

# Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

## Laws of Minnesota 2018 Accomplishment Plan

**Date:** October 26, 2017

**Program or Project Title:** Dakota County Habitat Protection/Restoration Phase VI

**Funds Recommended:** \$ 2,288,000

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**Legislative Citation:** ML 2018, Ch. X, Art. 1, Sec. 2, subd XX

**Appropriation Language:**

**County Locations:** Dakota

**Regions in which work will take place:**

- Metro / Urban
- Southeast Forest

**Activity types:**

- Protect in Easement
- Protect in Fee
- Restore

**Priority resources addressed by activity:**

- Forest
- Habitat
- Prairie
- Wetlands

### Abstract:

This project will emphasize restoring and enhancing approximately 260 acres of various permanently protected habitats, and acquiring approximately 154 acres of permanent conservation easements or fee title. Project sites include Lake Byllesby Regional Park, land adjacent to Regional Park Reserves and Regional Greenways, Chub and Marcott Lakes, rivers and streams, and hydric soil areas. Habitats will include forest, grassland, wetland, and riparian areas throughout the County. This initiative will provide initial targeted and anticipated projects, and also provide flexibility for opportunities that cannot be anticipated at the time of submittal.

### Design and scope of work:

Historic settlement, modern-day suburban development, and modern agriculture have replaced, degraded and fragmented natural resource systems throughout Dakota County. Nearly every monitored waterbody in the County is impaired, and many larger scale habitats have been reduced to small remnants. These large-scale impacts and trends require a comprehensive, collaborative, long-term



approach to maintain and improve the County's natural resource heritage and associated benefits. Approved County plans have identified the a two-year, self-funded highest quality natural areas and key connections, integrated sound fiscal and ecological approaches that attempts to balance the interests, rights and responsibilities of private landowners, to address the public's concerns about water and habitat.

The County has effectively worked with a variety of agencies, jurisdictions, organizations, and private landowners to implement comprehensive habitat protection since 2003 when it began implementing its Farmland and Natural Areas Protection Plan. The 2008 Vermillion River Corridor Plan provided a basis for riparian system land protection. These and other programs are now blended into a comprehensive Land Conservation Program that includes regional parks and multi-purpose greenways, natural areas, shoreland, and agricultural lands. The County developed conservation policy, increased staff, and refined project evaluation criteria and practices. The County has provided funding to assist the DNR in establishing new Wildlife Management Areas, Aquatic Management Areas and Scientific and Natural Areas and has acquired 112 conservation easements. Excluding additional habit in newly acquired park and greenway land, the County has now protected over 11,282 acres.

All easements require Natural Resource Management Plans (NRMPs) that reflect existing ecosystem health and recommend potential restoration management strategies, including work plans and budgets. A Management Agreement is signed by the landowner and County, identifying NRMP priorities, activities, responsibilities, costs and schedules. The proposed habitat restoration and enhancement projects in this funding request are based on these these and new work plans. On May 23, 2017, the County Board approved a two-year, self-funded, Natural Resource Management System Plan for significantly investing additional County funds to increase management within all park, greenways and easements. The NRMSP will have direct and indirect benefits to fish, game and wildlife, beyond the increased and interconnected terrestrial habitat.

The acquisition projects proposed and anticipated within this funding request involve riparian areas along the Mississippi River, Cannon River (including Dutch, Mud, Chub, Darden and Pine Creeks, and Trout Brook) and Vermillion River (including North, Middle and South Creeks, the South Branch and their tributaries). Additional habitat focuses include Marcott and Chub lakes, Hampton and McMenomy Woods, hydric soil areas, and other high quality habitat areas.

Environmental Audits and/or Phase I Assessments are completed for all projects. Each easement is annually monitored with information is entered into a temporary land management data base that is in the process of being updated.

Restoration and enhancement activities would occur immediately on existing protected land; and for new acquisitions, would begin appropriately in the spring or fall following acquisition.

The Dakota County Board approved this proposal submission by Resolution No. 17-287 on May 23, 2017.

