



Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program - Phase XV
ML 2023 Request for Funding

General Information

Date: 06/01/2022

Proposal Title: Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program - Phase XV

Funds Requested: \$13,880,500

Manager Information

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Location Information

County Location(s): Nobles, Lac qui Parle, Kandiyohi, Watonwan, Le Sueur, Stearns, Lincoln, Chippewa, Big Stone, Rice, Martin, Dakota, Cottonwood, Lyon, Murray, Sibley, Meeker, Brown, Jackson, Swift, Rock and Yellow Medicine.

Eco regions in which work will take place:

- Forest / Prairie Transition
- Prairie
- Metro / Urban

Activity types:

- Protect in Fee
- Restore

Priority resources addressed by activity:

- Wetlands
- Prairie

Narrative

Abstract

This proposal accelerates the protection and restoration of 1768 acres of prairie grasslands, associated wetlands and other wildlife habitats as State Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) or Pheasants Forever Habitat Management Areas open to the public. Pheasants Forever (PF) will be permanently protecting parcels within the prairie, prairie/forest transition, and metro planning regions. These acquired properties will be restored to the highest quality wildlife habitat feasible.

Design and Scope of Work

This proposal represents the fifteenth phase in Pheasants Forever's Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area program. This program continues to build upon past investments in long-term upland and wetland conservation. New to this proposal is the addition of the Pheasants Forever HMA program funding. This addition will provide PF with maximum flexibility to ensure quality acquisition projects can be completed. The proposal will protect and restore 1768 acres of lands that will be managed for wildlife. The goals of this program specifically address goals outlined in the foundational documents for the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council's recommendation process, including those outlined in the MN Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan 2008, the MN Duck Action Plan 2020-2023, the MN Pheasant Action Plan 2020-2023 and the Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan 2010, among others.

Parcels will be acquired from willing sellers and will be prioritized using criteria including location on the landscape, breeding waterfowl density, restoration potential, native community protection (e.g. Minnesota Biological Survey site), proximity to other investments in perpetually protected habitats. WMA Acquisition projects are developed and selected in conjunction with local and regional DNR staff. Criteria used to develop the potential project list including: 1) Does the parcel contain habitat restoration potential that will result in an increase in wildlife populations? 2) Does the parcel build upon existing investments in public and private land habitat (landscape scale significance)? 3) Does the parcel contain significant natural communities, or will it protect or buffer significant natural communities? 4) Does the parcel have the potential and focus for habitat protection and restoration in the future? 5) Does the parcel provide multiple benefits (recreation, access, water control, water quality, wellhead protection, riparian protection, local community support, etc.)?

Providing quality habitat and keeping future management concerns in mind, all acquisitions will be restored to the highest quality wildlife habitat feasible. Completing high-quality, comprehensive restorations, utilizing native species and best management practices, results in fewer management concerns and lower long-term costs. Acquired lands will be restored to diverse grasslands and wetlands habitat, drained wetlands will be restored, and invasive trees will be removed when appropriate.

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?

PF actively engages in conservation discussions with state and federal government agencies, to determine what areas are the highest priority for adding permanently protected lands in the prairie, prairie/forest transition, and metro planning areas. High priority is given to parcels whose restoration and protection benefit rare, threatened, & endangered species. Often the only locations where many threatened and endangered species are found is on existing habitat complexes. This program builds upon those complexes allowing for expansion and increased populations of those species.

When selecting projects for this proposal, PF uses the latest GIS data and works with DNR and USFWS staff to

identify locations that benefit species of greatest conservation need. Additionally, species of greatest conservation need are considered and can influence restoration plans after the land is permanently protected. By increasing the amount, functionality and productivity of grassland landscapes for these species, we aim to slow population decline. Restoration of wetland and grassland complexes will provide habitat for a myriad of species including waterfowl, shorebirds, bobolinks, meadowlarks, ring-necked pheasants, pollinators, and monarchs. Other species of concern benefiting from this project include the greater prairie chicken, short-eared owl, marsh hawk, and yellow rails.

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 demand for public places for outdoor recreation has never been higher. During the Covid-19 pandemic, DNR and USFWS managers have reported greatly increased usage of public lands. Additionally, the declines in private land conservation acres such as those in CRP, make it incredibly important that permanently protected habitat be created in order to ensure wildlife populations can continue to thrive. Lastly, there is a backlog of landowners who are interested in selling their lands to become public wildlife habitat.

