

# Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

## Laws of Minnesota 2014 Final Report



**Date:** November 08, 2017

**Program or Project Title:** State Forest Acquisitions Phase 2 - RJ Dorer Memorial Hardwoods State Forest Land Asset Project

**Funds Recommended:** \$950,000

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**Legislative Citation:** ML 2014, Ch. 256, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3(e)

**Appropriation Language:** \$950,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire lands in fee and permanent management easements, including for habitat purposes, in the Richard J. Dorer State Forest under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 7. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

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

### Regions in which work was completed:

- Southeast Forest

### Activity types:

- Protect in Fee

### Priority resources addressed by activity:

- Forest

## Summary of Accomplishments:

Priority lands were acquired within the Richard J. Dorer State Forest; protecting forests, habitat and providing public hunting, trapping and compatible outdoor uses as well as watershed protection. This project protected 203 acres of forest land, reduced boundaries by 3720 feet, provided access to 1116 acres of state forest land, and protected 2000 feet of shoreline.

## Process & Methods:

Parcels were selected from a pool of desirable parcels primarily identified in the Richard J. Dorer land asset management plan. These pool parcels were selected from three classifications; those providing protection of a critical forest habitat, those providing access to state land and those consolidating fragmented state land parcels. Parcels were further prioritized by the acres accessed, completion of consolidation and values protected. All known stakeholders are supportive of these acquisitions including county boards and forest user groups such as Pheasants Forever, The Nature Conservancy, and the Minnesota Deer Hunter's Association which have contributed funding for previous acquisitions. We coordinate efforts with these groups to develop complimentary proposals that prevent duplication and enhance outcomes.

## Explain Partners, Supporters, & Opposition:

We continually work with partners and 3rd party interests for prioritizing land. We do not want to compete for lands and in other cases it provides the opportunity to collaborate. The private landowners with interest in their lands becoming state owned public lands are

very supportive. Each LGU is worked with directly and sometimes they raised questions about state ownership, but were generally satisfied with our response. We are very cautious about acquiring ag land due to the needs by farmers, but in this area quite frequently, the agricultural fields and forests are heavily intermixed.

## **Additional Comments:**

### *Exceptional challenges, expectations, failures, opportunities, or unique aspects of program*

Each parcel had it's own challenges. From title issues and boundary issues to appraised values. Several projects offers were refused late in the time period. Both parcels (in combinations with ML16 funds) would have more than utilized up the ML14 funds. Property lines, encroachments and other issues also affected the ability and / or timing of closing opportunities.

## **Other Funds Received:**

- Not Listed

## **How were the funds used to advanced the program:**

This project helps to meet the goals of the Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund through protection of the state's air, water, land, fish, wildlife and other natural resources via the acquisition of state forest land. Specifically this project addresses land and water habitat fragmentation, degradation, loss and conversion goals of the fund's six year action plan.

This project helps to meet the goals of the Clean Water Fund through protection of watersheds in a managed forested state that retain and filter water to improve stream water quality.

## **What is the plan to sustain and/or maintain this work after the Outdoor Heritage Funds are expended:**

Forest Management Investment Account (FMIA) and Bonding for Roads and Silviculture. If lands acquired are forested and in an active growing state, no additional costs are needed to manage these lands. Costs may actually be reduced if the acquired land reduces the miles of state/private boundaries, as these boundaries will not need to be surveyed or posted. Some acquired properties may require some forest restoration, including tree planting. In these cases these costs will come from the Bonding for Roads and Silviculture and FMIA funds. Revenue produced from acquired lands from tree harvest will be deposited in the FMIA fund and used for future management.

## **Outcomes:**

### *The original accomplishment plan stated the program would*

#### **Programs in southeast forest region:**

- High priority riparian lands, forestlands, and savannas are protected from parcelization and fragmentation
- Landlocked public properties have increased access for land managers
- Forestlands and savannas are protected from parcelization and fragmentation and accessible for resource management purposes
- Large corridors and complexes of biologically diverse wildlife habitat typical of the unglaciated region are restored and protected
- Remnant goat prairies are perpetually protected
- Rivers, streams, and surrounding vegetation provide corridors of habitat

#### **How will the outcomes be measured and evaluated?**

The principle outcome to measure is acres of critical habitat protected. The goal was 369 acres, this project achieved 203 acres. Other metrics included a reduction of state/private boundaries (reduced by 3720 feet), acres of state land provided access (1116 acres) and feet of shoreline protected (2000 feet).

