

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

2023 Southeast Wetland Restoration, Land Acquisition, Phase 2

ML 2023 Request for Funding

General Information

Date: 06/23/2022

Proposal Title: 2023 Southeast Wetland Restoration, Land Acquisition, Phase 2

Funds Requested: \$1,510,500

Manager Information

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Location Information

County Location(s): Blue Earth.

Eco regions in which work will take place:

• Prairie

Activity types:

• Protect in Fee

Priority resources addressed by activity:

- Wetlands
- Prairie
- Habitat

Narrative

Abstract

The City of Mankato is looking to restore a varied ecosystem that includes wetland restoration, upland prairie establishment, and stream improvements. A minimum of a 100 acre area would provide habitat that supports a diverse mix of plants and animals and will allow for different types of outdoor sporting opportunities. The project is a unique opportunity for habitat establishment and protection in an urbanizing area that will provide lasting benefits for region. The City is in the process of acquiring the first of four parcels necessary for a successful project.

Design and Scope of Work

The project will restore a complex habitat of approximately 42 acres of drained wetland and minimum of 58 acres of upland buffer that will provide habitat and outdoor sporting and recreational opportunities. Additionally this project will stormwater on the landscape that will have a positive impact on the receiving stream by establishing a more uniform flow and improving the potential of future aquatic habitat. By storing the water on the landscape a variety of wetland and upland plant communities can be established. These varied communities will provide the habitats necessary for the various stages of life for waterfowl, grassland birds and other wildlife that thrive in these conditions. Because of the alterations to the landscape that have been made over time to drain the wetland basin, significant grading and drainage improvements will need to be made. These improvements will ensure that the proper hydrology is maintained and allow for adequate drainage to protect downstream ecology. Work will include grading to remove the drainage ditch, installation of storm sewer from urban stormwater treatment facilities and structural controls to optimize the water levels in the basin. In order to establish the highest value habitat and prevent negative impacts to neighboring landowners, acquisition of the restorable wetland basin and upland that is directly hydraulically active with this basin will be completed. Native vegetation will be established to promote habitat diversity. This project will also provide sporting and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors to observe and enjoy the divers plant and wildlife community that this type of habitat will promote. Though this connection, education on how restoration and improvements such as this one provide a positive impact on the ecosystem while being contextually sensitive to the surrounding agricultural production and urbanization area. By developing the understanding that habitat, recreational activities and agricultural production can exist together in harmony, an increase in public support and acceptance of these types of restoration projects can be achieved. Currently the City is in the process of purchasing one of the four parcels that will make up the completed project. Funding that as previously been provided will allow for the purchase of the first parcel. Additional funding is need to to acquire the remaining land. The overall project is estimated to be 100 acres but may be more depending on the final size of the parcels acquired. As a part of the purchase process staff has been working with the property owners to ensure that the final parcel shape is conducive row crop production.

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?

The project has the potential to create approximately 42 acres of types 1, 2, and 3 wetland. Opportunities may exist to create type 4 and 7 wetlands as well. A minimum of an additional 58 acres of land will provide upland buffer and remove land from crop production that would be directly impacted by the restoration of the wetlands. A minimum of 100 acres of agriculture land would be restored to grassland and wetland to provide an exceptional habitat for a variety of species to thrive. By offering different types of wetland and grassland habitat various waterfowl and grassland wildlife that thrives in this setting is expected to be attracted to this site. By interconnecting several different types of ecosystems into one large complex a higher success of breeding rates is expected. The success will be achieved by allows access to various environments throughout the stages of life. A

thriving, diverse community of wildlife will allow sporting and recreational users of this site to have an enjoyable, unique natural experience.

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

This project is seen as a high priority for the City of Mankato. The restorable wetland complex forms the upper portion of the Indian Creek watershed and is in an area that is positioned for future urban development. This area has suffered large scale erosion, flooding and vegetation loss due to drainage of the wetland and continued manipulation of the landscape. The acquisition of this property will prevent it from being developed or further manipulated and will allow for the restoration of this wetland providing storage of water on the landscape. Storing water on the landscape will improve not only the wetland and upland habitats created, but aquatic habitats of the receiving stream as well.