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:

This program uses numerous science-based conservation plans, all of which expand corridors and complexes, as well as conservation data to evaluate each potential acquisition and determine if it will provide significant habitat benefits. These plans and data sources include the MN County Biological Survey Biodiversity Significance data, MN Prairie Conservation Plan, MN Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan 2008, the MN Duck Action Plan 2020-2023, the MN Pheasant Action Plan 2020-2023, USFWS' Duck Breeding Density data and the MN DNR Natural Heritage Information Systems data. Preference is given to properties that help improve habitat for identified species as well as deliver the goals of these recognized conservation plans.

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 proposal?

- Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan
- Minnesota's Wildlife Management Area Acquisition - The Next 50 Years

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

This program directly contributes to the primary goal of each identified plan which is restoration and protection of additional wetland/grassland habitat complexes. The MN Prairie Conservation Plan's 25 year goal is to permanently protect, through fee title acquisition, 222,100 acres in core areas, 82,000 acres in corridors, and 547,300 acres elsewhere in the agricultural matrix. The MN WMA Acquisition 50-year plan is to identify and permanently protect 702,200 acres. This program will contribute to these goals.

Which LSOHC section priorities are addressed in this proposal?

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

Metro / Urban

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

Prairie

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

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:

This program has already achieved landscape-level impacts in previous phases. By permanently protecting and restoring parcels as Wildlife Management Areas, this program is delivering meaningful results that protect wildlife habitat in perpetuity and opens them for public access. This Phase XV proposal directly contributes an additional 1768 acres of protected and restored habitat.

What other fund may contribute to this proposal?

- N/A

Does this proposal include leveraged funding?

Yes

Explain the leverage:

This proposal will bring \$3,057,000 of leverage funds to increase accomplishments of acquisition and restoration activities. This leverage will come from Pheasants Forever and Federal funds, as well as private sources.

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 proposal supplements past investments and is aimed at accelerating the protection and restoration of strategic parcels.

Non-OHF Appropriations

Year	Source	Amount
Annual	PF	150,000

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

All lands purchased to be donated to the state Wildlife Management Area system will be managed in perpetuity by the Minnesota DNR. All lands purchased as Pheasants Forever HMA's will have a deposit made into PF's Forever Stewardship Fund to pay for holding costs. All acquisitions will be restored to as high-quality habitat as practicable, with the knowledge that quality and comprehensive restorations utilizing native species result will lower management costs. In addition, our local PF chapter members and volunteers maintain a high interest in seeing the habitat and productivity of acquired parcels are at high-quality levels and have a long history of providing sweat equity on PF owned parcels PF and partners will develop an ecological restoration and

management plan for each parcel. Grant and partner dollars will also be used for the initial site development and restoration/enhancement work.

Actions to Maintain Project Outcomes

Year	Source of Funds	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
Post Transfer to MNDNR	MN DNR - Game and Fish Funds	Monitoring	Maintenance	Management

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

Pheasant

By looking at the ratios of CRP acres in Minnesota to pheasant harvest, we can estimate that every three acres of grassland habitat has the potential to produce one harvested pheasant rooster.

Prairie Chickens

According to the research literature and personal observations in Minnesota, prairie chickens require a minimum of 320 acres of high quality grasslands with no areas hostile to grassland wildlife (woodlots, farmsteads, etc) near these grasslands. For every 320 acre patch of high quality grassland in the prairie chicken range in the northwest part of the state, we can expect there to be a lek, or booming ground. The average size of booming grounds in Minnesota is roughly 11 males.

Bobolink and Grasshopper Sparrow

The breeding territory size of bobolinks and grasshopper sparrows is 1.7 and 2.1 acres respectively in high quality habitat in Wisconsin. If all of the habitat was occupied, 100 acres of habitat could potentially hold approximately 60 and 48 pairs of bobolinks and grasshopper sparrows respectively.

Monarch Butterfly

Research from the University of Minnesota has shown that it takes approximately 30 milkweed plants to result in one monarch butterfly contributing to the overwintering Mexican population. Grasslands can have between 100-250 milkweed stems per acre. An acre of restored or enhanced grassland could potentially contribute 3 to 8 monarchs to the population.

How will the program directly involve, engage, and benefit BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) and diverse communities:

The goals of this program are specifically designed to improve wildlife habitat and public spaces for the benefit of all people regardless of race. Additionally, Pheasants Forever is undertaking an organization wide initiative to design, develop and implement a foundational plan to increase the inclusion of BIPOC communities inside and outside of our organization, and to ensure there's a sense of belonging among all people within Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever.

