### Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council Fiscal Year 2021 / ML 2020 Request for Funding

Date: May 31, 2019

Program or Project Title: Martin County DNR WMA Acquisition Phase 4

Funds Requested: \$11,646,800

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County Locations: Martin, and Watonwan.

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

• Prairie

#### Activity types:

• Protect in Fee

#### Priority resources addressed by activity:

- Wetlands
- Prairie

#### Abstract:

This program will continue our conservation partnership into Phase 4. We will continue to restore diverse prairie and wetland habitat in areas that adjoin existing MN DNR WMAs. Parcels are identified with representatives of local government, Windom Area MN DNR, Ducks Unlimited (DU), The Conservation Fund (TCF), the Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc. (FLCL), and other local partners. Wetland restoration and additional grasslands are needed to make our WMAs sustainable. We will use the real estate expertise of TCF, wetland and grassland restoration expertise of DU, and the efforts of the Fox Lake Conservation League to ensure success.

#### Design and scope of work:

Selective project sites will be targeted by the habitat needs and land availability in areas adjacent to exiting WMAs, existing habitat and land already protected from development or other land use change. Work is designed to provide the most habitat value. The landscape will be restored as close as possible to conditions that existed prior to its conversion to agricultural production. Wetlands will be restored without the disruption of the natural drainage system. Native vegetation will be restored with a diverse range of species suitable to the landscape.

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

- H5 Restore land, wetlands and wetland-associated watersheds
- H7 Keep water on the landscape

#### Which other plans are addressed in this proposal:

- Long Range Duck Recovery Plan
- Minnesota's Wildlife Management Area Acquisition The Next 50 Years

#### Describe how your program will advance the indicators identified in the plans selected:

Our program is developed in coordination with MN DNR Wildlife staff to ensure the parcels selected and the restoration work planned



meets the needs and guidelines outlined in the MN WMA Acquisition plan. With all of the partners who help plan our program, multiple use is a major consideration in developing the parcels and restoration of the habitat on each parcel. With all of the drained prairie potholes on this landscape, elements of the Long Range Duck Recovery Plan can be easily addressed. The protection and enhancement of the prairie pothole landscape will provide quality breeding habitat as well as migratory benefits. This restored landscape will also provide multiple recreational opportunities for the future.

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

Prairie:

• Protect, enhance, or restore existing wetland/upland complexes, or convert agricultural lands to new wetland/upland habitat complexes

## Describe how your program will produce and demonstrate a significant and permanent conservation legacy and/or outcomes for fish, game, and wildlife as indicated in the LSOHC priorities:

Our program continues to build upon the protection and restoration of high quality prairie and wetland habitat. The planned acquisition, protection and restoration projects expand existing areas that are already locally recognized as a significant, permanent conservation legacy. The many partners involved with permanent conservation work in Martin County (MN DNR, USFWS, Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, The Conservation Fund, FLCL, and other local clubs) working to provide landowners with an acquisition option plus the MN BWSR working through SWCDs and the USDA working through FSA and NRCS to provide an easement option, has provided a network of over 10,000 acres of permanently protected wildlife habitat in Martin County. With this program expanding our local priority area into Watonwan County, the Perch Creek habitat corridor is becoming a more significant and permanent conservation legacy, protecting threatened, endangered, and at-risk species and expanding fishing and hunting opportunities in this region of the state.

## Describe how the proposal uses science-based targeting that leverages or expands corridors and complexes, reduces fragmentation or protects areas identified in the MN County Biological Survey:

Our "Martin County Conservation Alliance" has grown into a planning group that includes wildlife group representatives, NGOs, local government, and state agencies. There is a wide range of knowledge and interest within the group. Historic information, the MN County Biologic Survey, and local knowledge help identify areas where habitat restoration will likely be most beneficial for multiple reasons. Expanding habitat adjacent to existing high quality native habitat and habitat already protected by public ownership or perpetual conservation easements are often targeted. Sites with threatened, endangered and species in decline are good targets to build upon, especially when these expansions can link sites to help extend corridors, expand blocks, and protect and enhance habitat buffers along water courses and lake chains.

