Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Minnesota Heritage Forest - Transition to Public Ownership Program

Laws of Minnesota 2024 Accomplishment Plan

General Information

Date: 05/05/2026

Project Title: Minnesota Heritage Forest - Transition to Public Ownership Program

Funds Recommended: $22,647,000

Legislative Citation: ML 2024, Ch. 106, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3(a)

Appropriation Language: $22,647,000 the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire priority forest habitat lands in fee as wildlife management areas, scientific and natural areas, state forests, and county forests. Of this amount, $11,737,000 is for an agreement with Northern Waters Land Trust.

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Location Information

County Location(s): Hubbard, Crow Wing, Wadena, Becker, Koochiching, St. Louis, Aitkin, Cass, Beltrami, Itasca and Carlton.

Eco regions in which work will take place:

Northern Forest

Activity types:

Protect in Fee

Priority resources addressed by activity:

Forest

Wetlands

Habitat

Narrative

Abstract

The Minnesota's Heritage Forest – Transition to Public Ownership Program is focused on the protection of forest lands in northern Minnesota by purchasing land from The Conservation Fund (TCF) for permanent conservation, management and protection by MN DNR and northern MN Counties. In 2020 TCF purchased more than 72,000 acres of forest land Minnesota from the PotlatchDeltic Corp., securing these lands to provide time for conservation partners to permanently conserve these forest lands. DNR seeks to purchase 10,688 acres in fee and Northern Waters Land Trust (NWLT) 7,680 acres to transfer to Counties.

Design and Scope of Work

TCF indicated that their purchase from the PotlatchDeltic Corp. is to provide time for permanent conservation with partners. DNR's goal is to protect water quality and wildlife habitat while also preserving working forestlands, safeguarding jobs, contributing to local economies, increasing climate resiliency, and public access. DNR's Heritage Forest Project focuses on forest and habitat protection located in the northern forest region. Working with partners, DNR has implemented a four-phase project plan: Phase 1 (2021-2022) – interdisciplinary team applies DNR's Strategic Land Asset Management metrics to all TCF-owned parcels; engagement with Tribes, Counties and conservation partners. Phase 2 (2022) – DNR staff worked directly with county leaders to apply local expertise & coordination. Phase 3 (2022-2023) – refined priority parcel lists; seek county and Tribal support; develop acquisition strategy including funding proposals; work with NWLT to coordinate acquisitions with Counties and Tribes; complete appraisal for DNR proposed parcels. Phase 4 (2024-2028) – acquire parcels.
Many of the Heritage Forest lands are near DNR-managed lands, including existing State Forests. Some lands are suitable for DNR acquisition/management for various conservation purposes (State Forests, WMAs, & SNAs): working forests, protection of important, rare, or diminishing habitats and native plant communities and public access. DNR is working with Counties who have identified parcels for ownership and parcel lists are being refined with NWLT coordination. This project systematically evaluates, prioritizes, and (if approved) will acquire parcels for DNR management with significant local and Tribal input. NWLT is currently using OHF grants for wildlife habitat and tullibee watershed protection and has already completed "bargain sale" transactions, purchasing and transferring more than 1,600 acres from TCF to Hubbard County and DNR for permanent protection. With completion of DNR's Phase I, NWLT has been coordinating with Counties and Tribes to identify parcels for acquisition. Lands of interest expand/connect core habitat, address access, support local timber/recreation based economies, protect waters, support climate adaptations/resiliency, and protect critical habitat. Counties selected parcels for strategic reasons including: (1) consolidation/adjacency to County lands (2) securing/improving public access (3) securing/improving forest management access. NWLT will acquire parcels prioritized by Counties, then transfer parcels to each county for permanent ownership.
Parcels strategically identified for acquisition are large forest blocks threatened by conversion and/or parcelization. Nearly 7.5 million acres (44%) of MN's forests are privately-owned and at risk of fragmentation/conversion. MN has had some of the highest conversion rates in the U.S., with the highest in North Central MN. Protection work achieves multiple benefits by conserving critical habitat, maintaining forested land cover essential for high water quality/quantity and sustaining the forested landscape critical for local

timber/tourism jobs. This work is critical to conserving wildlife that require large intact forests and provides permanent protection for wildlife that inhabit these landscapes. By protecting forests, we protect drinking water, recharge aquifers, reduce nutrients/sediments to lakes and streams, sustain fisheries and mitigate climate change. Protection of forested land is critical for local economies.

