



Outdoor Heritage Fund

Recommendations Bill Summary

Fiscal Year 2017

The tables and figures that follow summarize the expected impacts of the appropriations recommended by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council for fiscal year 2017, the eighth year of outdoor heritage funding. These figures were obtained from accomplishment plans submitted by managers as the expectations they plan to achieve when the program is completed. The council recommended 40 proposals for \$115 million. The data omit the expected impacts of the Conservation Partners Legacy grant programs, which are recommended for funding at \$9,412,000.

ACTIVITY

Majority of activity: Enhancement and restoration - 79% or 87,469 out of 110,900 acres (no PILT liability)

Outcomes associated with programs include:

- improved aquatic indicators
- remnant native prairies and wetlands perpetually protected
- protected, restored, and enhanced habitat for migratory waterfowl, upland birds, and species of greatest conservation need
- forestlands protected from development and fragmentation
- wetland and upland complexes will consist of native prairies, restored prairies, quality grasslands, and restored shallow lakes and wetlands
- core areas protected with highly biologically diverse wetland and plant communities, including native prairie, Big Woods, and oak savanna

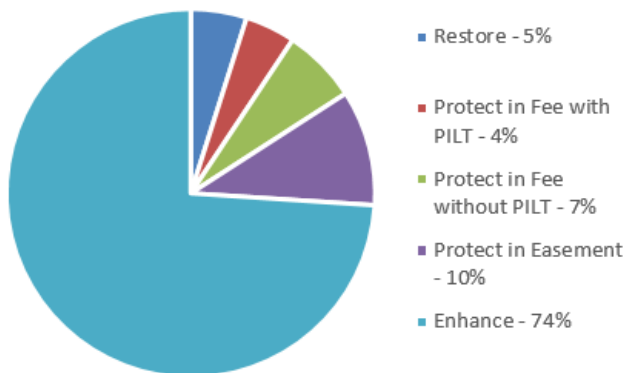
FUNDING

- Majority of funding: Acquisition – 76% or \$80,370,000
- Approximately 43% fee acquisition, 33% easement acquisition
- PILT obligations from fee acquisition are estimated to be \$171,254, based on an estimated value of PILT lands being \$22,833,900
- 41 FTE (7% of total) will be funded with the appropriations
- The OHF bill expects to leverage approximately \$33.6 million in other funds

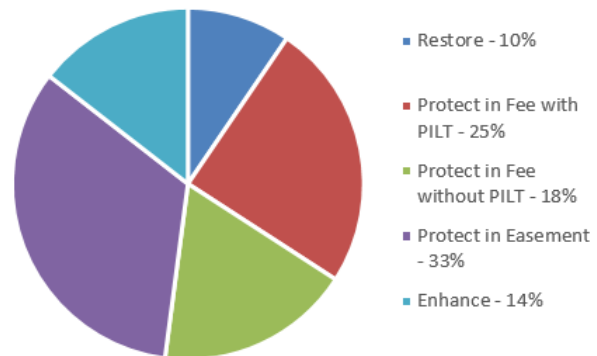
RECOMMENDATIONS

- Organizations recommended to receive funding include six local units of government, one tribe, two state agencies and eighteen non-governmental organizations
- The continued investment in robust on-going programs constitutes 90% of the programs recommended, including Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement, Phase 8, Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancement, Phase 5 and Metro Big Rivers, Phase 7
- Several recommended programs involve two or more entities working in partnership to leverage resources to accomplish conservation objectives.
- Investments in public and private conservation partnerships bring over \$33 million of leverage into play