Activity Details

Requirements

If funded, this proposal 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:

At a minimum PF and/or MN DNR will notify local government in writing of the intent to acquire and donate lands to the state and follow up with questions prior to acquisition. In cases where there is interest, we will also indicate our willingness to attend or ask to attend county or township meetings to communicate our interest in the projects and seek support.

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

No

Describe the permanent protection and justification for additional protection:

A limited number of the parcels may have a federal or state easement on a portion of the tract which provides permanent protection for wetlands or grasslands. If a parcel has one of these encumbrances, and is still deemed a high priority by the partnership, we will follow guidance established by the Outdoor Heritage Fund to proceed, or use non-state funding to acquire the residual value of the protected portion of the property.

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

Where does the activity take place?

- WMA
- WPA
- Refuge Lands

Land Use

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

Yes

Explain what will be planted:

This proposal may include initial development plans or restoration plans to utilize farming to prepare previously farmed sites for native plant seeding. This is a standard practice across the Midwest to prepare the seedbed for native seed planting. In these restorations, PF's policy is to use non neonicotinoid treated seed and no herbicides other than glyphosate. On a small percentage of WMAs and HMAs, farming may be utilized to provide a winter food source for a variety of wildlife species in agriculture-dominated landscapes largely devoid of winter food sources. There are no immediate plans to use farming for winter food on any of the parcels in this proposal.

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:

No variation from State of Minnesota regulations.

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

Yes

Other OHF Appropriation Awards**Have you received OHF dollars in the past through LSOHC?**

Yes

Approp Year	Approp Amount Received	Amount Spent to Date	Leverage Reported in AP	Leverage Realized to Date	Acres Affected in AP	Acres Affected to Date	Complete/Final Report Approved?
2021	\$4,715,000	\$286,936	\$987,000	\$985,241	792	0	No
2020	\$3,322,000	\$1,011,798	\$195,000	\$532,855	540	519	No
2019	\$6,060,000	\$4,830,824	\$215,000	\$1,793,889	1,073	1,329	No
2018	\$5,740,000	\$5,536,733	\$412,000	\$1,394,226	1,030	1,254	No
2017	\$5,603,000	\$5,582,511	\$297,900	\$923,947	1,012	1,182	No
2016	\$5,229,000	\$5,151,696	\$196,800	\$1,442,625	680	1,102	No
2015	\$7,452,000	\$7,421,400	\$300,000	\$1,518,500	900	2,100	Yes
2014	\$10,350,000	\$10,143,078	\$342,000	\$1,329,604	1,362	1,773	Yes
2013	\$7,960,000	\$7,907,201	\$398,000	\$550,369	1,220	1,484	Yes
2012	\$3,300,000	\$3,237,672	\$330,000	\$534,136	550	638	Yes
2011	\$5,500,000	\$5,439,768	\$607,000	\$684,867	1,275	1,498	Yes
2010	\$3,015,000	\$3,014,821	\$525,000	\$501,000	900	1,020	Yes
2009	\$3,000,000	\$2,969,680	\$725,000	\$862,492	1,051	1,051	Yes

Timeline

Activity Name	Estimated Completion Date
Identify priority acquisitions	07/01/2023
Contract appraisals ordered	09/01/2023
Purchase agreements	02/01/2024
Re-evaluate tract priority	02/14/2023
Contract appraisals ordered	04/01/2023
Purchase agreements	09/01/2024
Close on tracts	01/01/2027
Restorations completed	06/30/2028

Budget**Totals**

Item	Funding Request	Antic. Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	\$180,000	-	-	\$180,000
Contracts	\$1,407,000	\$50,000	Federal, Private, PF	\$1,457,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	\$10,300,000	\$2,850,000	Federal, Private, PF	\$13,150,000
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	\$1,000,000	-	-	\$1,000,000
Easement Acquisition	-	-	-	-
Easement Stewardship	-	\$125,000	PF, Private	\$125,000
Travel	\$18,000	-	-	\$18,000
Professional Services	\$272,000	-	-	\$272,000
Direct Support Services	\$55,500	\$51,000	PF	\$106,500
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	\$206,000	-	-	\$206,000
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	-	-	-	-
Supplies/Materials	\$340,000	-	-	\$340,000
DNR IDP	\$102,000	-	-	\$102,000
Grand Total	\$13,880,500	\$3,076,000	-	\$16,956,500

