



## Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge, Phase XIII  
Laws of Minnesota 2022 Accomplishment Plan

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### General Information

**Date:** 12/11/2023

**Project Title:** Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge, Phase XIII

**Funds Recommended:** \$3,870,000

**Legislative Citation:** ML 2022, Ch. 77, Art. 1, Sec. 2, subd. 2(g)

**Appropriation Language:** \$3,870,000 the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with The Nature Conservancy, in cooperation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee or permanent conservation easements and restore and enhance lands within the Northern Tallgrass Prairie Habitat Preservation Area in western Minnesota for addition to the Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan and must be consistent with the priorities in the Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

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### Location Information

**County Location(s):** Lincoln, Big Stone, Yellow Medicine, Rock, Pipestone, Renville, Redwood, Polk, Lac qui Parle, Nicollet, Nobles, Murray, Lyon, Pope, Wilkin, Traverse, Swift, Stevens, Stearns, Roseau, Red Lake, Pennington, Otter Tail, Norman, Marshall, Mahnommen, Kittson, Kandiyohi, Jackson, Grant, Cottonwood, Clay, Chippewa, Brown and Becker.

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

- Forest / Prairie Transition
- Prairie

**Activity types:**

- Protect in Easement
- Protect in Fee

**Priority resources addressed by activity:**

- Prairie

## Narrative

### Abstract

The Nature Conservancy and US Fish and Wildlife Service will work together to permanently protect native prairie and associated complexes of wetlands and native habitats in western and central Minnesota by purchasing approximately 1,020 acres of fee title properties and/or permanent habitat easements. Approximately 545 acres will be native prairie. Work will be focused in areas identified as having significant biodiversity by the Minnesota Biological Survey and located in priority areas in the Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

### Design and Scope of Work

The Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) was established in 2000 to address the loss of America's grasslands and the decline of grassland wildlife. The Refuge was created to permanently preserve and restore a portion of our disappearing tallgrass prairie. The Refuge is authorized to work in the prairie landscapes of western Minnesota and northwestern Iowa.

To date, the Refuge has protected more than 12,400 acres. Funding from the Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF) will allow The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), working in partnership, to significantly accelerate this progress. TNC and USFWS will cooperate on protecting approximately 1,020 acres of native prairie and associated habitat in the 49 Minnesota counties within the Refuge boundary. We expect to protect approximately 408 acres in fee title and approximately 612 acres with permanent habitat easements.

This program's work is targeted at protecting high-quality native habitat in areas with existing concentrations of native prairie, wetlands, and protected lands. The lands protected will consist of native prairie and associated habitats including wetlands, streams, coulees, and lakes.

Potential acquisitions are reviewed using the following criteria:

- 1) Is there untilled native prairie on the tract? If not, is it adjacent to untilled native prairie?
- 2) Is the property in a priority area (core/corridor/complex) identified in the Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan (Prairie Plan)?
- 3) Is it adjacent to an existing complex of protected land?
- 4) Was it identified by Minnesota Biological Survey (Biological Survey) or FWS biologists as having concentrations of threatened and endangered species and communities?
- 5) Is it suitable for public recreation?

Because of the nature of parcel ownership, some properties acquired through this program will likely include small areas of converted or degraded habitat needing restoration or enhancement work. Restoration and enhancement

will be completed where needed. With this program's focus on native habitat, only a limited amount of cropland restoration has been required. The funds for this work are primarily for enhancement activities such as invasives, tree, and brush removal that prepare these properties for long-term management.

Previous OHF support has allowed the partners to make significant progress towards our shared goal of protecting and buffering the remaining native prairie. The first property was acquired in March, 2013. Since then, approximately 6,779 acres have been added to the Refuge with OHF funding. Of these, approximately 4,028 acres (nearly 60%) are classified as untilled native prairie. Additional habitat includes nearly 600 acres of wetlands, nearly 20 miles of stream front, and more than 2.5 miles of lakefront. We have signed agreements with landowners for the protection of approximately 737 additional acres (443 acres of which are native prairie), and are negotiating with landowners on an additional 266 acres. Talks are ongoing with a long list of interested landowners.

