

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Laws of Minnesota 2010 Final Report



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Program or Project Title: Northeastern Minnesota Sharp-Tailed Grouse Habitat, Phase 1

Funds Recommended: \$1,559,000

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Legislative Citation: ML 2010, Ch. 361, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3(e)

Appropriation Language: \$1,559,000 in fiscal year 2011 is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire interests in land, and to restore and enhance habitat for sharp-tailed grouse in Kanabec, Aitkin, and St. Louis Counties in cooperation with the Minnesota Sharp-Tailed Grouse Society. A list of proposed acquisitions and a list of proposed restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan. The commissioner of natural resources must agree in writing to each acquisition of interest in land, restoration project, and enhancement project. All restorations must comply with subdivision 9, paragraph (b).

County Locations: Kanabec

Regions in which work will take place:

- Northern Forest

Activity types:

- Restore
- Enhance
- Protect in Fee

Priority resources addressed by activity:

- Habitat

Abstract:

Pheasants Forever, in cooperation with partners acquired and restored one parcel totaling 1,284.6 acres and enrolled the parcel into the MNDNR WMA system.

Design and scope of work:

Working with numerous partners, Pheasants Forever acquired a strategic 1,284.6 acre parcel of land from a willing seller in Kanabec County. This land has been enrolled into the state Wildlife Management Area (WMA) System and will be protected and managed in perpetuity by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. In addition, the newly acquired WMA will provide public access and recreational opportunities for ALL Minnesotans, so fundamentally important to our outdoor heritage.

The offer to the landowner was based on appraised value and seemed to be competitive with the market at the time. This parcel addressed the loss, degradation and fragmentation of open and brushland habitat within northeastern Minnesota due to natural succession and conversion to other land uses. It has led to a long term decline in the sharp-tailed grouse population and populations

of several other wildlife species that use or depend upon these habitats, causing their listing as species in the greatest conservation need. The parcel was identified in conjunction with DNR wildlife professionals and based on criteria in addition to minimum WMA standards that included: habitat restoration potential, landscape scale significance, presence of significant natural communities, future expansion potential, and multiple benefit analysis.

In total, \$1,536,536.52 of Outdoor Heritage Funds were matched with \$51,435 of non-state funding to complete this work.

Which LSOHC state-wide priorities are addressed in this proposal:

- Address wildlife species of greatest conservation need, Minnesota County Biological Survey data, and rare, threatened and endangered species inventories in land and water decisions, as well as permanent solutions to aquatic invasive species
- Allow public access. This comes into play when all other things about the request are approximately equal
- Are able to leverage effort and/or other funds to supplement any OHF appropriation
- Are ongoing, successful, transparent and accountable programs addressing actions and targets of one or more of the ecological sections
- Ensures activities for "protecting, restoring and enhancing" are coordinated among agencies, non profits and others while doing this important work
- Produce multiple enduring conservation benefits
- Provide Minnesotans with greater public access to outdoor environments with hunting, fishing and other outdoor recreation opportunities
- Target unique Minnesota landscapes that have historical value to fish and wildlife

Which LSOHC section priorities are addressed in this proposal:

Northern Forest:

- Restore and enhance habitat on existing protected properties, with preference to habitat for rare, endangered, or threatened species identified by the Minnesota County Biological Survey

Relationship to other funds:

- Not Listed

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

Parcels acquired are now enrolled into our 30 year history of working with DNR land managers to restore, enhance and maintain high quality habitat on our state WMA's and will continue to do so as needed.

Outcomes:

Programs in the northern forest region:

- Not Listed

How will they be measured and evaluated?

Not Listed

Budget Spreadsheet

Final Budget line item reallocations are allowed up to 10% and do not need require an amendment to the Accomplishment Plan

Total Amount: \$1,559,000

Budget and Cash Leverage

BudgetName	Request	Spent	Cash Leverage (anticipated)	Cash Leverage (received)	Leverage Source	Total (original)	Total (final)
Personnel	\$20,000	\$9,200	\$0	\$0		\$20,000	\$9,200
Contracts	\$34,200	\$22,300	\$0	\$0		\$34,200	\$22,300
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	\$1,460,600	\$1,499,000	\$40,600	\$51,400	various private and state	\$1,501,200	\$1,550,400
Easement Acquisition	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Easement Stewardship	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Travel	\$7,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$7,000	\$0
Professional Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Direct Support Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	\$0	\$6,000	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$6,000
Capital Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Other Equipment/Tools	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Supplies/Materials	\$31,200	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$31,200	\$0
DNR IDP	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$6,000	\$0
Total	\$1,559,000	\$1,536,500	\$40,600	\$51,400		\$1,599,600	\$1,587,900