Personnel

Position	Annual FTE	Years Working	Funding Request	Antic. Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
PF Field Staff	0.24	3.0	\$75,000	-	-	\$75,000
PF Grants Staff	0.22	3.0	\$75,000	-	-	\$75,000
PF State Coordinator - MN	0.08	3.0	\$30,000	-	-	\$30,000

Amount of Request: \$13,880,500**Amount of Leverage:** \$3,076,000**Leverage as a percent of the Request:** 22.16%**DSS + Personnel:** \$235,500**As a % of the total request:** 1.7%**Easement Stewardship:** -**As a % of the Easement Acquisition:** -**Describe and explain leverage source and confirmation of funds:**

Leverage is expected from multiple sources including but not limited to federal sources, land value donations, contractor donations and PF. Not every source is 100% confirmed at this point. However, PF has an exemplary track record of delivery and over-achievement of match commitments that further stretch OHF funding.

Does this proposal have the ability to be scalable?

Yes

If the project received 70% of the requested funding

Describe how the scaling would affect acres/activities and if not proportionately reduced, why?

If this project is reduced by 30% we would scale down all acres/activities and dollar amounts proportionately.

Describe how personnel and DSS expenses would be adjusted and if not proportionately reduced, why?

Personnel and DSS will be scaled down proportionately.

If the project received 50% of the requested funding

Describe how the scaling would affect acres/activities and if not proportionately reduced, why?

If this project is reduced by 50% we would scale down all acres/activities and dollar amounts proportionately.

Describe how personnel and DSS expenses would be adjusted and if not proportionately reduced, why?

Personnel and DSS will be scaled down proportionately.

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?

In general PF staffing is existing and only partially funded by OHF and specifically this request. Billing to any appropriation would only be for time spent on direct and necessary costs incurred as outlined in an Accomplishment Plan.

Contracts

What is included in the contracts line?

We anticipate that all of the contract funding will be used for restoration, enhancement, and initial development of the protected acres and \$30,000 for adjacent protected lands. This could include but is not limited to wetland/grassland restoration, tree removal, prescribed fire, building removal, posts, signs, and other development.

Fee Acquisition

What is the anticipated number of fee title acquisition transactions?

We anticipate 17 fee title acquisition transactions

Travel

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

No

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

n/a

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?

PF utilizes the Total Modified Direct Cost method. This methodology is annually approved by the U.S. Department of Interior's National Business Center as the basis for the organization's Indirect Cost Rate Agreement. PF's allowable direct support services cost is 3.97%. In this proposal, PF has discounted its rate to 2.5% of the sum of personnel, contracts, professional services, and travel. We are donating the difference-in-kind.

Federal Funds

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

Yes

Are the funds confirmed?

No

What is the approximate date you anticipate receiving confirmation of the federal funds?

07/01/2025

Output Tables**Acres by Resource Type (Table 1)**

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat	Total Acres
Restore	0	30	0	0	30
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	317	1,268	0	0	1,585
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	31	123	0	0	154
Protect in Easement	0	0	0	0	0
Enhance	0	0	0	0	0
Total	348	1,421	0	0	1,769

Total Requested Funding by Resource Type (Table 2)

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat	Total Funding
Restore	-	\$30,000	-	-	\$30,000
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$2,524,800	\$10,099,200	-	-	\$12,624,000
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	\$245,300	\$981,200	-	-	\$1,226,500
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$2,770,100	\$11,110,400	-	-	\$13,880,500

Acres within each Ecological Section (Table 3)

Type	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N. Forest	Total Acres
Restore	0	0	0	30	0	30
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	238	476	0	871	0	1,585
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	23	46	0	85	0	154
Protect in Easement	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enhance	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	261	522	0	986	0	1,769

Total Requested Funding within each Ecological Section (Table 4)

Type	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N. Forest	Total Funding
Restore	-	-	-	\$30,000	-	\$30,000
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$1,895,600	\$3,791,200	-	\$6,937,200	-	\$12,624,000
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	\$183,200	\$366,400	-	\$676,900	-	\$1,226,500
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$2,078,800	\$4,157,600	-	\$7,644,100	-	\$13,880,500

Average Cost per Acre by Resource Type (Table 5)

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat
Restore	-	\$1,000	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$7,964	\$7,964	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	\$7,912	\$7,977	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-

Average Cost per Acre by Ecological Section (Table 6)

