

## Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

**MEMO:** Agenda Item 5

**DATE:** July 31, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Fee-Title Acquisition of Parcel with Existing Protection: ML 2015, First Sp. Session, Ch. 2, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3(b) - Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration, Phase III

**PRESENTER:** Rich Biske – Freshwater Conservation Program Director, The Nature Conservancy

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### **Suggested Motion:**

Move approval of the fee-title acquisition of the “7 Springs 3” parcel as presented. (An affirmative vote of at least nine members of the council is required.)

### **Background:**

The Nature Conservancy is seeking approval from the Council to allow the fee-title purchase of the “7 Springs 3” property, which includes a DNR-held Trout Stream Angler Access easement on a portion of the property, using OHF funding.

MS 97A.056, Subd. 9 states:

*Money appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund shall not be used to purchase any land in fee title or a permanent conservation easement if the land in question is fully or partially owned by the state of Minnesota or a political subdivision of the state, unless: (1) the purchase creates additional direct benefit to protect, restore, or enhance the state's wetlands, prairies, forests, or habitat for fish, game, and wildlife; and (2) the purchase is approved by an affirmative vote of at least nine members of the council.*

The approximately 3,115 foot easement is a small portion of the larger 66.48 acre fee-title acquisition. Soon after the purchase is complete, TNC will transfer the property to the DNR as a Wildlife Management Area. This existing easement was considered in the appraisal.

The supplemental benefits of acquiring in fee-title the entire property will provide greater protection to the watershed by covering an additional 66.48 acres and “will allow for full floodplain restoration and management by restoring lowland hardwood forest and grasslands well beyond the 66 foot width currently covered by the easement” (see attached letter from TNC).

**Attachments:** TNC Letter, Recorded Trout Stream Easement, Maps, Accomplishment Plan



June 2, 2017

Mr. Mark Johnson  
Executive Director  
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
State Office Building, Room 95  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Acquiring Land with DNR Fisheries Easement

Dear Mr. Johnson,

The Nature Conservancy is in the process of acquiring approximately 66.48 acres of land in Fillmore County. The property will be transferred to the MN DNR as an addition to an existing Wildlife Management Area. Approximately 3115 feet of the South Branch of the Root River flows through the property, considered one of the best coldwater trout streams in the region. The property is composed of forest and pasture land, with the South Branch Root River running roughly through the middle of it. The north side of the property is occupied by a healthy and mature mesic forest dominated by sugar maple. Directly south of the stream, the north-facing bank includes areas of limestone talus and outcrops. This bank of limestone is an extension of the state's largest algific talus slope and includes most of the springs that re-water the South Branch below the losing reach associated with Mystery Cave. This project will complete the protection of that slope. The project is funded through The Nature Conservancy's Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration Phase III, Legislative Citation: ML 2015, First Sp. Session, Ch. 2, Art . 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3(b).

The issue we are bringing to your attention for discussion is that the property includes an existing trout stream easement held by the State of Minnesota. The easement covers approximately 3115 feet of river and streambank on both sides of the river covering approximately 9.4 acres and was taken into consideration by the appraiser. This easement covers a narrow corridor along the South Branch of the Root River and totals approximately 14% of the entire 66.48 acre property. Due to the state held easement the project may fall under the "Lands in Public Domain" statute as it relates to Outdoor Heritage Funds.

Section 97A.056, Subd. 9., of the Minnesota Statutes states as follows:

"Lands in public domain. Money appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund shall not be used to purchase any land in fee title or a permanent conservation easement if the land in question is fully or partially owned by the State of Minnesota or a political subdivision of the state, unless: (1) the purchase creates additional direct benefit to protect, restore, or enhance the state's wetlands, prairies, forests, or habitat for fish, game, and wildlife; and (2) the purchase is approved by an affirmative vote of at least nine members of the council."

The Nature Conservancy is seeking the approval of at least 9 members of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council to proceed with the protection of this unique conservation tract.

The Nature Conservancy  
1101 West River Parkway, Suite 200  
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Project Description:

The property consists of 66.48 acres bisected by the South Branch of the Root River including both mesic and fire dependent forest communities in the wooded area north of the stream beyond a small pasture. It also extends the protection of the South Branch Root River downstream from 7 Springs WMA, where it emerges as a coldwater stream from a large series of springs below a losing reach associated with the Mystery Cave complex that frequently leaves the stream dry above the springs. The current owner has not harvested timber and the over story of the mesic forest community is in excellent condition for a mature, second growth even-age stand. The property is currently being impacted by grazing. Protecting it will allow the Conservancy and DNR to restore habitat in the riparian area now impacted by grazing. The project will provide protection of the full riparian area and larger floodplain of the South Branch Root River downstream of the springs complex at 7 Springs, it also protects the last remaining portion of the largest algalic talus slope in Minnesota, including a state endangered plant.

