Funds are expended:

The BWSR easements are perpetual and will be monitored through the BWSR RIM easement monitoring process. Monitoring scheduling follows the RIM guidelines. Easements are inspected for the first five consecutive years beginning in the year after the easement is recorded. Thereafter, on-site inspections are performed every three years and compliance checks are performed in the other two years. Stewardship costs are part of this project and are calculated at \$5,000 per easement for 25 years.

The non-governmental organizations will transfer all fee title lands to the Dept. of Natural Resources or county for permanent stewardship. All land acquired by partners will meet the strategic missions of the DNR and counties who will own and manage the land. DNR acquired land will be required to develop a management plan consistent with their division priorities. The proposed parcels will be part of the state management system, being sustained and managed by local DNR Area staff involved in the partnership. Maintenance will be funded through the DNR budget, grants and funds provided by partners. Ongoing maintenance and monitoring will be arranged by acquiring entity.

Explain the things you will do in the future to maintain project outcomes:

Year	Source of Funds	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
2019	OHF	Work with landowners and agencies to determine interest and develop long term habitat priorities.	Utilize RIM program to maintain and monitor easements.	Perform on-site inspections for 5 consecutive years, and every 3 years thereafter.
2019	OHF	Work with landowners to determine interest and develop long term game, hunting and fishing priorities.	Work with Trust for Public Land to acquire parcels for fee title acquisitions.	Follow monitoring guidelines established by the DNR or Counties (depending on ownership) to monitor acquired parcels.

Activity Details:

If funded, this proposal will meet all applicable criteria set forth in MS 97A.056 - **Yes**

Will local government approval be sought prior to acquisition - **Yes**

Is the land you plan to acquire free of any other permanent protection - **Yes**

Is this land currently open for hunting and fishing - **No**

Will the land be open for hunting and fishing after completion - **Yes**

Land conveyed to the Dept. of Natural Resources or counties will fall under management plans that allow for hunting and fishing opportunities.

Will the eased land be open for public use - **No**

Is the land you plan to acquire free of any other permanent protection - **Yes**

Accomplishment Timeline:

Activity	Approximate Date Completed
Partners- Landowner negotiations, due diligence, acquire land and convey to State or County	6/30/19
SWCDs- Complete conservation easements applications	6/30/19
BWSR- Process and acquire easements through the RIM program.	6/30/19
DNR, Counties- Acquire and manage land for habitat	6/30/19
MHB- Coordination, administration, reporting	6/30/19

Federal Funding:

Do you anticipate federal funds as a match for this program - **No**

Outcomes:

Programs in the northern forest region:

- Increased availability and improved condition of riparian forests and other habitat corridors *An increase of lineal shoreland habitat permanently protected by easement or fee acquisition. An increase in the percent (%) of minor watersheds habitat being permanently protected.*

Programs in forest-prairie transition region:

- Rivers and streams provide corridors of habitat including intact areas of forest cover in the east and large wetland/upland complexes in the west *An increase of lineal shoreland habitat permanently protected by easement or fee acquisition. An increase in the percent (%) of minor watersheds habitat being permanently protected.*

Budget Spreadsheet

Total Amount of Request: \$9,000,000

Budget and Cash Leverage

Budget Name	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	\$720,400	\$191,000	Private	\$911,400
Contracts	\$116,000	\$0		\$116,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	\$4,400,000	\$0		\$4,400,000
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	\$500,000	\$0		\$500,000
Easement Acquisition	\$2,587,000	\$0		\$2,587,000
Easement Stewardship	\$214,500	\$0		\$214,500
Travel	\$19,900	\$0		\$19,900
Professional Services	\$110,000	\$0		\$110,000
Direct Support Services	\$120,400	\$118,900	Private	\$239,300
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	\$100,000	\$0		\$100,000
Capital Equipment	\$0	\$0		\$0
Other Equipment/Tools	\$4,900	\$0		\$4,900
Supplies/Materials	\$6,900	\$0		\$6,900
DNR IDP	\$100,000	\$0		\$100,000
Total	\$9,000,000	\$309,900	-	\$9,309,900

Personnel

Position	FTE	Over # of years	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Protection and Legal Staff	1.30	3.00	\$398,000	\$191,000	Private	\$589,000
Program Coordinator	1.00	3.00	\$208,900	\$0		\$208,900
Grant Administration	0.30	3.00	\$10,000	\$0		\$10,000
Program Management	0.15	3.00	\$45,000	\$0		\$45,000
Easement processing	0.30	3.00	\$58,500	\$0		\$58,500
Total	3.05	15.00	\$720,400	\$191,000	-	\$911,400

Budget and Cash Leverage by Partnership

Budget Name	Partnership	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	TPL	\$398,000	\$191,000	Private	\$589,000
Contracts	TPL	\$50,000	\$0		\$50,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	TPL	\$4,400,000	\$0		\$4,400,000
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	TPL	\$500,000	\$0		\$500,000
Easement Acquisition	TPL	\$0	\$0		\$0
Easement Stewardship	TPL	\$0	\$0		\$0
Travel	TPL	\$10,000	\$0		\$10,000
Professional Services	TPL	\$110,000	\$0		\$110,000
Direct Support Services	TPL	\$118,900	\$118,900	Private	\$237,800
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	TPL	\$100,000	\$0		\$100,000
Capital Equipment	TPL	\$0	\$0		\$0
Other Equipment/Tools	TPL	\$0	\$0		\$0
Supplies/Materials	TPL	\$2,000	\$0		\$2,000
DNR IDP	TPL	\$100,000	\$0		\$100,000
Total	-	\$5,788,900	\$309,900	-	\$6,098,800

Personnel - TPL

Position	FTE	Over # of years	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Protection and Legal Staff	1.30	3.00	\$398,000	\$191,000	Private	\$589,000
Total	1.30	3.00	\$398,000	\$191,000	-	\$589,000

Budget Name	Partnership	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	MHWB	\$218,900	\$0		\$218,900
Contracts	MHWB	\$0	\$0		\$0

Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	MHWB	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	MHWB	\$0	\$0	\$0
Easement Acquisition	MHWB	\$0	\$0	\$0
Easement Stewardship	MHWB	\$0	\$0	\$0
Travel	MHWB	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
Professional Services	MHWB	\$0	\$0	\$0
Direct Support Services	MHWB	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	MHWB	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Equipment	MHWB	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Equipment/Tools	MHWB	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/Materials	MHWB	\$0	\$0	\$0
DNR IDP	MHWB	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	-	\$225,400	\$0	\$225,400

Personnel - MHWB

Position	FTE	Over # of years	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Program Coordinator	1.00	3.00	\$208,900	\$0		\$208,900
Grant Administration	0.30	3.00	\$10,000	\$0		\$10,000
Total	1.30	6.00	\$218,900	\$0	-	\$218,900

Budget Name	Partnership	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	BWSR	\$103,500	\$0		\$103,500
Contracts	BWSR	\$66,000	\$0		\$66,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	BWSR	\$0	\$0		\$0
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	BWSR	\$0	\$0		\$0
Easement Acquisition	BWSR	\$2,587,000	\$0		\$2,587,000
Easement Stewardship	BWSR	\$214,500	\$0		\$214,500
Travel	BWSR	\$4,900	\$0		\$4,900
Professional Services	BWSR	\$0	\$0		\$0
Direct Support Services	BWSR	\$0	\$0		\$0
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	BWSR	\$0	\$0		\$0
Capital Equipment	BWSR	\$0	\$0		\$0
Other Equipment/Tools	BWSR	\$4,900	\$0		\$4,900
Supplies/Materials	BWSR	\$4,900	\$0		\$4,900
DNR IDP	BWSR	\$0	\$0		\$0
Total	-	\$2,985,700	\$0	-	\$2,985,700