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 wetland complex is identified as restorable in the Blue Earth County Water Management Plan, and is highlighted in the Greenprint section of the plan. A land use planning approach was used to identify Greenprint priority areas based on the ability to provide multiple aquatic and natural resource benefits. An inventory of aquatic and natural resources, sensitive features, land cover, floodplains, rivers, streams, lakes, wetlands, rare plant and animal habitat, sensitive geology, park lands, and protected or publicly-owned lands was followed by an analysis of their landscape position, proximity and connectivity in four landscape settings - river corridors, shallow bedrock and karst, lake shoreland and wetland complexes. These diverse landscape settings, natural resources and hydrologic conditions were combined to make the Greenprint. The downstream receiving stream of this proposed restoration site has identified MHs38c Red Oak – Sugar Maple – Basswood – (Bitternut Hickory) Forest as shown on the Blue Earth County map for the Mn County Biological Survey. The project will allow for the restoration of a large, varied type wetland complex. The types of wetland that can be established on the site included Types 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7. Wetland complexes such as this provide habitat for most types of birds and waterfowl as well as other wildlife species and many forms of aquatic life. This project has the ability to provide both direct and non-direct connections. The habitat structure, proximity and connectivity are important for terrestrial wildlife habitat to provide support throughout all stages of life.

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

- H5 Restore land, wetlands and wetland-associated watersheds
- H7 Keep water on the landscape

Which two other plans are addressed in this proposal?

• Other : Blue Earth County Water Management Plan 2017-2026 Greenprint section

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

This project is identified in the Blue Earth County Water Management Plan 2017-2026 Greenprint section and the value of the project to the regional ecosystem is recognized by the City of Mankato. Because of this the City has undertaken the initiative to secure outside funding to make implementation of this project possible. The project will provide benefits not only for wildlife through habitat creation, but will also be a major step in demonstrating the value of a project that will in the long term improve water quality and downstream habitats. The program

aligns with the City's goals to be a steward of the natural and built environment and elevates the position of restored ecology for habitat, wildlife and overall ecosystem health at the river and the outle of the westland stream course.

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

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:

Land acquired for this project by the City of Mankato would be fee title with associated recorded funding restrictions. The City would take the extra step of placing additional restrictions, if necessary, on the property to ensure that it remains a natural area in perpetuity. By taking this step the City is demonstrating its commitment to maintain this unique habitat so that it can be enjoyed into the future. The establishment of this habitat will allow for sporting and outdoor recreational operatuties such as fishing, hunting, natural observation and educational activities. Such improvements will allow for generation to observe and appreciate nature in a setting that places it in harmony with agricultural production and urban development. The protection of this habitat and by demonstrating that that habitat and other land sues can exist in harmony it will help further an appreciation of the value of land in southern Minnesota and how it can support many positive outcomes.

What other fund may contribute to this proposal?

• Other

Does this proposal include leveraged funding?

Yes

Explain the leverage:

Leveraged funds for this project include City of Mankato Sales Tax funds, in-kind services through long term maintenance of the project by the City of Mankato, and the opportunity to partner with Minnesota State University - Mankato for educational activities.

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.

The City of Mankato is an LGU and not a State Agency.

Non-OHF Appropriations

Year	Source	Amount
2022	City of Mankato Stormwater funds	412000

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

The ongoing maintenance of this project will be provided through the City of Mankato's stormwater utility fee and through general fund expenditures. Any recreational opportunities that are implemented as a part of this project will be operated and maintained through the City's Public Works budget for parks. All maintenance and upkeep

related to other activities outside of recreation opportunities would be address through the City's stormwater program. The City also foresees partner opportunities with Minnesota State University- Mankato Water Resource Center and other programs for education and observation.