### **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 proposal integrates a number of state, regional County plans involving different aspects of habitat and wildlife. The County Board recently approved a Natural Resource Management System Plan (NRMSP) for all regional parks, regional greenways and conservation easements located throughout the County. Vegetation, water and wildlife were the three main elements for each land type. The NRMSP identified rare and endangered species, and species of greatest conservation need throughout the County based on different data sources. The NRMSP includes different Natural Resource Management Plan (NRMP) templates of each property type that will provide much more detail for individual sites which typically include a variety of habitat and plant community types. The County will prioritize the habitats preferred by these species for acquisition, restoration and enhancement activities. These habitats and associated species include, but are not limited to: Forest - northern long-eared bat, American woodcock, oven bird, rose-breasted grosbeak, least flycatcher, red-shouldered hawk; Prairies and Grasslands- badger, Franklin's ground squirrel, prairie vole, loggerhead shrike, eastern meadowlark, grasshopper sparrow and regal fritillary; Lakes, Ponds and Rivers - common snapping turtle and smooth soft shell turtle; Wetlands - sedge wren, sand hill crane, Blanding's turtle and dragonflies. The County is assembling baseline data and will prioritize the habitats preferred by these species for acquisition, restoration and enhancement activities.

### **Describe the science based planning and evaluation model used:**

There was significant overlap between the County Biological Survey, the 2002 Farmland and Natural Area Protection Plan and the Metro Conservation Corridors in identifying habitat complexes and key corridors. Based on updated land cover mapping, DNR rare species data, Vermillion Corridor Plan, new SNA analysis, previously protected areas, County and local comprehensive plans, watershed plans and park and greenway plans, the County has refined its priority natural areas and the Metro Conservation Corridor Focus Areas. Using Dakota County's premier Geographic Information Systems (GIS) tools and expertise, County staff can further prioritize areas where important protection and improvement opportunities exist using other available data layers such as ownership parcels, soils, aspect, historical photography, and LIDAR. Project selection criteria have been revised to reflect this refined vision.

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

- H1 Protect priority land habitats
- H5 Restore land, wetlands and wetland-associated watersheds

## Which other plans are addressed in this program:

- Minnesota's Wildlife Management Area Acquisition - The Next 50 Years
- Outdoor Heritage Fund: A 25 Year Framework

## Which LSOHC section priorities are addressed in this program:

### Metro / Urban:

- Protect habitat corridors, with emphasis on the Minnesota, Mississippi, and St. Croix rivers (bluff to floodplain)

### Southeast Forest:

- Protect, enhance, and restore habitat for fish, game, and nongame wildlife in rivers, cold-water streams, and associated upland habitat

## Relationship to other funds:

- Environmental and Natural Resource Trust Fund
- Parks and Trails Fund

### Describe the relationship of the funds:

The County has applied for and been awarded a number of ENRTF and OHF grants in the past, and is currently applying for new ENRTF funding for a proposed effort to convert cultivated agricultural lands into restored wetlands and to retain more water on the landscape. This initiative is designed to protect two of the few remaining trout streams in the metro area by working in the watershed and to model these practices for other portions of the state to increase habitat, improve water quality and reduce erosion and flooding. ENRTF funding is sometimes a better fit for a particular County efforts because it provides for planning and design, as opposed to the use OHF for acquisition and restoration. The County has used Parks and Trails Legacy funds for regional greenway capital improvements in order to leverage significant federal funding with limited for natural resource management associated with these projects. Recently, \$150,000 per year has been dedicated as part of the base natural resource management budget for restoration projects in regional parks. The County believes these funding sources complement each other while focusing on different kinds of land conservation initiatives.

## How does this program include leverage in funds or other effort to supplement any OHF appropriation:

Dakota County proposes to provide up to a 25 percent cash match or \$762,600. These funds would become part of an approved five-year County Capital Improvement Program budget. The County will also provide all County staff time as an in-kind match, including staff from Environmental Resources, Survey, GIS, County Attorney's Office, Financial Services, and Administration. The County estimates its in-kind staff contribution will equate to two FTEs each year, for three years, or an approximate value of \$277,000.

Other leveraged funds could include landowner donations of value, typically at least 10 percent of the total easement value for acquisitions. In addition, landowner contributions are required for restoration and ongoing management of County easement property, and would range from between 10 percent and 25 percent of estimated costs.

