## Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council Fiscal Year 2022 / ML 2021 Request for Funding

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**Program or Project Title:** Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancements Phase 13 (w/Roving Habitat Crew) (WRE01a)

### Funds Requested: \$5,360,000

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County Locations: Aitkin, Jackson, Kandiyohi, Lac Qui Parle, Lyon, Meeker, Mille Lacs, Murray, Roseau, St. Louis, Todd, and Yellow Medicine.

### Eco regions in which work will take place:

- Northern Forest
- Forest / Prairie Transition
- Prairie
- Metro / Urban

### Activity types:

• Enhance

### Priority resources addressed by activity:

• Wetlands

### **Abstract:**

This proposal will accomplish shallow lake and wetland enhancement and restoration work throughout Minnesota, with a focus on the prairie region. Over 13,800 acres of wetland habitat will be impacted. The proposal is comprised of three components - (1) projects to engineer and implement shallow lake and wetland enhancement activities; (2) an expansion of the Wetland Management Program to increase it's work to identify and implement needed management work for small wetlands in the prairie region with work targeted to wetland complexes, and (3) funding to continue wetland habitat work being done by the Region 4 Roving Habitat Crew.

### Design and scope of work:

An estimated 90% of Minnesota's prairie wetlands have been lost, more than 50% of our statewide wetland resource. Remaining wetlands are often degraded.

SHALLOW LAKES / WETLAND PROJECTS - This proposal seeks to engineer and construct wetland infrastructure such as dikes, water control structures, and fish barriers, and to implement management techniques such as water level manipulation and sediment removal. The shallow lake and wetland projects identified in this proposal for enhancement were proposed and reviewed by DNR Area and Regional supervisors. Projects, as shown in the accompanying parcel list, include engineering feasibility and design work, replacement/renovation of wetland infrastructure to bring about habitat enhancement, and direct wetland management activities. The parcel list includes 10 projects that will improve or replace infrastructure or provide direct management of shallow lake and wetlands. These 10 projects will provide almost 2170 acres of wetland enhancement. Another 9 projects are seeking funding for needed survey and engineering services to prepare for future implementation of wetland enhancement projects. Finally, requested funding will



continue the DNR's efforts to spray dense stands of monotypic hybrid cattails for three field seasons. 2,300 acres will be treated annually on parcels that will be identified by wildlife staff each season and listed in the Final Report.

WETLAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (WMP) - Numerous plans pertaining to wetlands and shallow lakes call for effective management of existing habitat to provide maximum benefits for wildlife. The 2020 Minnesota Duck Action Plan notes the need to expand the WMP in Minnesota. The WMP assesses wetlands and brings about management required to produce quality wetland wildlife habitat. The WMP addresses management needed for smaller wetlands that are often overlooked on the landscape. The requested funding will allow the program to expand in the prairie region of Minnesota. Management work to be accomplished includes water levels manipulation, removal of undesirable fish and controlling invasive plants and fish, and will be focused in areas of wetland complexes. It is conservatively estimated that each Natural Resource Specialist working in the WMP impacts 1,125 acres of small wetlands over the life of an appropriation.

ROVING HABITAT CREW - Roving Habitat Crews are highly trained teams that focus on enhancement activities on public lands. The requested funding would allow the Region 4 Roving Habitat Crew to continue to work on wetland habitat enhancement activities such as invasive species spraying, prescribed burns in wetlands, participation in wetland water level manipulations, efforts to remove rough fish and others.

Parcels may be added, modified, or deleted from the proposal's parcel list to accommodate engineering feasibility results, provide resources to new opportunities, or to address the challenges associated with complex shallow lake and wetland projects.

To improve efficiency and meet mutual goals, projects may be done in cooperation with Duck Unlimited.

Note that parcels may be added or subtracted from the Parcel List as needed to address program needs. All changes shall be in keeping with the scope of the project and will be fully reported in the Final Report.

# How does the proposal address habitats that have significant value for wildlife species of greatest conservation need, and/or threatened or endangered species, and list targeted species:

Roughly 50% of all federally endangered animal are wetland-related. As a measure of the importance of wetlands to Minnesota Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN), the word 'wetland' appears 127 times in Minnesota's Wildlife Action Plan 2015-2025 (WAP). Conservation Focus Areas are priority areas for working with partners to identify, design, and implement conservation actions and report on the effectiveness toward achieving the goals and objectives defined in the Wildlife Action Plan. Target Habitat Complexes within Conservation Focus Areas commonly include Prairie Wetland Complexes and other wetland community types.

