

OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND

May 2020 (Covid) Bill Summary

Fiscal Year 2021



Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council Recommendations — FY2021

LSOHC Recommendations Highlights

In the twelfth year of Outdoor Heritage Funding (OHF), the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council is recommending a total of **41 programs** be funded by the MN Legislature for a total of **\$117,915,000**.

- **70,447 acres** of wildlife habitat throughout Minnesota is estimated to be restored, enhanced, and/or protected.
- **95 miles of shoreline** will be restored, enhanced and/or protected.
- An additional **\$8,100,000 in federal, state, and private conservation funding is expected to be leveraged** with FY2021 OHF.
- **25 different organizations** are recommended for funding (2 state agencies, 11 local units of government, and 12 non-government organizations).
- **Continued investment** in robust on-going programs constitutes 76% of the programs recommended.
- Activities include: native prairie protection, wetland restoration, trout stream enhancement, public wildlife land enhancements, shallow lake enhancement, forest fragmentation prevention, strategic land acquisition in fee and conservation easement.

Total ACRE Output (Pre and Post COVID Reduction)

| | Dec-20 | May-20 | Reduction Amount (acres) |
|---------------|--------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Restoration | 2,166 | 1,893 | -273 |
| Fee with PILT | 4,460 | 3,784 | -676 |
| Fee w/o PILT | 6,853 | 5,837 | -1,016 |
| Easement | 11,596 | 9,498 | -2,098 |
| Enhancement | 58,331 | 49,435 | -8,896 |
| Total | 83,406 | 70,447 | -12,959 |

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Acre Distribution—Habitat Type

| | Wetlands | Prairies | Forests | Habitats | TOTAL | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------|---------------|
| Restore | | 132 | 636 | 176 | 949 | 1,893 |
| Protect in Fee with PILT | | 485 | 2,295 | 796 | 208 | 3,784 |
| Protect in Fee without PILT | | 413 | 1,352 | 4,072 | 0 | 5,837 |
| Protect in Easement | | 391 | 2,235 | 2,685 | 4,187 | 9,498 |
| Enhance | 8,307 | 30,580 | 9,986 | 562 | | 49,435 |
| | 9,728 | 37,098 | 17,715 | 5,906 | | 70,447 |

Funding Distribution—Habitat Type

| | Wetlands | Prairies | Forests | Habitats | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Restore | \$926,500 | \$1,342,900 | \$213,900 | \$7,991,000 | \$10,474,300 |
| Protect in Fee with PILT | \$4,021,500 | \$16,901,100 | \$5,037,000 | \$1,753,400 | \$27,713,000 |
| Protect in Fee without PILT | \$2,094,500 | \$6,968,600 | \$4,809,000 | \$0 | \$13,872,100 |
| Protect in Easement | \$1,668,600 | \$9,250,400 | \$5,247,200 | \$15,488,600 | \$31,654,800 |
| Enhance | \$2,707,600 | \$8,949,000 | \$5,274,300 | \$6,466,900 | \$23,397,800 |
| | \$11,418,700 | \$43,412,000 | \$20,581,400 | \$31,699,900 | \$107,112,000 |

Acre Distribution—Biome

| | Metro/Urban | Forest/Prairie | SE Forest | Prairie | Northern Forest | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Restore | 176 | 449 | 162 | 814 | 292 | 1,893 |
| Protect in Fee with PILT | 265 | 292 | 546 | 2,171 | 510 | 3,784 |
| Protect in Fee without PILT | 331 | 361 | 0 | 1,173 | 3,972 | 5,837 |
| Protect in Easement | 456 | 2,419 | 732 | 3,397 | 2,494 | 9,498 |
| Enhance | 1,600 | 10,614 | 4,446 | 25,405 | 7,370 | 49,435 |
| | 2,828 | 14,135 | 5,886 | 32,960 | 14,638 | 70,447 |