Personnel - BWSR

Position	FTE	Over # of years	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Program Management	0.15	3.00	\$45,000	\$0		\$45,000
Easement processing	0.30	3.00	\$58,500	\$0		\$58,500
Total	0.45	6.00	\$103,500	\$0	-	\$103,500

Amount of Request: \$9,000,000

Amount of Leverage: \$309,900

Leverage as a percent of the Request: 3.44%

Output Tables

Table 1a. Acres by Resource Type

Type	Wetlands	Prairies	Forest	Habitats	Total
Restore	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	0	1,478	0	1,478
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	0	0	167	0	167
Protect in Easement	0	0	1,320	0	1,320
Enhance	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	2,965	0	2,965

Table 2. Total Requested Funding by Resource Type

Type	Wetlands	Prairies	Forest	Habitats	Total
Restore	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$5,285,200	\$0	\$5,285,200
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$654,000	\$0	\$654,000
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$0	\$3,060,800	\$0	\$3,060,800
Enhance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$9,000,000	\$0	\$9,000,000

Table 3. Acres within each Ecological Section

Type	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	Northern Forest	Total
Restore	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	100	0	0	1,378	1,478
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	167	167
Protect in Easement	0	100	0	0	1,220	1,320
Enhance	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	200	0	0	2,765	2,965

Table 4. Total Requested Funding within each Ecological Section

Type	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	Northern Forest	Total
Restore	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,985,200	\$5,285,200
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$654,000	\$654,000
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,760,800	\$3,060,800
Enhance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$600,000	\$0	\$0	\$8,400,000	\$9,000,000

Table 5. Average Cost per Acre by Resource Type

Type	Wetlands	Prairies	Forest	Habitats
Restore	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$3,576	\$0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$3,916	\$0
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$0	\$2,319	\$0
Enhance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Table 6. Average Cost per Acre by Ecological Section

Type	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	Northern Forest
Restore	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,618
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,916
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,263
Enhance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Target Lake/Stream/River Feet or Miles

400

Parcel List

Section 1 - Restore / Enhance Parcel List

No parcels with an activity type restore or enhance.

Section 2 - Protect Parcel List

Aitkin

Name	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?
Mississippi River, Aitkin	04727224	247	\$300,000	No	Full	Full

Beltrami

Name	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?
Wolf	14632236	460	\$2,000,000	No	Full	Full

Cass

Name	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?
Leech parcel	14329208	50	\$1,700,000	No	Full	Full

Clearwater

Name	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?
Mississippi River, Iron Springs Bog SNA	14436233	60	\$200,000	No	Full	Full

Crow Wing

Name	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?
Mississippi River, Baxter	13329223	600	\$1,800,000	No	Full	Full
Mississippi River, Buffalo	04431203	500	\$2,000,000	No	Full	Full
Mississippi River, Crow Wing State Forest North	04729220	159	\$500,000	No	Full	Full
Mississippi River, Crow Wing State Forrest South	04730225	358	\$700,000	No	Full	Full

Hubbard

Name	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?
LaSalle Creek SNA	14435235	350	\$800,000	No	Full	Full
Schoolcraft River AMA	14533219	130	\$400,000	No	Full	Full

Section 2a - Protect Parcel with Bldgs

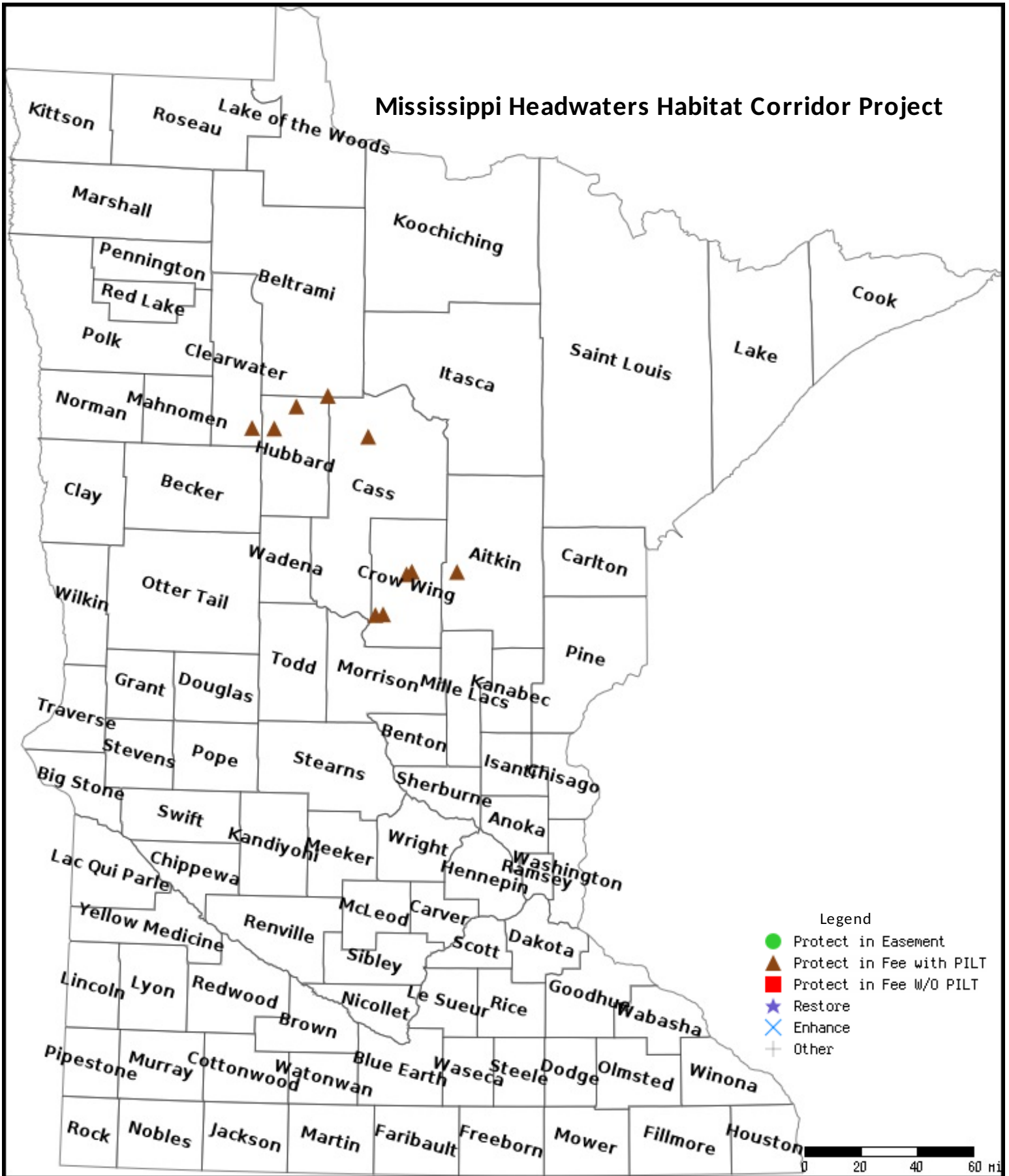
No parcels with an activity type protect and has buildings.

Section 3 - Other Parcel Activity

No parcels with an other activity type.