The protection and management of wetlands and wetland/grassland complexes are listed extensively in the discussion of Conservation Focus Area Target, Conservation Issues and Approaches. Specific management actions mentioned include reed canary grass and invasive cattail control, "natural disturbance management" (i.e. water level management, prescribed fire, woody vegetation removal). Target Habitat Complexes within Conservation Focus Areas commonly include Prairie Wetland Complexes and other wetland community types.

As noted in the WAP, wet meadows and fens typically provide optimal habitat for sedge wrens, yellow rails, Nelson's sharp-tailed sparrows and numerous other SGCN. Wetland Management Options to support SGCN include prevention of wetland degradation, restoration of wetland complexes, and management of invasives.

For shallow lakes, examples of SGCN include lesser scaup, northern pintail, common moorhen, least bitterns, American bitterns, marsh wrens, and Virginia rails. Shallow lake management actions to benefit SGCN include the restoration of large complexes of shallow lakes and wetlands, with attention to the habitat features required by SGCN, management for a natural water regime in shallow lakes, and management of invasives.

See a list of SGCN associated with wetlands included as an attachment to this proposal.

Management of wetlands and shallow lakes as noted above will be accomplished through the work described in this proposal.

# What is the degree of timing/opportunistic urgency and why it is necessary to spend public money for this work as soon as possible:

The Status and Trends of Wetlands in Minnesota: Depressional Wetland Quality Assessment (2007 – 2012), produced by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, noted that in the central and and former prairie regions of the state degraded vegetation communities dominate. Vegetation communities in more than half of these depressional wetlands are in poor condition (56%), with only 17% in good condition, similar to the quality of all wetland types in the central hardwood and former prairie regions. Non-native invasive plants are having the greatest impact. In other words, not only have most wetlands been lost in much of the prairie and forest-transition areas of Minnesota, what remains are degraded and need management action to produce quality habitat. Work as described in this proposal

will provide needed habitat, while also provide the other benefits found in healthy wetlands - water quality, floodwater storage, places to hunt and recreate, etc.

# Describe how the proposal uses science-based targeting that leverages or expands corridors and complexes, reduces fragmentation or protects areas identified in the MN County Biological Survey:

The Minnesota Duck Recovery Plan goals include boosting the state's breeding duck population. The most productive prairie waterfowl habitat is a mix of wetland and grassland as a habitat complex. A complex could be 4 - 9 square miles and should be comprised of 10% temporary/seasonal wetlands, 10% permanent wetlands, and 40% grasslands, with the remaining 40% available for crops. In addition to mixes of grasslands and healthy wetlands, The Duck Plan also called for accelerated efforts to restore 1,800 shallow lakes, including wild rice lakes.

The Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan, which is a plan for both uplands and wetlands in the prairie region of Minnesota, outlines focal areas (Core Areas and Habitat Complexes) where we can build on an existing base of conservation lands and improve the habitat there. The Prairie Wetland Initiative component of this OHF proposal would contribute to these identified Core Areas and Habitat Complexes by working to actively manage and improve small wetlands on public lands, especially on those lands contributing to the Minnesota Comprehensive Prairie Plan. The Status and Trends of Wetlands in Minnesota: Depressional Wetland Quality Assessment (2007 – 2012), produced by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, noted that while most wetlands in northern Minnesota are in good condition, the opposite is true in the central and former prairie regions of the state, where degraded vegetation communities are predominant. Vegetation communities in more than half of these depressional wetlands are in poor condition (56%), with only 17% in good condition, similar to the quality of all wetland types in the central hardwood and former prairie regions. Non-native invasive plants are having the greatest impact.

The projects and initiatives called for in this OHF proposal will directly contribute to expanded and healthy wetland complexes and increased shallow lakes work. Work will renovate existing wetland infrastructure and establish new management, especially in the critical prairie region of Minnesota. More specifically, the work done by the Wetland Management Program is targeted to identify key wetland complexes in the prairie region and bring management actions to the wetlands of those complexes.

