Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council Laws of Minnesota 2019 Accomplishment Plan

Date: September 28, 2018

Program or Project Title: Restoration Evaluations - ML 2019

Funds Recommended: \$ 150,000

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Legislative Citation: ML 2019, Ch. X, Art. 1, Sec. 2, subd, X(x)

Appropriation Language:

County Locations: Not Listed

Eco regions in which work will take place:

• Not Listed

Activity types:

• Not Listed

Priority resources addressed by activity:

Not Listed

Abstract:

This program annually evaluates a sample of up to twenty-five Outdoor Heritage Fund habitat restoration and enhancement projects, provides a report on the evaluations in accordance with state law and delivers communications on project outcomes and lessons learned in restoration practice.

Design and scope of work:

outcomes and lessons learned in the field from restoration practice.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) are jointly responsible for convening a Restoration Evaluation Panel (Panel) of technical experts to annually evaluate a sample of habitat restoration projects completed with Outdoor Heritage funding, as provided in M.S. 97A.056, Subd. 10. Primary goals of the restoration evaluations program are to provide on the ground accountability for the use of Legacy funds and to improve future habitat restorations in the State. Per statute, the Panel will evaluate the selected habitat restoration projects relative to the law, current science, and the stated goals and standards in the restoration plan. The program coordinator will identify projects to be evaluated, coordinate field assessments and provide a report to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) and the legislature determining if the restorations are meeting planned goals, any problems with the implementation of restorations, and, if necessary, recommendations on improving restorations.

Restoration evaluation reports are available: http://www.leg.state.mn.us/edocs/edocs.aspx?oclcnumber=823766285

The anticipated long-term outcomes of this program are the increased success of habitat restorations and an increased awareness among practitioners and decision-makers of common challenges associated with habitat restorations and recommended management options to improve future restorations. Outputs from this program for Fiscal Year 2018 include case studies of specific practices, project

This request supports a portion of the inter-agency Legacy Fund Restoration Evaluations Program, which provides for the evaluation of



habitat restoration projects completed with funds from the Parks and Trails Fund (M.S. 85.53 Subd. 5), Outdoor Heritage Fund (M.S.97A.056 Subd. 10), and Clean Water Fund (M.S. 114D.50 Subd. 6) as required by state law. Up to twenty initial Outdoor Heritage Fund project evaluations will be reported on in the 2020 annual report, an additional three to five follow up evaluations of previously assessed sites will also be reported. Follow up assessments will provide valuable insight in tracking progress and estimating trajectory towards planned goals.

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:

This program supports the habitat work of all evaluated projects through the assessment of implementation and progress towards planned goals.

Describe the science based planning and evaluation model used:

Not Listed

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

• Not Listed

Which other plans are addressed in this program:

• Not Listed

Which LSOHC section priorities are addressed in this program:

Not Listed

Relationship to other funds:

- Clean Water Fund
- Parks and Trails Fund

Describe the relationship of the funds:

The Restoration Evaluation Program for Legacy Projects concurrently fulfills requirements to conduct restoration evaluations for projects completed with funds from the Clean Water Fund (M.S. 114D.50) and Parks and Trails Fund (M.S. 85.53).

Does this program include leverage in funds:

No

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:

The Legacy Fund Restoration Evaluation Program does not supplant or substitute previous work or funding.

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:

It is anticipated that the evaluation program outputs will help to create a framework for continuous improvement in restoration practice. Direct work of the Legacy Fund Restoration Evaluation Program will be sustained for the period of funding.

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

Not Listed

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 - No

Accomplishment Timeline:

| Activity | Approximate Date Completed |
|--|----------------------------|
| Evaluation Panel establishes annual priorities | July 1, 2019 |
| Program Coordinator selects up to twenty-five project sites for evaluation | July 1, 2019 |
| Site assessors (State staff and contractors) conduct field surveys of selected sites | August 30, 2020 |
| 2020 Restoration Evaluation report submitted to Legislature and LSOHC | February 28, 2021 |

Date of Final Report Submission: 6/30/2022

Federal Funding:

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

Outcomes:

