

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

AGENDA ITEM MEMO:

Agenda Item # 14

DATE: November 14, 2013

SUBJECT: ML 2009, Ch. 172, Art. 1, Sec. 2 Final Reports

PRESENTING: Heather Koop

Background:

The majority of the ML 2009, Ch. 172, Art. 1, Sec. 2 appropriations' final reports have been completed; three programs remain active due to the leverage of federal funds, which extends the appropriation availability. The final reports provide the council and the public with significant data that fulfill the statutory requirements related to the uses and outcomes of the Outdoor Heritage Fund.

Subd.	Appropriation Name	Appropriation Amount	Status
2a	Accelerated Prairie and Grassland Management	\$1,700,000	Completed
2b	Green Corridor Legacy Program	\$1,617,000	Completed
2c	Prairie Heritage Fund	\$3,000,000	Completed
2d	Accelerated Prairie Grassland WMA Acquisition	\$3,913,000	Completed
2e	Northern Tallgrass Prairie	\$1,583,000	Cancelled
2f	Bluffland Prairie Protection Initiative	\$500,000	Completed
2g	Rum River-Cedar Creek Initiative	\$1,900,000	Completed
3a	Forests for the Future	\$36,000,000 (+ML 2010)	Expected completion date is
4a	Accelerated WMA Acquisition	\$2,900,000	Completed
4b	Accelerated Shallow Lake Restoration and Enhancement	\$2,528,000	Completed
4c	Accelerate the WPA Program in Minnesota	\$5,600,000	Expected completion is fall 2013.
4d	RIM-WRP	\$9,058,000	Completed
4e	Shallow Lake Critical Shoreland	\$450,000	Completed
5a	Outdoor Heritage Conservation Partners Grant Program	\$400,000	Completed
5b	Aquatic Management Area Acquisition	\$5,748,000	Completed
5c	Cold Water River and Stream Restoration, Protection, and Enhancement	\$2,050,000	Expected completion is fall 2013.
5d	Dakota County Habitat Protection	\$1,000,000	Completed
5e	Lake Rebecca Water Quality Improvement	\$450,000	Completed

5f	Fountain Lake Fish Barriers	\$655,000	Completed
6a	Contract Management	\$175,000	Completed

Suggested Motion: No motion suggested

Suggested Procedure: Council staff will make a brief presentation summarizing the ML 2009 final reports. Project managers will be in attendance and are prepared to answer any specific program-related questions by council members.



OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND ML 2009 FINAL REPORT OVERVIEW

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ML 2009 Final Reports

- To-date, 15 of the 18 funded programmatic appropriations have filed final reports.
- The remaining 3 open appropriations will file final reports within the next few months. Each received federal funding allowing the program to be extended to match the availability of federal funds. In each program, the net effect is to increase the acres affected.

Mississippi River Bluffland Prairie Protection Initiative



History of ML 2009

- The Legacy Amendment was passed by the voters of Minnesota in Nov. 2008
- The bill, HF 1231, was signed by the governor on May 22, 2009.
- Appropriations were made available on July 1, 2009
- 18 programs were funded totaling \$85,532,000 (exclusive of administration and contract management)

Rum River-Cedar Creek Initiative



ML 2009 Lessons

- Projects were shovel-ready and built upon existing delivery systems and efforts
- Readiness was key to successful programs
- Appropriating to on-going programs supports momentum and timely completion
- Phasing of programs has helped build familiarity and stability
- Success in working in certain habitat types varied due to weather, land prices, contractor availability, and workforce capacity
- Financial and institutional infrastructures were sometimes inadequate for reporting on outputs and expenditures
- The OHF has raised the bar in the quality of restoration and enhancements
- Programs had a high rate of cooperation and collaboration across governmental and non-governmental agencies
- While outputs are clear, more work needs to be done on outcomes