The project allows The Nature Conservancy and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to protect existing native habitats while restoring pastureland, floodplain and stream channels to benefit fish and wildlife on the property. Protecting and restoring habitat on the property also improves fishing habitat and water quality downstream. The South Branch of the Root River is a popular fishing reach from this property to Forestville State Park downstream. This property also provides improved management and public access to the larger 7 Springs WMA from a paved road from the south of the unit.

Additional Benefit:

The Lands in Public Domain statute requires that the purchase creates additional direct benefit to protect, restore, or enhance the state's wetlands, prairies, forests, or habitat for fish, game, and wildlife. The current easement purchased in 1981 by the state from a previous owner permits the development of fish habitat and allows for public fishing only access. The existing easement runs through the middle of the property. Protection of the larger 66.48 acres tract will protect and improve water quality and fish habitat in the river above and beyond the protection provided by the easement and will open it to full public access for fishing and hunting. It will also allow for full floodplain restoration and management by restoring lowland hardwood forest and grasslands well beyond the 66 foot width currently covered by the easement.

Sincerely,

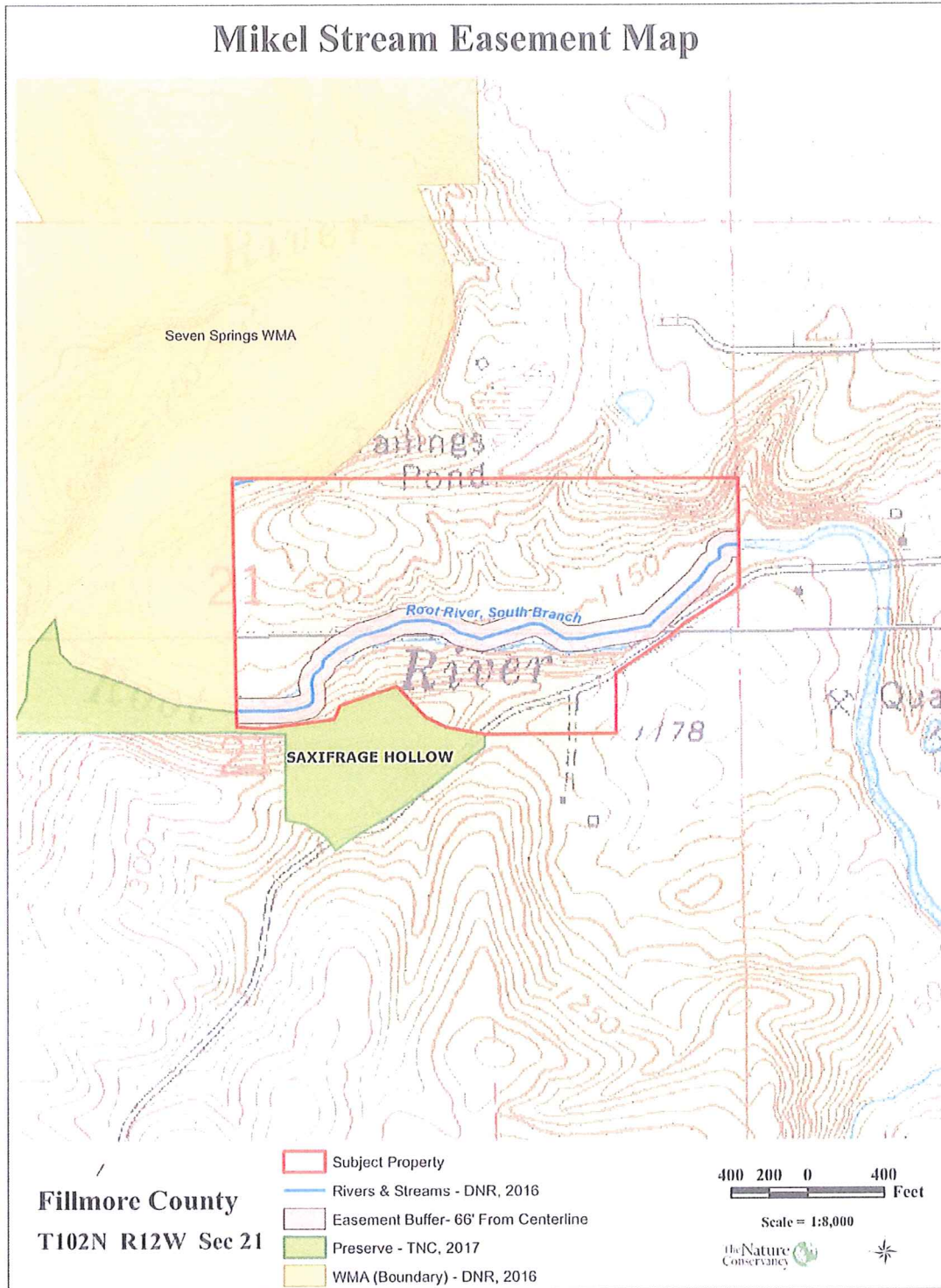


Richard Biske  
Freshwater Conservation Program Director  
The Nature Conservancy

