



## Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

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### Laws of Minnesota 2017 Final Report

#### General Information

**Date:** 11/02/2020

**Project Title:** Bushmen Lake

**Funds Recommended:** \$4,600,000

**Legislative Citation:** ML 2017, Ch. 91, Art. 1, Sec. 2, subd. 3(g)

**Appropriation Language:** \$4,600,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with The Conservation Fund in cooperation with the United States Forest Service to acquire lands in fee adjacent to Bushman Lake in St. Louis County to be managed for wildlife habitat purposes. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan. ML 2020, Ch. 104, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 11. Cancellations (a) The unspent portion of the appropriation in Laws 2017, chapter 91, article 1, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph (g), estimated to be \$4,582,000, is canceled.

#### Manager Information

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#### Location Information

**County Location(s):**

**Eco regions in which work will take place:**

- Northern Forest

**Activity types:**

- Protect in Fee

**Priority resources addressed by activity:**

- Forest

## **Narrative**

### **Summary of Accomplishments**

The property was not able to be acquired and protected for reasons not known to project managers and partners at the outset of the project in 2017.

### **Process & Methods**

The Conservation Fund was able to secure the property under contract and appraise the project to yellow book federal standards at the outset of the project, and was unable to continue with the acquisition due to US Forest Service's being unable to accept a donation of property with the LSOHC Notice of Funding Restrictions.

### **How did the program address habitats of significant value for wildlife species of greatest conservation need, threatened or endangered species, and/or list targeted species?**

N/A

### **How did the program use science-based targeting that leveraged or expanded corridors and complexes, reduced fragmentation, or protected areas in the MN County Biological Survey.**

N/A

### **Explain Partners, Supporters, & Opposition**

The partner, Superior National Forest, would like to see the property protected as it borders the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness on three sides.

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

TCF was able to secure the property under contract and was appraised to federal yellow book standards. The US Forest Service reviewed the LSOHC Notice of Funding Restriction and after multiple meetings between TCF, US Forest Service, and LSOHC staff, the US Office of General Counsel determined the US Forest Service (Dept. of Agriculture) was unable to accept donations of property with the LSOHC NOFR. This posed an exceptional challenge that would require more time to solve than was reasonable for the seller.

### **What other funds contributed to this program?**

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

NA

## Budget

### Totals

Item	Request	Spent	Antic. Leverage	Received Leverage	Leverage Source	Original Total	Final Total
Personnel	\$60,000	\$7,300	-	-	-	\$60,000	\$7,300
Contracts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	\$4,492,000	-	\$3,500,000	-	Federal (\$3.5M)	\$7,992,000	-
Easement Acquisition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Easement Stewardship	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Travel	\$3,000	-	-	-	-	\$3,000	-
Professional Services	\$30,000	\$10,000	-	-	-	\$30,000	\$10,000
Direct Support Services	\$15,000	\$1,000	-	-	-	\$15,000	\$1,000
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supplies/Materials	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DNR IDP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$4,600,000</b>	<b>\$18,300</b>	<b>\$3,500,000</b>	-	-	<b>\$8,100,000</b>	<b>\$18,300</b>

### Personnel

Position	Annual FTE	Years Working	Funding Request	Antic. Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
MN State Director	0.2	1.0	\$6,600	-	-	\$6,600
MN Real Estate Associate	0.4	1.0	\$700	-	-	\$700

## Direct Support Services

**How did you determine which portions of the Direct Support Services of your shared support services is direct to this program?**

Our real estate support staff keeps hourly time sheets to track direct time spent on projects by grant source. We have used those past metrics to estimate the costs for this grant.

**Explain any budget challenges or successes:**

NA

**Total Revenue:** \$0

**Revenue Spent:** \$0

**Revenue Balance:** \$0

**Of the money disclosed above, what are the appropriate uses of the money:**

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



## Output Tables

### Acres by Resource Type (Table 1)

Type	Wetland (AP)	Wetland (Final)	Prairie (AP)	Prairie (Final)	Forest (AP)	Forest (Final)	Habitat (AP)	Habitat (Final)	Total Acres (AP)	Total Acres (Final)
Restore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	2,250	0	0	0	2,250	0
Protect in Easement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enhance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>0</b>

### Total Requested Funding by Resource Type (Table 2)

Type	Wetland (AP)	Wetland (Final)	Prairie (AP)	Prairie (Final)	Forest (AP)	Forest (Final)	Habitat (AP)	Habitat (Final)	Total Funding (AP)	Total Funding (Final)
Restore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	\$4,600,000	\$18,300	-	-	\$4,600,000	\$18,300
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$4,600,000</b>	<b>\$18,300</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$4,600,000</b>	<b>\$18,300</b>

### Acres within each Ecological Section (Table 3)

Type	Metro / Urban (AP)	Metro / Urban (Final)	Forest / Prairie (AP)	Forest / Prairie (Final)	SE Forest (AP)	SE Forest (Final)	Prairie (AP)	Prairie (Final)	N. Forest (AP)	N. Forest (Final)	Total (AP)	Total (Final)
Restore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,250	0	2,250	0
Protect in Easement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Enhance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,250</b>

### Total Requested Funding within each Ecological Section (Table 4)

Type	Metro / Urban (AP)	Metro / Urban (Final)	Forest / Prairie (AP)	Forest / Prairie (Final)	SE Forest (AP)	SE Forest (Final)	Prairie (AP)	Prairie (Final)	N. Forest (AP)	N. Forest (Final)	Total (AP)	Total (Final)
Restore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$4,600,000	\$18,300	\$4,600,000	\$18,300
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$4,600,000</b>	<b>\$18,300</b>	<b>\$4,600,000</b>	<b>\$18,300</b>

### Average Cost per Acre by Resource Type (Table 5)

Type	Wetland (AP)	Wetland (Final)	Prairie (AP)	Prairie (Final)	Forest (AP)	Forest (Final)	Habitat (AP)	Habitat (Final)
Restore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	\$2,044	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

### Average Cost per Acre by Ecological Section (Table 6)

Type	Metro / Urban (AP)	Metro / Urban (Final)	Forest / Prairie (AP)	Forest / Prairie (Final)	SE Forest (AP)	SE Forest (Final)	Prairie (AP)	Prairie (Final)	N. Forest (AP)	N. Forest (Final)
Restore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$2,044	-

Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Target Lake/Stream/River Feet or Miles**

0

**Outcomes**

**Programs in the northern forest region:**

- Landlocked public properties are accessible with have increased access for land managers ~ *NA*

## Parcels

**Sign-up Criteria?**

No