With additional support from the Outdoor Heritage Fund, this program will continue to make lasting progress towards protecting Minnesota's native prairies and the wildlife that depend on those lands.

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

The NTP NWR program takes the approach that specific species are best protected by conserving high-quality habitat in the most critical prairie areas.

This focus on habitat quality has produced results. Of the 6,779 acres protected, approximately 3,317 have been identified as having significant biodiversity by the Biological Survey. These high-quality lands provide habitat for a wide range of species, from game species to those that are endangered, threatened, or in greatest conservation need.

Biological Survey field work has identified populations of 29 rare species located wholly or partially on NTP NWR properties protected with OHF-funding. Benefited species include:

Birds – Henslow's sparrow (endangered), Wilson's phalarope (threatened), greater prairie-chicken, marbled godwit, short-eared owl, bald eagle, and yellow rail

Butterflies – Dakota skipper (endangered), Poweshiek skipperling (endangered), arogos skipper, Pawnee skipper, and regal fritillary

Fish - Topeka shiner (endangered)

Reptiles - Blanding's turtle (threatened)

Plants – prairie bush clover (federally threatened), sterile sedge (threatened), hair-like beak rush (threatened), western white prairie clover, blanket flower, buffalo grass, few-flowered spikerush, Hall's sedge, least moonwort, Missouri milk-vetch, mudwort, prairie mimosa, slender milk-vetch, slender plantain, and small white lady's slipper.

Highlights this past year included the protection of 313 acres of untilled native prairie and 36 acres of wetlands, and populations of federally listed species and Species in Greatest Conservation Need. Of five parcels protected, four (approximately 441 acres) were fully in Prairie Core areas in the Prairie Plan, while the fifth parcel was directly adjacent to the Core Area boundary. An additional more than four miles of streamfront were protected, much of which were identified as critical habitat for the Topeka Shiner, a federally listed species. Additionally, 248 of the protected acres in the past year were designated as having significant biodiversity by the Biological Survey.

Future acquisition work will be guided by this same focus on high-quality, diverse habitat, benefiting a wide range of species.

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

Biological Survey data is a critical part of this review. In addition to an evaluation based on the Minnesota Prairie Plan and location in a Prairie Core, Corridor, or Complex, every proposed project is evaluated using Survey information on: 1) native prairie sites, 2) rare, threatened and endangered species locations, and 3) areas of biodiversity significance.

The selection criteria also recognize the importance of building on existing complexes and reducing fragmentation. If a prairie is small or isolated, the animal and plant species that live there are at risk. The best approach is conserving larger areas, like the Prairie Plan's cores/complexes/corridors, that have the scale, species diversity, and connectivity to support functioning prairie systems over the long-term.

The numbers shared above demonstrate this program's success at identifying and protecting biologically significant lands located in areas with existing complexes of habitat and protected lands.

### **Which two sections of the Minnesota Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan are most applicable to this project?**

- H1 Protect priority land habitats
- H5 Restore land, wetlands and wetland-associated watersheds

### **Which two other plans are addressed in this program?**

- Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan
- Northern Tallgrass Prairie Habitat Preservation Area (HPA) Final Environmental Impact Statement

### **Which LSOHC section priorities are addressed in this program?**

#### **Forest / Prairie Transition**

- Protect, enhance, and restore rare native remnant prairie

#### **Prairie**

- Protect, enhance, and restore remnant native prairie, Big Woods forests, and oak savanna

## **Outcomes**

### **Programs in forest-prairie transition region:**

- Remnant native prairies are part of large complexes of restored prairies, grasslands, and large and small wetlands ~ *The percent of native remnant prairie, as determined by the Minnesota Biological Survey and/or FWS biologists, will be documented on each parcel, as will the proximity to other protected land and*