Explain how the plan addresses habitat protection, restoration, and/or enhancement for fish, game & wildlife, including threatened or endangered species conservation

The predominant threat for wildlife Species in Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) and protected species is habitat degradation, loss and fragmentation. Maintaining intact and healthy forest habitat, especially large contiguous tracts, reduces stressors on these populations. Permanently protecting parcels in this proposal as public land maintains core forested areas and connectivity and increases the resilience of these areas to a changing climate, invasive species and other habitat threats. The proposed project uses science-based targeting methods to leverage and expand existing habitat corridors and complexes, reduce fragmentation and protect areas identified as priorities in several plans and conservation initiatives, including the MN County Biological Survey. DNR formed a statewide team with land acquisition/management experts from all DNR Divisions to apply and assess the DNR's GIS-based Strategic Land Asset Management metrics to all TCF-owned parcels to expand protection of large habitat blocks and corridors. The priority tracts of forest land and habitat targeted for protection have some, if not all, of the following traits: are currently unprotected inholdings; large tracts identified by the MN County Biological Survey (including sites of high quality biodiversity significance); corridors and habitat identified by the State Wildlife Action Plan as significant; presence of rare species and Species in Conservation Need or the habitat that support those species; located in a strategic habitat complex and adjacent to other protected land so that complexes can be protected and management improved. In addition, we consult with local and regional watershed/landscape planning efforts: TNC's Multiple Benefit Analysis and Resilient Lands Mapping Tool, DNR's Forest Action Plan, PCA's watershed plans, One Watershed One Plans, MFRC's Regional Landscape Plans, SNA Strategic Land Protection Plan, and Landscape Stewardship Plans.
Targeted habitats of our proposal include: upland forests, forested wetlands, non-forested wetlands and stream and lake shoreline. Protection of these lands provides critical habitat for key forest game species including upland birds, white-tail deer, moose, black bear, fisher, pine marten and waterfowl as well as songbird and other non-game wildlife species. In total, this proposal supports habitat protection with significant value for nearly 200 Species in Greatest Conservation Need.

What are the elements of this plan that are critical from a timing perspective?

TCF purchased lands in 2020 providing 10 yrs (2030) for permanent conservation; working with Tribes and public agencies first then shifting to private buyers. DNR will begin the fair-market appraisal summer 2023 (bonding funds), then complete one bulk purchase transaction. NWLT will begin their appraisal when funds are available. Both will be ready to utilize OHF when funds are available summer 2024 to complete acquisitions. DNR/NWLT will reduce the time TCF holds lands to acquire at the lowest cost and maximize use of State funds.
NWLT is currently using OHF grants to acquire and convey TCF lands for habitat/watershed protection through partnering with Crow Wing SWCD in 2021 & using NWLT's existing OHF. By May 2023 NWLT will have assisted/purchased 2,000 ac. from TCF in 4 separate transactions, all below fair market value. These "bargain sales" purchase price range from 25%-43% below appraised values.

Describe how the plan expands habitat corridors or complexes and/or addresses habitat fragmentation:

A serious and significant threat to MN's northern forests is conversion for other uses: the MN Forest Resources Council has identified parcelization as "the single most important policy issue affecting the economic and ecological

health of the state's forests". The OHF: 25 Year Framework cites that "forest land has been converted to other uses…at a rate of 3,600 acres per year". The MN Forest Vision recommends that the "forest land base is enlarged and protected through permanent conservation easements and fee title acquisition" & "contiguous forest complexes should be protected and enlarged...and there should be focus to protect areas with high game populations and high levels of biodiversity". The State Wildlife Action Plan reports that "activities that fragment or degrade habitats can independently or in conjunction with invasive species reduce biological diversity" & "Habitat degradation, loss, and fragmentation are the predominant stressors impacting SGCN populations. Habitats with higher biological diversity and that are less fragmented are expected to have greater climate change resiliency than are systems with lower biological diversity and greater fragmentation." Protection of proposed lands reduces habitat loss/fragmentation & maintains forest habitat complexes. This project would expand permanently protected habitat complexes & avoid habitat conversion/development/fragmentation/degradation. The MN Heritage Forest project provides enhanced connectivity between conservation lands. A key strategy for climate change mitigation is providing corridors/connectivity between different biomes/microclimates allowing species to migrate to find suitable habitats that replace former habitats lost as the climate changes. However, many species may not be able to migrate over developed/cultivated land; providing habitat corridors for species movement benefits their ability to relocate. The MN Statewide Conservation & Preservation Plan says "forest fragmentation reduces resiliency and habitat quality for wildlife including species such as bears and wolves which need large tracts of undeveloped land". The Plan identifies the critical need "to increase forest ecosystem resilience through maintenance of large blocks of forested land and forest resource health. This requires protection of forestlands against conversion to other uses, and conservation of working forestland resources through sustainable management."