Enclosure: Map of Proposed Acquisition  
Copy of the streambank easement

The Nature Conservancy  
1101 West River Parkway, Suite 200  
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# Mikel Stream Easement Map



The Nature Conservancy  
 1101 West River Parkway, Suite 200  
 Minneapolis, MN 55415

EASEMENT

THIS INDENTURE, Made this 11th day of May, 1981, between DONALD BACON a/k/a DONALD E. BACON and RUTH H. BACON, husband and wife, of the County of Rock and State of Wisconsin, parties of the first part, and STATE OF MINNESOTA, a sovereign body, party of the second part,

WITNESSETH, That the said parties of the first part, in consideration of the sum of TWELVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND NO/100 (\$12,300.00) DOLLARS, to them in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby Convey and Warrant unto the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns, a perpetual easement in land lying and being in the County of Fillmore and State of Minnesota, described as follows, to-wit:

TRACT I

A strip of land lying in the South Half of the Northeast Quarter (S 1/2 NE 1/4), EXCEPT beginning at the southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4), Section Twenty-one (21), Township One Hundred Two (102) North, Range Twelve (12) West, thence West 40 rods, thence North 19 rods, thence in a north-easterly direction along side of and parallel with the public road to a point 45 rods North of the place of beginning, thence South 45 rods to place of beginning. Said strip being 132 feet in width, being 66 feet each side of the center line of South Branch Root River.

TRACT II

A strip of land lying in that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW 1/4 SW 1/4), Section Twenty-two (22), Township One Hundred Two (102) North, Range Twelve (12) West, described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4), thence South 20 rods, thence East 44 rods to center of river, thence following center of river to a point 36 rods East of point of beginning, thence West 36 rods to point of beginning. Said strip being 66 feet in width lying westerly of and adjacent to the center line of the South Branch Root River.

THE PURPOSE AND INTENT OF THIS EASEMENT IS TO:

1. Permit the development of fish habitat in the above described area, including tree planting, erosion control, installation of instream structures, posting of signs and other improvements as are deemed necessary, and temporary fencing around areas of localized repair, but which temporary fencing shall not prevent owners use and access to other adjoining property owned by the said parties of the first part.

2. Permit angling by the public in the above described area.

ACQUISITION RECORD
DIV. F+W
NO. E-1051
AREY. 7-6-81
CARDS
F.44
I.B.M.

ALSO, unto the party of the second part, its successors and assigns, ingress and egress to and from the above described strips and stream at any point over and across all the described premises of which the strips are a part and the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (N 1/2 NE 1/4 SE 1/4), Section Twenty-one (21), Township One Hundred Two (102) North, Range Twelve (12) West, by employees of said party of the second part for fish management purposes, compatible with current use. Established access routes shall be used whenever feasible. In the event that there are no established routes or, if such established routes are impossible to use, the party of the second part shall, when practical, advise and inform the parties of the first part of any proposed route.

FURTHER COVENANTING, THE PARTIES OF THE FIRST PART, FOR THEMSELVES, THEIR HEIRS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS:

A. Shall not place or erect any structure or building in the easement area without prior written approval of the party of the second part.

B. Agree to cooperate in the maintenance and enhancement of fishing in the above described area by doing no excavating, filling, dumping, tree cutting, burning or changing of the stream course, without prior written approval of the party of the second part. A change in the stream course also requires a special permit issued by the Division of Waters of the Department of Natural Resources.

C. Agree that existing tillage be set back 45 feet from the center line of the stream and no new tillage be initiated within the easement corridor.

THE PARTIES OF THE FIRST PART RESERVE TO THEMSELVES, THEIR HEIRS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS:

The right to use the land in Tracts I and II, including the right of angling in said stream, the right to cross said stream and the right to use the water in said stream for domestic purposes, including watering cattle and other stock, consistent with the rights and privileges granted in this easement.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME, to the State, its successors and assigns, Forever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands the day and year first above written.

EXEMPT FROM STATE DEED TAX  
Laws 1971, Chapter 835.