# 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: \$950,000

## Budget and Cash Leverage

BudgetName	Request	Spent	Cash Leverage (anticipated)	Cash Leverage (received)	Leverage Source	Total (original)	Total (final)
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	General Fund	\$100,000	\$100,000
Contracts	\$38,000	\$35,900	\$0	\$1,400	General Fund	\$38,000	\$37,300
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	\$838,400	\$666,700	\$0	\$0		\$838,400	\$666,700
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Easement Acquisition	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$10,000	\$0
Easement Stewardship	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Professional Services	\$57,000	\$52,700	\$0	\$9,900	General Fund	\$57,000	\$62,600
Direct Support Services	\$6,600	\$4,200	\$0	\$0		\$6,600	\$4,200
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Capital Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Other Equipment/Tools	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Supplies/Materials	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
DNR IDP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Total	\$950,000	\$759,500	\$100,000	\$111,300		\$1,050,000	\$870,800

## Personnel

Position	FTE	Over # of years	Spent	Cash Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Project Manager	0.25	4.00	\$0	\$100,000	General Fund	\$100,000
Total	0.25	4.00	\$0	\$100,000		\$100,000

## Explain any budget challenges or successes:

The only budgeting challenge was being able to spend the funds due to offer rejections or landowners selling to others after we had invested initial funds.

## All revenues received by the recipient that have been generated from activities on land with money from the OHF:

Total Revenue: \$0  
 Revenue Spent: \$0  
 Revenue Balance: \$0

# 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	369	203	0	0	369	203
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	2	0	0	0	2	0
Enhance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	371	203	0	0	371	203

**Table 2. Total 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	\$940,000	\$759,500	\$0	\$0	\$940,000	\$759,500
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	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
Enhance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$950,000	\$759,500	\$0	\$0	\$950,000	\$759,500

**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	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	369	203	0	0	0	0	369	203
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	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Enhance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	371	203	0	0	0	0	371	203

**Table 4. Total 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	\$940,000	\$759,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$940,000	\$759,500
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	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
Enhance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$950,000	\$759,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$950,000	\$759,500

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

0

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

.34 miles protected.

### Explain the success/shortage of acre goals:

Several challenges occurred with meeting acreage goals including rejected offers. We were spent 78% of our allocation but only achieved 55 percent of our goals. This was related to working with multiple landowners on acquisitions and investing in the 'upfront' costs. Once the offers were rejected, we did not have enough time to pursue other parcels. Attempts were made for and additional 349 acres but the offers were rejected or parcels sold to others.

# Parcel List

## Section 1 - Restore / Enhance Parcel List

No parcels with an activity type restore or enhance.

## Section 2 - Protect Parcel List

Fillmore

Name	TRDS	Acres	OHF Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?	Description
RJD-Arendahl2	10409225	12	\$22,500	No	Full	Not Applicable	State forest inholding. Reduce boundary by .5 miles

Goodhue

Name	TRDS	Acres	OHF Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?	Description
Wells Creek	11214224	40	\$	No	Full	Full	Forested land, consolidates state forest and reduces boundaries by 1/4 mile

Houston

Name	TRDS	Acres	OHF Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?	Description
Jefferson 1	10104232	96	\$295,131	No	Full	Full	Forested land, consolidates state forest and reduces boundaries by 1 mile.