Year	Source of Funds	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
2025	Stormwater	Native vegetation	Non-Native Vegetation	Hydraulic control
		management	management	structure inspection
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		management	management	structure inspection
2025	Stromwater	Native vegetation	Non-Native Vegetation	Hydraulic control
		management	management	structure inspection
2026	Park	Misc. recreational	-	-
		maintenance		
2027	Stormwater	-	Spot Non-Native	Hydraulic control
			Vegetation	structure inspection
			management	
2028	Parks/ Stormwater	Misc. recreational	Spot Non-Native	Hydraulic control
		maintenance	Vegetation	structure inspection
			management	

Actions to Maintain Project Outcomes

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

The habitat created with this project will support the plant and wildlife communities associated with type 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7 wetlands and native prairie upland. Secondary effects of the project may included improvement in aquatic habitat in the receiving stream through the establishment of continuous base flow and the elimination of high flows followed by no flow.

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

This project is located in an area that is near the the highest concentration of black or African Americans living in Mankato. Between 4.89-13.33% of households living in the area immediately to the north of the site are black or African American. Additionally, 38.78-47.69% of households living in the area immediately to the north of the site have a housing cost burden where they are paying more than 30% of their household income on housing. This project would also serve many residents who are in the poverty rate, as the area immediately to the north of the site has a poverty rate of between 28.17-43.06%. Maps showing these areas, and the rates are included with the application

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 <u>be formally sought**</u> prior to acquisition, per 97A.056 subd 13(j)?

Yes

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

Land Use

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

Is this land currently open for hunting and fishing?

Yes

Describe any variation from the State of Minnesota regulations:

The land is currently in row crop production in Mankato Township. Hunting rules for private property outside of city limits would apply. There is not a history of hunting on the property.

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

Yes

Describe any variation from the State of Minnesota regulations:

The land will be open to hunting and fishing after the restoration is complete. Fishing would follow state regulations. Hunting would follow City of Mankato ordinances.

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? Yes

Describe the types of trails or roads and the allowable uses:

Passive access paths may be developed on the site for access to features. Such paths would be mowed grass or wood chip surface depending on amount of use. Access and enjoyment of the area is to be minimally invasive. Access to any water control structures will also need to be developed to ensure proper maintenance.

How will maintenance and monitoring be accomplished?

Management of the area will be overseen by the Public Works Operations Division. This would include vegetation management, trails and access. This work would be in conformance with the City of Mankato's Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan. Water control structures would be managed by the Public Works Infrastructure Division.

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?	
2020	\$1,351,000	-	\$335,000	-	0	0	No	
Timeline								

Activity Name	Estimated Completion Date

Proposal #: WA01

Complete Phase 1 land acquisition	October 2022
Temporary stabilization vegetation	October 2022
Appraisals and land negations for Phase 2 land acquisition	January 2023
Complete Phase 2 land acquisition	October 2023
Temporary stabilization vegetation	October 2023

Budget

Totals

Item	Funding Request	Antic. Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	\$108,000	\$27,100	Local Option Sales Tax	\$135,100
Contracts	\$150,000	\$50,000	Local Option Sales Tax	\$200,000
Fee Acquisition w/	\$1,200,000	\$300,000	Local Option Sales Tax	\$1,500,000
PILT				
Fee Acquisition w/o	-	-	-	-
PILT				
Easement Acquisition	-	-	-	-
Easement	-	-	-	-
Stewardship				
Travel	-	-	-	-
Professional Services	\$45,000	\$15,000	Local Option Sales Tax	\$60,000
Direct Support	\$7,500	\$2,500	Local Option Sales Tax	\$10,000
Services				
DNR Land Acquisition	-	-	-	-
Costs				
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Equipment/Tools				
Supplies/Materials	-	-	-	-
DNR IDP	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	\$1,510,500	\$394,600	-	\$1,905,100

Personnel

Position	Annual FTE	Years	Funding	Antic.	Leverage	Total
		Working	Request	Leverage	Source	
Senior	0.15	1.5	\$63,800	\$16,000	Local Option	\$79,800
Engineering					Sales Tax	
Technician						
Assistant City	0.1	1.5	\$44,200	\$11,100	Local Option	\$55,300
Engineer					Sales Tax	

Amount of Request: \$1,510,500 Amount of Leverage: \$394,600 Leverage as a percent of the Request: 26.12% DSS + Personnel: \$115,500 As a % of the total request: 7.65% Easement Stewardship: -As a % of the Easement Acquisition: -

Describe and explain leverage source and confirmation of funds:

The leverage source is the City of Mankato's local options sales tax that was approved for regional water storage and regional recreational improvements. Approximately \$500,00 has been identified for this project.