Parcel Map

Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project



Data Generated From Parcel List



Mississippi Headwaters Corridor Private Parcels over 20 acres - non-municipal



Map Explanation - for County Maps

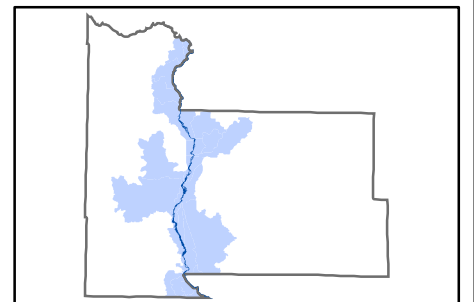
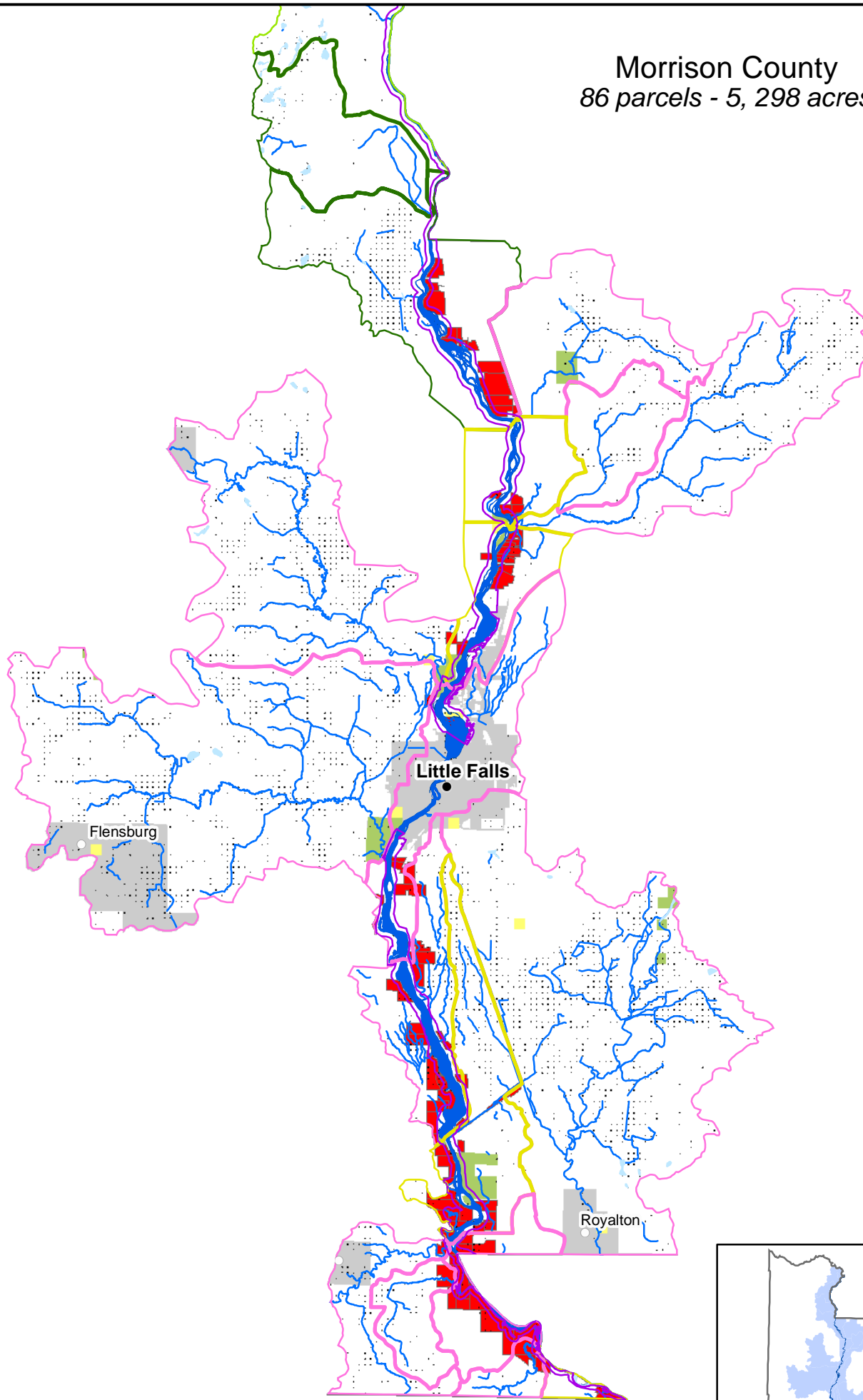
- MHB Corridor
- Lake, Pond or Reservoir
- River or Stream
- Wetlands
- Parcels
- State Administered Lands
- County Administered Tax Forfeit
- County
- Federal
- Tribal (not public)
- City Boundaries

Watershed Catchments

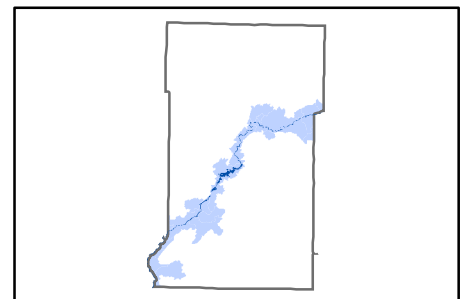
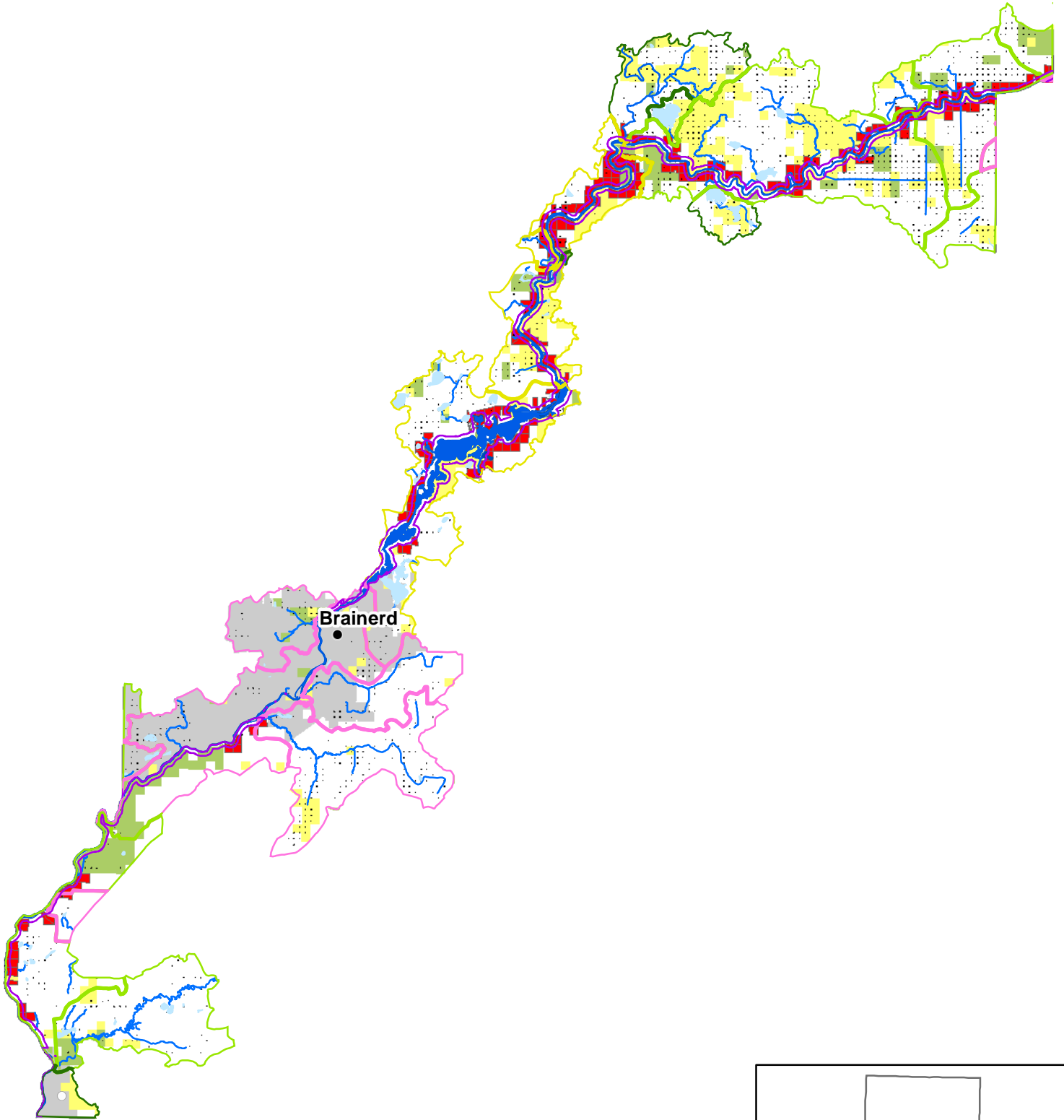
Risk Class