## Per MS 97A.056, Subd. 24, Any state agency or organization requesting a direct appropriation from the OHF must inform the LSOHC at the time of the request for funding is made, whether the request is supplanting or is a substitution for any previous funding that was not from a legacy fund and was used for the same purpose:

Dakota County's request for funding is not supplanting, nor is it a substitution for any previous funding that was not from a legacy fund.

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

Appropriation Year	Source	Amount
ML 2012	County Match	\$16,274
ML 2013	County Match	\$1,332,536
ML 2014	County Match	\$2,925
2002-2012	County Bond Funds	\$20,000,000
2003-2015	Federal FRPP/ACEP	\$12,842,418
2008-2009	Metro Greenways	\$47,778
2003-2015	Landowner Donation	\$25,728,061
ML 2011	ENRTF	\$288,230
ML 2013	ENRTF	\$218,612

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

The County Board has shown a remarkable commitment to land conservation for the last fifteen years and continues to include "Clean and Green" as one of its four priority goals. Its ongoing commitment to adopting a comprehensive land conservation vision, maintaining a dedicated staff, reorganizing departments and staff to more effectively achieve its land conservation goals, approving current and future capital improvement program budgets, and providing an operating budget for annual monitoring inspections, are further evidence that the County has the interest, capacity and commitment to sustain this work.

The majority of the land protection and restoration work will occur on private lands and is designed to achieve maximum conservation benefits with fiscal efficiency. Relationship building, developing and implementing each NRMP, strategic assistance, and subsequent annual monitoring provide opportunities to share updated natural resource information and best management practices with landowners and achieve a higher likelihood of increased private stewardship. The recently approved Natural Resource Management System Plan using a public/private funding formula is further testament to this commitment. This comprehensive wildlife habitat and water quality approach on public and private lands provides the best opportunity to effectively protect and improve these community assets.

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

Year	Source of Funds	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
2018	State grant, County match and landowner contribution	Restore existing protected lands and acquire easements and/or fee title	Monitor easements and restoration projects and use adaptive management for restoration and enhancement activities	
2019	State grant, County match and landowner contribution	Restore existing and newly protected lands and acquire easements and fee title	Monitor easements and restoration projects and use adaptive management for future restoration and enhancement activities	
2020	State grant, County match and landowner contribution	Restore existing and newly protected lands and easements and/or fee title	Monitor easements and restoration projects and use adaptive management for future restoration and enhancement activities	
2021	State grant, County match, landowner contribution	Restore existing and newly protected lands and acquire easements and or appropriate fee title	Monitor easements and restoration projects and use adaptive management for future restoration and enhancement activities	

## Activity Details:

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

Will there be planting of corn or any crop on OHF land purchased or restored in this program - **Yes**

Explain

There may be situations where portions of the property may be cultivated. As part of a negotiated sale, the owner may be allowed to continue cultivating the same land for a short defined period of time as defined and allowed in the Natural Resource

Management Plan (NRMP). In other situations it may be advantageous to allow a final soybean crop which can enhance the restoration process, by reducing weeds and residue.

Are any of the crop types planted GMO treated - **No**

Will local government approval be sought prior to acquisition - **No**

The County has excellent working relationships with its' cities and townships. Coordination takes place for each project with the respective jurisdiction. However, the County Board has historically not required respective jurisdictional approval if a private landowner desires to convey an easement to the County.

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

Is this land currently open for hunting and fishing - **Yes**

Private lands with easements may be open for hunting and fishing at the discretion of the landowner but are subject to local ordinances.

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

Land protected through partial OH funding may be open to hunting and fishing as appropriate, based on whether or not it remains in private ownership or becomes public land. Individual landowner consent would be required on private lands. In all cases, the types of hunting (i.e., bow or firearm) and fishing will be allowed only per local ordinances.

Who will eventually own the fee title land?

Private lands with easements may be open for hunting and fishing at the discretion of the landowner but are subject to local ordinances. In the case of a fee title acquisition, ultimate ownership could vary; it may be Dakota County, it may be a city, or it may be the State of Minnesota via the Department of Natural Resources.

Will the eased land be open for public use - **Yes**

Generally not, but the County has acquired some easements that are open for limited public use. In all cases, the decision to allow public use is determined by the landowner.

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

Who will manage the easement?