*neighboring habitat types, including oak savanna, wetlands, and Big Woods forest. These factors are considered in the ranking criteria for each parcel.*

### Programs in prairie region:

- Remnant native prairies are part of large complexes of restored prairies, grasslands, and large and small wetlands ~ *The percent of native remnant prairie, as determined by the Minnesota Biological Survey and/or FWS biologists, will be documented on each parcel. Surrounding natural habitat types and cropped areas will be evaluated as part of the ranking criteria for submitted parcels.*

### Does this program include leveraged funding?

Yes

### Explain the leverage:

This proposal includes \$260,000 in leverage. The USFWS has committed \$110,000 of in-kind staff support from USFWS field staff. A letter has been provided from the USFWS confirming these funds. This phase also includes \$150,000 in leverage from a Pheasants Forever (PF) North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) acquisition of a fee parcel in western Minnesota, to be completed in 2022. For the five completed rounds of this program, we have exceeded our original leverage estimates by over 20%. We hope to continue that success in this round.

### Per MS 97A.056, Subd. 24, Please explain 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 project does not substitute or supplant any previous funding. The work described in this proposal would not be funded or completed without this appropriation.

### Non-OHF Appropriations

Year	Source	Amount
2018	TNC Private Contributions	\$3,475
2015	TNC Private Contributions	\$114,300
2014	TNC Private Contributions	\$64,400
2014	USFWS In-kind Contributions	\$288,000
2012	TNC Private Contributions	\$36,100
2012	USFWS In-kind Contributions	\$139,400
2011	TNC Private Contributions	\$23,200
2011	USFWS In-kind Contributions	\$144,000
2010	TNC Private Contributions	\$37,700
2018	USFWS In-kind Contributions	\$80,000
2017	USFWS In-kind Contributions	\$350,000
2017	TNC Private Contributions	\$40,175
2018	TNC Private Contributions	\$3,475
2016	TNC Private Contributions	\$92,509
2016	USFWS In-kind Contributions	\$415,000
2015	USFWS In-kind Contributions	\$142,000
2019	TNC Private Contributions	\$126
2010	USFWS In-kind Contributions	\$308,000

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

Outdoor Heritage Funds will be used to purchase the land in fee title or to purchase perpetual habitat easements. The land and easements purchased will be transferred to the USFWS to become units of the Northern Tallgrass

Prairie National Wildlife Refuge. Long term costs for restoration, management, and wildlife/habitat/easement monitoring will be funded through annual USFWS operations funding.

**Actions to Maintain Project Outcomes**

Year	Source of Funds	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
Annually	USFWS Annual Service Operating funds	Monitoring and management by USFWS managers, biologists, field staff, and realty staff to ensure the long-term health of these habitats is maintained. Activities may include burning as well as mechanical, biological, and chemical treatments.	-	-

**Provide an assessment of how your program celebrates cultural diversity or reaches diverse communities in Minnesota, including reaching low- and moderate-income households:**

The Nature Conservancy is committed to diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice, which are embedded in our code of conduct and values. We recognize that conservation is best advanced by the leadership and contributions of people of diverse backgrounds, experiences, and identities. Our hiring practices have been updated to be more inclusive, including: 1) reviewing position descriptions to ensure language is inclusive, non-gendered and only includes requirements necessary for the job, 2) advertising job openings widely - posting via the Professional Diversity Network among others - and for an adequate duration to attract a diverse candidate pool, 3) extending the posting period, or reopening a closed position, when appropriate to conduct additional outreach should candidate pools lack diversity, 4) ensuring each interview is conducted with consistent conditions and questions, and 5) ensuring interview panels are diverse and gender balanced. All panelists receive training to avoid unconscious bias. We are beginning to see more diverse candidate pools resulting in a subsequent diversification of our workforce.

