



OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND Recommendations Bill Summary Fiscal Year 2024

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council Recommendations — FY2024

LSOHC Recommendations Highlights

In the fifteenth year of Outdoor Heritage Funding (OHF), the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council is recommending a total of 48 programs be funded by the MN Legislature for a total of \$167,071,000.

- 121,383 acres of wildlife habitat throughout Minnesota is estimated to be restored, enhanced, and/or protected.
- 39.75 miles of shoreline will be restored, enhanced and/or protected.
- An additional \$32,648,000 in federal, local government, and private conservation funding is expected to be leveraged with FY2024 OHF.
- 32 different organizations are recommended for funding (1 federal agency, 2 state agencies, 1 tribal government, 8 local units of government, and 20 non-government organizations).
- Continued investment in robust on-going programs constitutes 94% 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 conser-



Clay County Prairie Enhancement – Councilmembers Dudley Edmondson (right) and Ashley Peters (middle) inspect an OHF funded native prairie enhancement with retired wildlife manager Earl Johnson (left) during a LSOHC habitat tour in August 2022.



Wetland Restoration — Wetland plants water plantain and arrowhead growing in a restored wetland on Townsend Waterfowl Production Area near Fergus Falls, MN.

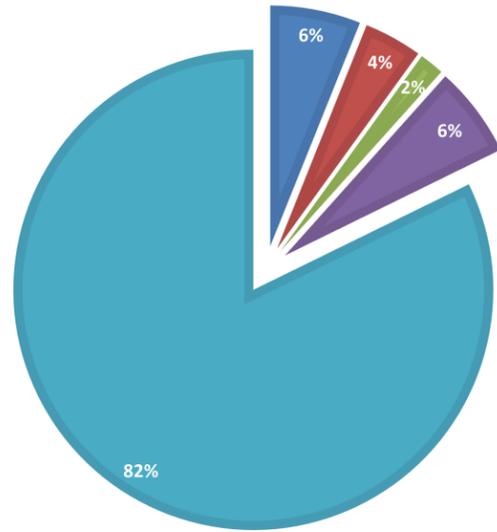
Constitutional Amendment - Article XI—Sec. 15.

...33 percent of the receipts shall be deposited in the outdoor heritage fund and may be spent only to restore, protect, and enhance wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife;...

...The dedicated money under this section must supplement traditional sources of funding for these purposes and may not be used as a substitute. Land acquired by fee with money deposited in the outdoor heritage fund under this section must be open to the public taking of fish and game during the open season unless otherwise provided by law...