Type	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N. Forest
Restore	-	-	-	\$1,000	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$7,964	\$7,964	-	\$7,964	-

Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	\$7,965	\$7,965	-	\$7,963	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-

Target Lake/Stream/River Feet or Miles

Outcomes

Programs in forest-prairie transition region:

- Protected, restored, and enhanced nesting and migratory habitat for waterfowl, upland birds, and species of greatest conservation need ~ *Parcels that increase the functionality of existing habitat will be acquired and restored to functioning wetlands with diverse upland prairie to serve as habitat for pollinators, resident and migratory game and non-game species. Lands will be transferred to the state as a WMA to provide accelerated wildlife habitat and public access, monitored by Minnesota DNR. Protected and restored acres will be measured against goals outlined in the "Minnesota's Wildlife Management Area Acquisition - The Next 50 Years" and the Minnesota Pheasant Action Plan 2020-2023.*

Programs in metropolitan urbanizing region:

- Protected habitats will hold wetlands and shallow lakes open to public recreation and hunting ~ *Parcels that increase the functionality of existing habitat will be acquired and restored to functioning wetlands with diverse upland prairie to serve as habitat for pollinators, resident and migratory game and non-game species. Lands will be transferred to the state as a WMA to provide accelerated wildlife habitat and public access, monitored by Minnesota DNR. Protected and restored acres will be measured against goals outlined in the "Minnesota's Wildlife Management Area Acquisition - The Next 50 Years" and the Minnesota Pheasant Action Plan 2020-2023.*

Programs in prairie region:

- Key core parcels are protected for fish, game and other wildlife ~ *Parcels that increase the functionality of existing habitat will be acquired and restored to functioning wetlands with diverse upland prairie to serve as habitat for pollinators, resident and migratory game and non-game species. Lands will be transferred to the state as a WMA to provide accelerated wildlife habitat and public access, monitored by Minnesota DNR. Protected and restored acres will be measured against goals outlined in the "Minnesota's Wildlife Management Area Acquisition - The Next 50 Years" and the Minnesota Pheasant Action Plan 2020-2023.*

Parcels

Sign-up Criteria?

No

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

Parcels are identified and strategically prioritized using the best science and decision support tools (e.g. HAPET Thunderstorm Maps) available. Preference is given to project sites that help deliver the goals of other recognized conservation initiatives and plans. Data layers (i.e. MN Biological Survey, Natural Heritage Database, MN Prairie Plan, Wellhead Protection Areas, Pheasant Action Plan, existing protected land, etc.) are used to help justify projects and focus areas as well as to inform decisions on top priorities for protection and restoration efforts.

