

# Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

## Laws of Minnesota 2011 Final Report



**Date:** March 09, 2016

**Program or Project Title:** Northeastern Minnesota Sharp-Tailed Grouse Habitat Partnership, Phase 2

**Funds Recommended:** \$988,000

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**Legislative Citation:** ML 2011, First Sp. Session, Ch. 6, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3(d)

**Appropriation Language:** \$988,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Pheasants Forever in cooperation with the Minnesota Sharp-Tailed Grouse Society to acquire and enhance lands for wildlife management area purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

**County Locations:** Kanabec

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

- Northern Forest

**Activity types:**

- Protect in Fee

**Priority resources addressed by activity:**

- Habitat

### Abstract:

This Sharp-tailed Grouse Habitat Partnership protected 834 acres, primarily brushland, in Kanabec County for addition to the WMA system, providing multiple environmental benefits.

### Design and scope of work:

Working with partners, Pheasants Forever acquired a strategic 960 acre parcel (834 acres paid for with this appropriation and the balance paid from ML 2012 Northeastern Minnesota Sharp-Tailed Grouse Habitat Partnership , Phase III) 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, \$938,190.75 of Outdoor Heritage Funds were matched with \$6,766.00 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: \$988,000

## Budget and Cash Leverage

BudgetName	Request	Spent	Cash Leverage (anticipated)	Cash Leverage (received)	Leverage Source	Total (original)	Total (final)
Personnel	\$15,000	\$5,500	\$0	\$0		\$15,000	\$5,500
Contracts	\$50,000	\$9,800	\$0	\$6,700		\$50,000	\$16,500
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	\$890,500	\$890,500	\$0	\$0		\$890,500	\$890,500
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Easement Acquisition	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Easement Stewardship	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Professional Services	\$15,000	\$32,400	\$0	\$0		\$15,000	\$32,400
Direct Support Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0	\$0		\$7,500	\$7,500
Capital Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Other Equipment/Tools	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Supplies/Materials	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$10,000	\$0
DNR IDP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Total	\$988,000	\$945,700	\$0	\$6,700		\$988,000	\$952,400

## Personnel

Position	FTE	Over # of years	Spent	Cash Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
PF Personnel	0.10	2.00	\$5,500	\$0		\$5,500
Total	0.10	2.00	\$5,500	\$0		\$5,500

# 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	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	745	834	745	834
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	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	745	834	745	834

**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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$988,000	\$945,700	\$988,000	\$945,700
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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$988,000	\$945,700	\$988,000	\$945,700

**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	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	745	834	745	834
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	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	745	834	745	834

**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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$988,000	\$945,700	\$988,000	\$945,700
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Protect in Easement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Enhance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$988,000	\$945,700	\$988,000	\$945,700

**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

Kanabec

Name	TRDS	Acres	OHF Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?	Description
Pomroy Pastures WMA (new)(Alm Tract)	04122201	834	\$890,500	No	Yes	Yes	

## 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: Pomroy Pastures WMA (new)(Alm Tract)

<b># of Total Acres:</b>	834
<b>County:</b>	Kanabec
<b>Township:</b>	041
<b>Range:</b>	22
<b>Direction:</b>	2
<b>Section:</b>	01
<b># of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:</b>	
<b># of Acres: Forest:</b>	
<b># of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:</b>	
<b>Amount of Shoreline:</b>	
<b>Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):</b>	
<b>Has there been signage erected at the site:</b>	Yes
<b>Annual Reporting Organization Name:</b>	MN DNR - Wildlife
<b>Annual Reporting Manager Name:</b>	Pat Rivers (Kim Hennings)
<b>Annual Reporting Address:</b>	500 Lafayette Rd
<b>Annual Reporting City:</b>	Saint Paul
<b>Annual Reporting State:</b>	MN
<b>Annual Reporting Zip:</b>	55155
<b>Annual Reporting Email:</b>	kim.hennings@state.mn.us
<b>Annual Reporting Phone:</b>	651-259-2510
<b>Purchase Date:</b>	September 28, 2012
<b>Acquisition Title:</b>	
<b>Purchase Price:</b>	\$890,500
<b>Appraised Value:</b>	\$890,500
<b>Professional Service Costs:</b>	\$32,351
<b>Assessed Value:</b>	\$812,107
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	\$890,500
<b>Fees Received:</b>	\$0
<b>Donations:</b>	\$0
<b>Related Parties:</b>	
<b>Property Managed By:</b>	DNR - Wildlife Management Area -
<b>Name of the unit area or location government unit or land manager:</b>	Tim Marion

# Parcel Map

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