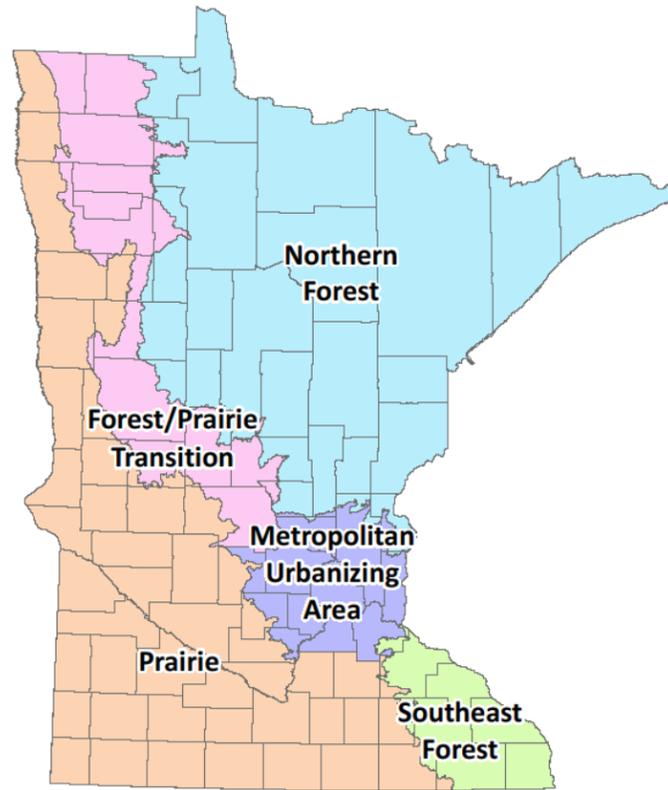
Subd. 2. Prairies		9 projects totaling \$ 31,058,000
(a) MN Prairie Recovery Program, Phase 13	The Nature Conservancy	\$ 3,752,000
(b) Martin County DNR WMA, Phase 7	Martin County CL, DU, CF	\$ 2,080,000
(c) RIM Grassland Reserve, Phase 5	BWSR	\$ 2,673,000
(d) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley, Phase 9	MN Prairie Chicken Society, PF	\$ 4,282,000
(e) Working Lands for Habitat	BWSR	\$ 2,636,000
(f) Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program, Phase 15	Pheasants Forever	\$ 5,075,000
(g) Accelerating the USFWS Habitat Conservation Easement Program, Phase 4	Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever	\$ 4,940,000
(h) DNR Grassland Enhancement, Phase 15	MN DNR	\$ 2,922,000
(i) Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands, Phase 6	Pheasants Forever	\$ 2,698,000
Subd. 3. Forests		4 projects totaling \$ 6,393,000
(a) Hardwood Hills Habitat Conservation Program	MN Land Trust, St. John's University	\$ 1,843,000
(b) Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape ACUB Protection Program, Phase 11	Morrison County SWCD, BWSR	\$ 2,076,000
(c) Protection/Enhancement of Public Land Forest Habitats Through Strategic Acquisition of Private Land Inholdings	Ruffed Grouse Society	\$ 1,018,000
(d) DNR Forest Enhancement, Phase 3	MN DNR	\$ 1,456,000
Subd. 4. Wetlands		9 projects totaling \$ 32,569,000
(a) RIM Wetlands - Restoring the Most Productive Habitat in Minnesota, Phase 12	BWSR	\$ 4,011,000
(b) Shallow Lake & Wetland Protection & Restoration Program - Phase 12	Ducks Unlimited	\$ 6,871,000
(c) Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration Program, Phase 8	MN Land Trust	\$ 2,931,000
(d) Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Acquisition Program, Phase 14	Pheasants Forever	\$ 5,090,000
(e) Wetland Enhancement in the Big Woods	Scott-Le Sueur Waterfowlers	\$ 603,000
(f) Living Shallow Lakes and Wetlands Enhancement and Restoration Initiative, Phase 9	Ducks Unlimited	\$ 6,455,000
(g) Voyageurs National Park Wetland Restoration Project, Phase 3	National Park Service	\$ 1,122,000
(h) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancement, Phase 15	MN DNR	\$ 3,596,000
(i) Bone Lake South Wetland Acquisition	Comfort Lake-Forest Lake WD	\$ 1,890,000
Subd. 5. Habitats		23 projects totaling \$ 95,220,000
(a) Hennepin County Habitat Conservation Program, Phase 3	Hennepin County, MN Land Trust	\$ 4,524,000
(b) Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Conservation, Phase 8	ACD, GRG, NWTF, SC, MLT	\$ 3,181,000
(c) Accelerating Habitat Conservation in Southwest Minnesota, Phase 2	MN Land Trust	\$ 2,988,000
(d) Buffalo-Red River Watershed District Stream Habitat Program, Phase 3	Buffalo-Red River Watershed District	\$ 3,647,000
(e) Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration, Phase 11	TNC, TPL, MLT	\$ 3,576,000
(f) Protecting Minnesota's Lakes of Outstanding Biological Significance, Phase 2	MLT, Northern Waters Land Trust	\$ 3,550,000
(g) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North-Central MN Lakes, Phase 9	MLT, Northern Waters Land Trust	\$ 3,619,000
(h) DNR WMA and Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition, Phase 15	MN DNR	\$ 2,277,000
(i) DNR Trout Stream Conservation Easements, Phase 33	MN DNR	\$ 1,015,000
(j) Metro Big Rivers, Phase 13	MNVNWRT, FMR, GRG, TPL, MLT	\$14,925,000
(k) St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration, Phase 4	Wild Rivers Conservancy, TPL, MLT	\$12,947,000
(l) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program, Phase 12	Shell Rock River Watershed District	\$ 2,139,000
(m) Integrating Habitat and Clean Water, Phase 2	BWSR	\$ 3,181,000
(n) Cannon River Watershed Habitat Restoration and Protection, Phase 12	Clean River Partners, GRG, TPL	\$ 2,901,000
(o) Southeast and Metro Trout Stream Habitat Enhancement, Phase 2	Minnesota Trout Unlimited	\$ 1,645,000
(p) Lake Nokomis Shoreline Enhancements for Turtles and Pollinators, Phase 2	Minneapolis Parks And Recreation	\$ 735,000
(q) Upper Sioux Community Habitat Restoration	Upper Sioux Community	\$ 940,000
(r) Rum River Corridor Fish and Wildlife Habitat Enhancement, Phase 2	Anoka Conservation District	\$ 1,654,000
(s) Restoring and Enhancing MN's Important Bird Areas in the St. Croix River Valley	Audubon Minnesota	\$ 1,007,000
(t) DNR St. Louis River Restoration Initiative, Phase 10	MN DNR, MLT	\$ 2,526,000
(u) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement, Phase 11	MN DNR	\$ 4,011,000
(v) DNR Roving Crew, Phase 2	MN DNR	\$ 8,732,000
(w) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat, Phase 15	MN DNR	\$ 9,500,000
Subd. 6. Administration		5 items totaling \$ 1,831,000
(a) Contract Management	MN DNR	\$ 336,000
(b) Legislative Coordinating Commission	LCC, LSOHC	\$ 634,000
(c) Technical Evaluation Panel	MN DNR	\$ 190,000
(d) Core Functions in Partner-Led OHF Land Acquisitions	MNDNR	\$ 668,000
(e) Legacy Website	LCC	\$ 3,000