Protect Parcels

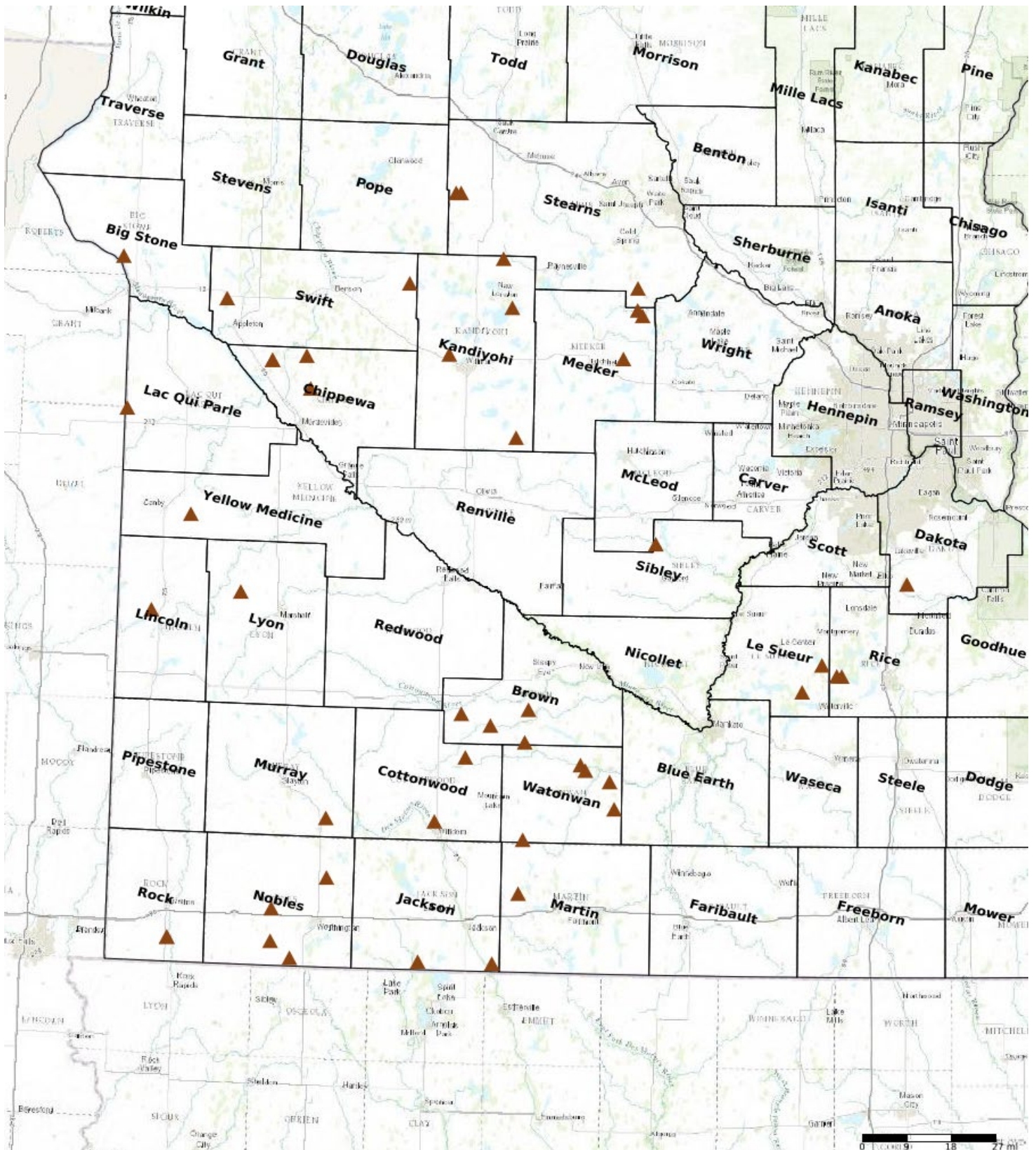
Name	County	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection
Big Stone WMA	Big Stone	12246218	80	\$300,000	Yes
Terri WMA Addition	Brown	10834215	152	\$160,000	Yes
Mulligan Slough WMA	Brown	10833235	37	\$150,000	No
Meadowlark Acres WMA	Brown	10933236	120	\$250,000	No
Vogel WMA Addition	Brown	10835203	156	\$600,000	No
New WMA	Chippewa	11940208	160	\$640,000	Yes
Benderberg WMA 17a	Chippewa	11941218	103	\$566,500	No
Benderberg WMA 17b	Chippewa	11941218	128	\$704,000	No
Numo WMA Addition	Chippewa	11840209	67	\$500,000	No
Rock Ridge WMA Addition	Cottonwood	10735214	59	\$125,000	Yes
Farhagen WMA Addition Tr. 2	Cottonwood	10536214	120	\$900,000	No
Chub Lake WMA Addition	Dakota	11320234	80	\$650,000	No
Minneota WMA Addition	Jackson	10136229	136	\$875,000	No
Petersburg WMA Addition	Jackson	10134226	116	\$650,000	Yes
Dalton Johnson WMA Addition	Kandiyohi	11733221	67	\$500,000	No
Rau Prairie Pothole WMA Addn	Kandiyohi	11935206	178	\$1,163,000	Yes
Dietrich Lange WMA	Kandiyohi	12133220	70	\$421,000	No
Regal Meadows WMA Addition	Kandiyohi	12234201	100	\$500,000	No
Salt Lake WMA Tract 8	Lac qui Parle	11746205	40	\$131,000	No
Murphy WMA Addn	Le Sueur	10923207	39	\$775,000	No
Ash or TBD WMA	Lincoln	11145207	240	\$1,000,000	No
Grandview WMA Addition	Lyon	11242219	160	\$1,136,000	No
Caron WMA Addition	Martin	10333222	140	\$940,000	No
Kingston WMA Addition	Meeker	12129227	40	\$160,000	No
Powers Lake WMA Addition	Meeker	11930201	260	\$900,000	No
Kingston WMA Addition	Meeker	12129221	40	\$180,000	No
Haberman WMA Addition	Murray	10539218	80	\$450,000	No
Bigelow WMA Addn	Nobles	10141225	150	\$825,000	No
Ransom Ridge WMA Addn	Nobles	10141208	130	\$528,000	No
Lambert Prairie WMA Addition	Nobles	10241208	75	\$650,000	No
Resurgence WMA	Nobles	10339207	148	\$812,130	No
Caron Lake WMA T4	Rice	11022229	277	\$1,075,000	No
Caron Lake WMA T3	Rice	11022228	110	\$603,000	No
TBD WMA	Rock	10145211	80	\$960,000	No
TBD WMA	Rock	10145211	40	\$480,000	No
High Island WMA	Sibley	11428230	207	\$600,000	No
Alice Hamm WMA Addition	Stearns	12229233	33	\$120,000	No
Mel Roehrl WMA Addition Tr. 4	Stearns	12435205	120	\$500,000	No
Mel Roehrl WMA Addition Tr. 3	Stearns	12435204	160	\$600,000	No
Monson WMA Addition	Swift	12237235	15	\$60,000	No