# Which sections of the Minnesota Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan are applicable to this project:

- H4 Restore and protect shallow lakes
- H5 Restore land, wetlands and wetland-associated watersheds

### Which other plans are addressed in this proposal:

- Long Range Duck Recovery Plan
- Managing Minnesota's Shallow Lakes for Waterfowl and Wildlife

### Describe how your program will advance the indicators identified in the plans selected:

Work described in this proposal will provided enhanced shallow lakes and wetlands through infrastructure establishment and implementation of active management activities that will benefit wetland wildlife populations and provide recreational opportunities and the other benefits associated with healthy wetland ecosystems.

### Which LSOHC section priorities are addressed in this proposal:

### Prairie:

• Protect, enhance, or restore existing wetland/upland complexes, or convert agricultural lands to new wetland/upland habitat complexes

### Forest / Prairie Transition:

• Protect, enhance, and restore wild rice wetlands, shallow lakes, wetland/grassland complexes, aspen parklands, and shoreland that provide critical habitat for game and nongame wildlife

### Northern Forest:

• Protect shoreland and restore or enhance critical habitat on wild rice lakes, shallow lakes, cold water lakes, streams and rivers, and spawning areas

### Metro / Urban:

• Protect, enhance, and restore remnant native prairie, Big Woods forests, and oak savanna with an emphasis on areas with high biological diversity

# Describe how your program will produce and demonstrate a significant and permanent conservation legacy and/or outcomes for fish, game, and wildlife as indicated in the LSOHC priorities:

Three elements relate to this proposal's ability to produce a significant and permanent conservation legacy.

First, the scale of this proposal is significant, exceeding 6,600 wetland acres. Projects of this size are able to produce results locally and statewide.

Second, the infrastructure (water control structures, dikes, fish barriers) projects proposed for construction or renovation will be worked on by DNR engineers who will design and oversee construction and renovation to achieve long-lasting results. A typical goal is to have constructed water control structures, dikes and fish barriers with a life expectancy of last a minimum of 30-40 years. These projects will be on public waters or publicly-owned or eased lands. Roving habitat crews have become a key component to maintaining quality on state lands.

Third, the type of work being done through this proposal, Shallow lake enhancement and wetland restoration, are key components of all significant conservation plans for Minnesota affecting Minnesota. The work is needed to restore wetlands, 90% of which have been lost in the prairies and many of the remaining ones are degraded. Key state conservation plans such as Minnesota's Prairie Conservation Plan, Duck Recovery Plan, and Shallow Lake Plan call for the active management of shallow lakes and the restoration/management of wetlands to Minnesota's landscape.

### Relationship to other funds:

• Not Listed

### Describe the relationship of the funds:

Not Listed

### Does this program include leverage in funds:

No

Per MS 97A.056, Subd. 24, Any state agency or organization requesting a direct appropriation from the OHF must inform the LSOHC at the time of the request for funding is made, whether the request is supplanting or is a substitution for any previous funding that was not from a legacy fund and was used for the same purpose:

This request is an acceleration of the Minnesota DNR's Section of Wildlife wetland habitat work to a level not attainable but for the appropriation.

### Describe the source and amount of non-OHF money spent for this work in the past:

Not Listed

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

DNR engineers, or private engineers contracted to work with oversight of DNR engineers, will design and oversee construction and renovation of infrastructure to achieve long-lasting results. A typical goal is to have water control structures, dikes and fish barriers last a minimum of 30-40 years. The management of completed infrastructure projects will fall on existing staff of the Department of Natural Resources. Periodic enhancements such as invasive species removal, supplemental vegetation planting, or water control structure installation, maintenance, or replacement, will be accomplished through annual funding requests to a variety of funding sources including, but not limited to, the Game and Fish Fund, bonding, gifts, the Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund, the Outdoor Heritage Fund, and federal sources such as North American Wetlands Conservation Act grants. Wetland enhancement projects such as cattail control, prescribed burns, rough fish management and the like are implemented to achieve quality, long-lasting habitat benefits lasting benefits, realistically they have variable lifespans due to conditions imposed by climate, physical factors, etc. Monitoring by area wildlife staff and shallow lakes specialists will ensure that followup management is employed as needed.