Which top 2 Conservation Plans referenced in MS97A.056, subd. 3a are most applicable to this project?

Minnesota's Wildlife Action Plan 2015-2025

Outdoor Heritage Fund: A 25 Year Framework

Explain how this plan will uniquely address habitat resilience to climate change and its anticipated effects on game, fish & wildlife species utilizing the protected or restored/enhanced habitat this proposal targets.

The project enhances habitat resiliency to climate change by incorporating resources & tools developed by the State, land conservation organizations, forest ecologists, aquatic biologists, environmental analysts, climate experts & engaged community members. By prioritizing areas for conservation, identifying vulnerable species & incorporating best practices, this proposal protects & enhances habitats crucial to the resilience of game, fish & wildlife species. The MN State Wildlife Action Plan uses SGCN population viability & richness, spatially prioritized MN Biological Survey Sites of Biodiversity Significance, Lakes of biological Significance & Stream Indices of Biological Integrity to score areas. The project includes areas that score highly, indicating an elevated need for habitat protection. The permanent protection of forest land will contribute to the protection of habitat by expanding protected core areas & corridors of forested habitat directly benefiting the 198 SGCN in the project area & maintaining essential migratory habitat for species dependent on intact high biodiversity.

Which LSOHC section priorities are addressed in this program?

Northern Forest

Provide access to manage habitat on landlocked public properties or protect forest land from parcelization and fragmentation through fee acquisition, conservation or access easement

Outcomes

Programs in the northern forest region:

Forestlands are protected from development and fragmentation ~ *This project will permanently protect 18,368 acres of northern forest and riparian areas including wetlands, streams, shoreland, small lakes and ponds. All northern forest parcels included in this proposal are at high risk of fragmentation and conversion. Forest protection activities will be assessed, management planning required/documented and properties monitored. Forest composition will be inventoried; wildlife populations will be monitored.*

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 request would fund new projects that would not be funded and implemented without this appropriation. No funds would be supplanted.

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

Lands acquired by DNR will become part of the Minnesota State Forest system, Wildlife Management Area (WMA) system, and Scientific and Natural Area (SNA) system. Fee acquisition increases management efficiency through improved access for habitat management and consolidation of existing state lands. Funding for management comes from the Forest Management Investment Account and General Fund. Funding for management of SNAs comes from OHF, ENRTF, RIM/critical habitat license plates, and infrequently from bonding, or other appropriations. Funding for management of WMAs comes from a variety of sources.
Lands acquired by Counties will become part of their respectively owned and managed forest land portfolios, increasing management efficiency and public access. Funding for management of these lands comes from various County-identified sources.

Actions to Maintain Project Outcomes

Year	Source of Funds	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
annually/perpetually	various other sources	lands are managed by DNR and Counties	-	-
2025	OHF	DNR and NWLT complete acquisitions; NWLT transfers ownership of lands to respective Counties	-	-
2024	OHF	NWLT conducts appraisal for NWLT proposed lands	DNR and NWLT begin acquisitions	-
2023	bonding	DNR conducts independent fair market appraisal for DNR proposed lands	-	-

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

This project will benefit BIPOC communities throughout the entire state of Minnesota by permanently protecting ecosystem services that provide clean drinking water, productive habitat, clean air, climate change mitigation, sedimentation/erosion control, and public recreational opportunities. Specific project scoring and implementation efforts benefit BIPOC and diverse communities through recreational opportunities that are close-to-home, culturally responsive and accessible to Minnesotans of all abilities.