Shible WMA	Swift	12143222	147	\$200,000	No
Younger Brothers WMA Addition	Watonwan	10731226	70	\$325,000	No
Case Lake WMA Addn	Watonwan	10630235	75	\$525,000	No
Case Lake WMA Addn	Watonwan	10630203	108	\$810,000	No
Younger Brothers WMA Addition	Watonwan	10731222	40	\$200,000	No
Fossum WMA Addn	Watonwan	10533235	40	\$116,000	No
Upper Antelope Valley WMA Addition	Yellow Medicine	11444209	34	\$51,000	No

Protect Parcels with Buildings

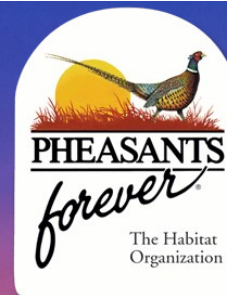
Name	County	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection	Buildings	Value of Buildings
Dora Lake WMA Addn	Le Sueur	11023214	172	\$650,000	Yes	2	\$201,400

Parcel Map



Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program

Phase XV



Funds Requested

\$13,880,500

Non-State Match

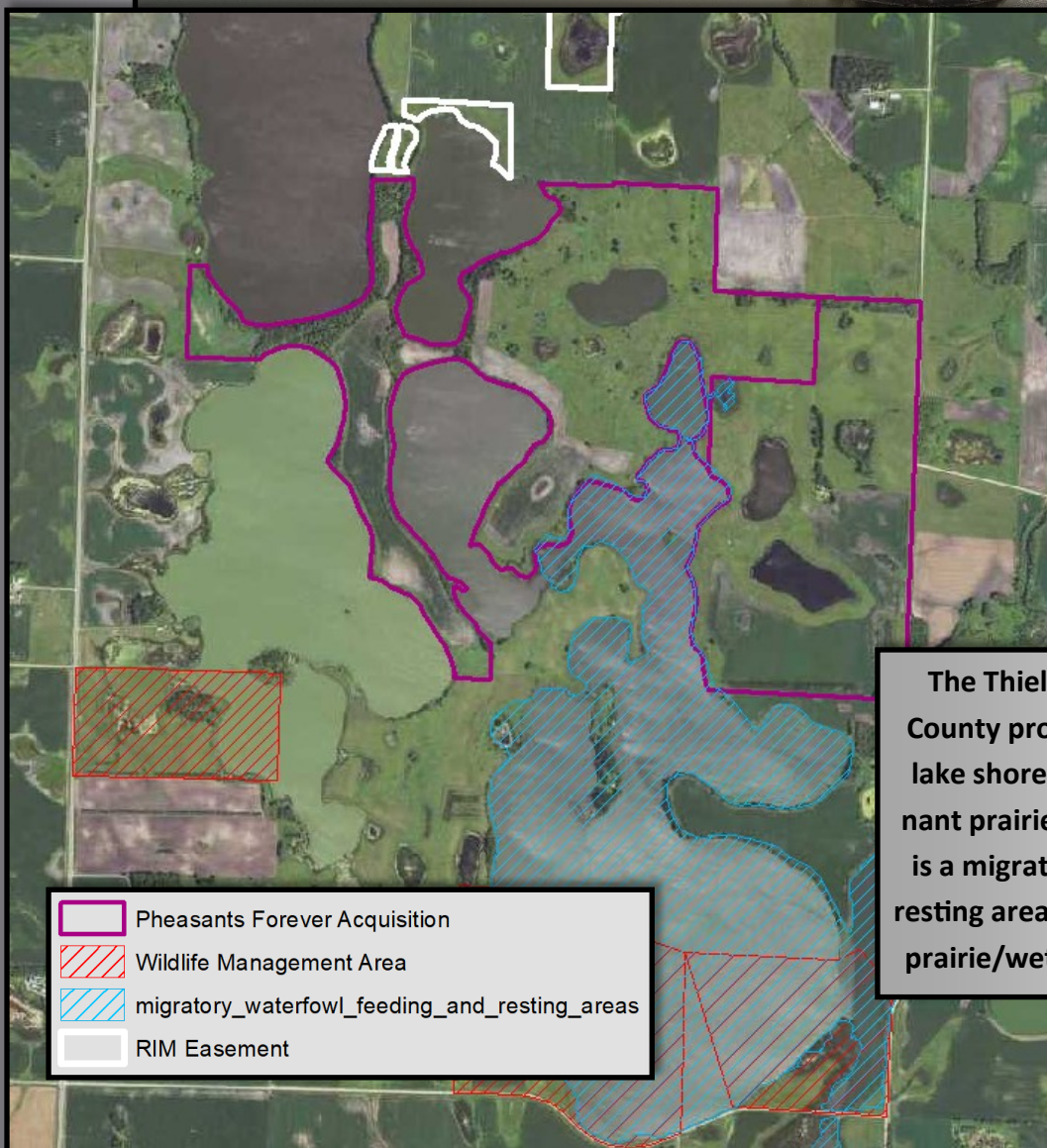
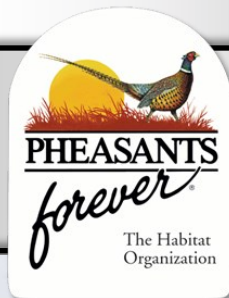
\$3,076,000