Donald Bacon  
DONALD BACON a/k/a  
DONALD E. BACON

Ruth H. Bacon  
RUTH H. BACON

STATE OF MINNESOTA }  
COUNTY OF Fillmore } ss.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 11th day of May, 1981, by DONALD BACON a/k/a DONALD E. BACON and RUTH H. BACON, husband and wife,

This instrument was drafted by Robert E. Blahnik  
Notary Public, Fillmore County, MN  
My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

BRUCE A. SPEKTOR  
Special Assistant Attorney General  
Box 38 Centennial Office Building,  
658 Cedar Street  
St. Paul, MN 55155

ROBERT E. BLAHNIK  
NOTARY PUBLIC - MINNESOTA  
FILLMORE COUNTY  
MY COM. EXP. JULY 10, 1988

E-1051  
Shurtz Branch Road (Pine)  
Robert Johnson Corp.  
Fillmore County

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MAY 21 1981  
REG. STAMPS  
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227330

B. J.

Office of County Recorder  
County of Fillmore, Minn.  
I hereby certify that the within instrument  
was filed in this office for record on the  
15<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1981  
at 11:00 o'clock P.M. and was duly  
recorded in Book 171 of Mapson  
page 1697  
D. J. [Signature]  
County Recorder  
D. J. [Signature]  
Deputy

# Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

## Laws of Minnesota 2015 Accomplishment Plan



**Date:** May 22, 2017

**Program or Project Title:** Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration - Phase III

**Funds Recommended:** \$ 2,910,000

**Manager's Name:** Richard Biske  
**Title:** Freshwater Conservation Program Director  
**Organization:** The Nature Conservancy  
**Address:** 1101 West River Parkway  
**Address 2:** Suite 200  
**City:** Minneapolis, MN 55415  
**Office Number:** 612-331-0766  
**Mobile Number:** 651-564-0591  
**Fax Number:** 612-331-0770  
**Email:** rbiske@tnc.org  
**Website:** nature.org

**Legislative Citation:** ML 2015, First Sp. Session, Ch. 2, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3(b)

**Appropriation Language:** \$2,910,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with The Nature Conservancy to acquire land in fee for wildlife management purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8; to acquire land in fee for scientific and natural areas under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 5; for state forest purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 7; and to enhance grasslands, forest, and savanna. A list of proposed acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

**County Locations:** Fillmore, Houston, Wabasha, and Winona.

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

- Southeast Forest

**Activity types:**

- Enhance
- Protect in Fee
- Restore

**Priority resources addressed by activity:**

- Forest
- Habitat
- Prairie

### Abstract:

This project will protect and restore declining habitats and watersheds for important wildlife species in strategically targeted areas of biodiversity significance in Southeast Minnesota. The project will result in increased public access and expanded habitat complexes critical to the state.

### Design and scope of work:

The Southeast Blufflands region is as rich in habitat for game and nongame wildlife species as it is in aesthetic beauty. Long valleys rimmed with dry prairies and hardwood hills are bisected by coldwater trout streams. Unlike any other part of the state, much of the



region and the greater Mississippi River Blufflands have been largely untouched by glaciers for 500,000 years. As a result of this unique geology, no other region in the state demonstrates the diversity and uniqueness of habitats found in the Blufflands. While much of the region has been converted to cropland, pasture and rural development, many of its bluffs and valleys are still home to high quality coldwater trout streams, cliffs, forests, oak savannas, and prairies, including 86 different native plant community types mapped by the Minnesota Biological Survey (MBS) covering nearly 149,670 acres. This diversity is critical to the State's enduring legacy of high quality forests, rivers and prairies. The region is home to 183 species of state-listed rare plants and animals in the region, many of them concentrated in the 749 sites of biodiversity significance mapped in the region by MBS. Thanks to this diversity, the area is highly regarded for turkey and deer hunting along with other recreational pursuits such as trout fishing, hiking and biking. Outdoor recreation is a significant component to the local economy and heritage, drawing visitors from across the upper Midwest. However, unlike Northern Minnesota or other regions, only 5% of the region is open to the public and relatively very little is in any kind of protected status. Rapid growth of nearby cities like Rochester and LaCrosse are increasing rural development with bluff top and remote country homes. More roads, buildings and associated infrastructure further fragment an already fragmented landscape, disturbing forest habitat and increasing already high erosion rates. In addition, due to the high price of agricultural commodities in recent years, farming practices have increasingly encroached on these unique habitats including tracts in this proposal and have had significant impacts to water quality. To maintain this legacy of the Blufflands' unique natural habitats, there are three primary needs or opportunities in the region: 1) expand the amount of protected land in strategic locations based on existing protected lands and high-quality habitat; 2) maximize the quality of this protected habitat through well executed restoration and enhancement projects; and 3) increase public access to these unique habitats in an area of the state with relatively little public lands. Investment in habitat protection and restoration in the Southeast Blufflands by the Outdoor Heritage Fund would expand and connect larger contiguous blocks of protected lands, allowing land managers to restore and maintain native habitats at a scale difficult to accomplish with fragmented ownership. An example of this is the frequent prescribed fire burns necessary to reclaim the unique "goat prairies" and oak savanna from the cedar and buckthorn hillsides, which is most effective at larger scale. Certain habitat complexes stand out in the region, including the different units of the R.J. Dorner Memorial Forest, state parks and larger blocks of existing conservation easements. These complexes serve as hubs for additional protection through strategic fee title acquisitions. This proposal aims to enhance this prior conservation investment and ensure that the legacy of the Blufflands region is preserved for the future.