### Explain the things you will do in the future to maintain project outcomes:

Year	Source of Funds	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
10-12 months post- completion of engineered infrastructure	DNR	DNR engineers conduct warranty inspection of project.		
1 year post- implementation of management action	DNR	Shallow Lakes Program, Wetland Management Program, and property managers evaluate management effectiveness.		

### Identify indicator species and associated quantities this habitat will typically support:

Mallards are a commonly used indicator species for numerous waterfowl plans due to (1) extensive research that has occurred with this species on many aspects of its life history, habitat requirement and response to management, and (2) the fact that it is representative of the "typical" upland nesting duck. Both Joint Venture waterfowl plans that cover Minnesota – the Prairie Pothole Joint Venture and the Upper Mississippi River and Great Lakes Region Joint Venture (UMRGLRJV) – use the mallard as a focal species. The biological model used in the UMRGLRJV to estimate habitat needs to support mallard population growth uses a simple but accepted rate of 1 mallard pair per hectare (1 pair per 2.47 acres) of wetland habitat (noting that upland habitat for nesting is also obviously needed). Trumpeter swans could also be used as an indicator species relative to assessing wetland habitat work. Trumpeter swans are a recognizable feature on wetlands and their restoration is a modern wildlife management success story. Trumpeter swans are strictly territorial on their breeding areas with shoreline complexity and food availability being factors in defining the area being defended. Though reported territories can range in size from 1.5 - >100 hectares, a reasonable expectation is that one additional trumpeter swan pair would be supported by each 50 acres of wetlands protected, restored, or enhanced.

## **Activity Details**

### **Requirements:**

If funded, this proposal will meet all applicable criteria set forth in MS 97A.056 - Yes

Will restoration and enhancement work follow best management practices including MS 84.973 Pollinator Habitat Program - Yes

Is the restoration and enhancement activity on permanently protected land per 97A.056, subd 13(f), tribal lands, and/or public waters per MS 103G.005, Subd. 15 - Yes (WMA, WPA, Permanently Protected Conservation EasementsCounty/Municipal, Refuge Lands, Public Waters, State Forests)

Do you anticipate federal funds as a match for this program - No

### Land Use:

Will there be planting of corn or any crop on OHF land purchased or restored in this program - No

### Land Use:

Have you received OHF dollars in the past through LSOHC? - Yes

## Past appropriations and spending to date:

Apprp Year	Approp Amount Received	Approp Amount Spent to Date	Leverage as Reported in AP/th>	Leverage Realized to Date	T o tal Acres Affected in AP	T o tal Acres Affected to Date	Program Complete and Final Report Approved?
2011	936000	808000			6400	7262	
2012	3870000	3644000			1982	10085	
2013	1790000	17866600			15355	13811	
2014	1050000	877700			6788	19365	
2015	2130000	1475100			8756		
2016	2167000	1531700			9425		
2017	1755000	674800			5135		
2018	2759000	358600			25297		
2019	3541000				3616		
2020	1675000				4190		

## Accomplishment Timeline

Activity	Approximate Date Completed
Survey and engineering-only projects	2026
Construction of infrastructure projects	2026
Asessment and management of small wetlands	2026
Roving crew wetland enhancement work	2026
Aerial cattail spraying	2025

## **Budget Spreadsheet**

### Total Amount of Request: \$5,360,000

### Budget and Cash Leverage

BudgetName	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	\$1,959,000	\$0		\$1,959,000
Contracts	\$1,540,000	\$0		\$1,540,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	\$0	\$0		\$0
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	\$0	\$0		\$0
Easement Acquisition	\$0	\$0		\$0
Easement Stewardship	\$0	\$0		\$0
Travel	\$320,000	\$0		\$320,000
Professional Services	\$1,005,000	\$0		\$1,005,000
Direct Support Services	\$191,000	\$0		\$191,000
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	\$0	\$0		\$0
Capital Equipment	\$0	\$0		\$0
Other Equipment/Tools	\$70,000	\$0		\$70,000
Supplies/Materials	\$275,000	\$0		\$275,000
DNR IDP	\$0	\$0		\$0
Total	\$5,360,000	\$0	-	\$5,360,000