## How does the proposal address habitats that have significant value for wildlife species of greatest conservation need, and/or threatened or endangered species, and list targeted species:

This project will protect threatened habitats in Martin and Watonwan Counties. Native prairie and high quality wetland will be protected, buffered and expanded upon. Restoration sites will provide the opportunity to expand populations of at-risk and threatened plant species that Martin SWCD has propagated and introduced into permanently protected sites. The FLCL is continuing the work Martin SWCD initiated, by selecting additional locally rare at-risk species for propagation and use in this and future habitat restoration projects. While hundreds of Sullivant's milkweed (Asclepias sullivantii) and Tuberous Indian Plantain (Cacalia tuberosa) have been introduced into WMAs and other protected land, Small white lady's slipper (Cypripedium candidum) and Rattlesnake master (Eryngium yuccifolium) will continue to be propagated using local source plant material for use in this project. Parcels selected for this proposal expand habitat protection for the threatened Blanding's Turtle (Emydoidea blandingii) Perch Creek population that has been studied by the MN DNR and featured in the "MN Volunteer".

#### Identify indicator species and associated quantities this habitat will typically support:

With the restoration of highly diverse prairie and wetland habitat on these parcels, we expect to produce 200+ harvestable rooster pheasants per year. By incorporating multiple species of native milkweeds we expect to produce 2,000 to 6,000 Monarchs per year. Approximately 400 pairs of Grasshopper sparrows and 300 pairs of Bobolinks could potentially be found on this protected and restored prairie. With the number of Trumpeter Swans nesting in this area, we would expect to find up to 4 pairs of swans on restored wetlands. Approximately 280 new pairs of Mallard ducks should find a home on the restored highly diverse wetland/prairie complex.

#### **Outcomes:**

#### Programs in prairie region:

• Key core parcels are protected for fish, game and other wildlife By adding these important parcels to the Martin County and Watonwan

County WMA complexes we are adding valuable grasslands to the WMAs of Southern Minnesota. This additional diverse upland will provide much needed nesting habitat for our many wildlife species. This project will also add valuable acres for public hunting, fishing and other outdoor opportunities with all of the fish, game, and rare species that will be found on this new public land. The measurable habitat value will be based on the diversity of habitat protected and restored and the volume of public use these new acres receive.

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

Maintaining and improving this work after our restoration plans will be the responsibility of the MN DNR with support from project partner CPL grants if and when appropriate. Local Partners will continue to install additional local source native plant species to enhance habitat to support more species, including pollinators. Local Partner monitoring will assist with identifying invasive species threats and provide assistance with eradication or control when necessary.

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

Year	Source of Funds	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
Ongoing	Local	Monitor to add local species	Monitor for invasive species	Treat and Plant as needed
Ongoing	Game and Fish Budget	Monitoring	Maintenance	Management

## What is the degree of timing/opportunistic urgency and why it is necessary to spend public money for this work as soon as possible:

It is a once in a lifetime opportunity when we find willing sellers of some of the highest priority native habitat and marginal agricultural lands in proximity to existing WMAs and other protected natural habitats. If we don't act immediately, these lands may never become available in the future. They may be converted to other uses, with degradation or complete elimination of natural features and high value natural resources that currently exist.

#### Does this program include leverage in funds:

No

#### Relationship to other funds:

• Not Listed

#### Describe the relationship of the funds:

#### Not Listed

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:

This proposal does not supplant or substitute previous funding for the same purpose.

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

Appropriation Year	Source	Amount
2014	LCCMR	400000

### **Activity Details**

#### Requirements:

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

Will county board or other local government approval be formally sought prior to acquisition, per 97A.056 subd 13(j) - Yes

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

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

#### Land Use:

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

Explain

Soybeans or Oats may be planted in order to reduce fertilizer build-up and herbicide carry over from previous crop years. This will only be done to improve soil condition and provide a more suitable seedbed prior to restoring grasslands and wetland acres.

Is this land currently open for hunting and fishing - No

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

All acquisitions will be part of the MN DNR WMA program and public hunting will be part of the process.