Personnel

Position	FTE	Over # of years	Spent	Cash Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
PF Personnel	0.00	0.00	\$9,200	\$0		\$9,200
Total	0.00	0.00	\$9,200	\$0		\$9,200

Output Tables

Table 1a. Acres by Resource Type

Type	Wetlands (original)	Wetlands (final)	Prairies (original)	Prairies (final)	Forest (original)	Forest (final)	Habitats (original)	Habitats (final)	Total (original)	Total (final)
Restore	0	0	0	0	0	0	250	0	250	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,565	1,285	1,565	1,285
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Easement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enhance	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,315	0	1,315	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,130	1,285	3,130	1,285

Table 2. Total Requested Funding by Resource Type

Type	Wetlands (original)	Wetlands (final)	Prairies (original)	Prairies (final)	Forest (original)	Forest (final)	Habitats (original)	Habitats (final)	Total (original)	Total (final)
Restore	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$35,700	\$22,300	\$35,700	\$22,300
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,499,600	\$1,514,200	\$1,499,600	\$1,514,200
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Enhance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$23,700	\$0	\$23,700	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,559,000	\$1,536,500	\$1,559,000	\$1,536,500

Table 3. Acres within each Ecological Section

Type	Metro Urban (original)	Metro Urban (final)	ForestPrairie (original)	Forest Prairie (final)	SE Forest (original)	SE Forest (final)	Prairie (original)	Prairie (final)	N Forest (original)	N Forest (final)	Total (original)	Total (final)
Restore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	250	0	250	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,565	1,285	1,565	1,285
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Easement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enhance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,315	0	1,315	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,130	1,285	3,130	1,285

Table 4. Total Requested Funding within each Ecological Section

Type	Metro Urban (original)	Metro Urban (final)	ForestPrairie (original)	Forest Prairie (final)	SE Forest (original)	SE Forest (final)	Prairie (original)	Prairie (final)	N Forest (original)	N Forest (final)	Total (original)	Total (final)
Restore	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$35,700	\$22,300	\$35,700	\$22,300
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,499,600	\$1,514,200	\$1,499,600	\$1,514,200
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Enhance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$23,800	\$0	\$23,800	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,559,100	\$1,536,500	\$1,559,100	\$1,536,500

Target Lake/Stream/River Feet or Miles (original)

0

Target Lake/Stream/River Feet or Miles (final)

0

Parcel List

Section 1 - Restore / Enhance Parcel List

No parcels with an activity type restore or enhance.

Section 2 - Protect Parcel List

No parcels with an activity type protect.

Section 2a - Protect Parcel with Bldgs

Kanabec

Name	TRDS	Acres	OHF Cost	# Bldgs?	Bldg Improve Desc	Value of Bldg	Disposition of Improvements
Kroschel WMA	04222231	1,285	\$1,467,200	9	home, sheds, bins	\$100,000	Remove

Section 3 - Other Parcel Activity

No parcels with an other activity type.

Completed Parcel: Kroschel WMA

# of Total Acres:	1285
County:	Kanabec
Township:	042
Range:	22
Direction:	2
Section:	31
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	
# of Acres: Forest:	
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	
Amount of Shoreline:	
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	
Has there been signage erected at the site:	Yes
Annual Reporting Organization Name:	MN DNR
Annual Reporting Manager Name:	Pat Rivers (Kim Hennings)
Annual Reporting Address:	500 Lafayette Road
Annual Reporting City:	St. Paul
Annual Reporting State:	MN
Annual Reporting Zip:	55155
Annual Reporting Email:	kim.hennings@state.mn.us
Annual Reporting Phone:	6512595220
Purchase Date:	March 23, 2011
Acquisition Title:	
Purchase Price:	\$1,475,000
Appraised Value:	\$1,475,000
Professional Service Costs:	\$10,931
Assessed Value:	\$1,771,000
Total Project Cost:	\$1,475,000
Fees Received:	\$0
Donations:	\$0
Related Parties:	
Property Managed By:	DNR - Wildlife Management Area -
Name of the unit area or location government unit or land manager:	Tim Marion

Parcel Map

Northeastern Minnesota Sharp-Tailed Grouse Habitat, Phase 1