### Personnel

Po sitio n	FTE	Over#ofyears	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	T o ta l
Roving Habitat Crew	2.00	5.00	\$701,000	\$0		\$701,000
Wetland Management Program	3.00	5.00	\$1,258,000	\$0		\$1,258,000
Total	5.00	10.00	\$1,959,000	\$0	-	\$1,959,000

Amount of Request:	\$5,360,000
Amount of Leverage:	\$0
Leverage as a percent of the Request:	0.00%
DSS + Personnel:	\$2,150,000
As a % of the total request:	40.11%
Easement Stewardship:	\$0
As a % of the Easement Acquisition:	-%

### How did you determine which portions of the Direct Support Services of your shared support services is direct to this program:

Direct Support Services is determined by a standard DNR process taking into account the amount of funding and the number of allocations made with that funding.

### What is included in the contracts line?

Contract funding will be used to obtain needed construction, engineering, and/or management services to construct shallow lake and wetland infrastructure projects or to implement wetland management activities.

### Does the amount in the travel line include equipment/vehicle rental? - Yes

### Explain the amount in the travel line outside of traditional travel costs of mileage, food, and lodging:

\$320,000 is shown in the Travel line of the budget. In addition to traditional travel costs of mileage, food, and lodging, this funding will be used to cover DNR fleet costs associated with equipment used by DNR staff funded through this appropriation. Such equipment could include ATV's, UTV's, Marshmasters, and other appropriate equipment.

### I understand and agree that lodging, meals, and mileage must comply with the current MMB Commissioner Plan: - Yes

### Describe and explain leverage source and confirmation of funds:

Not applicable.

### Does this proposal have the ability to be scalable? - Yes

## Tell us how this project would be scaled and how administrative costs are affected, describe the "economy of scale" and how outputs would change with reduced funding, if applicable:

If less the proposal's requested funding is made available, the proposal's projects and management activities would be ranked and the funding used to implement work identified as priority.

### Has funding for these positions been requested in the past? - Yes

## Please explain the overlap of past and future staffing and position levels previously received and how that is coordinated over multiple years?

Multiple Roving Habitat Crews are funded with OHF appropriations. New funding is sought to continue Roving Habitat Crews each year on a rotating basis. This specific proposal seeks funding for the Region 4 Roving Habitat Crew to do wetland habitat enhancement work. The DNR's OHF proposal for prairie work, likewise, seeks funding for the Region 4 Roving Habitat Crew to do upland habitat work. These crews do critical habitat management on public lands that would not get done if were not for this funding.

## **Output Tables**

### Table 1a. Acres by Resource Type

Туре	Wetlands	Prairies	Forest	Habitats	Total
Restore	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Easement	0	0	0	0	0
Enhance	13,821	0	0	0	13,821
Total	13,821	0	0	0	13,821

### Table 2. Total Requested Funding by Resource Type

Туре	Wetlands	Prairies	Forest	Habitats	T o tal
Restore	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Enhance	\$5,360,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,360,000
Tot	\$5,360,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,360,000

### Table 3. Acres within each Ecological Section

Туре	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SEForest	Prairie	Northern Forest	Total
Restore	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Easement	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enhance	10	4,889	0	7,064	1,858	13,821
Total	10	4,889	0	7,064	1,858	13,821

### Table 4. Total Requested Funding within each Ecological Section

Туре	Metro /Urban	Forest/Prairie	SEForest	Prairie	Northern Forest	Total
Restore	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Enhance	\$134,800	\$1,146,400	\$0	\$2,969,300	\$1,109,500	\$5,360,000
Total	\$134,800	\$1,146,400	\$0	\$2,969,300	\$1,109,500	\$5,360,000

### Table 5. Average Cost per Acre by Resource Type

Туре	Wetlands	Prairies	Forest	Habitats
Restore	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Enhance	\$388	\$0	\$0	\$0

### Table 6. Average Cost per Acre by Ecological Section

Туре	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SEForest	Prairie	Northern Forest
Restore	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Enhance	\$13,480	\$234	\$0	\$420	\$597

Automatic system calculation / not entered by managers

### Target Lake/Stream/River Feet or Miles

0

I have read and understand Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, Minnesota Statute 97A.056, and the Call for Funding Request. I certify I am authorized to submit this proposal and to the best of my knowledge the information provided is true and accurate.