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? 2 of 3 remaining parcels would be acquired. The final parcel would need to be acquired with additional funding

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

Personnel time would be proportionately reduced.

If the project received 50% of the requested funding

Describe how the scaling would affect acres/activities and if not proportionately reduced, why? 1 or possibility 2 of the 3 required parcels would be acquired at 50%.

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

Personnel expenses would be reduced 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?

Staff cost were requested in the past in anticipation of final design. Engineering design or construction was not part of the previous award and no staff costs were realized.

Contracts

What is included in the contracts line?

Seeding and vegetation establishment for the former row crop land that is being acquired. This would allow the land to be taken out of production and stabilize the soil.

Fee Acquisition

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

Direct Support Services

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

Estimated on cost per FTE as a portion of the City of Mankato Public Works - Engineering budget. Costs include support from other City functional areas for IT support, payment processing and general government activities to support the Engineering Staff.

Federal Funds

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

Output Tables

Acres by Resource Type (Table 1)

Туре	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat	Total Acres
Restore	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	29	41	0	0	70
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Easement	0	0	0	0	0
Enhance	0	0	0	0	0
Total	29	41	0	0	70

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

Туре	Native Prairie (acres)
Restore	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	70
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	0
Protect in Easement	0
Enhance	0
Total	70

Total Requested Funding by Resource Type (Table 2)

Туре	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat	Total Funding
Restore	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$619,300	\$891,200	-	-	\$1,510,500
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$619,300	\$891,200	-	-	\$1,510,500

Acres within each Ecological Section (Table 3)

Туре	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N. Forest	Total Acres
Restore	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	0	0	70	0	70
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Easement	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enhance	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	70	0	70

Total Requested Funding within each Ecological Section (Table 4)

Туре	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N. Forest	Total Funding
Restore	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	\$1,510,500	-	\$1,510,500
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	\$1,510,500	-	\$1,510,500

Average Cost per Acre by Resource Type (Table 5)

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Restore	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$21,355	\$21,736	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-

Average Cost per Acre by Ecological Section (Table 6)

Туре	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N. Forest
Restore	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State	-	-	-	\$21,578	-
PILT Liability					
Protect in Fee w/o State	-	-	-	-	-
PILT Liability					
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-

Target Lake/Stream/River Feet or Miles

Indian Creek, Blue Earth River, Minnesota River (0, 2.4, 3.5 miles)

Outcomes

Programs in prairie region:

• Protected, restored, and enhanced shallow lakes and wetlands ~ Wetland monitoring will take place for a minimum of 3 years, and up to 10 years, depending on the types of wetlands established. This will determine the number of final acres that are restored within the wetland complex. Additional partnering may be practical with MnDNR to introduce select species of wildlife to this area depending on the final configuration of the ecosystem.

Parcels

Sign-up Criteria?

No

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

The Blue Earth County Water plan, Green Print section identified drained, restorable wetlands within the county. The average annual surface water elevation of the restored wetland was also calculated. The upland buffer was determined to be all land that would be 4 feet above the water surface elevation. This determination was made so that any drain tile that currently drain to this wetland would continue to have a free tail water and not be impacted by the restoration of the wetland. The parcels listed below contain both restoration areas and upland areas and portions of the parcels are needed to accomplish the project. Based on final negotiations with landowners, partial parcels may not be desired to be sold and full parcel acquisition may be required. The minimum parcel acquisition for the project is provided. Property owners are aware of this project. Using existing funding the first of 4 parcels is being acquired. The three that remain to complete the full habitat restoration will be acquired with future funding. Portions of parcels that are being acquired will be done with local funds to facilitate a property swap other landowners do not want to have a reduction in productive acres.