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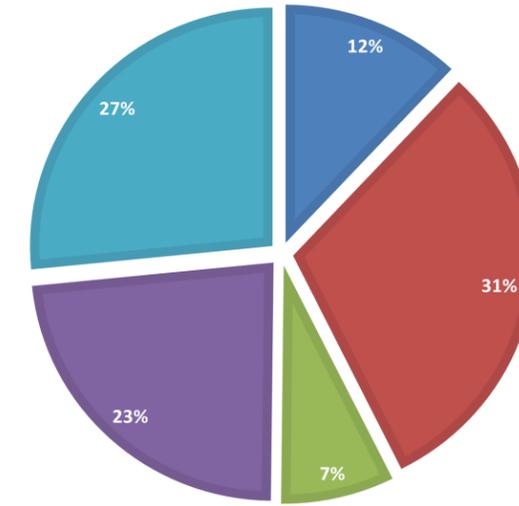


ACRES BY ACTIVITY TOTAL ACRES - 121,383

- Restore - 7,364 acres
- Protect in Fee with PILT - 4,748 acres
- Protect in Fee w/o PILT - 2,015 acres
- Protect in Easement - 7,426 acres
- Enhance - 99,830 acres



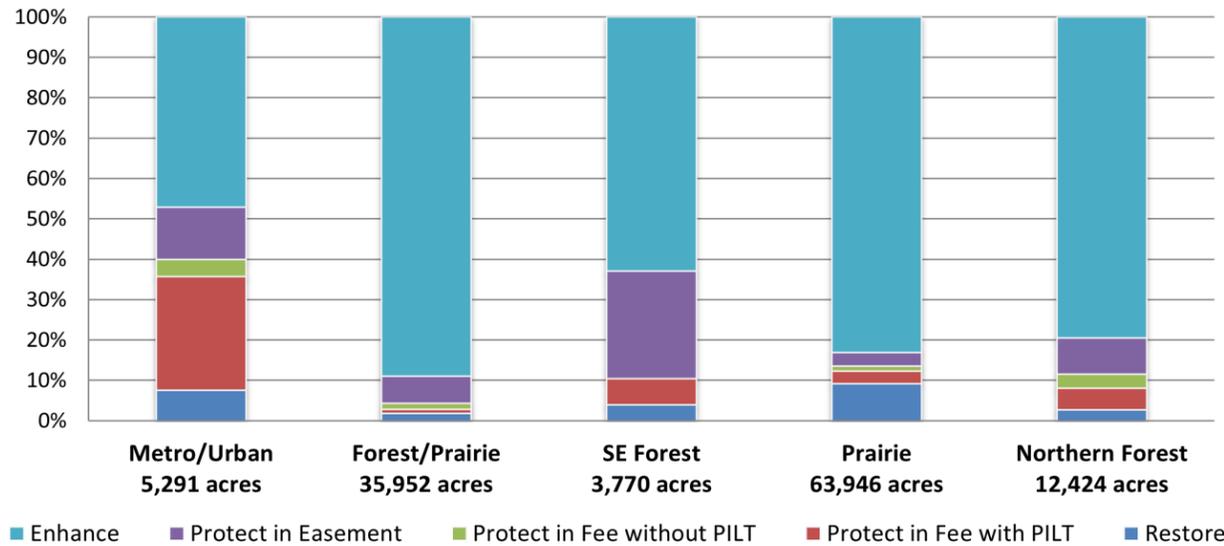
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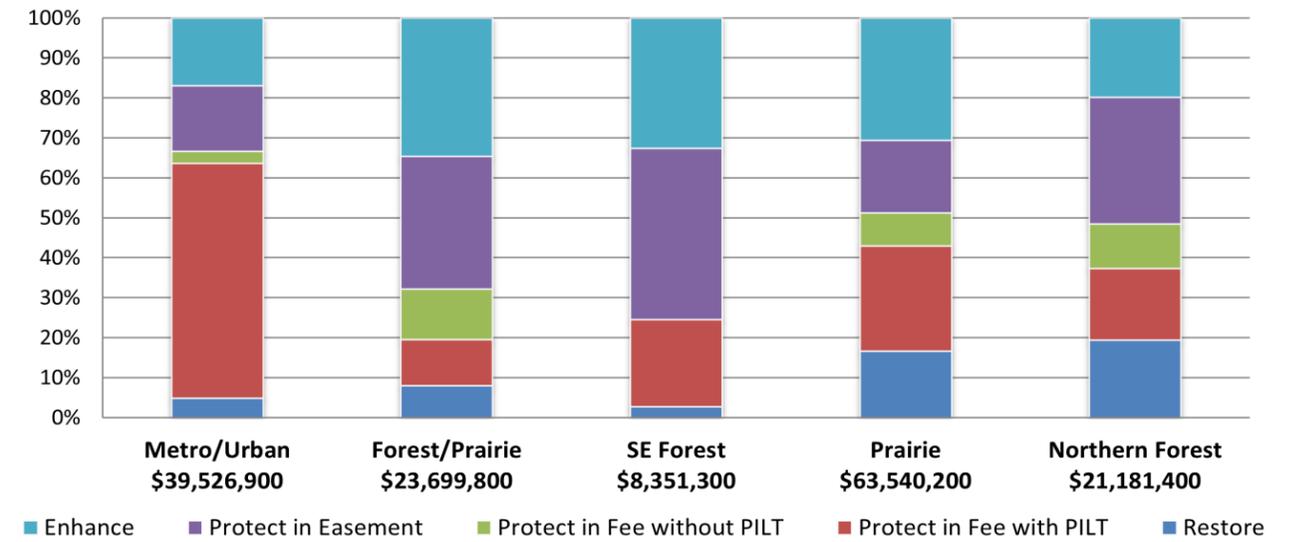
FUNDS BY ACTIVITY TOTAL FUNDING - \$155,631,600

- Restore - \$18,645,200
- Protect in Fee with PILT - \$47,705,100
- Protect in Fee w/o PILT - \$11,738,600
- Protect in Easement - \$36,194,300
- Enhance - \$41,348,400

Distribution of ACRES by Ecological Section



Distribution of FUNDS by Ecological Section



RESOURCE TYPE (ACRES)

ACTIVITY	WETLANDS	PRAIRIES	FORESTS	HABITATS	TOTAL