Acres by Activity



Funds by Activity



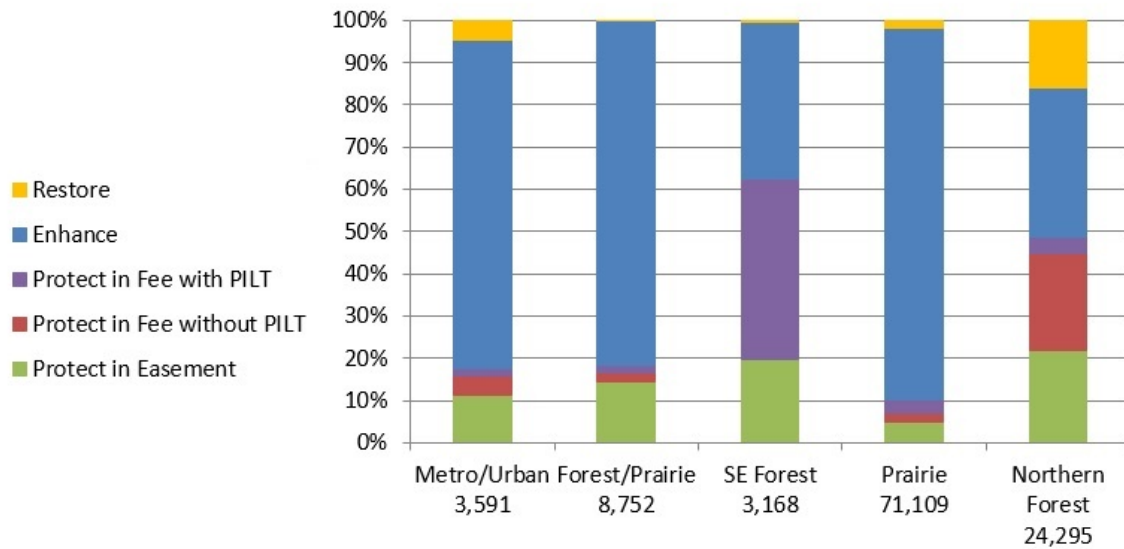
SUMMARY BY BIOME

ACRES	Wetlands	Prairies	Forests	Habitats	TOTAL	Percent
Restore	790	190	3,647	816	5,443	5%
Protect in Fee with PILT	336	2,194	1,758	618	4,906	4%
Protect in Fee without PILT	422	1,388	5,115	330	7,280	7%
Protect in Easement	1,566	3,777	5,196	706	11,245	10%
Enhance	14,124	64,765	1,276	1,861	82,026	74%
Total	17,238	72,314	16,992	4,331	110,900	
Percent	16%	65%	15%	4%		

FUNDING	Wetlands	Prairies	Forests	Habitats	TOTAL	Percent
Restore	\$753,600	\$1,767,900	\$1,519,000	\$6,022,300	\$10,062,800	9%
Protect in Fee with PILT	\$2,543,200	\$14,473,000	\$6,982,900	\$2,038,300	\$26,037,400	25%
Protect in Fee without PILT	\$1,952,100	\$7,535,400	\$8,317,000	\$1,188,400	\$18,992,900	18%
Protect in Easement	\$5,921,400	\$20,460,400	\$7,256,100	\$1,702,000	\$35,339,900	33%
Enhance	\$4,363,000	\$5,036,200	\$1,097,100	\$5,317,000	\$15,634,000	15%
Total	\$15,224,300	\$49,272,900	\$25,172,100	\$16,088,700	\$106,067,000	
Percent	15%	46%	24%	15%		

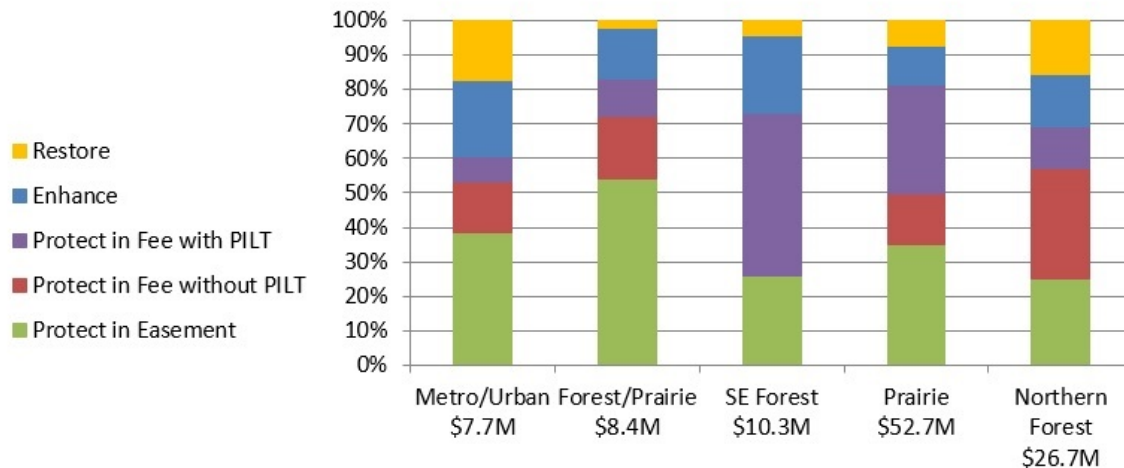
Distribution of Acres by Ecological Section

Total Acres: 110,915



Distribution of Funds by Ecological Section

Total Funds: \$105.8M



STATEWIDE IMPACTS

The majority of activity (72%) and funding (58%) recommended will be focused on the prairie and prairie transition areas of the state and supports the goals and objectives of the Minnesota Prairie Plan.