Additionally, we recognize that BIPOC and other marginalized communities experience disproportionate access to nature on private lands, making it essential to provide public lands that are accessible to, and safe for, all Minnesotans; and where diverse communities will feel welcome and safe to pursue their passions for hunting, angling, photography, hiking, and simply enjoying all the benefits that nature provides. This program, if funded, will add to the availability of lands included in the Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge, and acquired fee parcels will be open for all Minnesotans, including BIPOC and other disadvantaged communities, to enjoy.

**Activity Details**

**Requirements**

**If funded, this program will meet all applicable criteria set forth in MS 97A.056?**

Yes

**Will county board or other local government approval be formally sought\*\* prior to acquisition, per 97A.056 subd 13(j)?**

No

**Describe any measures to inform local governments of land acquisition under their jurisdiction:**

We will follow the county/township board notification processes as directed by current statutory language.

**Is the land you plan to acquire (fee title) free of any other permanent protection?**

Yes

**Is the land you plan to acquire (easement) free of any other permanent protection?**

Yes

**Who will manage the easement?**

All easements acquired under this program will be managed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

**Who will be the easement holder?**

All easements acquired under this program will be held by the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

**What is the anticipated number of easements (range is fine) you plan to accomplish with this appropriation?**

We are anticipating to protect approximately 612 acres in 5 - 7 easements.

**Land Use**

**Will there be planting of any crop on OHF land purchased or restored in this program?**

Yes

**Explain what will be planted:**

Short-term planting of agricultural crops is an accepted Best Management Practice for preparing a site for prairie restoration. For example, short-term use of soybeans could be used to prepare seedbeds prior to prairie plantings, which has been proven effective in decreasing the need for subsequent invasives control activities, and can shorten the amount of time that additional weed control is needed on the site. In some cases this may necessitate the use of GMO products to facilitate herbicide use to control invasives.

Neonicotinoid treated seeds will not be used. We anticipate that the use of agricultural crops would not exceed 3 years on any given OHF-acquired property, and in most cases will be considerably shorter.

**Is this land currently open for hunting and fishing?**

No

**Will the land be open for hunting and fishing after completion?**

Yes

**Describe any variation from the State of Minnesota regulations:**

Land acquired in fee title will be open to public hunting and fishing during the open season according to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act, United States Code, Title 16, Section 668dd, et seq.

**Who will eventually own the fee title land?**

- Federal

**Land acquired in fee will be designated as a:**

- National Wildlife Refuge

**What is the anticipated number of closed acquisitions (range is fine) you plan to accomplish with this appropriation?**

We are anticipating to protect approximately 408 acres in fee in 3 - 5 acquisitions, and approximately 612 acres in easements in 5 - 7 easements, for a total of between 8 - 12 closed acquisitions.

**Will the eased land be open for public use?**

No

**Are there currently trails or roads on any of the proposed acquisitions?**

No

**Will new trails or roads be developed or improved as a result of the OHF acquisition?**

No

**Will the acquired parcels be restored or enhanced within this appropriation?**

Yes

Restoration/enhancement activities will be completed where needed. While the focus of this program will be on native prairie and associated complexes of wetlands and native habitats, small areas of acquired parcels will likely consist of converted or degraded habitat with restoration and/or enhancement needs. The majority of restoration/enhancement funds allocated within this appropriation will likely be used for enhancement, including invasive species control and tree/brush removal.

**Will the land that you acquire (fee or easement) be restored or enhanced within this program's funding and availability?**

Yes

**Timeline**

<b>Activity Name</b>	<b>Estimated Completion Date</b>
Grassland and wetland restoration and enhancement activities on all acquired parcels to be completed.	June 30, 2030
Purchase agreements/options secured for approximately 408 acres of fee and approximately 612 acres of easement parcels	June 30, 2025

**Date of Final Report Submission:** 11/01/2030

**Availability of Appropriation:** Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation

(a) Money appropriated in this section may not be spent on activities unless they are directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation and are specified in the accomplishment plan approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. Money appropriated in this section must not be spent on indirect costs or other institutional overhead charges that are not directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation. Money appropriated to acquire land in fee may be used to restore, enhance, and provide for public use of the land acquired with the appropriation. Public-use facilities must have a minimal impact on habitat in acquired lands.