The Environmental Protection Agency has developed an environmental justice mapping and screening tool. This tool indicates several of the proposed parcels fall within areas identified as environmental justice areas of concern. Demographic indicators used are: percent low-income, percent people of color, less than high school education, linguistic isolation, age under 5 and over 64. Protecting these lands mitigates some of the environmental justice concerns for at-risk populations.
NWLT and DNR have prioritized building relations with the Sovereign Tribal Nations in Northern Minnesota. Establishing strong relationships and partnerships takes time and commitment. NWLT and DNR directly included Minnesota's Sovereign Tribal Nations in the parcel prioritization process for this proposal. Project outreach and engagement with Minnesota's Sovereign Tribal Nations will continue to be a priority as this project continues.
The DNR has diversity, equity and inclusion strategies that benefit all Outdoor Heritage Fund projects including: public engagement that seeks out BIPOC voices and involves diverse communities, outreach and marketing of projects has this focus as well; and partnerships are at the center of all projects. NWLT unites people from all backgrounds and cultures through water stewardship. NWLT does this by cultivating a conservation ethic and directly engaging all people in practical solutions through volunteer opportunities, informative workshops, and land conservation.

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)?**
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, either by the proposer or the end owner of the property, outside of the initial restoration of the land?
No

Will insecticides or fungicides (including neonicotinoid and fungicide treated seed) be used within any activities of this program either in the process of restoration or use as food plots?
No

Is this land currently open for hunting and fishing?
Yes

Describe any variation from the State of Minnesota regulations:
The land is privately owned and public access can be restricted by the landowner.

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

Describe any variation from the State of Minnesota regulations:
Land will be open for hunting and fishing.

Who will eventually own the fee title land?

State of MN

County

Land acquired in fee will be designated as a:

WMA

SNA

State Forest

County Forest

What is the anticipated number of closed acquisitions (range is fine) you plan to accomplish with this appropriation?
Up to ten (10): one (1) for DNR and up to nine (9) for NWLT to accommodate the participating nine (9) counties.

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

Describe the types of trails or roads and the allowable uses:
Forest access roads and trails have been developed by previous industrial forest landowners for forest management practices. Historically these roads and trails have been open to the public. These roads and trails will be maintained to provide ongoing access for forestry, fisheries and wildlife management activities and public use on the properties. There are a few Counties where there are established snowmobile trails going through NWLT priority acquisition parcels or are bordering these parcels. These snowmobile trails have been identified on the NWLT-County maps - see attached NWLT-County maps.

Will the trails or roads remain and uses continue to be allowed after OHF acquisition?
Yes

How will maintenance and monitoring be accomplished?
Maintenance of access roads and trails will be the responsibility of the DNR on parcels proposed for DNR acquisition. Individual Counties will be responsible for maintenance of access roads on parcels proposed for acquisition by Counties. DNR monitoring of roads and trails will be conducted on properties acquired by the DNR; the DNR has a monitoring and reporting plan in place that involves the Divisions of Forestry, Parks and Trails and Enforcement. This includes annual spring (and other wet season) closures, reporting issues and enforcement actions when necessary. Counties will be responsible for monitoring and enforcement issues on properties owned by Counties.

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:
New trails or roads will be developed only if necessary for forest/wildlife management activities. Any new road or trail will be developed and managed consistent with the public entity's land management practices and policies.
No new trails or roads are planned on State property. Scientific and Natural Areas (SNA) and Wildlife

Management Areas (WMA) do not include motorized vehicle use unless allowed by pre-existing access easement. SNA and WMA will likely honor existing access easements, but new areas of motorized use are incompatible with SNA and WMA public uses.

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Will the acquired parcels be restored or enhanced within this appropriation?
No

Initial cursory review of the proposed parcels indicates that the parcels are a condition which does not require restoration or enhancement. However, should further assessment reveal needs for restoration, OHF funds may be used for such purposes. Any future restoration or enhancement will be the responsibility of the landowner: DNR or County.

Will the land that you acquire (fee or easement) be restored or enhanced within this program's funding and availability?
No

Explain how, when, and source of the R/E work:
Initial cursory review of the proposed parcels indicates that the parcels are a condition which does not require restoration or enhancement. However, should further assessment reveal needs for restoration, OHF funds may be used for such purposes. Any future restoration or enhancement will be the responsibility of the landowner: DNR or County.

