

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Agenda Item Memo

DATE: Aug. 5, 2014

SUBJECT: Accomplishment Plan Amendments
ML 2011, First Special Session, Ch. 6, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 5d Metro Big Rivers, Ph. II
ML 2012, Ch. 264, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 5b Metro Big Rivers, Ph. III

PRESENTER: Bob McGillivray, Trust for Public Land
Dave Anderson, City of Elk River
Mike Hecker, City of Elk River

Background:

The Metro Big Rivers program has requested a parcel addition to their accomplishment plans for ML 2011 and 2012. The Houlton property is located on the Mississippi River near Elk River and consists of approximately 340 acres of floodplain, hardwood forest, and agricultural fields. It is adjacent to seven islands held by the state as the Mississippi River Islands SNA. An appraisal from one year ago valued the Houlton parcel at \$2.94 million. (The appraisal is currently being updated). In order to acquire the land, two years' appropriations to Trust for Public Land, a partner in the Metro Big Rivers program, are necessary.

The acquisition dollars under ML 2011 were set to expire on June 30, 2014, but with the addition of federal funds, the appropriation's acquisition was extended to 2016. However, the federal availability is specific to the Houlton property and cannot be used for any other purpose.

If the property is acquired, it is the intent of the Metro Big Rivers partnership to transfer the land to the city of Elk River to be held as natural resource land open to public hunting and fishing.

On June 25, 2014 an accomplishment plan amendment to ML 2011 was submitted to the Council to add the federal availability language and to add the parcel. The amendment was contingent upon full Council approval of the addition of the Houlton parcel to the parcel list. If the Council chooses not to allow the addition of the parcel, the amendment is void and the acquisition funds under ML 2011 will expire. The accomplishment plan amendment for ML 2012 was also approved, contingent upon the Council approving the addition of the Houlton property to the parcel list. The acquisition funds under this appropriation will expire on June 30, 2015.

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Suggested Motion:

Move to approve the amendment as requested by the program manager.

Suggested Procedure:

Place the motion before the Council for discussion. Council votes on motion as needed.

Attachment: June 25, 2014 letters from Wm. Becker to Deb Loon

Elk River Conservation Area



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on 06/26/2014



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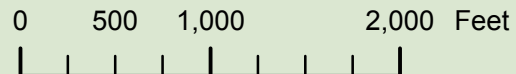
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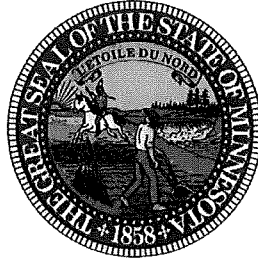
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Legend

-  Mississippi River Islands SNA
-  Subject Property





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June 25, 2014

Ms. Deb Loon
Minnesota Valley Trust, Inc.
3815 East American Blvd.
Bloomington, MN 55425

Dear Ms. Loon,

This letter of approval for the amendment in the attached Accomplishment Plan associated with ML 2011, First Special Session, Ch. 6, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 5d Metro Big Rivers, Ph. II. The approved amendment is noted by strike-out and underline and the changes are effective as of June 25, 2014 through August 5, 2014. The continued effective period is dependent on the Council acting affirmatively at its next meeting. Please see below. The amendment request is not retroactive.

The amendment allows the addition of the Houlton parcel to the program's fee acquisition list and extends the appropriation's availability to June 30, 2016. This amendment's continued approval beyond August 5, 2014 is contingent upon review and consent to add the Houghton parcel to the accomplishment plan by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council at its next meeting scheduled for Aug. 5, 2014 meeting. Should the Council not approve the parcel addition, the program's acquisition component will end and funds may not be expended for that activity. Should the August 5, 2014 meeting not occur for any reason the approval continues until the next meeting of the Council. In addition, the federal funds may only be used in conjunction with the restoration and enhancement of the Houghton parcel.

Please call if you have any questions.

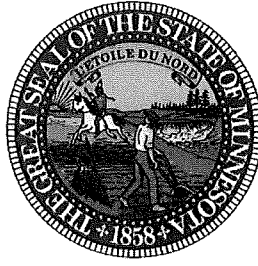
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