- Vigilance
- Protection
- Enhance / Protection
- Enhance

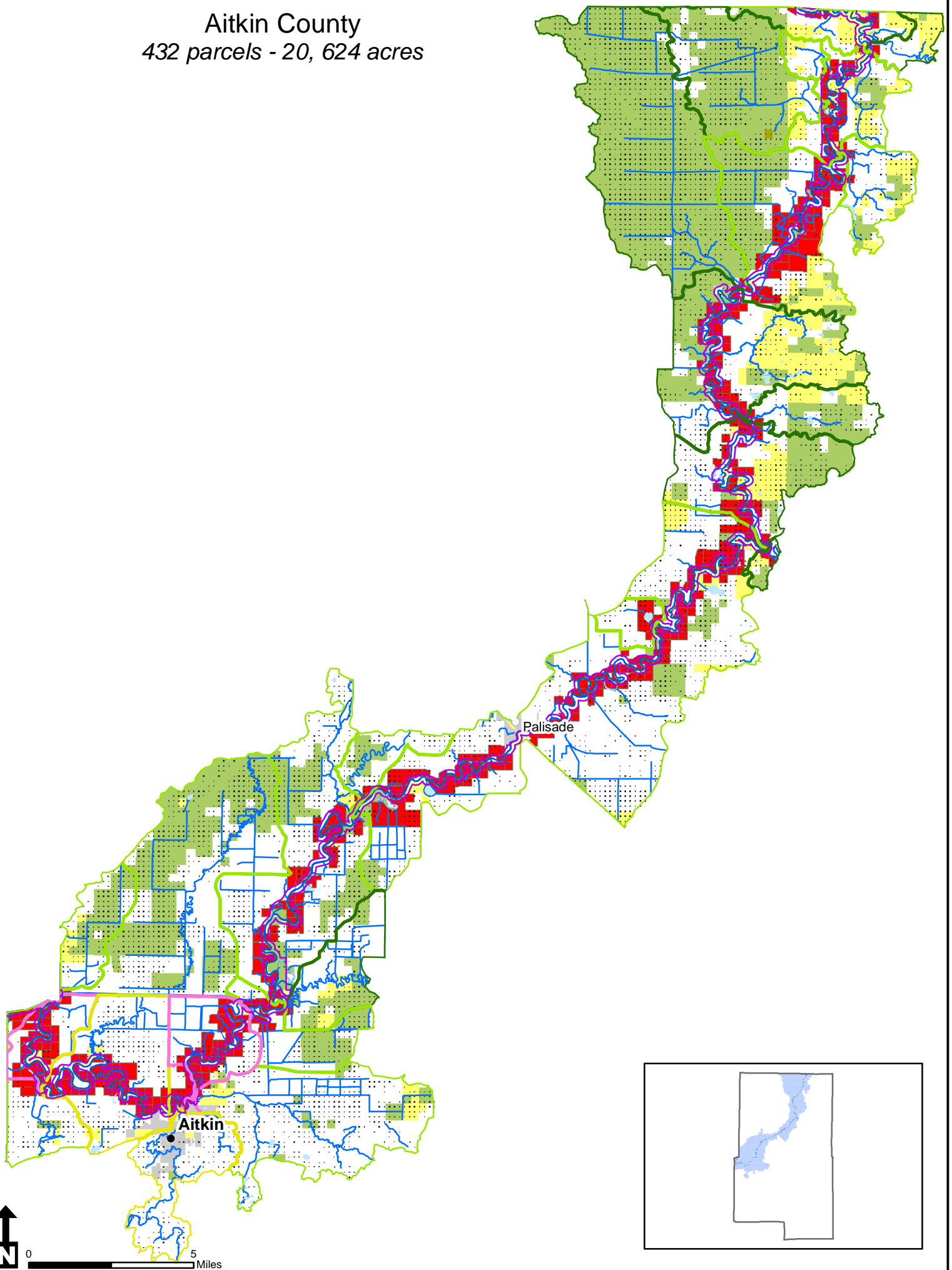
Morrison County
86 parcels - 5, 298 acres



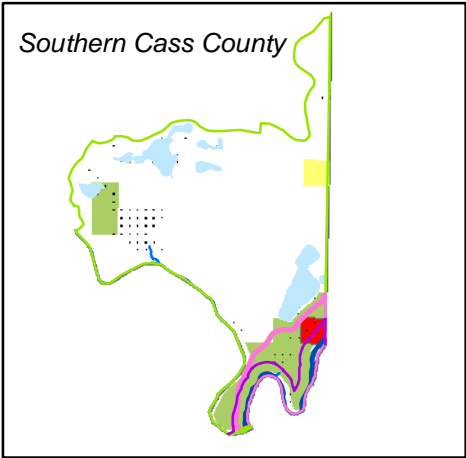
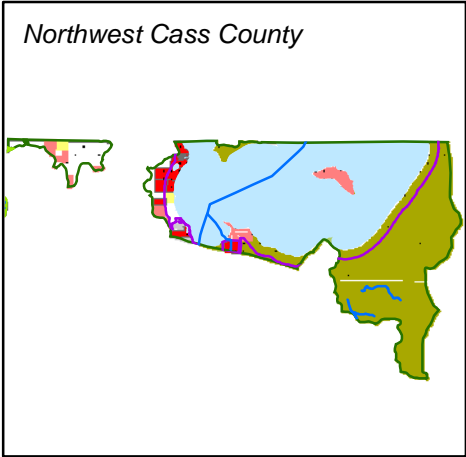
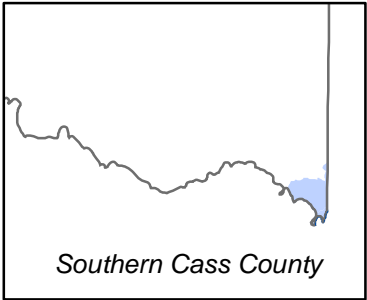
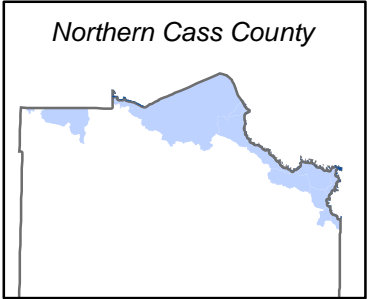
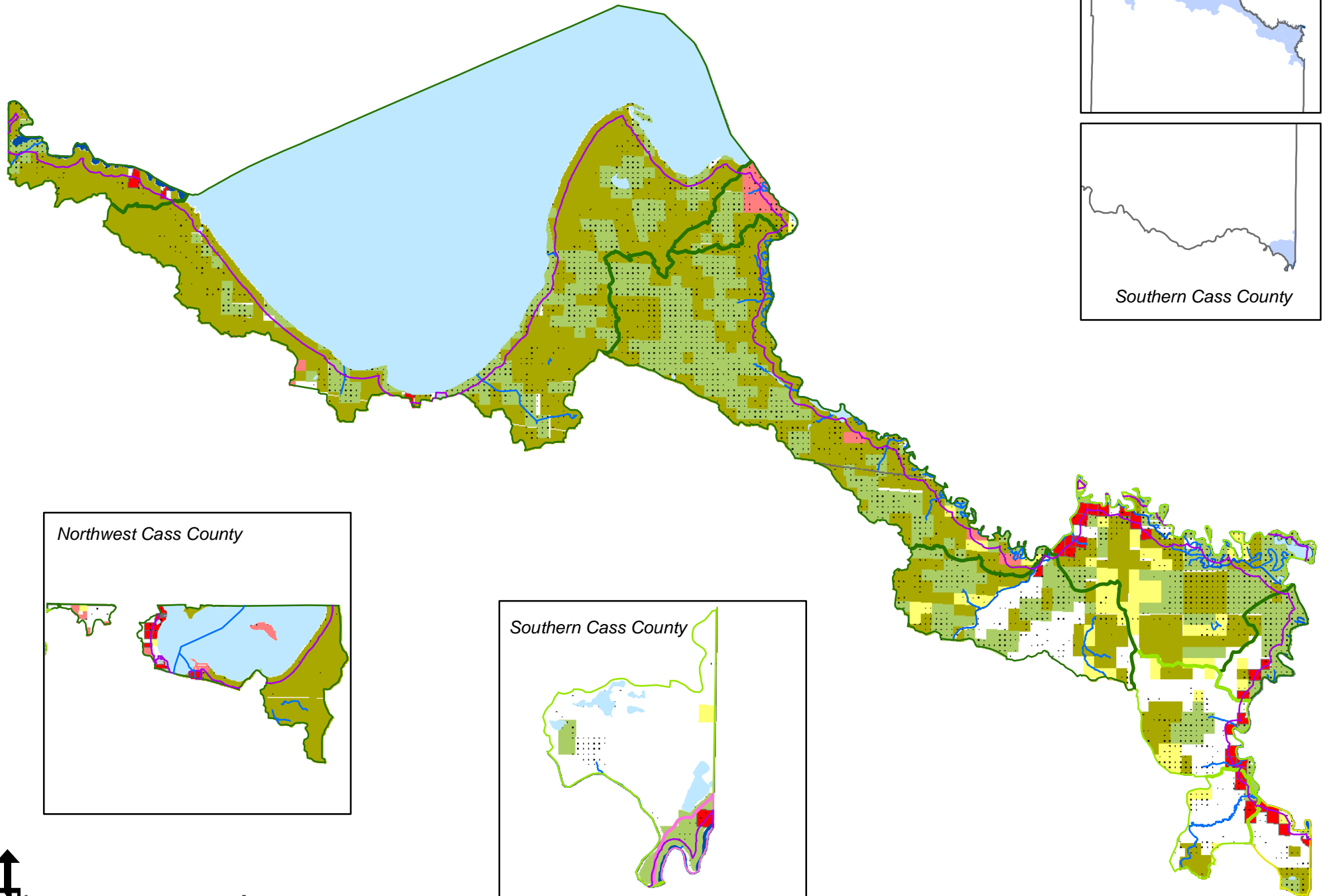
Crow Wing County
201 parcels - 7, 096 acres