Protect and Restore

1,768 acres

Funding Phase Year	OHF Funding	OHF Spent	Balance	Match Proposed	Match Spent	Closed	Acres Proposed	Acres Acquired
Phase 1 (ML 2009)	\$3,000,000	\$2,969,680	\$30,320	\$725,000	\$862,492	5	1,051	1,051
Phase 2 (ML 2010)	\$3,015,000	\$3,014,821	\$179	\$525,000	\$501,000	9	900	1,020
Phase 3 (ML 2011)	\$5,500,000	\$5,439,768	\$60,232	\$607,000	\$684,867	11	1,275	1,498
Phase 4 (ML 2012)	\$3,300,000	\$3,237,672	\$62,328	\$330,000	\$534,136	7	550	638
Phase 5 (ML 2013)	\$7,960,000	\$7,907,201	\$52,799	\$398,000	\$550,369	11	1,220	1,484
Phase 6 (ML 2014)	\$10,350,000	\$10,143,078	\$206,922	\$342,000	\$1,329,604	8	1,362	1,773
Phase 7 (ML 2015)	\$7,452,000	\$7,421,400	\$30,600	\$300,000	\$1,518,500	16	900	2,100
Phase 8 (ML 2016)	\$5,229,000	\$5,151,696	\$77,304	\$196,800	\$1,442,625	5	680	1,102
Phase 9 (ML 2017)	\$5,603,000	\$5,582,511	\$20,489	\$297,900	\$923,947	9	1,012	1,182
Phase 10 (ML2018)	\$5,740,000	\$5,536,733	\$203,267	\$412,000	\$1,394,226	8	1,030	1,254
Phase 11 (ML2019)	\$6,060,000	\$4,830,824	\$1,229,176	\$215,000	\$1,793,889	11	1,073	1,329
Phase 12 (ML2020)	\$3,322,000	\$1,011,798	\$2,310,202	\$195,000	\$532,855	3	540	519
Phase 13 (ML2021)	\$4,715,000	\$286,936	\$4,428,064	\$987,000	\$985,241	1	792	35
Totals	\$71,246,000	\$62,534,118	\$8,711,882	\$5,530,700	\$13,053,751	104	12,385	14,985

Thielke Lake Wildlife Management Area



The Thielke Lake WMA in Bigstone County protects more the 6.5 miles of lake shore as well as 62 acres of remnant prairie. Additionally, Thielke Lake is a migratory waterfowl feeding and resting area, providing some of the best prairie/wetland habitat in Minnesota.