Timeline

Activity Name	Estimated Completion Date
NWLT acquires land and transfers ownership to Counties	December 31, 2025
NWLT completes appraisals on lands proposed for County acquisition	December 31, 2024
DNR acquires new state land (State Forest, WMA, and/or SNA land)	June 30, 2025
DNR completes appraisal on lands proposed for state acquisition	December 31, 2023

Date of Final Report Submission: 11/01/2026

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 for fee title acquisition of land 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, 2028;
(2) money appropriated for restoring and enhancing land acquired with an appropriation in this section is available for four years after the acquisition date with a maximum end date of June 30, 2032;
(3) money appropriated for restoring or enhancing other land is available until June 30, 2029;
(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.

Grand Totals Across All Partnerships

Item	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	$123,000	$38,000	Federal, General Fund	$161,000
Contracts	$175,000	-	-	$175,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	$10,100,000	$3,000,000	variety private/public sources (see below)	$13,100,000
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	$11,100,000	-	-	$11,100,000
Easement Acquisition	-	-	-	-
Easement Stewardship	-	-	-	-
Travel	$17,000	-	-	$17,000
Professional Services	$954,000	$125,000	-, bonding	$1,079,000
Direct Support Services	$63,000	-	-	$63,000
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	$48,000	-	-	$48,000
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	-	-	-	-
Supplies/Materials	$67,000	-	-	$67,000
DNR IDP	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	**$22,647,000**	**$3,163,000**	**-**	**$25,810,000**

Partner: DNR

Totals

Item	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	-	$38,000	Federal, General Fund	$38,000
Contracts	$175,000	-	-	$175,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	$10,100,000	$3,000,000	variety private/public sources (see below)	$13,100,000
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	-	-	-	-
Easement Acquisition	-	-	-	-
Easement Stewardship	-	-	-	-
Travel	$15,000	-	-	$15,000
Professional Services	$560,000	$125,000	bonding	$685,000
Direct Support Services	-	-	-	-
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	-	-	-	-
Supplies/Materials	$60,000	-	-	$60,000
DNR IDP	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	**$10,910,000**	**$3,163,000**	**-**	**$14,073,000**

Personnel

Position	Annual FTE	Years Working	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
DNR Acquisition Coordinator staff	0.25	2.0	-	$38,000	Federal, General Fund	$38,000

Partner: NWLT

Totals

Item	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	$123,000	-	-	$123,000
Contracts	-	-	-	-
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	-	-	-	-
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	$11,100,000	-	-	$11,100,000
Easement Acquisition	-	-	-	-
Easement Stewardship	-	-	-	-
Travel	$2,000	-	-	$2,000
Professional Services	$394,000	-	-	$394,000
Direct Support Services	$63,000	-	-	$63,000
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	$48,000	-	-	$48,000
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	-	-	-	-
Supplies/Materials	$7,000	-	-	$7,000
DNR IDP	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	**$11,737,000**	**-**	**-**	**$11,737,000**

Personnel

Position	Annual FTE	Years Working	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
NWLT Land Protection staff	0.6	4.0	$123,000	-	-	$123,000

Amount of Request: $22,647,000
Amount of Leverage: $3,163,000
Leverage as a percent of the Request: 13.97%
DSS + Personnel: $186,000
As a % of the total request: 0.82%
Easement Stewardship: -
As a % of the Easement Acquisition: -

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

Detail leverage sources and confirmation of funds:
1) $3M RIM funding: mix of generated RIM (2x(purchase price - appraised value)) and utilizing existing RIM balance. Expected higher than estimated due to bargain sale; CONFIRMED.
2) Remaining $163,000: $125,000 bonding (DNR appraisal); General Fund & federal (DNR personnel); CONFIRMED.

Does this project have the ability to be scalable?
No

Personnel

Has funding for these positions been requested in the past?
No

Contracts

What is included in the contracts line?
Funding for DNR outside contracts for any site restoration, enhancement and development that is needed.

Professional Services

What is included in the Professional Services line?

Appraisals

Other : closing costs, recording fees, property taxes

Surveys

Title Insurance and Legal Fees

Fee Acquisition

What is the anticipated number of fee title acquisition transactions?
Total of two: one for DNR and one for NWLT.