Dakota County will manage the easement, along with the landowner as appropriate.

Who will be the easement holder?

Dakota County

Are there currently trails or roads on any of the acquisitions on the parcel list - **Yes**

Describe the types of trails or roads and the allowable uses:

In some cases there are existing soft-surface trails and non-paved roads used for personal recreational use or to access portions of the property for various purposes.

Continued use is allowed, as defined by the easement and the Natural Resource Management Plan (NRMP), provided that such use does not compromise the conservation intent of the easement or the NRMP.

Will the trails or roads remain and uses continue to be allowed after OHF acquisition - **Yes**

How will maintenance and monitoring be accomplished:

Existing soft-surface roads or trails may be retained, improved, removed or relocated. The new underlying fee owner of public land will be responsible for all maintenance and as included in a jointly developed NRMP. On easement land, the underlying fee owner is responsible for maintenance, but any changes to the existing trails or road are subject to review and approval by the County. Review of trails and roads are part of the County's annual monitoring process.

Will new trails or roads be developed or improved as a result of the OHF acquisition - **Yes**

Describe the types of trails or roads and the allowable uses:

Two acquisition projects may result in the creation of passive, nature-based open space where a limited amount of new, soft surface trails may be established, in part to assist in natural resource management.

How will maintenance and monitoring be accomplished:

The new underlying fee owner of public land will be responsible for all maintenance. A jointly developed NRMP will determine any changes to trails and roads. Review of trails and roads are part of the County's annual monitoring process.

Will restoration and enhancement work follow best management practices including MS 84.973 Pollinator Habitat Program - **Yes**

Is the activity on permanently protected land per 97A.056, subd 13(f), tribal lands, and/or public waters per MS 103G.005, Subd. 15 - **Yes (Private Land, County/Municipal, Public Waters)**

### Accomplishment Timeline:

Activity	Approximate Date Completed
Restoration - Lake Byllesby Regional Park	June 30, 2022
Restoration - Land Conservation	June 30, 2022
Easement or Fee Title Acquisition	June 30, 2021

Date of Final Report Submission: 11/1/2023

### Federal Funding:

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

### Outcomes:

#### Programs in metropolitan urbanizing region:

- A network of natural land and riparian habitats will connect corridors for wildlife and species in greatest conservation need *The County has developed an integrated, long-term habitat protection system involving public and private land to provide multiple public benefits. Enlarging and improving existing protected habitat complexes and providing key connections will continue to be a focus. The County will prioritize its land protection and improvement efforts, based in part, on wildlife species by devoting staff time and resources to create baseline wildlife and habitat quality information, and monitor indicator and other species seasonally/annually to determine if County efforts are producing the desired results over time and to adapt or re-prioritize as appropriate.*

#### Programs in southeast forest region:

- Healthier populations of endangered, threatened, and special concern species as well as more common species *A small portion of the County is included in this region. The County will prioritize its land protection and improvement efforts, based in part, on priority wildlife species. The County will devote staff time and resources to create baseline wildlife and habitat quality information, and monitor indicator and other species seasonally/annually to determine if County efforts are producing the desired results over time and to adapt or re-prioritize as appropriate.*

# Budget Spreadsheet

Budget reallocations up to 10% do not require an amendment to the Accomplishment Plan

**How will this program accommodate the reduced appropriation recommendation from the original proposed requested amount**

Dakota County will further refine project target areas and re-prioritize projects. Restoration: Projects for which restoration is more critical will be addressed first. Acquisition: Projects for which easement or fee title acquisition is less urgent will be eliminated from the list or shifted to a lower priority.

**Total Amount of Request: \$ 2288000**

## Budget and Cash Leverage

BudgetName	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	\$0	\$277,500	Dakota County	\$277,500
Contracts	\$677,600	\$225,800	Dakota County	\$903,400
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	\$0	\$0		\$0
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	\$1,240,400	\$413,800	Dakota County	\$1,654,200
Easement Acquisition	\$370,000	\$123,000	Dakota County	\$493,000
Easement Stewardship	\$0	\$0		\$0
Travel	\$0	\$0		\$0
Professional Services	\$0	\$0		\$0
Direct Support Services	\$0	\$0		\$0
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	\$0	\$0		\$0
Capital Equipment	\$0	\$0		\$0
Other Equipment/Tools	\$0	\$0		\$0
Supplies/Materials	\$0	\$0	Dakota County	\$0
DNR IDP	\$0	\$0		\$0
Total	\$2,288,000	\$1,040,100		\$3,328,100