Budget Spreadsheet

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

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

Not Listed

Total Amount of Request: \$ 150000

Budget and Cash Leverage

| Budget Name | LSOHC Request | Anticipated Leverage | Leverage Source | Total |
|----------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Personnel | \$108,000 | \$0 | | \$108,000 |
| Contracts | \$28,500 | \$0 | | \$28,500 |
| Fee Acquisition w/ PILT | \$0 | \$0 | | \$0 |
| Fee Acquisition w/o PILT | \$0 | \$0 | | \$0 |
| Easement Acquisition | \$0 | \$0 | | \$0 |
| Easement Stewardship | \$0 | \$0 | | \$0 |
| Travel | \$2,000 | \$0 | | \$2,000 |
| Pro fessio na l Services | \$0 | \$0 | | \$0 |
| Direct Support Services | \$10,000 | \$0 | | \$10,000 |
| DNR Land Acquisition Costs | \$0 | \$0 | | \$0 |
| Capital Equipment | \$0 | \$0 | | \$0 |
| Other Equipment/Tools | \$1,500 | \$0 | | \$1,500 |
| Supplies/Materials | \$0 | \$0 | | \$0 |
| DNR IDP | \$0 | \$0 | | \$0 |
| Total | \$150,000 | \$0 | | \$150,000 |

Personnel

| Position | FTE | Over#ofyears | LSOHC Request | Anticipated Leverage | Leverage Source | Total |
|-------------------------------------|------|--------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Program Coordinator | 0.57 | 1.00 | \$55,000 | \$0 | | \$55,000 |
| Evaluation Specialist | 0.57 | 1.00 | \$48,000 | \$0 | | \$48,000 |
| Stie Assessors (State Agency Staff) | 0.05 | 1.00 | \$5,000 | \$0 | | \$5,000 |
| Total | 1.19 | 3.00 | \$108,000 | \$O | | \$108,000 |

Amount of Request: \$150,000

Amount of Leverage: \$0

Leverage as a percent of the Request: 0.00%

DSS + Personnel: \$118,000

As a % of the total request: 78.67%

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

DNR Direct and Necessary Calculator

What is included in the contacts line?

Contracts to provide technical evaluations of completed OHF restoration projects.

Does the amount in the travel line include equipment/vehicle rental? - No

Explain the amount in the travel line outside of traditional travel costs of mileage, food, and lodging:

Describe and explain leverage source and confirmation of funds:

Not Listed

Output Tables

Table 1a. Acres by Resource Type

| Туре | Wetlands | Prairies | Forest | Habitats | Total |
|---|----------|----------|--------|----------|-------|
| Restore | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pro tect in Fee with State PILT Liability | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Protect in Easement | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Enhance | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Table 2. Total Funding by Resource Type

| Туре | Wetlands | Prairies | Forest | Habitats | Total |
|---|----------|----------|--------|----------|-------|
| Restore | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Pro tect in Fee with State PILT Liability | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Protect in Easement | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Enhance | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Table 3. Acres within each Ecological Section

| Туре | Metro Urban | Fo rest Prairie | SE Forest | Prairie | N Forest | Total |
|---|-------------|-----------------|-----------|---------|----------|-------|
| Restore | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pro tect in Fee with State PILT Liability | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pro tect in Easement | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Enhance | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tot | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| Restore | \$C | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Pro tect in Fee with State PILT Liability | \$C | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability | \$C | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Pro tect in Easement | \$C | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Enhance | \$C | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| To | tal \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Table 5. Average Cost per Acre by Resource Type

| Туре | Wetlands | Prairies | Forest | Habitats |
|---|----------|----------|--------|----------|
| Restore | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Pro tect in Fee with State PILT Liability | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Pro tect in Easement | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Enhance | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Table 6. Average Cost per Acre by Ecological Section

| Туре | Metro/Urban | Forest/Prairie | SEForest | Prairie | Northern Forest |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------|---------|-----------------|
| Restore | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Protect in Easement | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Enhance | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Automatic system calculation / not entered by managers

Target Lake/Stream/River Feet or Miles

0

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

No parcels with an activity type restore or enhance.

Section 2 - Protect Parcel List

No parcels with an activity type protect.