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
It only includes traditional travel costs (mileage, food, and lodging) - none other.

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?
DNR direct and necessary calculator (additive model).
NWLT: In a process approved by MN DNR Grants on March 20, 2023, NWLT used a simplified allocation methodology that resulted in MN DNR approving an indirect rate of allowable expenses. NWLT anticipates using a similar rate for this proposal.

Federal Funds

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

Are the funds confirmed?
Yes

Is Confirmation Document attached?
Yes, on file

Cash : $38,000

Output Tables

Acres by Resource Type (Table 1)

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat	Total Acres
Restore	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	10,688	-	10,688
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	7,680	-	7,680
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-
Total	**-**	**-**	**18,368**	**-**	**18,368**

Total Requested Funding by Resource Type (Table 2)

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat	Total Funding
Restore	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	$10,910,000	-	$10,910,000
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	$11,737,000	-	$11,737,000
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-
Total	**-**	**-**	**$22,647,000**	**-**	**$22,647,000**

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	-	-	-	-	10,688	10,688
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	7,680	7,680
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**18,368**	**18,368**

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	-	-	-	-	$10,910,000	$10,910,000
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	$11,737,000	$11,737,000
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**$22,647,000**	**$22,647,000**

Average Cost per Acre by Resource Type (Table 5)

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat
Restore	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	$1,020	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	$1,528	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	$1,020
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	$1,528
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-

