

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

MEMO: Agenda Item #7

DATE: Nov 16, 2017

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

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

Suggested Motion:

Motion to approve/deny the request by TNC to proceed with the fee title acquisition along Gribben Creek with appropriation ML 2015, First Sp. Session, Ch. 2, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3(b).

Per MS 97A.056, Subd. 9, approval by the Council is constituted by an affirmative vote of at least 9 members of the Council.

Background:

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is in the process of a fee title acquisition of 120 acres of land in Fillmore County. Intended to be held by DNR as an addition to the RJ Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest, the property is bisected by Gribben Creek, "considered one of the best coldwater trout streams in the region."

At issue with the acquisition is an existing trout stream easement held by the State of MN. The easement allows for stream improvement and public fishing access and covers approximately 3,754 feet of Gribben Creek on most of both sides of the creek covering approximately 7.98 acres. The easement was considered in the appraisal and subsequent purchase price. By law (97A.056, subd. 9), approval by at least 9 members of the Council is required to allow OHF acquisition of "protected" parcels.

The supplemental benefits of acquiring in fee-title the entire property will provide greater protection to the watershed by covering an additional 112.02 acres and "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 50 foot width currently covered by the easement" (see attached letter from TNC).

Additional information (attachments):

- Accomplishment Plan.
- October 11, 2017 letter from Rich Biske, Freshwater Conservation Program Director, TNC, with attachments (parcel map & Misc. Record #8 – Stream Improvement Easement).



October 11, 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 120 acres of land in Fillmore County. The property will be transferred to the MN DNR as an addition to the RJ Dorer Memorial Hardwood Forest. Approximately 3,754 feet Gribben Creek, a tributary of the Root River which is considered one of the best coldwater trout streams in the region, flows through the property. The property includes 12 acres of grass along the thin floodplain valley floor where Gribben Creek flows through the tract on its eastern and southern edges. It also includes approximately 108 acres of forested hillside above the creek, which consists of three small draws that cut into the bluff façade. These slopes support healthy forests of oak and hickory or oak, maple, and basswood depending on the aspect of the site. 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 3,754 feet of river and streambank on most of both sides of the creek covering approximately 7.98 acres. The easement was taken into consideration by the appraiser. This easement covers a narrow corridor along Gribben Creek and totals less than 7% of the entire 120 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 120 acres including a section of Gribben Creek and a large area of forested bluffs. These slopes contain both dry and mesic hardwood communities, depending on the aspect of the site. The bluff includes three different small drainages leading to Gribben Creek and its small, narrow floodplain. The forest communities are in good health for the region, with only a small impact from invasive species. The understory layer contained a good diversity of spring ephemerals and native forbs.

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.

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 1958 by the State from a previous owner permits the development of fish habitat, erosion control and allows for public fishing only access. The existing easement runs near a portion of the eastern edge of the property. Protection of the larger 120 acre 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 50 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

Root River (Soukup)



Aerial
Fillmore County, MN
T103N R9W S21 & 28

-  Soukup, Frances
-  State Forest (Management) - DNR, 2016



Scale = 1:5,700



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No. 165162
Minnesota Conservation Department, Division of Game and Fish, Bureau of Fisheries
STREAM IMPROVEMENT EASEMENT

E. P. Kennelly, Single, Grantor of Fillmore, County, Minnesota, for and in consideration of one dollar and other good and valuable improvements made in connection with the Gribben Stream, do hereby grant and convey to the state of Minnesota, through the Division of Game and Fish, Department of Conservation, grantee, the perpetual right and easement to the following described lands situated in Fillmore County, State of Minnesota.

So. 7.98 AC. West of Highway of E 1/2 of SE. Sec. 21, Twp. 103 No. Ra. 9 W. Part west of Highway of Ne of NE S 2c. 28 Twp. 103 No. R 9 W. for the following described purposes:

1. To permit the planting of trees, shrubs and herbs for erosion control, to provide stream shade and to do such work as required for adequate control of bank erosion, including fencing to protect vegetable cover; provided, however, that where necessary stock watering places and crossings shall be left unfenced.
2. To permit the installation and maintenance of such structures as are deemed desirable for controlling the waters of said stream for the purpose of improving fish habitat.
3. To permit the public a right of passage and right to use for fishing only, a strip of land paralleling the stream for a distance not to exceed twenty (20) feet from the water's edge on each side. No member of the public shall be authorized hereby to trespass on any other portion of the Grantor's land, to cause any damage of any nature to the land, or to use the same for any purpose other than the right of passage or fishing, without express permission from the Grantor.

Provided, however, that the grantee's operations under all the above clauses shall be confined to a strip no wider than will be enclosed between the top edge of the stream bank and a line parallel thereto and fifty (50) feet distance therefrom on either side, except that all agents and employees of the grantee engaged in carrying out the operations provided for in the above clauses shall be permitted to approach the stream or river at any point over the above described premises compatible with current use of said premises, such persons to restrict their passage over the land to established routes whenever feasible.

It is further agreed that the grantor do hereby release the State of Minnesota and all its officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims for damages which may arise as the result of any or all uses hereinbefore enumerated.

All provisions hereof shall run with the land and shall extend to and bind the heirs, successors, representatives and assigns of the respective parties hereto;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the grantor has executed these presents this 2nd day of December, 1958.

In Presence of:
Arland Elstad
Leonard Berggren

E. P. Kennelly

State of Minnesota ss
County of Fillmore

On this 2nd day of December, 1958, before me a notary public, personally appeared E. P. Kennelly, single, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same as his free act and deed.

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Notarial Seal

Leonard Berggren
Notary Public, Hennepin Co., Minn.
My commission expires Sept. 13, 1961.

State of Minnesota ss
County of Fillmore

I, Charles V. Michener, Auditor of the County of Fillmore, within the State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that the real estate tax for the year of 1957 was assessed on the following described property South 7.98 ac. west of Highway of E 1/2 of SE 1/4, Sec. 21 Twp. 103 No. R 9 W. Part west of highway of NE of NE Sec. 28 Twp. 103 No. R 9 W. located in this county, in the name of Edward P. Kennelly who is the record holder of this described property at the time of making and subscribing to the attached certificate of Stream Improvement easement.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I do hereby subscribe my name and official seal this 2nd day of Dec., 1958.

SEAL Charles V. Michener
Filed for record this 21st day of Feb., 1959 at 11:10 A. M.

No. 165163
Minnesota Conservation Department, Division of Game and Fish, Bureau of Fisheries
STREAM IMPROVEMENT EASEMENT

Lucas Larson and Blonda Larson, wife, Grantors of Fillmore County, Minnesota, for and in consideration of one dollar and other good and valuable improvements made in connection with the Gribben Stream, do hereby grant and convey to the State of Minnesota, through the Division of Game and Fish, Department of Conservation, grantee, Fillmore County, State of Minnesota. W 1/2 of NE 1/4 Ex. 28.78 AC. Sec. 16 Twp. 103 No. R 9 W. for the following described purposes:

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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

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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.

Explanation of Amendment Change: Added 2 acquisition parcels.

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. Dorer 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:

- Outdoor Heritage Fund: A 25 Year Framework
- Tomorrow's Habitat for the Wild and Rare
- 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 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
Total	\$2,910,000	\$19,800		\$2,929,800

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
Total	0.47	9.00	\$108,500	\$0		\$108,500

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	SE Forest	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	SE Forest	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 -