## Personnel

Position	FTE	Over # of years	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Multiple positions from multiple County Departments	3.00	3.00	\$0	\$277,500	Dakota County	\$277,500
Total	3.00	3.00	\$0	\$277,500		\$277,500

Amount of Request: \$2,288,000

Amount of Leverage: \$1,040,100

Leverage as a percent of the Request: 45.46%

DSS + Personnel: \$0

As a % of the total request: 0.00%

**Does the amount in the contract line include R/E work?**

Yes. The total amount in the Contract line is for restoration/enhancement work.

**Describe and explain leverage source and confirmation of funds:**

The leverage source is Dakota County Board funds in its 2018 budget to match the OHF ML18 grant. The proposed matching funds were reduced following the reduction in requested grant funds.

## Output Tables

**Table 1a. Acres by Resource Type**

Type	Wetlands	Prairies	Forest	Habitats	Total
Restore	16	0	40	204	260
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	0	0	0	30	30
Protect in Easement	0	0	0	124	124
Enhance	0	0	0	0	0
Total	16	0	40	358	414

**Table 2. Total Funding by Resource Type**

Type	Wetlands	Prairies	Forest	Habitats	Total
Restore	\$56,000	\$0	\$108,000	\$513,600	\$677,600
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,241,400	\$1,241,400
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$369,000	\$369,000
Enhance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$56,000	\$0	\$108,000	\$2,124,000	\$2,288,000

**Table 3. Acres within each Ecological Section**

Type	Metro Urban	ForestPrairie	SEForest	Prairie	N Forest	Total
Restore	165	0	95	0	0	260
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	30	0	0	0	0	30
Protect in Easement	88	0	36	0	0	124
Enhance	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	283	0	131	0	0	414

**Table 4. Total Funding within each Ecological Section**

Type	Metro Urban	ForestPrairie	SEForest	Prairie	N Forest	Total
Restore	\$448,800	\$0	\$228,800	\$0	\$0	\$677,600
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$1,241,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,241,400
Protect in Easement	\$298,000	\$0	\$71,000	\$0	\$0	\$369,000
Enhance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$1,988,200	\$0	\$299,800	\$0	\$0	\$2,288,000

**Table 5. Average Cost per Acre by Resource Type**

Type	Wetlands	Prairies	Forest	Habitats
Restore	\$3500	\$0	\$2700	\$2518
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$41380
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2976
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	\$2720	\$0	\$2408	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$41380	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Easement	\$3386	\$0	\$1972	\$0	\$0
Enhance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Target Lake/Stream/River Feet or Miles

Several anticipated projects involve shoreline. However, the feet or miles are undetermined at this time and will be updated when projects are finalized.

## Parcel List

For restoration and enhancement programs ONLY: Managers may add, delete, and substitute projects on this parcel list based upon need, readiness, cost, opportunity, and/or urgency so long as the substitute parcel/project forwards the constitutional objectives of this program in the Project Scope table of this accomplishment plan. The final accomplishment plan report will include the final parcel list.

### Section 1 - Restore / Enhance Parcel List

Dakota

Name	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection?
Dodge Nature Center	02823225	40	\$120,000	Yes
Gergen	11318228	30	\$50,000	Yes
Jennings	11320233	40	\$40,000	Yes
Lake Byllesby	11218211	95	\$835,000	Yes
Marcott Lakes	02722220	55	\$160,000	Yes

### Section 2 - Protect Parcel List

Dakota

Name	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?
Cole	02722206	10	\$700,000	No	No	Full
Fasbender	11317222	36	\$95,000	No	No	Not Applicable
Marcott Lakes	02722220	20	\$100,000	No	No	No
McMenomy	11519216	20	\$20,000,000	No	No	Not Applicable
Swedin	11320228	42	\$144,000	No	No	Not Applicable
Wasner	11220213	26	\$154,000	No	No	Not Applicable