#### Overall Scope of Work:

This project has two primary components: 1) fee title acquisition of approximately 400 acres of forest and 80 acres of prairie along 3 miles of coldwater trout streams near state forest land, scientific and natural areas, wildlife management areas and a state park; 2) Enhancement of approximately 56 acres of prairie within these protected habitat complexes. Project collaborators include The Nature Conservancy, Minnesota DNR and the Minnesota Land Trust. Priority will be placed on targeted tracts within high biodiversity conservation complexes identified by project partners as representing the highest quality and most diverse habitat types in the region.

#### Fee Acquisitions:

The Nature Conservancy will coordinate with MN DNR on all potential fee-title acquisitions. The Nature Conservancy will assist the participating DNR Divisions by conducting all or some of the following activities: initial site reviews, negotiations, appraisals, environmental reviews and acquisition of fee title. The Conservancy will transfer each tract to the DNR. The property acquired with this funding will be owned and managed by the DNR as State Forest, Wildlife Management Area or Scientific and Natural Areas, which will be open for public hunting and fishing.

#### Restoration and Enhancement:

Restoration plans and activities will be coordinated with DNR Forestry, Wildlife and Nongame leads for specific units. TNC will contract with CCM as much as possible and other local vendors for invasive brush removal and prescribed fire on 56 acres of bluff prairie and oak savanna enhancement.

#### Results to Date from Phase I & II:

Fee Acquisition - October 15, 2014, closed on 272 acres of prairie and forest within a Conservation Opportunity Area.

Restoration and Enhancement - We have completed brush and tree clearing on 65 acres of bluff prairie and oak savanna and another 26.5 acres is in progress.

At their October 7, 2014 meeting, the Council requested The Nature Conservancy to add the following language about salary and fringe benefit reimbursement to this Accomplishment Plan:

As provided under the subdivisions titled "Payment Conditions and Capital Equipment Expenditures" (ML 2015, First Special Session, Ch. 2, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 8) The Nature Conservancy (the Conservancy) may be reimbursed for salary and fringe benefits based on a provisional fringe benefits rate consistent with Appendix IV to 2 CFR Part 200 - Indirect (F&A) Costs Identification and Assignment, and Rate Determination for Nonprofit Organizations and negotiated annually with the Conservancy's cognizant agency. Within 180 days of the end of each Nature Conservancy fiscal year, the Conservancy will provide MN DNR with the actual fringe benefits rate for the prior year and reconcile any overpayment made by the State.

**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:

Habitat protection and restoration efforts will occur in priority conservation areas within the Blufflands Ecological Subsection, which contains more species of greatest conservation need than any other subsection in Minnesota. Conservation opportunity areas have been identified by The Nature Conservancy, MN DNR and others based on the MN Biological Survey, existing public land assets and the potential to expand and connect habitat complexes. Projects included will protect and improve habitat conditions for rare plants and animals along with popular game species in the region including whitetail deer, wild turkey and ruffed grouse. Most projects are situated along or near trout streams, protection and restoration will maintain and improve trout waters and fishing opportunities.

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

Enhancement and protection projects will take place in conservation opportunity areas identified based on MN Biological Survey concentrations of native plant communities, rare features, existing conservation lands and the potential to expand habitat complexes and link them. Each tract goes through review by TNC and DNR Division teams.

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

- H1 Protect priority land habitats
- H3 Improve connectivity and access to recreation

## Which other plans are addressed in this program:

- Minnesota's Wildlife Action Plan 2015-2025
- Outdoor Heritage Fund: A 25 Year Framework
- Root River Conservation Action Plan, Root River Landscape Stewardship Plan, Southeast Landscape Management Plan, Blufflands Subsection Forest Resource Management Plan, Zumbro River Watershed Plan, Weaver Dunes Conservation Action Plan

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

### Southeast Forest:

- Protect forest habitat through acquisition in fee or easement to prevent parcelization and fragmentation and to provide the ability to access and manage landlocked public properties