## Outcomes

### Programs in the northern forest region:

• Improved availability and improved condition of habitats that have experienced substantial decline Intensive wetland management and habitat infrastructure maintenance will provide the wetland base called for in numerous prairie, shallow lake and waterfowl plans. Area wildlife staff and/or shallow lakes staff will monitor completed projects to determine success of implementation and to assess the need for future management and/or maintenance.

### Programs in forest-prairie transition region:

• Remnant native prairies are part of large complexes of restored prairies, grasslands, and large and small wetlands Intensive wetland management and habitat infrastructure maintenance will provide the wetland base called for in numerous prairie, shallow lake and waterfowl plans. Area wildlife staff and/or shallow lakes staff will monitor completed projects to determine success of implementation and to assess the need for future management and/or maintenance.

### Programs in metropolitan urbanizing region:

• Enhancement of wetland resources improves a degraded habitat type and provides both needed resources for waterfowl and other wetland wildlife and the multiple benefits associated with healthy wetlands. Intensive wetland management and habitat infrastructure maintenance will provide the wetland base called for in numerous prairie, shallow lake and waterfowl plans. Area wildlife staff and/or shallow lakes staff will monitor completed projects to determine success of implementation and to assess the need for future management and/or maintenance.

### Programs in prairie region:

• Remnant native prairies are part of large complexes of restored prairies, grasslands, and large and small wetlands Intensive wetland management and habitat infrastructure maintenance will provide the wetland base called for in numerous prairie, shallow lake and waterfowl plans. Area wildlife staff and/or shallow lakes staff will monitor completed projects to determine success of implementation and to assess the need for future management and/or maintenance.

## **Parcel List**

### Explain the process used to select, rank and prioritize the parcels:

Individual projects are proposed by Minnesota DNR Area Wildlife staff or Shallow Lakes Program specialists. Projects are reviewed at both the regional and central office level for suitability and ability to contribute to strategic plans and Department Priorities.

Note that parcels may be added or subtracted from the Parcel List by the appropriation manager. The final report must show the final list of parcels that were completed with this proposal.

### Section 1 - Restore / Enhance Parcel List

### Aitkin

Name	T RDS	Acres	EstCost	Existing Protection?
Grayling Marsh WMA WCS/dike Engineering	04823210	0	\$40 ,0 0 0	Yes
Kimberly WMA 2 WCS - Upper Pool	0 472 42 12	314	\$370,000	Yes

### Jackson

Name	T RDS	Acres	EstCost	Existing Protection?
Timber Lake Engineering	10436218	0		Yes

### Kandiyohi

Name	T RDS	Acres	EstCost	Existing Protection?
Gopher Ridge WMA WCS Engineering	12233231	0	\$40,000	Yes
RIM Memorial WMA WCS	120 36226	11	\$60,000	Yes

### Lac Qui Parle

Name	T RDS	Acres	EstCost	Existing Protection?
Avelsgard Dike Repair and Structure Engineering	11943210	0	\$40,000	Yes
Marsh Lake Fish Pond Structure Repair and Pumping	120 432 30	13	\$30 ,0 0 0	Yes

### Lyon

Name	T RDS	Acres	EstCost	Existing Protection?
Browns Slough WCS Engineering	11042226	0	\$40,000	Yes
Lake Marshall WCS Engineering	11141236	0	\$40,000	Yes
Lines WCS outlet pipe	11340213	45	\$50,000	Yes

### Meeker

Name	T RDS	Acres	EstCost	Existing Protection?
Powers Lake WCS Engineering	120 30 2 36	0	\$40,000	Yes
Rodewald East WCS Engineering	11832220	0	\$40,000	Yes
Teal Scurry WMA WCS design and construction	12131207	10	\$130,000	Yes

### Mille Lacs

Name	T RDS	Acres	EstCost	Existing Protection?
Water Control Replacement (2) Mille Lacs	0 40 28 2 34	800	\$260,000	Yes

### Murray

Name	T RDS	Acres	EstCost	Existing Protection?
Peters WMA	10642209	45	\$130,000	Yes

### Roseau

Name	T RDS	Acres	EstCost	Existing Protection?
County Line Shallow Wetlands	16344206	55	\$150,000	Yes

### St. Louis

Name	T RDS	Acres	EstCost	Existing Protection?
Darwin Myers WMA Dike and Water Control Structure Reconstruction - phase 1 construction	0 60 15235	744	\$400,000	Yes

### Todd

Name	T RDS	Acres	EstCost	Existing Protection?
Grey Eagle WMA	1273320 9	134	\$235,000	Yes

### Yellow Medicine

Name	T RDS	Acres	EstCost	Existing Protection?
Oshkosh WMA Engineering	11544223	0	\$40,000	Yes

### **Section 2 - Protect Parcel List**

No parcels with an activity type protect.