(b) Money appropriated in this section is available as follows:

(1) money appropriated for acquiring real property is available until June 30, 2026;

(2) money appropriated for restoring and enhancing land acquired with an appropriation in this act is available for



four years after the acquisition date with a maximum end date of June 30, 2030;

(3) money appropriated for restoring or enhancing other land is available until June 30, 2027;

(4) notwithstanding clauses (1) to (3), money appropriated for a project that receives at least 15 percent of its funding from federal funds is available until a date sufficient to match the availability of federal funding to a maximum of six years if the federal funding was confirmed and included in the original approved draft accomplishment plan; and

(5) money appropriated for other projects is available until the end of the fiscal year in which it is appropriated.

## Budget

*Budget reallocations up to 10% do not require an amendment to the Accomplishment Plan.*

### Totals

Item	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	\$320,000	\$110,000	USFWS	\$430,000
Contracts	\$266,000	-	-	\$266,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	-	-	-	-
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	\$1,390,000	\$150,000	PF NAWCA	\$1,540,000
Easement Acquisition	\$1,632,000	-	-	\$1,632,000
Easement Stewardship	-	-	-	-
Travel	\$15,500	-	-	\$15,500
Professional Services	\$132,000	-	-	\$132,000
Direct Support Services	\$52,500	-	-	\$52,500
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	\$5,000	-	-	\$5,000
Supplies/Materials	\$57,000	-	-	\$57,000
DNR IDP	-	-	-	-
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$3,870,000</b>	<b>\$260,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$4,130,000</b>

### Personnel

Position	Annual FTE	Years Working	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
USFWS in-kind	-	-	-	\$110,000	USFWS	\$110,000
TNC Staff	1.3	3.0	\$320,000	-	-	\$320,000

**Amount of Request:** \$3,870,000

**Amount of Leverage:** \$260,000

**Leverage as a percent of the Request:** 6.72%

**DSS + Personnel:** \$372,500

**As a % of the total request:** 9.63%

**Easement Stewardship:** -

**As a % of the Easement Acquisition:** -

### How will this program accommodate the reduced appropriation recommendation from the original proposed requested amount?

As it is more cost-effective to purchase larger parcels and acreages, we have reduced the deliverables slightly more than the reduction in funds. Most line items were reduced proportionally.

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

The personnel line includes USFWS in-kind support. The fee acquisitions w/out PILT line includes leverage from a Pheasants Forever fee parcel acquisition that will be completed in 2022 and will be paid for through a North American Wetland Conservation Act (NAWCA) grant.

## Personnel

### 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?

This proposal is the continuation of several years of funded Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge grants that, as described above, have resulted in protecting approximately 6,779 acres to date to be managed as part of the National Wildlife Refuge. Continuity of funding across multiple phases allows us flexibility when prioritizing parcels for protection, ensures stability in our staffing model that gives us the ability to plan and prioritize projects, and allows negotiations with landowners and their families over multiple years. This flexibility is essential to continue to achieve the conservation goals so important for these endangered habitat types, given the uncertainty of when priority parcels may be available on the open market.

## Contracts

### What is included in the contracts line?

These funds are entirely for restoration and enhancement work. While this program targets primarily high-quality habitats, small areas included in the acquisition projects may need enhancement and/or restoration. It is anticipated that the majority of the contract work will consist of woody species and invasives removal.

## Fee Acquisition

### What is the anticipated number of fee title acquisition transactions?

We are anticipating that this program will acquire approximately 170 fee acres in 2 - 3 acquisitions.

## Travel

### 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

Rental car expense is also included.