Are there currently trails or roads on any of the acquisitions on the parcel list - No

Will new trails or roads be developed or improved as a result of the OHF acquisition - No

### **Accomplishment Timeline**

Activity	Approximate Date Completed
Begin acquisition negotiation	October 2020
Aquire properties	March 2021-March 2022
Begin restoration of properties	Fall 2021
Transfer properties to MN DNR	Fall 2021
Complete restorations	2022
Follow-up/maintenance/weed control	2023

## **Budget Spreadsheet**

#### Total Amount of Request: \$11,646,800

#### Budget and Cash Leverage

BudgetName	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	\$319,700	\$0		\$319,700
Contracts	\$1,848,500	\$0		\$1,848,500
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	\$8,365,000	\$0		\$8,365,000
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	\$0	\$0		\$0
Easement Acquisition	\$0	\$0		\$0
Easement Stewardship	\$0	\$0		\$0
Travel	\$22,500	\$0		\$22,500
Pro fessional Services	\$165,000	\$0		\$165,000
Direct Support Services	\$28,100	\$0		\$28,100
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	\$110,000	\$0		\$110,000
Capital Equipment	\$0	\$0		\$0
Other Equipment/Tools	\$6,000	\$0		\$6,000
Supplies/Materials	\$782,000	\$0		\$782,000
DNR IDP	\$0	\$0		\$0
Total	\$11,646,800	\$0	-	\$11,646,800

#### Personnel

Position	FT E	Over#ofyears	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Ducks Unlimited Conservation Staff - Biologists and Engineers	0.40	3.00	\$154,700	\$0		\$154,700
MN Acquisition Associate	0.30	3.00	\$90,000	\$0		\$90,000
Grant Administration	0.25	4.00	\$75,000	\$0		\$75,000
Total	0.95	10.00	\$319,700	\$0	-	\$319,700

#### Budget and Cash Leverage by Partnership

BudgetName	Partnership	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	Ducks Unlimited	\$154,700	\$0		\$154,700
Contracts	Ducks Unlimited	\$1,640,500	\$0		\$1,640,500
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	Ducks Unlimited	\$0	\$0		\$0
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	Ducks Unlimited	\$0	\$0		\$0
Easement Acquisition	Ducks Unlimited	\$0	\$0		\$0
Easement Stewardship	Ducks Unlimited	\$0	\$0		\$0
Travel	Ducks Unlimited	\$15,000	\$0		\$15,000
Pro fessional Services	Ducks Unlimited	\$0	\$0		\$0
Direct Support Services	Ducks Unlimited	\$15,500	\$0		\$15,500
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	Ducks Unlimited	\$0	\$0		\$0
Capital Equipment	Ducks Unlimited	\$0	\$0		\$0
Other Equipment/Tools	Ducks Unlimited	\$6,000	\$0		\$6,000
Supplies/Materials	Ducks Unlimited	\$782,000	\$0		\$782,000
DNR IDP	Ducks Unlimited	\$0	\$0		\$0
To t	al	- \$2,613,700	\$0	-	\$2,613,700

#### Personnel - Ducks Unlimited

Position	FT E	Over#ofyears	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Ducks Unlimited Conservation Staff - Biologists and Engineers	0.40	3.00	\$154,700	\$0		\$154,700
Total	0.40	3.00	\$154,700	\$0	-	\$154,700

BudgetName	Partnership	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	The Conservation Fund	\$90,000	\$0		\$90,000
Contracts	The Conservation Fund	\$0	\$0		\$0
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	The Conservation Fund	\$0	\$0		\$0
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	The Conservation Fund	\$0	\$0		\$0

Easement Acquisition	The Conservation Fund	\$0	\$0		\$0
Easement Stewardship	The Conservation Fund	\$0	\$0		\$0
Travel	The Conservation Fund	\$4,000	\$0		\$4,000
Professional Services	The Conservation Fund	\$165,000	\$0		\$165,000
Direct Support Services	The Conservation Fund	\$12,600	\$0		\$12,600
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	The Conservation Fund	\$0	\$0		\$0
Capital Equipment	The Conservation Fund	\$0	\$0		\$0
Other Equipment/Tools	The Conservation Fund	\$0	\$0		\$0
Supplies/Materials	The Conservation Fund	\$0	\$0		\$0
DNR IDP	The Conservation Fund	\$0	\$0		\$0
Total	-	\$271,600	\$0	-	\$271,600

#### Personnel - The Conservation Fund

Position	FTE	Over#ofyears	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
MN Acquisition Associate	0.30	3.00	\$90,000	\$0		\$90,000
Total	0.30	3.00	\$90,000	\$0	-	\$90,000