### Section 2a - Protect Parcel with Bldgs

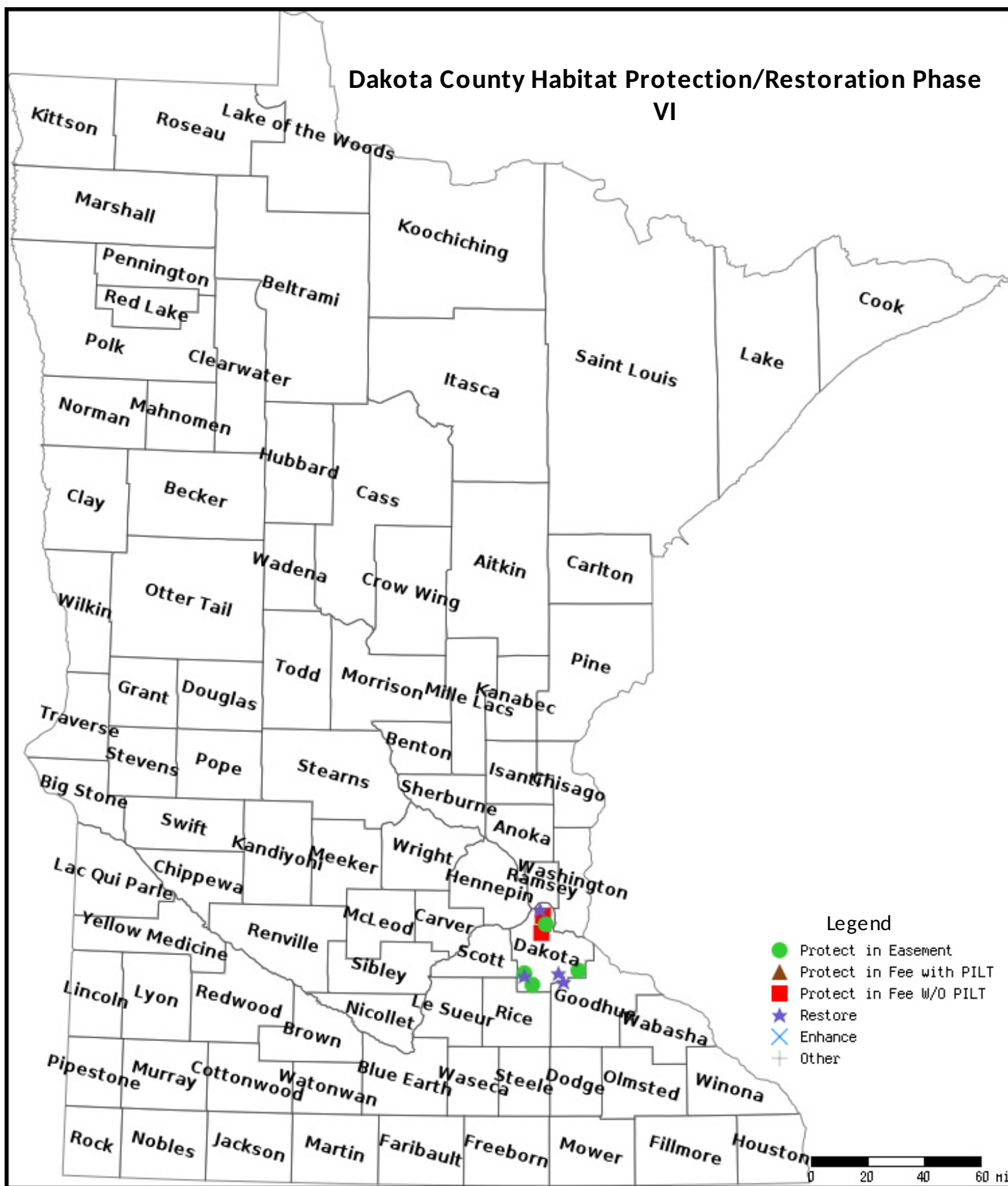
No parcels with an activity type protect and has buildings.

### Section 3 - Other Parcel Activity

No parcels with an other activity type.