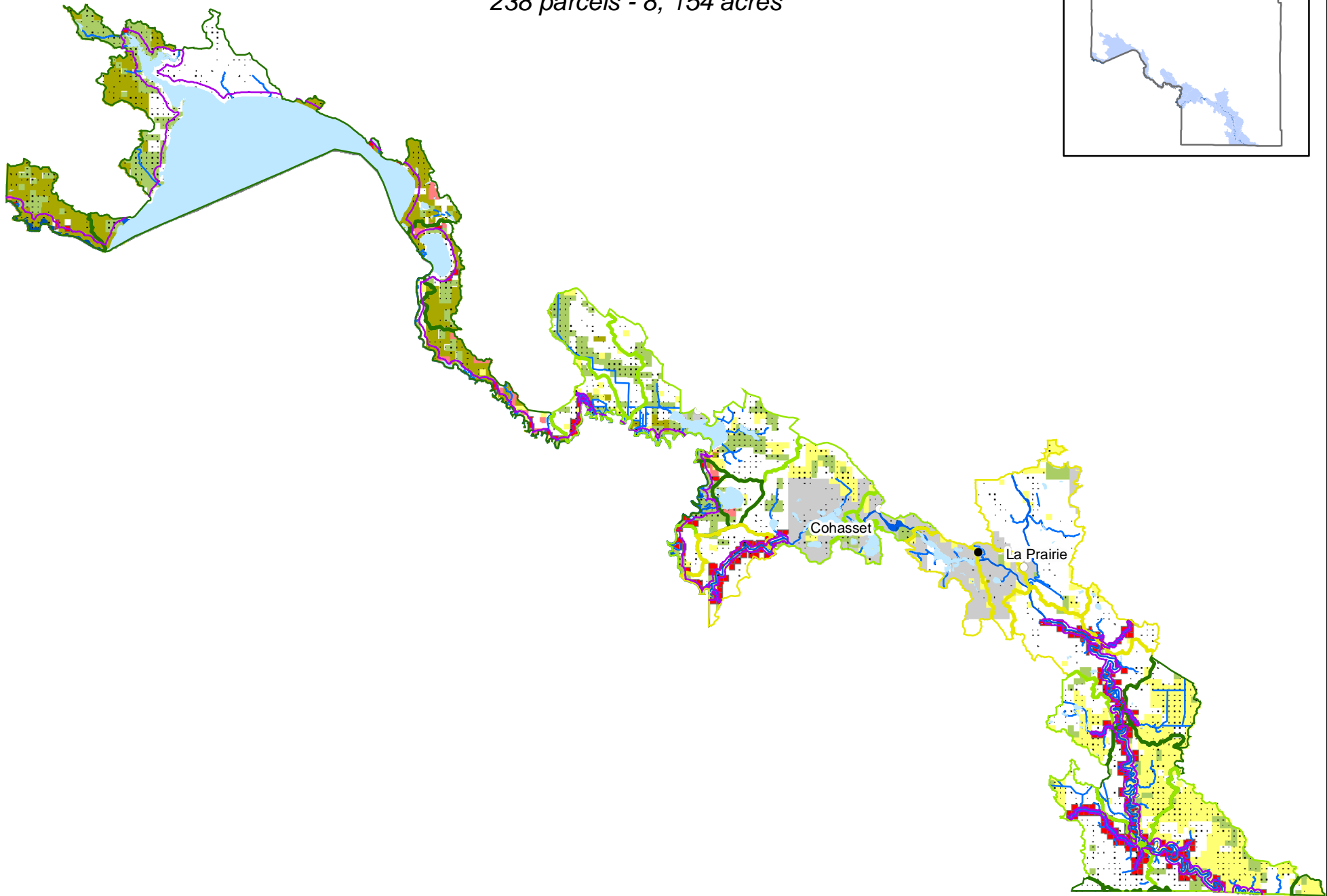
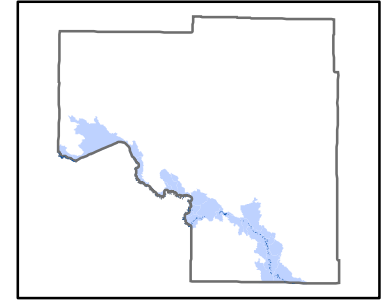
Aitkin County
432 parcels - 20,624 acres