BudgetName	Partnership	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	FoxLake Conservation League	\$75,000	\$0		\$75,000
Contracts	FoxLake Conservation League	\$208,000	\$0		\$208,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	FoxLake Conservation League	\$8,365,000	\$0		\$8,365,000
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	FoxLake Conservation League	\$0	\$0		\$0
Easement Acquisition	FoxLake Conservation League	\$0	\$0		\$0
Easement Stewardship	FoxLake Conservation League	\$0	\$0		\$0
Travel	FoxLake Conservation League	\$3,500	\$0		\$3,500
Pro fessional Services	FoxLake Conservation League	\$0	\$0		\$0
Direct Support Services	FoxLake Conservation League	\$0	\$0		\$0
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	FoxLake Conservation League	\$110,000	\$0		\$110,000
Capital Equipment	FoxLake Conservation League	\$0	\$0		\$0
Other Equipment/Tools	FoxLake Conservation League	\$0	\$0		\$0
Supplies/Materials	FoxLake Conservation League	\$0	\$0		\$0
DNR IDP	FoxLake Conservation League	\$0	\$0		\$0
Total		\$8,761,500	\$0	-	\$8,761,500

#### Personnel - Fox Lake Conservation League

Position	FT E	Over#ofyears	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Grant Administration	0.25	4.00	\$75,000	\$0		\$75,000
Total	0.25	4.00	\$75,000	\$0	-	\$75,000

Amount of Request:	\$11,646,800
Amount of Leverage:	\$0
Leverage as a percent of the Request:	0.00%
DSS + Personnel:	\$347,800
As a % of the total request:	2.99%
Easement Stewardship:	\$0
As a % of the Easement Acquisition:	-%

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

Fox Lake Conservation will not add for Direct Support Services.

TCF -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.

DU - Minnesota DNR grants staff previously reviewed and approved DU accounting methodology for Direct Support Services, which are calculated and included in DU staff costs. DU Direct Support Services constitute approximately 10% of DU overall staff costs on average among DU conservation staff billing categories. DU breaks out and invoices for Direct Support Service expenses approved by DNR for reimbursement separately from Personnel expenses. In accordance with 2 CFR 200, DU uses the direct allocation method of allocating costs to programs and final cost objectives. This process of allocating costs is accomplished through the use of hourly rates. The direct cost of activities, including direct support expenses, is included in these hourly rates. The rates are comprised of costs for salaries, benefits, office space, general insurance, support staff, office supplies, and other various direct expenses incurred at the regional offices and conservation department at the home office. All costs are assigned to conservation projects (net of applicable personnel and other costs that are non-conservation related.) Hourly charges represent the amount that DU charges conservation projects per hour for each staff member working on the project. These costs represent expenses that directly support the labor cost necessary for the development of a specific water/wetlands conservation projects.

#### What is included in the contracts line?

Fox Lake is including \$83,000 for tree removal of restored prairie areas, and \$75,000 for old building and site demolition, and \$50,000 for parking lots. Ducks Unlimited contracts line includes expense for both wetland and prairie restoration.

#### Does the amount in the travel line include equipment/vehicle rental? - Yes

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

None

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

There is no match or leverage of funds

#### Does this proposal have the ability to be scalable? - Yes

## Tell us how this project would be scaled and how administrative costs are affected, describe the "economy of scale" and how outputs would change with reduced funding, if applicable:

There are 11 parcels in our proposal and all are scalable to the amount of funding on a per parcel basis.

### **Output Tables**

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

Туре	Wetlands	Prairies	Forest	Habitats	Total
Restore	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	85	1,200	0	0	1,285
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	85	1,200	0	0	1,285

#### Table 1b. How many of these Prairie acres are Native Prairie?

Туре	Native Prairie
Restore	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	0
Protect in Easement	0
Enhance	0
Total	0

#### Table 2. Total Requested Funding by Resource Type

Туре	Wetlands	Prairies	Forest	Habitats	T o tal
Restore	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$846,800	\$10,800,000	\$0	\$0	\$11,646,800
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	\$846,800	\$10,800,000	\$0	\$0	\$11,646,800

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

Туре	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SEForest	Prairie	Northern Forest	Total
Restore	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	0	0	1,285	0	1,285
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Easement	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enhance	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	1,285	0	1,285

#### Table 4. Total Requested Funding within each Ecological Section

Туре	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	Northern Forest	T o tal
Restore	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,646,800	\$0	\$11,646,800
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Enhance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,646,800	\$0	\$11,646,800

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

Туре	Wetlands	Prairies	Forest	Habitats
Restore	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$9,962	\$9,000	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect 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	\$9,064	\$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

I have read and understand Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, Minnesota Statute 97A.056, and the Call for Funding Request. I certify I am authorized to submit this proposal and to the best of my knowledge the information provided is true and accurate.