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

Yes

## Direct Support Services

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

DSS is based on The Nature Conservancy's Federal Negotiated Rate (FNR) as proposed and approved by the US Dept. of Interior on an annual basis. In this proposal we are requesting reimbursement of 7.5% of eligible base costs as determined by our annual FNR and based on suggestions from the Council in prior years' hearings. The amount requested for reimbursement represents less than one-third of the total reimbursable costs allowed under the FNR. Examples of expenses included in the FNR include services from in-house legal counsel; finance; human resources; and information technology support, all of which contribute directly to the implementation of the project. The FNR is not applied to capital equipment over \$50,000 or land acquisition.

## Other Equipment/Tools

### Give examples of the types of Equipment and Tools that will be purchased?

The equipment and tools line will be used primarily to lease a vehicle for use of protection staff to meet with landowners, contractors, partners, and perform site inspections.

## Federal Funds

### Do you anticipate federal funds as a match for this program?

Yes

#### Are the funds confirmed?

Yes

- Cash : \$150,000
- In Kind : \$110,000

## Output Tables

### Acres by Resource Type (Table 1)

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat	Total Acres
Restore	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	0	-	-	0
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	408	-	-	408
Protect in Easement	-	612	-	-	612
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>1,020</b>	-	-	<b>1,020</b>

### How many of these Prairie acres are Native Prairie? (Table 1b)

Type	Native Prairie (acres)
Restore	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	135
Protect in Easement	410
Enhance	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>545</b>

### Total Requested Funding by Resource Type (Table 2)

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat	Total Funding
Restore	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	\$1,831,900	-	-	\$1,831,900
Protect in Easement	-	\$2,038,100	-	-	\$2,038,100
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$3,870,000</b>	-	-	<b>\$3,870,000</b>

### Acres within each Ecological Section (Table 3)

Type	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N. Forest	Total Acres
Restore	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	0	-	0	-	0
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	20	-	388	-	408
Protect in Easement	-	31	-	581	-	612
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>51</b>	-	<b>969</b>	-	<b>1,020</b>

### Total Requested Funding within each Ecological Section (Table 4)

Type	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N. Forest	Total Funding
Restore	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	\$86,800	-	\$1,745,100	-	\$1,831,900
Protect in Easement	-	\$101,900	-	\$1,936,200	-	\$2,038,100
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$188,700</b>	-	<b>\$3,681,300</b>	-	<b>\$3,870,000</b>

### Average Cost per Acre by Resource Type (Table 5)

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat
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Restore	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	\$4,489	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	\$3,330	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-

**Average Cost per Acre by Ecological Section (Table 6)**

Type	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N. Forest
Restore	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	\$4,340	-	\$4,497	-
Protect in Easement	-	\$3,287	-	\$3,332	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-

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

## Parcels

*For restoration and enhancement programs ONLY: Managers may add, delete, and substitute projects on this parcel list based upon need, readiness, cost, opportunity, and/or urgency so long as the substitute parcel/project forwards the constitutional objectives of this program in the Project Scope table of this accomplishment plan. The final accomplishment plan report will include the final parcel list.*

### Parcel Information

#### Sign-up Criteria?

No

#### Explain the process used to identify, prioritize, and select the parcels on your list:

Submitted parcels will be prioritized and selected according to criteria that include: the amount of native remnant prairie on the parcel, location in a Minnesota Prairie Plan priority area (Prairie Core, Corridor, or Complex), adjacency to existing protected lands and habitat complexes, and presence of federally or state listed plant and animal species and Species in Greatest Need of Conservation.