Winona

Name	TRDS	Acres	OHF Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?	Description
Richmond	10605216	55	\$165,862	No	Full	Full	Forested land, consolidates state forest and reduces boundaries by 1/4 mile

## 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: Jefferson 1

<b># of Total Acres:</b>	96
<b>County:</b>	Houston
<b>Township:</b>	101
<b>Range:</b>	04
<b>Direction:</b>	2
<b>Section:</b>	32
<b># of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:</b>	
<b># of Acres: Forest:</b>	96.33
<b># of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:</b>	
<b>Amount of Shoreline:</b>	0 (Linear Feet)
<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>	DNR - Forestry
<b>Annual Reporting Manager Name:</b>	Robert Milne
<b>Annual Reporting Address:</b>	500 Lafayette Road
<b>Annual Reporting City:</b>	St. Paul
<b>Annual Reporting State:</b>	MN
<b>Annual Reporting Zip:</b>	55304
<b>Annual Reporting Email:</b>	bob.milne@state.mn.us
<b>Annual Reporting Phone:</b>	651-259-5270
<b>Purchase Date:</b>	February 23, 2017
<b>Acquisition Title:</b>	
<b>Purchase Price:</b>	\$284,000
<b>Appraised Value:</b>	\$284,000
<b>Professional Service Costs:</b>	\$11,131
<b>Assessed Value:</b>	\$293,100
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	\$295,131
<b>Fees Received:</b>	\$0
<b>Donations:</b>	\$0
<b>Related Parties:</b>	
<b>Property Managed By:</b>	DNR - Forestry -
<b>Name of the unit area or location government unit or land manager:</b>	DNR Forestry, RJ Dorer SFT

## Completed Parcel: Richmond

# of Total Acres:	55
County:	Winona
Township:	106
Range:	05
Direction:	2
Section:	16
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	
# of Acres: Forest:	55
# 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:	DNR - Forestry
Annual Reporting Manager Name:	Robert Milne
Annual Reporting Address:	500 Lafayette Road
Annual Reporting City:	St. Paul
Annual Reporting State:	MN
Annual Reporting Zip:	55155-0044
Annual Reporting Email:	bob.milne@state.mn.us
Annual Reporting Phone:	651-259-5270
Purchase Date:	July 24, 2015
Acquisition Title:	
Purchase Price:	\$153,325
Appraised Value:	\$152,000
Professional Service Costs:	\$7,654
Assessed Value:	\$204,000
Total Project Cost:	\$168,311
Fees Received:	\$0
Donations:	\$0
Related Parties:	
Property Managed By:	DNR - Forestry -
Name of the unit area or location government unit or land manager:	Lewiston Forestry Area