### **Parcel List**

#### Explain the process used to select, rank and prioritize the parcels:

The partnership works with the MN DNR and identifies parcels that benefit the existing Wildlife Management System. Targeted parcels are chosen for habitat management needs that are only possible through acquisition. At least twice a year we are working with the MN DNR Acquisition groups to identify the best use of the resources we have.

#### Section 1 - Restore / Enhance Parcel List

No parcels with an activity type restore or enhance.

#### Section 2 - Protect Parcel List

#### Martin

Name	T RDS	Acres	EstCost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?
Armburst WMA	10430231	160	\$750,000	No	Full	Not Applicable
Caron WMA Parcel 14	10333224	80	\$580,000	No	Full	Not Applicable
Caron WMA Parcel 15	10333225	50	\$335,000	No	Full	Not Applicable
Caron WMA Parcel 21A & 21B	10333223	110	\$775,000	No	Full	Not Applicable
Gruven WMA Parcel 6	10330236	181	\$750,000	No	Full	Not Applicable
Perch Creek Parcel 26	10431230	83	\$750,000	No	Full	Not Applicable

#### Watonwan

Name	T RDS	Acres	EstCost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?
Perch Creek Parcel 14	10530231	155	\$1,500,000	No	Full	Not Applicable
Perch Creek Parcel 17	10530230	150	\$1,250,000	No	Full	Not Applicable
Perch Creek Parcel 19	10530231	160	\$1,150,000	No	Full	Not Applicable

#### Section 2a - Protect Parcel with Bldgs

#### Martin

Name	TRDS	Acres	EstCost	#Bldgs?	Bldg Imrpove Desc	Value of Bldg	Disposition of Improvements
Four Corners WMA Parcel 12		154	\$1,300,000	1	N/A	\$0	
Island WMA Parcel 7	10231229	200	\$2,000,000	1	N/A	\$20,000	

#### **Section 3 - Other Parcel Activity**

No parcels with an other activity type.

### **Parcel Map**



Data Generated From Parcel List

## Martin County WMA Acquisition Phase 4



This program continues the successful partnership among local and statewide organizations to protect and restore strategic prairie and wetland habitat in areas adjacent to existing DNR Wildlife Management Areas in Martin County. Building on previous investments by local conservation clubs and state agencies, the partners will protect and restore habitat in the places that matter most for wildlife in Martin County.

Acquisition is the most resource-intensive way to protect habitat, so partners are strategic to only acquire areas that will result in the most habitat and public access benefits. Conservation complexes were selected in Martin County by conservation partners and local community members for their existing and potential conservation value.

# The partners were able to secure 800+ acres of high-priority parcels under contract in 2019, and will expend in-hand acquisition funding within the next year.

To continue the strong local support for conservation projects in Martin County, partners will communicate with local elected officials to ensure that permanent protection aligns with the conservation goals of the community.

This partnership will use the real estate expertise of The Conservation Fund, wetland and grassland restoration expertise of Ducks Unlimited, and the local knowledge of the Fox Lake Conservation League to ensure success of this conservation effort.



**Partners** Fox Lake Conservation League Ducks Unlimited The Conservation Fund

**FY21 Funding Requested** \$11.6 million

#### **Program Type**

Fee Title Acquisition with PILT Restoration

#### Previous OHF Funding

Phase I FY17 Phase II FY19 Phase III FY20 \$1M (completed) \$2.4M (under contract) \$3.6M available July 2019, (under contract)

#### **Program Outcomes**

- Increased connectivity of existing WMAs and conservation easements
- conservation easementsRestoration of 100+ wetland acresBuilds on previous habitat investments





Waterfowl Pairs per Sq. Mile



**Bobolink Nesting Suitability per 40 acres** 