### Fee Parcels

Name	County	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection
NA	Becker	14142233	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Big Stone	12446209	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Brown	10834216	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Chippewa	11739216	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Clay	14247204	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Cottonwood	10734220	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Grant	13044233	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Jackson	10436219	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Kandiyohi	12236207	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Kittson	16045206	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Lac qui Parle	11943209	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Lincoln	10945217	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Lyon	11243218	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Mahnomen	14642208	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Marshall	15746216	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Murray	10740207	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Nicollet	11132205	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Nobles	10140228	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Norman	14647204	99	\$1,000	Yes
NA	Otter Tail	13244205	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Pennington	15345230	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Pipestone	10846219	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Polk	15449236	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Pope	12336216	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Red Lake	15144204	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Redwood	11336221	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Renville	11534219	99	\$1,000	No
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NA	Roseau	16242207	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Stearns	12335216	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Stevens	12543216	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Swift	12042209	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Traverse	12548219	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Wilkin	13647205	99	\$1,000	No

NA	Yellow Medicine	11546221	99	\$1,000	No
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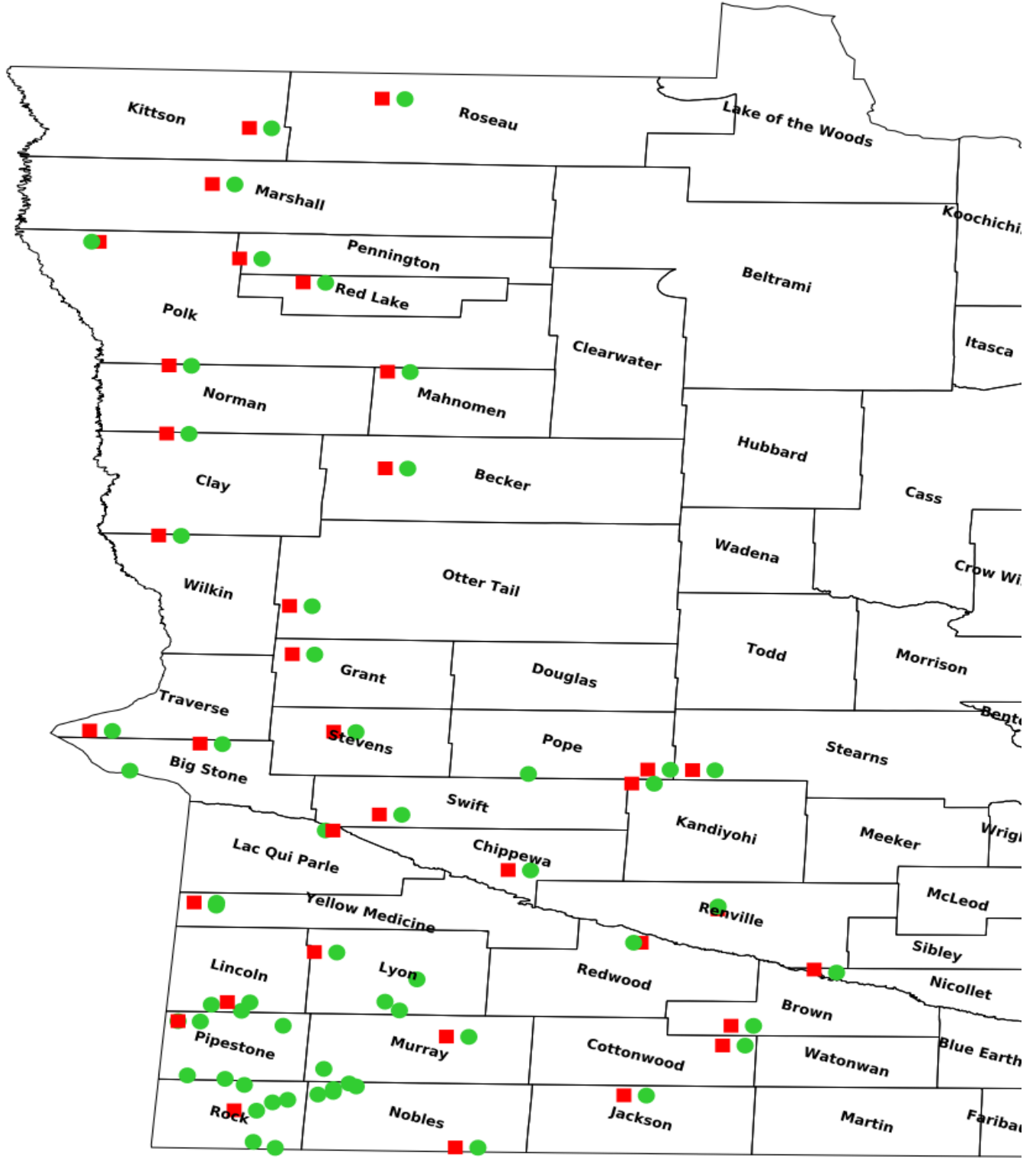
### Easement Parcels