Three percent of the activity will be in the metro/urbanizing area, constituting 7% of funding recommended. (This figure does not include the Conservation Partners grant program, which directs \$2.50 million to grants in the seven county-metropolitan area and cities with a population of 50,000 or greater.)

119 miles of shoreline will be restored, enhanced and/or protected.

LSOHC Recommendation Summary

Subd. 2. Prairie		11 projects totaling \$31,657,000
2(a) DNR WMA and SNA Acquisition - Phase VIII	MN DNR	\$3,250,000
2(b) Accelerating the WMA Program - Phase VIII	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	\$5,229,000
2(c) Martin County/Fox Lake DNR WMA Acquisition	Fox Lake Conservation League	\$1,000,000
2(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie NWR Land Acquisition - Phase VII	The Nature Conservancy	\$3,411,000
2(e) Cannon River Watershed Habitat Complex - Phase VI	Trust for Public Land	\$583,000
2(f) Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection - Phase V	MN DNR	\$2,541,000
2(g) RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water - Phase VI	BWSR	\$6,708,000
2(h) Prairie Chicken Habitat, Southern Red River Valley - Phase II	MN Prairie Chicken Society/PF Inc.	\$2,269,000
2(i) Grasslands Conservation Partnership - Phase II	The Conservation Fund	\$1,475,000
2(j) Accelerated Prairie Restoration/Enhancement, DNR Lands - Phase VIII	MN DNR	\$3,983,000
2(k) Anoka Sandplain Habitat Conservation - Phase IV	Great River Greening	\$1,208,000
Subd. 3. Forests		10 projects totaling \$20,341,000
3(a) Young Forest Conservation - Phase II	American Bird Conservancy	\$1,369,000
3(b) Jack Pine Forest/Crow Wing River Wshd Habitat Acquisition	MN Deer Hunters Association	\$5,532,000
3(c) Camp Ripley ACUB - Phase VI	Morrison SWCD	\$1,500,000
3(d) Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration - Phase IV	The Nature Conservancy	\$5,000,000
3(e) Minnesota Forests for the Future - Phase IV	MN DNR Forestry	\$1,840,000
3(f) Protect Key Forest Habitat Lands in Cass County - Phase VII	Cass County	\$500,000
3(g) State Forest Acquisition - Phase III	MN DNR - Forestry	\$1,000,000
3(h) Forest Habitat Protection Revolving Account	MN DNR - Forestry	\$1,000,000
3(i) Mississippi River Floodplain Forest Enhancement - Phase II	Audubon Minnesota	\$412,000
3(j) Protecting Forest Wildlife Habitat, Wild Rice River Watershed	White Earth Nation	\$2,188,000
Subd. 4. Wetlands		6 projects totaling \$31,712,000
4(a) Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Pgm - Phase VIII	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	\$6,307,000
4(b) Shallow Lake & Wetland Protection Program - Phase V	Ducks Unlimited	\$5,801,000
4(c) RIM Wetlands - Phase VII	BWSR	\$13,808,000
4(d) Wetland Habitat Protection Program - Phase II	Minnesota Land Trust	\$1,629,000
4(e) Accelerated Shallow Lakes, Wetland Enhancement - Phase VIII	MN DNR	\$2,167,000
4(f) Marsh Lake - Phase II	MN DNR, Div. Fish & Wildlife	\$2,000,000
Subd. 5. Habitats		11 projects totaling \$31,769,000
5(a) DNR Aquatic Habitat Protection - Phase VIII	MN DNR	\$1,578,000
5(b) Metro Big Rivers Habitat - Phase VII	MVNWR Trust, Inc.	\$4,000,000
5(c) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project - Phase II	Mississippi Headwaters Board	\$3,150,000
5(d) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic N.Cent'l MN Lakes - Phase II	Leech Lake Area Watershed Fndtn	\$1,425,000
5(e) MN Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhance/Restore - Phase VIII	Minnesota Trout Unlimited	\$2,632,000
5(f) DNR Stream Habitat	MN DNR	\$2,074,000
5(g) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative - Phase III	MN DNR	\$2,707,000
5(h) Sand Hill River Fish Passage - Phase II	Sand Hill River Watershed District	\$828,000
5(i) Shell Rock River Habitat Restoration Program - Phase V	Shell Rock River Wshd District	\$1,200,000
5(j) Roseau Lake Rehabilitation	DNR & Roseau River Wshd District	\$2,763,000
5(k) CPL Grant Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat - Phase VIII	MN DNR	\$9,412,000
Subd. 6. Administration		2 projects totaling \$275,000
6(a) Contract Management	MN DNR	\$150,000
6(b) Technical Evaluation Panel	MN DNR	\$125,000
Total Recommendation		\$115,754,000