## Relationship to other funds:

- Not Listed

## Describe the relationship of the funds:

Not Listed

## How does this program accelerate or supplement your current efforts in this area:

Acquisition and enhancement projects included in this proposal build on 50 years of land conservation in the R.J. Doer Memorial Hardwood Forest. However, it is widely recognized that much more needs to be done to protect and restore declining habitats. Partners are working together to protect and restore habitat mosaics that include forest, prairie, oak savanna and riparian areas on private and public lands that also protect the watersheds of the region. This proposal accelerates and expands the efforts of partners working in Southeast Minnesota and the Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration Phase I underway since FY14 and Phase II approved for FY15. This will complete the fee acquisitions and enhancements initiated in Phase I and II. Phase I funding helped leverage federal funds to restore 200 acres of private and 300 acres of public land within priority areas. We will continue to partner with MN DNR and attempt to leverage additional federal funds to restore/enhance another 200 acres of private and 300 acres of public prairie, savanna and woodland habitat in FY16. OHF funding has allowed us to engage public and private land managers to protect and enhance large habitat complexes.

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

Appropriation Year	Source	Amount
2013	US Fish and Wildlife Service State Wildlife Grant	\$250,000

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

Acquisition projects will be adjacent to or within close proximity to existing protected lands, including state-owned lands and lands under conservation easement. This will allow for the expansion of maintenance, enhancement and restoration activities that are currently taking place on those protected lands and adjacent private lands. Habitats cleared of invasive species will be maintained with prescribed fire. Protection and enhancement projects will improve future prescribed fire and maintenance activities through economies of scale. The tracts protected and enhanced as part of this proposal also meet the prioritization for the State Wildlife Action Plan and MN DNR has been successful securing federal habitat enhancement funding for Southeast Minnesota. Each project is within a Conservation Opportunity Area that receives a higher level of coordination and resource priority by many partners for maintaining and enhancing protected habitats.

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

Year	Source of Funds	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
2017	USFWS State Wildlife Grant, Game and Fish Fund, Turkey Stamp	Invasive brush cutting	prescribed fire	
Every 3 to 5 years	Game and Fish Fund, Turkey Stamp	Prescribed fire		
Every 3 to 5 years	Game and Fish Fund, Turkey Stamp	Prescribed fire		

## 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**

Will local government approval be sought prior to acquisition - **Yes**

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 - **No**

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

NA

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**  
(WMA, SNA, County/Municipal, State Forests, Perpetual Conservation Easements)

## Accomplishment Timeline:

Activity	Approximate Date Completed
Bluff Prairie Clearing	June 30, 2020
Prescribed Fire	June 30, 2020
Fee Acquisition	June 30, 2018

Date of Final Report Submission: 10/30/2020

## Federal Funding:

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

## Outcomes:

Programs in southeast forest region:

- Large corridors and complexes of biologically diverse wildlife habitat typical of the unglaciated region are restored and protected We will track the acres of priority parcels protected within Conservation Opportunity Areas identified in regional planning. Success within each

*Conservation Opportunity Area will be determined based on the percentage of area protected.*

# 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**

The program will not initiate new protection projects, but use the reduced amount to fully fund pending habitat protection projects. The program will scale back restoration projects during this funding period.

**Total Amount of Request: \$ 2910000**

## Budget and Cash Leverage

BudgetName	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	\$108,500	\$0		\$108,500
Contracts	\$427,600	\$0		\$427,600
Fee Acquisition w/PILT	\$2,124,200	\$0		\$2,124,200
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	\$0	\$0		\$0
Easement Acquisition	\$0	\$0		\$0
Easement Stewardship	\$0	\$0		\$0
Travel	\$500	\$0		\$500
Professional Services	\$100,000	\$0		\$100,000
Direct Support Services	\$14,200	\$19,800	TNC	\$34,000
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	\$45,000	\$0		\$45,000
Capital Equipment	\$0	\$0		\$0
Other Equipment/Tools	\$0	\$0		\$0
Supplies/Materials	\$45,000	\$0		\$45,000
DNR IDP	\$45,000	\$0		\$45,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,910,000</b>	<b>\$19,800</b>		<b>\$2,929,800</b>

## Personnel

Position	FTE	Over # of years	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Project Manager	0.25	3.00	\$59,900	\$0		\$59,900
Protection Specialist/Technician	0.10	3.00	\$24,500	\$0		\$24,500
Grant Administrator	0.12	3.00	\$24,100	\$0		\$24,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>9.00</b>	<b>\$108,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$108,500</b>

Amount of Request: \$2,910,000

Amount of Leverage: \$19,800

Leverage as a percent of the Request: 0.68%

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

see attachment

## Output Tables

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

Type	Wetlands	Prairies	Forest	Habitats	Total
Restore	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	80	400	0	480
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Easement	0	0	0	0	0
Enhance	0	56	0	0	56
Total	0	136	400	0	536