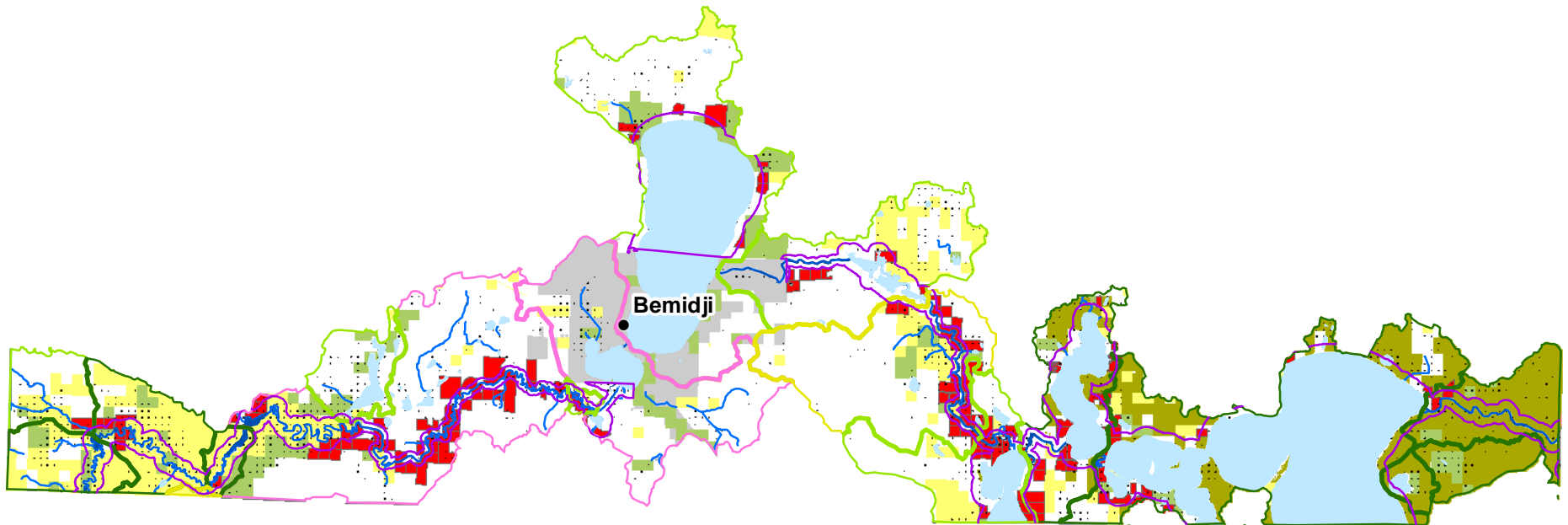
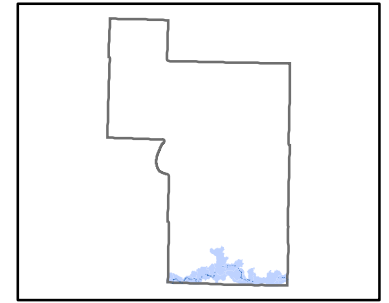
Cass County
41 parcels - 1, 795 acres



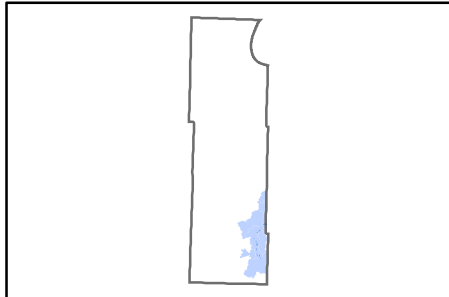
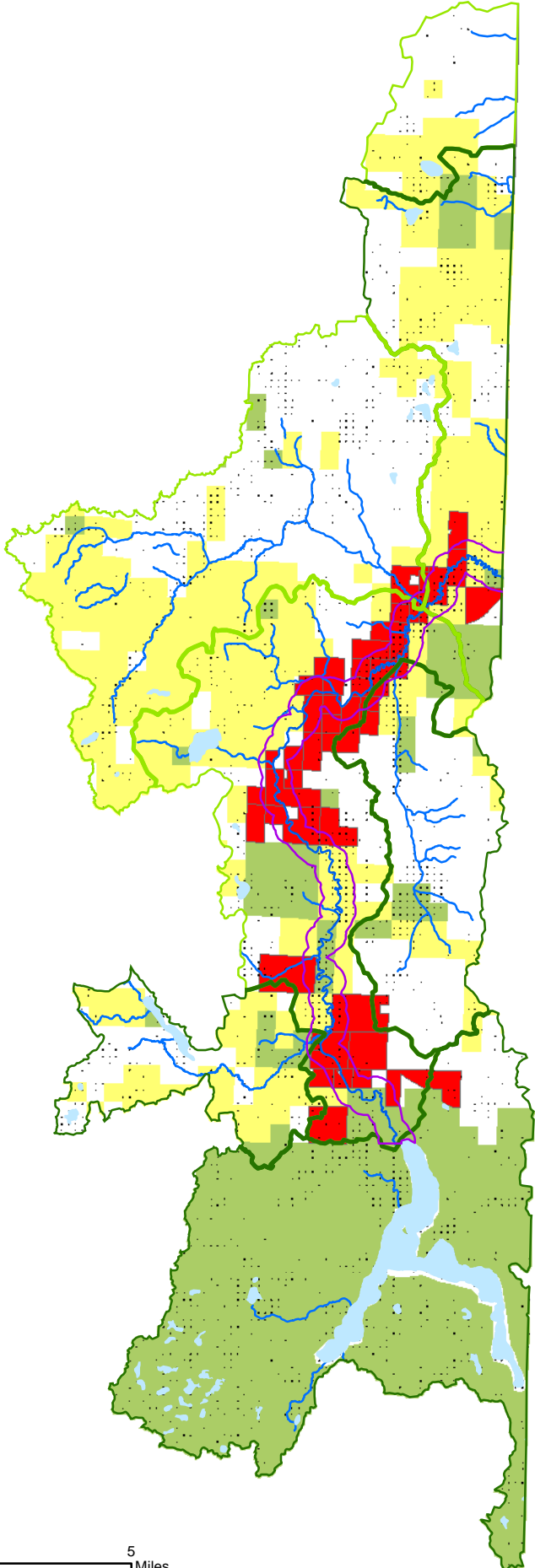
Itasca County
238 parcels - 8, 154 acres



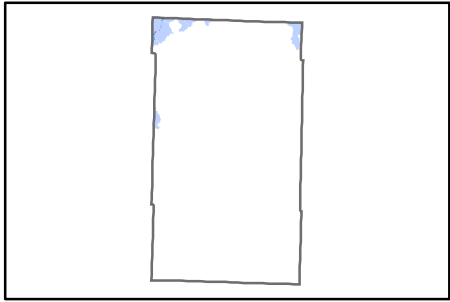
Beltrami County
145 parcels - 6, 459 acres