Restore / Enhance Parcels

Name	County	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection
R43.09.29.400.001	Blue Earth	10826229	20	\$500,000	No
R43.09.28.300.002	Blue Earth	10826228	10	\$250,000	No
R43.09.29.300.003	Blue Earth	10826229	30	\$750,000	No



Protect in Easement
Protect in Fee with PILT
Protect in Fee W/O PILT
Restore
Enhance
Other





Housing Cost Burden -







Override 1 HousingCostBurden



0-29.28% Paying>30%

38.78-47.69% Paying>30%

47.69-58.44% Paying>30%

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29.28-38.78% Paying>30%

Race/Ethnicity - Black or African American alone (not Hispanic)



May 24, 2022

Override 1



BlackAfricanAmericanAlone



Poverty Rate -



>43.06% Poverty







17.64-28.17% Poverty

PovertyRate

0-9.21% Poverty

28.17-43.06% Poverty



RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE LESSARD-SAMS OUTDOOR HERITAGE COUNCIL OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND FOR THE SOUTHEAST WATER QUALITY PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) is charged with making annual recommendations to the Minnesota Legislature for appropriations from the Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF); and

WHEREAS, the council currently estimates approximately \$100 million will be available for appropriation recommendations from the Outdoor Heritage Fund in fiscal year 2024 (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024); and

WHEREAS, the Call for Funding Request is open to all who want to apply, with an application deadline of May 26, 2022; and

WHEREAS, city staff have determined Southeast Water Quality Project may qualify for funding under this program and will prepared the required proposal and supporting documentation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council for the City of Mankato that the City Manager be and hereby is authorized to execute and submit a proposal for funding to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and without further publication.

Dated this 25th day of April 2022.

Najwa Massad, Mayor

Attest:

Renae Kopischke, City Clerk



AGENDA RECOMMENDATION

Consent Calendar 6. J.

City Council Regular Meeting Meeting Date: 04/25/2022

Agenda Item:

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council for an Outdoor Heritage Fund Grant for the Southeast Water Quality Project.

Recommendation/Action(s):

Adoption of the attached resolution.

Summary:

The Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council was established by the legislature with the responsibility of providing annual funding recommendations to the legislature from the Outdoor Heritage Fund. The Outdoor Heritage Fund, one of four funds created by the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment, receives one-third of the money raised by the tax increase.

The Council ensures recommendations that are consistent with the Constitution and state law and that take into consideration the outcomes of, but not limited to, the Minnesota Conservation and Preservation Plan, that directly relates to the restoration, protection, and enhancement of wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife, prevent forest fragmentation, encourage forest consolidation, and expand restored native prairie.

The Council currently estimates approximately \$100 million will be available for appropriation recommendations from the Outdoor Heritage Fund in fiscal year 2024 (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024).

The application is due on May 26, 2022. This project is competitive and is based on the funding priorities set by the Council. Projects will be selected in the fall of 2022. These selections will be recommended for approval in the 2023 legislative session and, if approved, funding will be available in July of 2023.

The City of Mankato was awarded approximately \$1.5 million in the FY 2021 allocation. This funding will be used for land acquisition of restorable wetland. Staff are currently in the process of finalizing land purchases. This work is anticipated to be completed at the end of the growing season in 2022.

This submitted request would ask for \$1.4 million to fully restore the approximately 100 acres of wetland and upland prairie. This is 80% of the anticipated total cost of the project.

The Water Quality Mitigation Project would complement the Prairie Section Vision by providing a vital area for waterfowl, grassland birds and other wildlife dependent on native and restored prairies, shallow lakes, wetlands, and grasslands. This project directly meets the priority action by being able to protect, enhance, or restore existing wetland/upland complexes, or convert agricultural lands to new wetland/upland habitat complexes.

Attachments

Resolution