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

Type	Native Prairie
Restore	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	20
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	0
Protect in Easement	0
Enhance	56
Total	76

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

Type	Wetlands	Prairies	Forest	Habitats	Total
Restore	\$0	\$150,000	\$129,400	\$0	\$279,400
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$402,400	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,402,400
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Enhance	\$0	\$178,200	\$50,000	\$0	\$228,200
Total	\$0	\$730,600	\$2,179,400	\$0	\$2,910,000

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

Type	Metro Urban	ForestPrairie	SEForest	Prairie	N Forest	Total
Restore	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	0	480	0	0	480
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	56	0	0	56
Total	0	0	536	0	0	536

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

Type	Metro Urban	ForestPrairie	SEForest	Prairie	N Forest	Total
Restore	\$0	\$0	\$279,400	\$0	\$0	\$279,400
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$2,402,400	\$0	\$0	\$2,402,400
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	\$228,200	\$0	\$0	\$228,200
Total	\$0	\$0	\$2,910,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,910,000

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

Type	Wetlands	Prairies	Forest	Habitats
Restore	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$5030	\$5000	\$0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Enhance	\$0	\$3182	\$0	\$0

**Table 6. Average Cost per Acre by Ecological Section**

Type	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	Northern Forest
Restore	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$5005	\$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	\$4075	\$0	\$0

**Target Lake/Stream/River Feet or Miles**

3 Miles

## 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

Fillmore

Name	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection?
7 Springs WMA	10212216	245	\$275,000	Yes
Choice WMA	10208211	1,000	\$975,000	Yes

Winona

Name	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection?
Winona 1	10508233	50	\$97,000	Yes

### Section 2 - Protect Parcel List

Fillmore

Name	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?
7 Springs 2	10212216	40	\$160,000	No	Full	Full
7 Springs 3	10212221	66	\$225,000	Yes	Full	Full
Brightsdale	10309206	132	\$450,000	No	Full	Full
Choice 2	10208210	27	\$100,000	No	Full	Full
Choice 3	10208212	40	\$160,000	No	Full	Full
Fillmore 1	10212216	276	\$278,000	No	Full	Full
Fillmore 2	10408222	160	\$523,500	No	Full	Full
Fillmore 3	10408222	78	\$325,000	No	Full	Full
Fillmore 4	10208211	363	\$2,000,000	No	Full	Full
Fillmore 5	10408220	101	\$390,000	No	Full	Full
Fillmore 6	10212230	30	\$100,000	No	Full	Full
Gribben	10309228	120	\$475,000	No	Full	Full

Houston

Name	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?
Houston 1	10204219	274	\$996,500	No	Full	Full
Houston 2	10306230	320	\$1,152,700	No	Full	Full
Houston 3	10307228	145	\$540,000	No	Full	Full
Houston 4	10204221	260	\$925,000	No	Full	Full

Wabasha

Name	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?
McCarthy	11010236	40	\$200,000	No	Full	Full
Wabasha 1	11010218	191	\$650,000	No	Full	Full

Winona

Name	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?
Winona 2	10810202	44	\$145,000	No	Full	Full