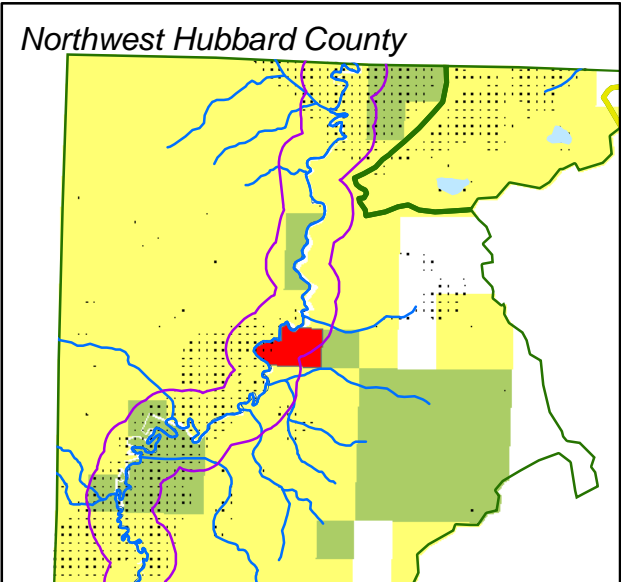
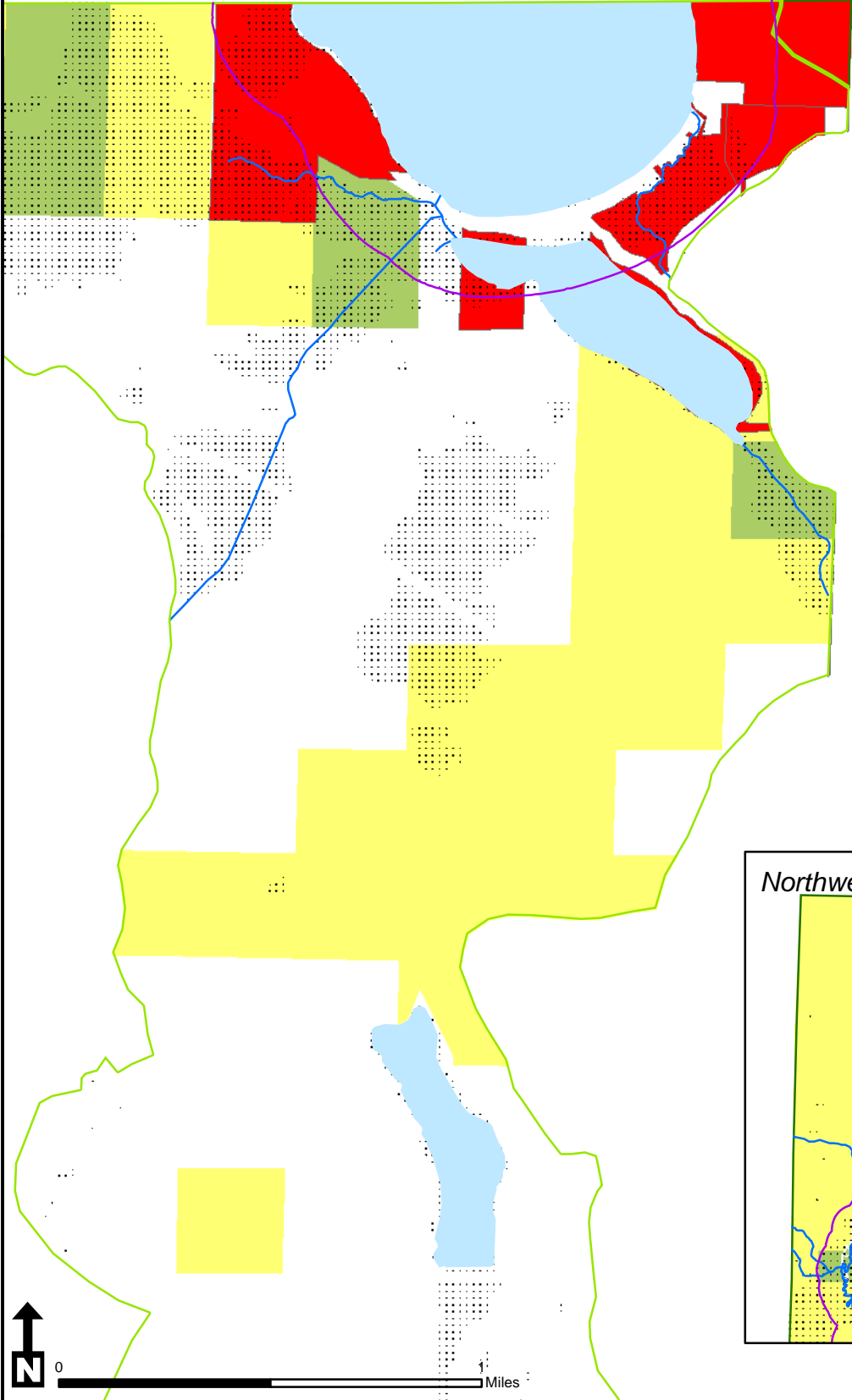
Clearwater County
36 parcels - 3, 592 acres



Hubbard County
8 parcels - 365 acres



Northeast Hubbard County



CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION OF COUNTY BOARD OF AITKIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

ADOPTED April 28, 2015

By Commissioner: Westerlund

20150428-020

Support MHB Application to Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

WHEREAS, Aitkin County is a member of the 8-county Mississippi Headwaters Board, which was established to identify and protect the natural, cultural, scenic, scientific, and recreational values of the Mississippi River's first 400 miles, and

WHEREAS, fragmentation of the forested shoreland and the loss of access along the Mississippi River, headwater's reservoirs, and connecting corridor tributaries is occurring, and

WHEREAS, protection of the Mississippi River's habitat and access to adjacent public land is the key to enjoying the hunting, fishing, and outdoor habitat of Minnesota's outdoor traditions, and

WHEREAS, a targeted, coordinated process involving county government has been developed by the Mississippi Headwaters Board for fee title acquisition and permanent easements,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners supports the Mississippi Headwaters Board's application to the Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council for preservation and protection of the Mississippi River, headwater's reservoirs, and connecting corridor tributaries.

Commissioner Niemi moved the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting Yes

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
County of Aitkin) ss.
Office of County Auditor,)

I, Kirk Peysar, Auditor, of the County of Aitkin, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in my office on the 28th day of April A.D., 2015, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE at Aitkin, Minnesota, this 28th day of April A.D., 2015


KIRK PEYSAR, County Auditor
BY _____, Deputy

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BELTRAMI COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

DATE: 05-19-2015

RESOLUTION # 15-05-28

MOTION OF COMMISSIONER: Sumner

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER: Anderson

**THE BOARD, BY ADOPTION OF ITS CONSENT AGENDA, APPROVED THE RESOLUTION OF
SUPPORT FOR THE MISSISSIPPI HEADWATERS BOARD OUTDOOR HERITAGE COUNCIL GRANT
APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, Beltrami County is a member of the 8-county Mississippi Headwaters Board, which was established to identify and protect the natural, cultural, scenic, scientific, and recreational values of the Mississippi River's first 400 miles, and

WHEREAS, fragmentation of the forested shoreland and the loss of access along the Mississippi River, headwater's reservoirs, and connecting corridor tributaries is occurring, and

WHEREAS, protection of the Mississippi River's habitat and access to adjacent public land is the key to enjoying the hunting, fishing, and outdoor habitat of Minnesota's outdoor traditions, and


WHEREAS, a targeted, coordinated process involving county government has been developed by the Mississippi Headwaters Board for fee title acquisition and permanent easements,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Beltrami County Board of Commissioners supports the Mississippi Headwaters Board's application to the Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council for preservation and protection of the Mississippi River, headwater's reservoirs, and connecting corridor tributaries.

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Winger	X	
Vene	X	
Anderson	X	
Sumner	X	
Lucachick	X	

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF BELTRAMI)

I, Kay Mack, County Administrator, Beltrami County, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of a resolution with the original minutes of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners, Beltrami County, Minnesota, at their regular session held on May 19, 2015, now on file in my office and have found the same to be a true and correct copy thereof.



Kay Mack, County Administrator

CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION COUNTY BOARD OF CASS COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 20-15

ADOPTED: May 5, 2015

Commissioner Downham offered Resolution No. 20-15 and moved its adoption, Commissioner Bruns seconded:

WHEREAS, Cass County is a member of the 8-county Mississippi Headwaters Board, which was established to identify and protect the natural, cultural, scenic, scientific, and recreational values of the Mississippi River's first 400 miles, and

WHEREAS, fragmentation of the forested shoreland and the loss of access along the Mississippi River, headwater's reservoirs, and connecting corridor tributaries is occurring, and

WHEREAS, protection of the Mississippi River's habitat and access to adjacent public land is the key to enjoying the hunting, fishing, and outdoor habitat of Minnesota's outdoor traditions, and

WHEREAS, a targeted, coordinated process involving county government has been developed by the Mississippi Headwaters Board for fee title acquisition and permanent easements,


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cass Board of Commissioners supports the Mississippi Headwaters Board's application to the Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council for preservation and protection of the Mississippi River, headwater's reservoirs, and connecting corridor tributaries.

Resolution No. 20-15 was adopted by majority vote: Ayes: Bruns, Downham, Gaalswyk, Peterson. Absent: Kangas. Nays: None.