Name	County	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection
NA	Becker	14142236	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Big Stone	12446212	99	\$1,000	No
Big Stone #10	Big Stone	12348236	29	\$32,500	No
NA	Brown	10834213	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Chippewa	11739213	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Clay	14247201	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Cottonwood	10734223	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Grant	13044236	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Jackson	10436222	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Kandiyohi	12236210	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Kittson	16045203	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Lac qui Parle	11943208	99	\$1,000	No
Lincoln #7	Lincoln	10945234	157	\$521,125	No
Lincoln #6	Lincoln	10946224	250	\$997,000	No
NA	Lincoln	10945214	99	\$1,000	No
Lyon #7	Lyon	10942211	118	\$281,250	No
Lyon #8	Lyon	10941230	48	\$82,475	No
NA	Lyon	11243215	99	\$1,000	No
Lyon #6	Lyon	11141233	20	\$76,475	No
NA	Mahnomen	14642211	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Marshall	15746213	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Murray	10740210	99	\$1,000	No
Murray #11	Murray	10543209	79	\$236,825	No
NA	Nicollet	11132211	99	\$1,000	No
Nobles #2	Nobles	10442207	25	\$48,600	No
Nobles #3	Nobles	10443201	45	\$107,500	No
Nobles #4	Nobles	10443229	56	\$117,975	No
Nobles #5	Nobles	10443215	45	\$154,175	No
Nobles #6	Nobles	10443222	65	\$125,050	No
NA	Nobles	10140225	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Norman	14647201	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Otter Tail	13244202	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Pennington	15345227	99	\$1,000	No
Pipestone #18	Pipestone	10545232	71	\$267,400	No
Pipestone #16	Pipestone	10846219	83	\$180,825	No
Pipestone #17	Pipestone	10844228	176	\$420,825	No
NA	Pipestone	10846222	99	\$1,000	No
Pipestone #15	Pipestone	10546228	77	\$133,025	No
NA	Polk	15449235	99	\$1,000	No
Pope #18	Pope	12339226	120	\$100,650	No
NA	Pope	12336213	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Red Lake	15144201	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Redwood	11336220	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Renville	11534218	99	\$1,000	No
Rock #22	Rock	10344208	74	\$195,100	No
NA	Rock	10345225	99	\$1,000	No
Rock #23	Rock	10145224	70	\$288,100	No
Rock #19	Rock	10344203	52	\$190,925	No
Rock #20	Rock	10445210	42	\$124,400	No
Rock #21	Rock	10144233	155	\$446,725	No
NA	Roseau	16242210	99	\$1,000	No



NA	Stearns	12335213	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Stevens	12543213	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Swift	12042212	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Traverse	12548222	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Wilkin	13647202	99	\$1,000	No
NA	Yellow Medicine	11546224	99	\$1,000	No
Yellow Medicine #4	Yellow Medicine	11546225	127	\$307,850	No

# Parcel Map



- Protect in Easement
- ▲ Protect in Fee with PILT
- Protect in Fee W/O PILT
- ★ Restore
- ✕ Enhance
- ⊕ Other

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