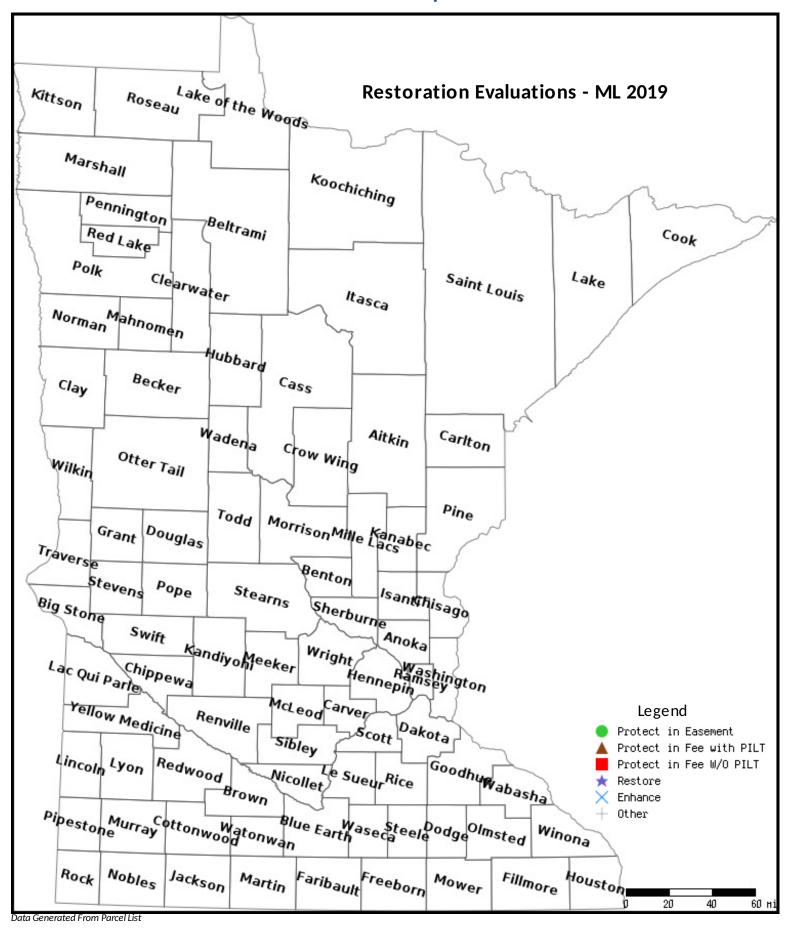
Section 2a - Protect Parcel with Bldgs

No parcels with an activity type protect and has buildings.

Section 3 - Other Parcel Activity

No parcels with an other activity type.

Parcel Map



Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council Comparison Report

Program Title: 2019 - Restoration Evaluations - ML 2019

Organization: MN DNR Manager: Wade Johnson

Budget

Requested Amount: \$150,000 Appropriated Amount: \$150,000

Percentage: 100.00%

| | Total | Requested | Total App | ro priated | Percentage | e of Request |
|----------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Budget Item | LSOHC Request | Anticipated Leverage | Appro priated Amo unt | Anticipated Leverage | Percentage of Request | Percentage of Leverage |
| Personnel | \$108,000 | \$0 | \$108,000 | \$0 | 100.00% | - |
| Contracts | \$28,500 | \$0 | \$28,500 | \$0 | 100.00% | - |
| Fee Acquisition w/ PILT | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | - | - |
| Fee Acquisition w/o PILT | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | - | - |
| Easement Acquisition | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | - | - |
| Easement Stewardship | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | - | - |
| Travel | \$2,000 | \$0 | \$2,000 | \$0 | 100.00% | - |
| Pro fessional Services | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | - | - |
| Direct Support Services | \$10,000 | \$0 | \$10,000 | \$0 | 100.00% | - |
| DNR Land Acquisition Costs | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | - | - |
| Capital Equipment | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | - | - |
| Other Equipment/Tools | \$1,500 | \$0 | \$1,500 | \$0 | 100.00% | - |
| Supplies/Materials | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | - | - |
| DNR IDP | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | - | - |
| Total | \$150,000 | \$0 | \$150,000 | \$0 | 100.00% | - |

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

Not Listed

Output

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| Туре | Total Proposed | T o tal in AP | Percentage of Proposed |
|---|----------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Restore | 0 | 0 | - |
| Pro tect in Fee with State PILT Liability | 0 | 0 | - |
| Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability | 0 | 0 | - |
| Pro tect in Easement | 0 | 0 | - |
| Enhance | 0 | 0 | - |

Table 2. Total Funding by Resource Type

| Туре | T o tal Proposed | Total in AP | Percentage of Proposed |
|---|------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Restore | 0 | 0 | |
| Pro tect in Fee with State PILT Liability | 0 | 0 | - |
| Pro tect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability | 0 | 0 | |
| Pro tect in Easement | 0 | 0 | |
| Enhance | 0 | 0 | |

Table 3. Acres within each Ecological Section

| Туре | Total Proposed | T o tal in AP | Percentage of Proposed |
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| Restore | 0 | 0 | - |
| Pro tect in Fee with State PILT Liability | 0 | 0 | - |
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| Pro tect in Easement | 0 | 0 | - |
| Enhance | 0 | 0 | - |

Table 4. Total Funding within each Ecological Section

| Туре | Total Proposed | Total in AP | Percentage of Proposed |
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| Pro tect in Easement | 0 | 0 | - |
| Enhance | 0 | 0 | |