STATE OF MINNESOTA }
County of Cass } ss.
Office of County Administrator }

I, Robert H. Yochum, Administrator of the County of Cass, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in my office on the 5th day of May, A. D. 2015, and the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF MY OFFICE
at Walker, Minnesota, this 5th day of May, A. D. 2015


Robert H. Yochum
Cass County Administrator

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Crow Wing County, Minnesota

DATE: April 28, 2015
OFFERED BY COMMISSIONERS: Thiede and Nystrom

RESOLUTION #2015-23

LESSARD SAMS OUTDOOR HERITAGE PROPOSAL

WHEREAS, Crow Wing County is a member of the 8-county Mississippi Headwaters Board, which was established to identify and protect the natural, cultural, scenic, scientific, and recreational values of the Mississippi River's first 400 miles, and

WHEREAS, fragmentation of the forested shoreland and the loss of access along the Mississippi River, headwater's reservoirs, and connecting corridor tributaries is occurring, and

WHEREAS, protection of the Mississippi River's habitat and access to adjacent public land is the key to enjoying the hunting, fishing, and outdoor habitat of Minnesota's outdoor traditions, and

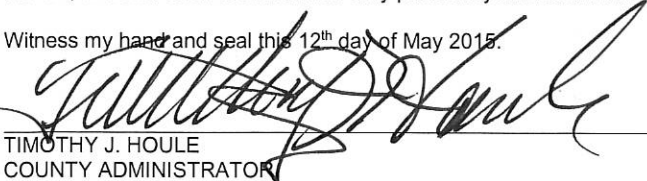
WHEREAS, a targeted, coordinated process involving county government has been developed by the Mississippi Headwaters Board for fee title acquisition and permanent easements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Crow Wing Board of Commissioners supports the Mississippi Headwaters Board's application to the Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council for preservation and protection of the Mississippi River, headwater's reservoirs, and connecting corridor tributaries.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF CROW WING) ss

I, Timothy J. Houle, County Administrator, Crow Wing County, Minnesota, hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the resolution of the county board of said county with the original record thereof on file in the Administration Office, Crow Wing County, Minnesota, as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said board at a meeting duly held on April 28, 2015, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original record and of the whole thereof, and that said resolution was duly passed by said board at said meeting.

Witness my hand and seal this 12th day of May 2015.


TIMOTHY J. HOULE
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
DISTRICT #1 – KOERING	X	_____
DISTRICT #2 – THIEDE	X	_____
DISTRICT #3 – NYSTROM	X	_____
DISTRICT #4 – FRANZEN	X	_____
DISTRICT #5 – HOUGE	X	_____

**CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION OF COUNTY BOARD
HUBBARD COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

Commissioner Dotta moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 05051504

WHEREAS, Hubbard County is a member of the 8-county Mississippi Headwaters Board, which was established to identify and protect the natural, cultural, scenic, scientific, and recreational values of the Mississippi River's first 400 miles, and

WHEREAS, fragmentation of the forested shoreland and the loss of access along the Mississippi River, headwater's reservoirs, and connecting corridor tributaries is occurring, and

WHEREAS, protection of the Mississippi River's habitat and access to adjacent public land is the key to enjoying the hunting, fishing, and outdoor habitat of Minnesota's outdoor traditions, and

WHEREAS, a targeted, coordinated process involving county government has been developed by the Mississippi Headwaters Board for fee title acquisition and permanent easements,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hubbard Board of Commissioners supports the Mississippi Headwaters Board's application to the Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council for preservation and protection of the Mississippi River, headwater's reservoirs, and connecting corridor tributaries.

Commissioner Smith seconded the motion for the adoption of the Resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote:

Ayes: 5 Nays 0

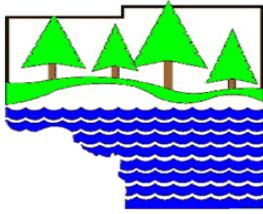
STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
County of Hubbard)

Office of the Coordinator

I, Debbie Thompson, duly appointed Coordinator of the County of Hubbard, do hereby certify that the above is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hubbard at its annual meeting held on May 5, 2015.



Debbie Thompson, Coordinator



**ITASCA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
Itasca County Courthouse
123 NE 4th Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

May 12, 2015
Regular Meeting

RESOLUTION 2015-16

**RE: SUPPORT FOR THE MISSISSIPPI HEADWATERS BOARD (MHB)
APPLICATION TO THE LESSARD SAMS OUTDOOR HERITAGE COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, Itasca County is a member of the 8-county Mississippi Headwaters Board, which was established to identify and protect the natural, cultural, scenic, scientific, and recreational values of the Mississippi River's first 400 miles, and

WHEREAS, fragmentation of the forested shoreland and the loss of access along the Mississippi River, headwater's reservoirs, and connecting corridor tributaries is occurring, and

WHEREAS, protection of the Mississippi River's habitat and access to adjacent public land is the key to enjoying the hunting, fishing, and outdoor habitat of Minnesota's outdoor traditions, and

WHEREAS, a targeted, coordinated process involving county government has been developed by the Mississippi Headwaters Board for fee title acquisition and permanent easements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Itasca Board of Commissioners supports the Mississippi Headwaters Board's application to the Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council for preservation and protection of the Mississippi River, headwater's reservoirs, and connecting corridor tributaries.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Leo Trunt, District #3
SECONDER:	Mark Mandich, District #5
AYES:	Tinquist, Snyder, Trunt, Eichorn, Mandich

STATE OF MINNESOTA
Office of County Administrator
ss. County of Itasca

I, TRISH HARREN, Administrator of County of Itasca, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in my office on the 12th day of May A.D. 2015 and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE at Grand Rapids, Minnesota, this 12th day of May A.D. 2015



Administrator

By _____ Deputy

Resolution 2015-025

WHEREAS, Morrison County is a member of the 8-county Mississippi Headwaters Board, which was established to identify and protect the natural, cultural, scenic, scientific, and recreational values of the Mississippi River's first 400 miles, and

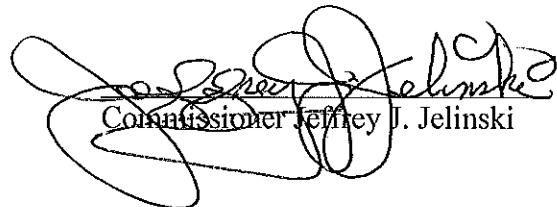
WHEREAS, fragmentation of the forested shoreland and the loss of access along the Mississippi River, headwater's reservoirs, and connecting corridor tributaries is occurring, and

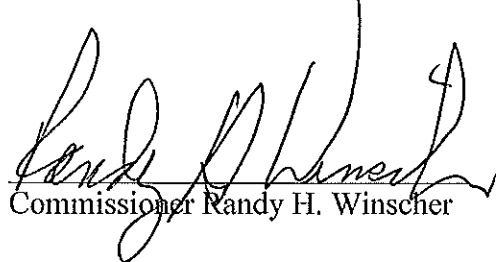
WHEREAS, protection of the Mississippi River's habitat and access to adjacent public land is the key to enjoying the hunting, fishing, and outdoor habitat of Minnesota's outdoor traditions, and

WHEREAS, a targeted, coordinated process involving county government has been developed by the Mississippi Headwaters Board for fee title acquisition and permanent easements,

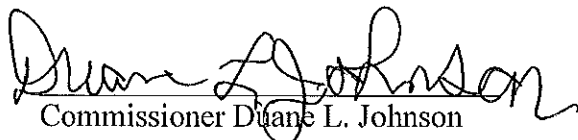
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Morrison Board of Commissioners supports the Mississippi Headwaters Board's application to the Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council for preservation and protection of the Mississippi River, headwater's reservoirs, and connecting corridor tributaries.


Commissioner Kevin J. Maurer, Chairman


Commissioner Jeffrey J. Jelinski


Commissioner Randy H. Winscher


Commissioner Mike R. Wilson


Commissioner Duane L. Johnson