Target Lake/Stream/River Feet or Miles

Parcels

Parcel Information

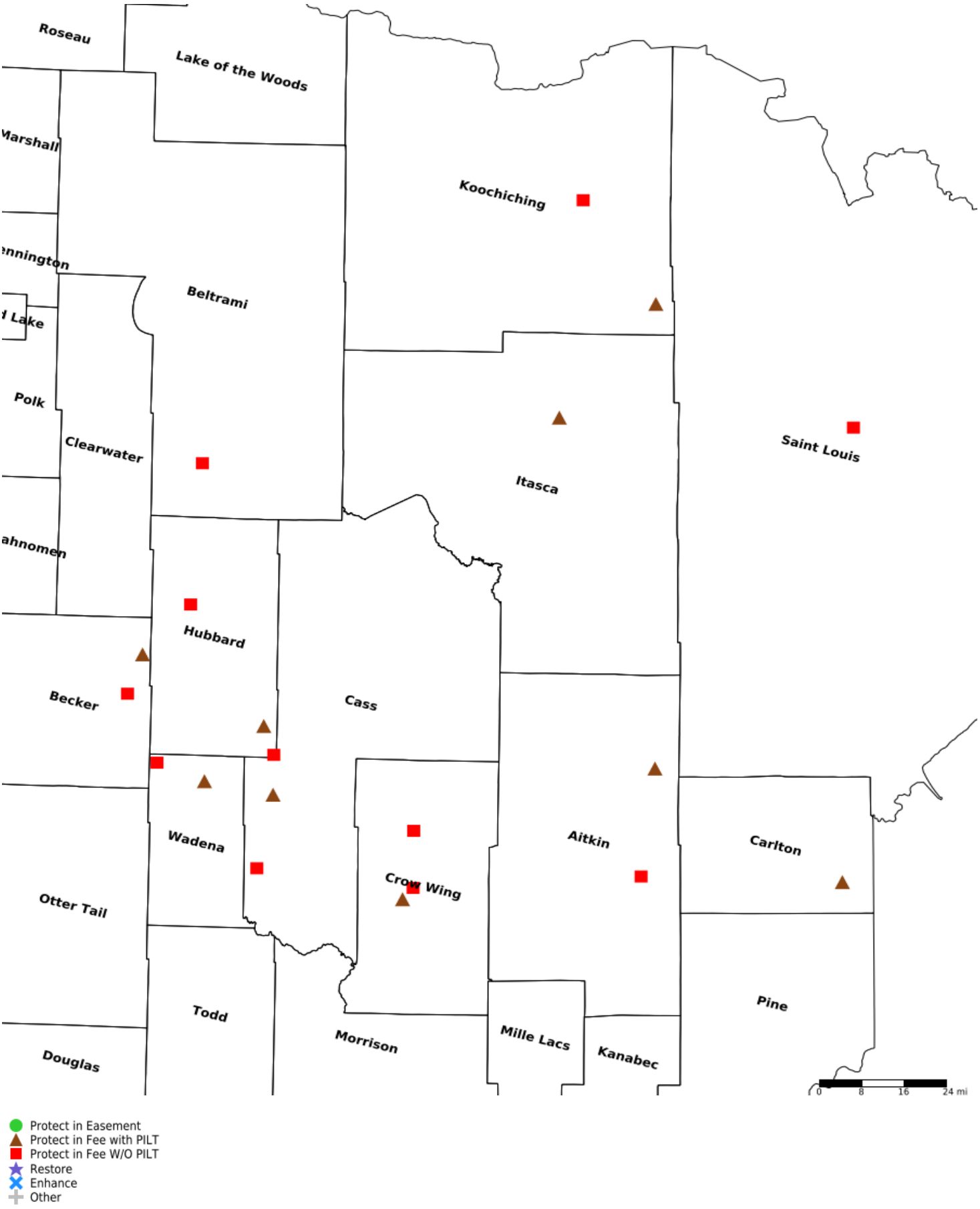
Sign-up Criteria?
No

Explain the process used to identify, prioritize, and select the parcels on your list:
The proposed project uses several science-based targeting methods identified in several plans/conservation initiatives to identify, prioritize, and select parcels proposed for acquisition identified in several plans and conservation initiatives. DNR formed a statewide interdisciplinary team with land acquisition and management experts from all DNR Divisions (Ecological and Water Resources, Fish and Wildlife, Forestry, Lands and Minerals, Parks and Trails) to apply and assess the DNR's GIS-based Strategic Land Asset Management metrics to all TCF-owned parcels to expand protection of large habitat blocks and corridors. The priority tracts of forest land and habitat targeted for protection with this program have some, if not all, of the following traits: are currently unprotected inholdings; large tracts that have been identified by the Minnesota County Biological Survey (including identified sites of high quality biodiversity significance); corridors and habitat identified by the State Wildlife Action Plan as significant; presence of rare species and Species in Conservation Need or the habitat that support those species; located in a strategic habitat complex and are adjacent to other protected land so that complexes can be protected and management improved. In addition DNR consulted with local and regional watershed and landscape planning efforts such as The Nature Conservancy's Multiple Benefit Analysis and Resilient Lands Mapping Tool, DNR's Forest Action Plan and Assessment of Need, PCA's watershed planning efforts, BWSR's and local SWCD's One Watershed One Plan efforts, the MFRC's Regional Landscape Plans, and the DNR/BWSR Landscape Stewardship Plans.

Fee Parcels

Name	County	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection
DNR - Aitkin	Aitkin	05022229	686	$921,169	No
NWLT - Aitkin	Aitkin	04723235	320	$429,700	No
DNR - Becker	Becker	14136202	200	$434,500	No
NWLT - Becker	Becker	14036208	80	$173,800	No
NWLT - Beltrami	Beltrami	14734215	286	$639,200	No
DNR - Carlton	Carlton	04616206	495	$1,089,000	No
DNR - Cass	Cass	13732201	2,974	$5,298,676	No
NWLT - Cass	Cass	13532209	120	$213,800	No
DNR - Crow Wing	Crow Wing	13428201	585	$1,190,209	No
NWLT - Crow Wing	Crow Wing	13527229	110	$223,800	No
NWLT - Crow Wing Part 2	Crow Wing	13627205	81	$387,000	No
DNR - Hubbard	Hubbard	13932203	2,690	$4,776,532	No
NWLT - Hubbard	Hubbard	13932236	1,849	$3,283,200	No
NWLT - Hubbard Part 2	Hubbard	14334220	200	$486,700	No
DNR - Itasca	Itasca	06025217	1,330	$2,652,000	No
DNR - Koochiching	Koochiching	06322204	1,608	$1,105,650	No
NWLT - Koochiching	Koochiching	06624205	560	$382,200	No
NWLT - St. Louis	St. Louis	06016227	1,517	$2,360,000	No
DNR - Wadena	Wadena	13834226	120	$283,200	No
NWLT - Wadena	Wadena	13835208	3,355	$7,917,800	No

Parcel Map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