## Completed Parcel: RJD-Arendahl2

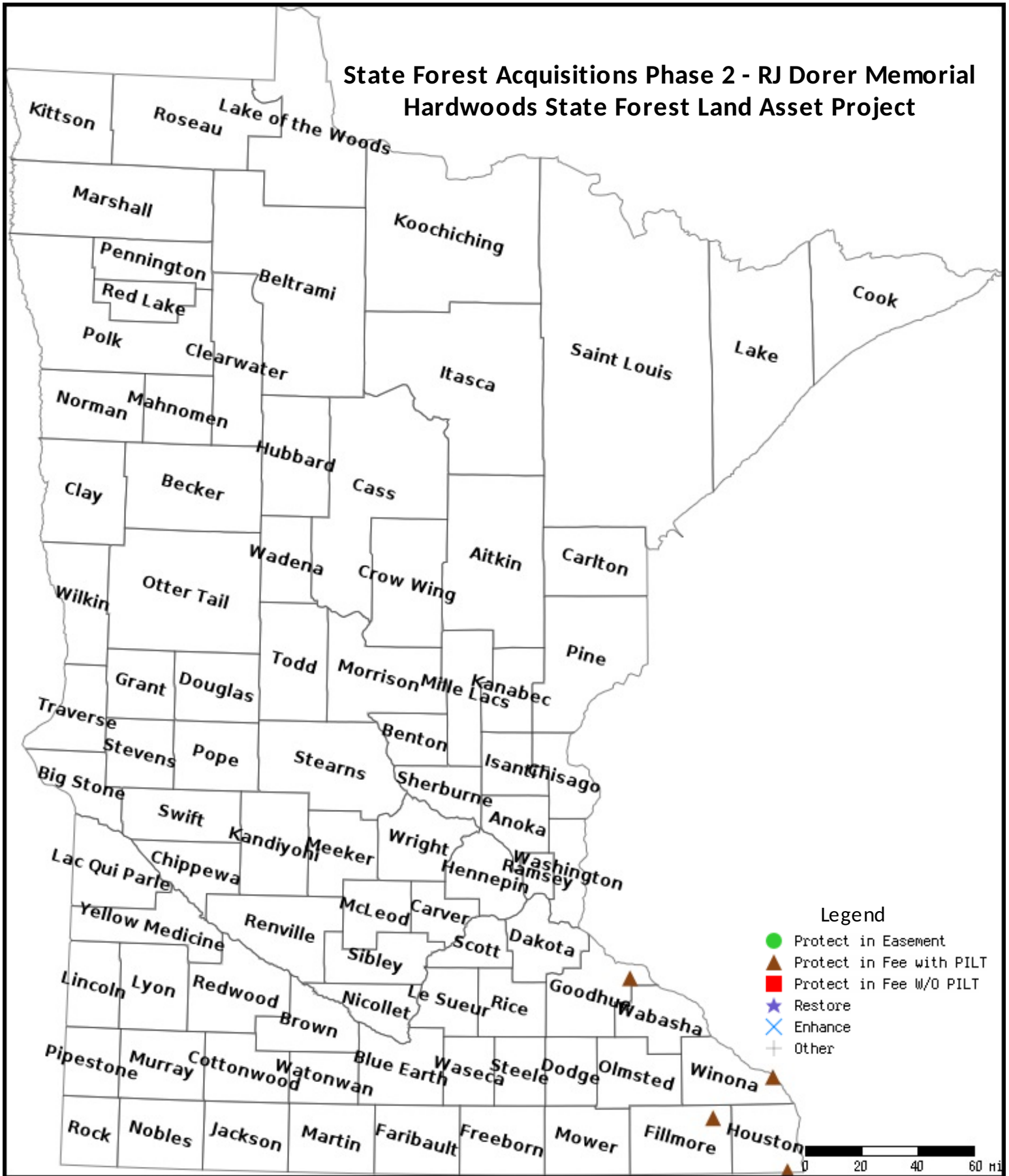
# of Total Acres:	12
County:	Fillmore
Township:	104
Range:	09
Direction:	2
Section:	25
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	
# of Acres: Forest:	11.69
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	
Amount of Shoreline:	
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	
Has there been signage erected at the site:	Yes
Annual Reporting Organization Name:	DNR - Forestry
Annual Reporting Manager Name:	Robert Milne
Annual Reporting Address:	500 Lafayette Road
Annual Reporting City:	St. Paul
Annual Reporting State:	MN
Annual Reporting Zip:	55304
Annual Reporting Email:	bob.milne@state.mn.us
Annual Reporting Phone:	651-259-5270
Purchase Date:	July 24, 2017
Acquisition Title:	
Purchase Price:	\$15,730
Appraised Value:	\$15,730
Professional Service Costs:	\$8,187
Assessed Value:	\$14,300
Total Project Cost:	\$23,917
Fees Received:	\$0
Donations:	\$0
Related Parties:	
Property Managed By:	DNR - Forestry -
Name of the unit area or location government unit or land manager:	DNR Forestry, RD Dorer SFT

## Completed Parcel: Wells Creek

# of Total Acres:	40
County:	Goodhue
Township:	112
Range:	14
Direction:	2
Section:	24
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	
# of Acres: Forest:	40
# 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:	DNR - Forestry
Annual Reporting Manager Name:	Robert Milne
Annual Reporting Address:	500 Lafayette Road
Annual Reporting City:	St. Paul
Annual Reporting State:	MN
Annual Reporting Zip:	55304
Annual Reporting Email:	bob.milne@state.mn.us
Annual Reporting Phone:	651-259-5270
Purchase Date:	July 22, 2016
Acquisition Title:	
Purchase Price:	\$215,000
Appraised Value:	\$215,000
Professional Service Costs:	\$0
Assessed Value:	\$189,400
Total Project Cost:	\$0
Fees Received:	\$0
Donations:	\$0
Related Parties:	
Property Managed By:	DNR - Forestry -
Name of the unit area or location government unit or land manager:	DNR Forestry, RJ Dorer SFT

# Parcel Map

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Data Generated From Parcel List