## Parcel Map

### Dakota County Habitat Protection/Restoration Phase VI



Data Generated From Parcel List



## **ML 2018 Dakota County Habitat Protection/Restoration Phase VI**

**Request: \$6,250,000 (received \$2,288,000, 37% of amount requested)**

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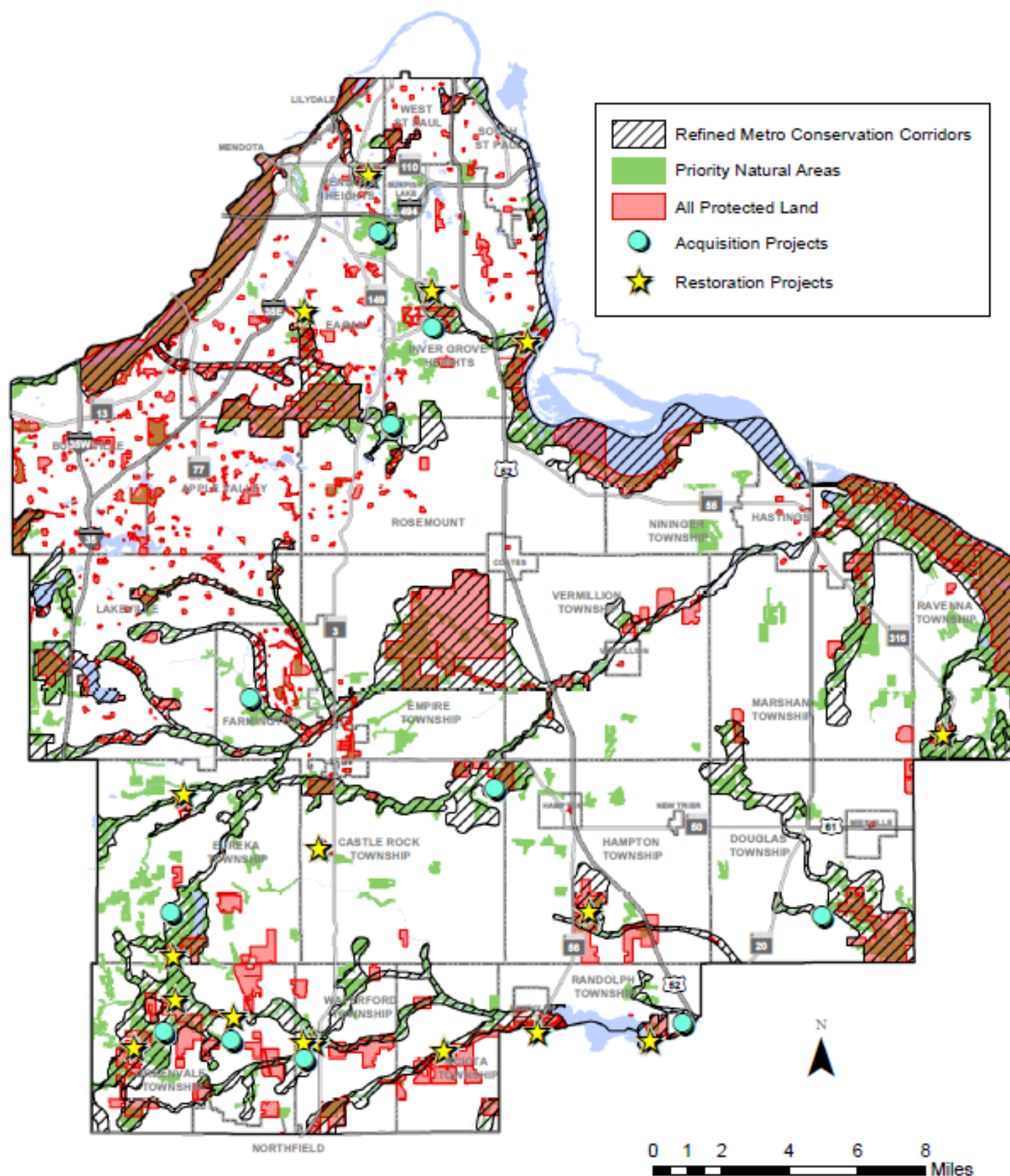
Marginal agriculturally productive land continues to be converted to row crops and suburban development is rebounding. Through its programs, the County can expand protected habitat complexes and fill in gaps between previously protected lands within multipurpose corridors. The County works with willing sellers and is eager to continue the momentum of its ongoing conservation programs, as well as emphasize an increased focus on natural resource management. The County Board recently developed and adopted a Natural Resource Management System Plan which provides a vision and five-year implementation strategy for significantly increasing natural resource management in all regional park and greenways and conservation easements.