### 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.



## Completed Parcel: Fillmore 1

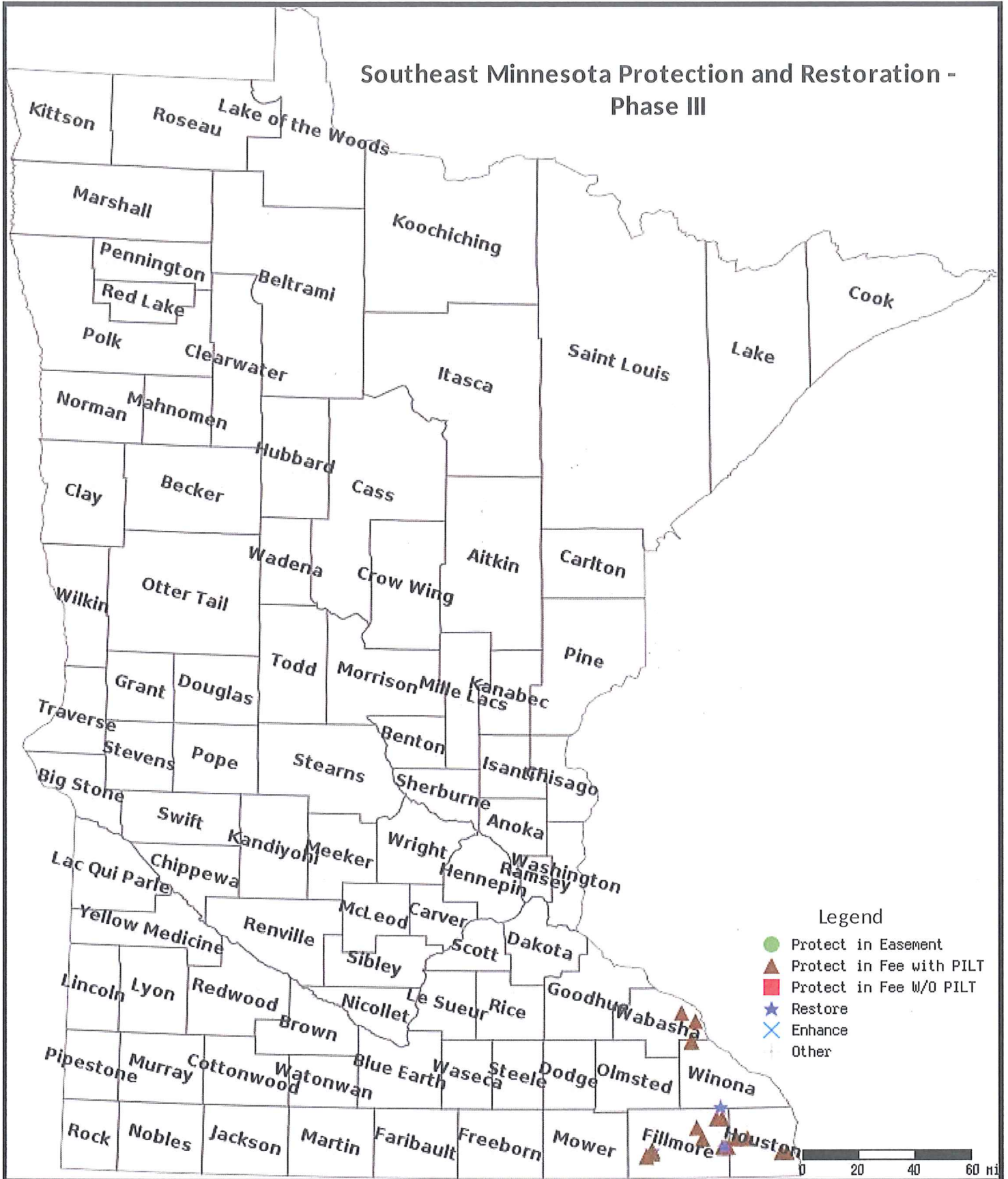
# of Total Acres:	276
County:	Fillmore
Township:	102
Range:	12
Direction:	2
Section:	16
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	0
# of Acres: Forest:	182
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	90
Amount of Shoreline:	8448 (Linear Feet)
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	South Fork Root River
Has there been signage erected at the site:	No - We just recently acquired the tract and will post soon.
Total cost of Restoration/Enhancement:	\$278,000
Annual Reporting Organization Name:	The Nature Conservancy
Annual Reporting Manager Name:	Richard Biske
Annual Reporting Address:	1101 West River Parkway
Annual Reporting City:	Minneapolis
Annual Reporting State:	MN
Annual Reporting Zip:	55415
Annual Reporting Email:	rbiske@tnc.org
Annual Reporting Phone:	612-331-0766
Purchase Date:	September 04, 2015
Purchase Price:	\$1,316,540
Appraised Value:	\$1,316,540
Professional Service Costs:	\$30,447
Assessed Value:	\$1,178,400
Total Project Cost:	\$1,316,540
Fees Received:	\$0
Donations:	\$0
Property Managed By:	DNR - Wildlife Management Area -
Name of the unit area or location government unit or land manager:	7 Springs WMA

## Completed Parcel: Winona 2

# of Total Acres:	44
County:	Winona
Township:	108
Range:	10
Direction:	2
Section:	02
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	
# of Acres: Forest:	32
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	
Amount of Shoreline:	(Linear Feet)
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	
Has there been signage erected at the site:	
Total cost of Restoration/Enhancement:	\$145,000
Annual Reporting Organization Name:	The Nature Conservancy
Annual Reporting Manager Name:	Richard Biske
Annual Reporting Address:	1101 West River Parkway
Annual Reporting City:	Minneapolis
Annual Reporting State:	MN
Annual Reporting Zip:	55415
Annual Reporting Email:	rbiske@tnc.org
Annual Reporting Phone:	612-331-0766
Purchase Date:	October 11, 2016
Purchase Price:	\$141,000
Appraised Value:	\$141,000
Professional Service Costs:	\$14,096
Assessed Value:	\$141,000
Total Project Cost:	\$155,096
Property Managed By:	DNR - Forestry -

# Parcel Map

## Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration - Phase III



Data Generated From Parcel List