Restore	859	6,040	78	387	7,364
Protect in Fee with PILT	416	1,965	636	1,731	4,748
Protect in Fee without PILT	405	1,224	345	41	2,015
Protect in Easement	441	1,365	1,860	3,760	7,426
Enhance	18,082	69,602	10,958	1,188	99,830
TOTAL	20,203	80,196	13,877	7,107	121,383
PERCENT	17%	66%	11%	6%	-

RESEOURCE TYPE (FUNDING)

ACTIVITY	WETLANDS	PRAIRIES	FORESTS	HABITATS	TOTAL
Restore	\$3,922,300	\$4,124,300	\$236,500	\$10,362,100	\$18,645,200
Protect in Fee with PILT	\$3,559,300	\$16,173,200	\$3,173,000	\$24,799,600	\$47,705,100
Protect in Fee without PILT	\$2,809,800	\$7,677,800	\$718,100	\$532,900	\$11,738,600
Protect in Easement	\$2,421,900	\$8,121,700	\$5,373,300	\$20,277,400	\$36,194,300
Enhance	\$13,623,300	\$16,083,200	\$4,202,900	\$7,439,000	\$41,348,400
TOTAL	\$26,336,600	\$52,180,200	\$13,703,800	\$63,411,000	\$155,631,600
PERCENT	17%	34%	9%	41%	-