The Phase VI proposal includes proposed restoration of an estimated 300 acres of protected lands. This total includes about 90 acres within Lake Byllesby Regional Park is an important outcome of a park master planning process that will be completed this year that will establish the foundation for similar projects while sending important signals to other entities. The other restoration work involves previously acquired easements where the landowners have expressed an interest in becoming more involved based on five-year management agreements with landowner commitments for cash and in-kind services. The amount of acres has been scaled back to fit the funding received.

An estimated 150 acres is proposed to be protected in a combination of fee title with PILT, fee title without PILT and conservation easements. Many of the acquisition projects involve current application projects with appraisals underway. The amount of acres has been scaled back to fit the funding received.

Locations of proposed projects are identified on page two of this summary. Although the funding amount has been reduced, the targeted projects remain in the same areas.

On May 23, 2017, the County Board approved submission of a ML18 Outdoor Heritage funding proposal and included a 25 percent cash match or \$2,084,000. In addition, an estimated \$750,000 of in-kind County staff time was committed to this project. The County match amount has been reduced to match the reduction in OHF received, now \$763,100; and, the County staff time match is also scaled back to approximately 37 percent of what was proposed or \$277,500.



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## Comparison Report

**Program Title:** 2018 - Dakota County Habitat Protection/Restoration Phase VI

**Organization:** Dakota County

**Manager:** Lisa West

### Budget

Requested Amount: \$6,250,000

Appropriated Amount: \$2,288,000

Percentage: 36.61%

Budget Item	Total Requested		Total Appropriated		Percentage of Request	
	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Appropriated Amount	Anticipated Leverage	Percentage of Request	Percentage of Leverage
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$277,500	-	-
Contracts	\$1,750,000	\$583,000	\$677,600	\$225,800	38.72%	38.73%
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	\$500,000	\$167,000	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	\$2,500,000	\$833,000	\$1,240,400	\$413,800	49.62%	49.68%
Easement Acquisition	\$1,400,000	\$467,000	\$370,000	\$123,000	26.43%	26.34%
Easement Stewardship	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	-
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	-
Professional Services	\$50,000	\$17,000	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%
Direct Support Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	-
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	-
Capital Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	-
Supplies/Materials	\$50,000	\$17,000	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%
DNR IDP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	-
Total	\$6,250,000	\$2,084,000	\$2,288,000	\$1,040,100	36.61%	49.91%

### How will this program accommodate the reduced appropriation recommendation from the original proposed requested amount?

Dakota County will further refine project target areas and re-prioritize projects. Restoration: Projects for which restoration is more critical will be addressed first. Acquisition: Projects for which easement or fee title acquisition is less urgent will be eliminated from the list or shifted to a lower priority.

## Output

**Table 1a. Acres by Resource Type**

Type	Total Proposed	Total in AP	Percentage of Proposed
Restore	813	260	31.98%
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	50	0	0.00%
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	91	30	32.97%
Protect in Easement	139	124	89.21%
Enhance	0	0	-

**Table 2. Total Funding by Resource Type**

Type	Total Proposed	Total in AP	Percentage of Proposed
Restore	1,750,000	677,600	38.72%
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	500,000	0	0.00%
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	2,500,000	1,241,400	49.66%
Protect in Easement	1,500,000	369,000	24.60%
Enhance	0	0	-

**Table 3. Acres within each Ecological Section**

Type	Total Proposed	Total in AP	Percentage of Proposed
Restore	813	260	31.98%
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	50	0	0.00%
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	91	30	32.97%
Protect in Easement	139	124	89.21%
Enhance	0	0	-

**Table 4. Total Funding within each Ecological Section**

Type	Total Proposed	Total in AP	Percentage of Proposed
Restore	1,750,000	677,600	38.72%
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	500,000	0	0.00%
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	2,500,000	1,241,400	49.66%
Protect in Easement	1,500,000	369,000	24.60%
Enhance	0	0	-