Appropriations Status To-date

Legal Citation	Appropriation Name	Agency or Organization	Amount	Status
2a	Accelerated Prairie and Grassland Management	DNR	\$1,700,000	Completed
2b	Green Corridor Legacy Program	Southwest Minnesota Initiative Fund	\$1,617,000	Completed
2c	Prairie Heritage Fund	Pheasants Forever	\$3,000,000	Completed
2d	Accelerated Prairie Grassland WMA Acquisition	DNR	\$3,913,000	Completed
2e	Northern Tallgrass Prairie	US Fish and Wildlife Service	\$1,583,000	Cancelled
2f	Bluffland Prairie Protection Initiative	Minnesota Land Trust	\$500,000	Completed
2g	Rum River-Cedar Creek Initiative	Anoka County	\$1,900,000	Completed
3a	Forests for the Future	DNR	\$36,000,000 (+ML 2010)	Expected completion is fall 2013. Balance of \$118,000.
4a	Accelerated WMA Acquisition	DNR	\$2,900,000	Completed
4b	Accelerated Shallow Lake Restoration and Enhancement	Ducks Unlimited	\$2,528,000	Completed
4c	Accelerate the WPA Program in Minnesota	Pheasants Forever	\$5,600,000	Expected completion is fall 2013. Balance of \$18,608.
4d	RIM-WRP	BWSR	\$9,058,000	Completed
4e	Shallow Lake Critical Shoreland	Ducks Unlimited	\$450,000	Completed
5a	Outdoor Heritage Conservation Partners Grant Program	DNR	\$400,000	Completed
5b	Aquatic Management Area Acquisition	DNR	\$5,748,000	Completed
5c	Cold Water River and Stream Restoration, Protection, and Enhancement	Minnesota Trout Unlimited	\$2,050,000	Expected completion is fall 2013. Balance of \$5,000.
5d	Dakota County Habitat Protection	Dakota County	\$1,000,000	Completed
5e	Lake Rebecca Water Quality Improvement	Three Rivers Park District	\$450,000	Completed
5f	Fountain Lake Fish Barriers	Shell Rock River Watershed District	\$655,000	Completed
6a	Contract Management	DNR	\$175,000	Completed

Green Corridor Legacy Program



ML 2009 Final Reports Acres Affected (Reported to-date)

	Wetlands – Proposed	Wetlands – Final	Prairies – Proposed	Prairies – Final	Forests – Proposed	Forests – Final	Habitats – Proposed	Habitats – Final	Total – Proposed	Total – Final
Restore	519	113	3,700	503	2,292	4,032	638	483	7,149	5,131
Protect	4,935	3,876	10,442	8,050	188,696	60	2,618	2,401	206,691	14,387
Enhance	6,000	6,882	4,202	7,880	1,018	1,167	642	893	11,862	16,822
TOTAL	11,454	10,871	18,344	16,433	192,006	5,259	3,898	3,777	225,702	36,340

ML 2009 Final Reports Funds Allocated (Reported to-date)

	Wetlands – Proposed	Wetlands – Final	Prairies – Proposed	Prairies – Final	Forests – Proposed	Forests – Final	Habitats – Proposed	Habitats – Final	Total – Proposed	Total – Final
Restore	\$1,407,534	\$159,900	\$981,670	\$129,000	\$500,372	\$467,900	\$2,114,646	\$916,900	\$5,004,222	\$1,673,700
Protect	\$8,241,686	\$5,507,200	\$22,132,005	\$16,257,900	\$36,425,000	\$427,600	\$8,397,108	\$7,580,500	\$75,195,799	\$29,773,200
Enhance	\$2,303,000	\$2,391,800	\$1,213,536	\$1,634,900	\$341,442	\$312,000	\$594,000	\$248,000	\$4,451,978	\$4,586,700
TOTAL	\$11,952,220	\$8,058,900	\$24,327,211	\$18,021,800	\$37,266,814	\$1,207,500	\$11,105,754	\$8,745,400	\$84,651,999	\$36,033,600

Accelerated Shallow Lake Restorations and Enhancements