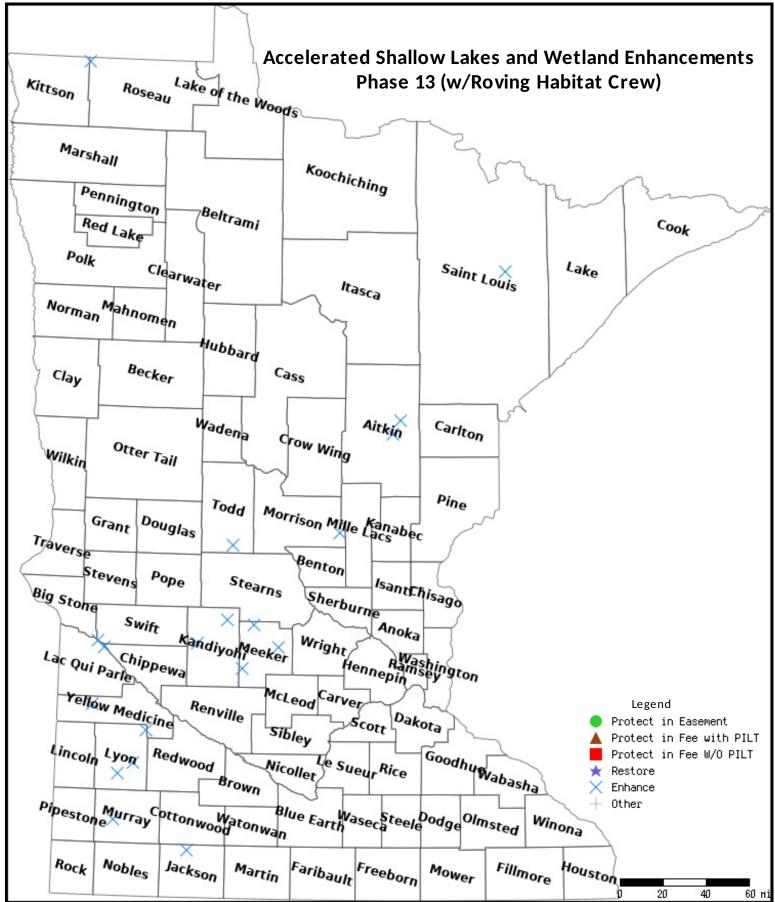
### Section 2a - Protect Parcel with Bldgs

No parcels with an activity type protect and has buildings.

### **Section 3 - Other Parcel Activity**

No parcels with an other activity type.

### **Parcel Map**



Data Generated From Parcel List

## **Component 1: Shallow Lakes / Wetland Projects**

Providing engineering and design work, improving wetland infrastructure, and enhancing wetlands and shallow lakes through active management.









## **Component 2: Wetland Habitat Program**

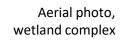
Bringing needed assessments and active management to wetland complexes in the prairie region of Minnesota.

### Tools:

- Rapid Wetland Assessments
- Vegetation control
- Water level manipulation
- Management of undesirable fish



Sediment removal





## **Component 3. Region 4 Roving Habitat Crew** – *Highly trained, equipped, and focused staff to enhance public wildlife habitat.*

Continuing the existing Region 3 Roving Habitat Crew's ability to accomplish wetland habitat enhancement work.



*Highly motivated staff* – Preparing to fuel the DNR helicopter that is spraying cattails.

Specialized training – Using explosives to remove an obstruction from a shallow lake outlet.





**Equipment to get the job one** – The Region 4 Roving Habitat Crew's large diesel pump.

Enhancing wetlands and hallow lakes on public lands – Removing encroaching woody vegetation with a prescribed burn.

