



Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Cannon River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Program - 15
Laws of Minnesota 2026 Accomplishment Plan

General Information

Date: 11/06/2025

Project Title: Cannon River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Program - 15

Funds Recommended: \$2,558,000

Legislative Citation:

Appropriation Language:

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Location Information

County Location(s): Rice, Steele, Goodhue and Le Sueur.

Eco regions in which work will take place:

Prairie

Southeast Forest

Forest / Prairie Transition

Activity types:

Protect in Fee

Priority resources addressed by activity:

Wetlands

Prairie

Forest

Habitat

Narrative**Abstract**

The Cannon River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Program will protect approximately 210 acres in fee of high-priority wildlife habitat within the Cannon River Watershed, including wetlands, prairies, forests, and river/shallow lake shoreline.

Design and Scope of Work

The Cannon River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Program continues to protect, create, and restore publicly accessible, high-quality habitat lands throughout the Cannon River Watershed (CRW), increasing restored habitat on public lands available for hunting, angling, and other recreation within an hour's drive for over half of Minnesota's population.

Located south of the Twin Cities, the 1,460 square mile CRW includes over 800 linear miles of streams and rivers that drain a diverse landscape. This area supports numerous habitats, including prairie, oak savanna, and Big Woods, though the watershed is now dominated by agricultural fields and urban development. Agricultural practices and shoreline development are major contributors to the impaired status of stretches of the Cannon River and its associated lakes and streams.

This multi-year, multi-partner program protects and restores targeted parcels of land that positively contribute to large complexes of forests, restored prairies, wetlands, lakeshore, and river shoreline. To date, this program has permanently protected 3,357 acres and restored or enhanced 498 acres in the CRW utilizing Outdoor Heritage Funds (918 acres of restoration are underway).

This partnership is committed to building on prior successes achieved through Outdoor Heritage Fund support, with the goal of establishing habitat corridors and restoring and enhancing natural habitats for the benefit of all Minnesotans. Through strategic outreach to private landowners, the partnership has generated a cascading conservation effect: the permanent protection of one property often inspires neighboring landowners to learn about the program and pursue permanent preservation of their own land. In Phases 11 and 12, Horseshoe Lake WMA was established through the addition of 152 acres of valuable forest, wetland, and grassland habitat. In Phase 15, Horseshoe WMA will be expanded even further through the acquisition of 127 acres. This is a crucial step in creating habitat blocks that connect to Horseshoe Lake, improving water quality and preserving habitat. The Horseshoe Lake WMA provides hunting, recreation, and fishing within a 10-minute drive of 20,000 people that reside in growing cities, like Faribault. There is current momentum to permanently protect, restore, and enhance land in the watershed. Phase 15 will protect approximately 210 acres in fee.

Clean River Partners (CRP) is the local expert in the watershed, connecting with landowners, land managers, hunters, anglers, and others since 1990. CRP will coordinate this program, providing program administration and

landowner outreach.

Trust for Public Land (TPL) will target large wetland/upland complexes, rare biomes (prairie, oak savanna, and Big Woods forest), shallow lakes, river shoreline, and lands adjacent to existing public land for fee-title acquisition. TPL will convey lands to the DNR except when local governmental unit ownership is appropriate.

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

The areas targeted by TPL have been identified and prioritized through state, regional, and local natural resource plans due to their high biodiversity qualities and connectivity to existing public lands. Protection will occur through fee title acquisition and will target Big Woods, oak savannas, wetlands, and sensitive shoreline communities within the CRW.

Protection of these significant parcels will provide critical habitat for game species, including upland birds (dove, turkey, pheasant, and woodcock), white-tailed deer, migratory waterfowl (mallard, canvasback, wood duck, hooded merganser, pintail, and lesser scaup), and aquatic species (trout, northern pike, black crappie, bluegill, and walleye). Protection will also provide access to diverse recreational experiences including duck, pheasant, turkey, and deer hunting as well as river, stream, and lake fishing. Nongame wildlife, including SGCN, that also benefit from this effort includes bald eagle, Bell's vireo, cerulean warbler, loggerhead shrike, Sandhill crane, red-headed woodpecker, greater yellowlegs, buffbreasted sandpiper, rusty patched bumble bee, Blanding's turtle, wood turtle, and mudpuppies.

Working alongside the MN DNR and Fish and Wildlife, our partnership aims to create expanding habitat along streams and rivers where SGCN reptile and amphibian species have been located. Enhancing riparian corridors will increase nesting habitats for migrating waterfowl and reptile species. Restoration and conversion of tiled crop fields back to tallgrass prairie potholes will extend vital habitat for grassland bird species, which have seen a 40% decline in population since the 1960's.

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

Only 18% of the landscape in the CRW remains as forest, wetland, or prairie habitat, and many of these areas have been degraded by invasive species. Protection, restoration, and enhancement of the region's unimpaired waters and essential habitat are critically important before they become further degraded by invasive species or by residential development and agricultural pressures. Failing to protect, restore, or enhance these habitats now will result in increased costs in the future. Current OHF dollars appropriated to this program for acquisition are fully allocated to existing projects currently under contract, with additional funds needed to complete their acquisition. Many additional parcels with high quality habitat remain unprotected, with interested landowners willing to discuss protection opportunities for their land. Without additional funding, these lands are at risk to be sold on the open market and we will have lost existing opportunities to create new public access and outdoor recreation experiences.

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

Southern Minnesota, and specifically the Cannon River Watershed has a rich agriculture presence due to the fertile soils found throughout the region. Large portions of corn and soybean fields limit forage for pollinators, habitat for migrating waterfowl, and can threaten water quality for aquatic species. This partnership aims to protect vulnerable waterways through adjacent land protection and the restoration of depleted wetlands and floodplains,

conversion of agriculture fields to prairies or forests, along with enhancement of degraded public lands to establish and improve thriving ecosystems.

This program has demonstrated its ability to expand habitat corridors and limit habitat fragmentation, establishing 9 new WMAs and expanding 8 WMAs since its inception. The program uses information from the Wildlife Action Network, Minnesota County Biological Survey, and several analysis tools to identify priority lands for protection and restoration, creating and expanding conservation corridors and habitat complexes. In addition, we will consult several landscape-level planning efforts such as the Statewide Wildlife Action Plan, Cannon River Watershed Landscape Stewardship Plan, the Cannon River Watershed - Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies (WRAPS), and the Cannon River Watershed Comprehensive Management Plan approved by Minnesota's Board of Water and Soil Resources and ratified by the Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Board.

Landowner outreach will focus on landowners in the watershed that own priority habitat near existing public lands to further build habitat complexes. During this phase, the partnership is building off momentum in the watershed to expand two to three WMAs. These projects will build off existing public lands and limit habitat degradation and fragmentation. The program is advancing the creation of habitat corridors, including a key area near the Straight River, Somerset WMA.

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.

This program protects and enhances lands that provide the best opportunities for maintaining biodiversity and increasing connectivity, the foundations of a resilient landscape. This program integrates protection and restoration at a watershed scale, supporting landscape resiliency by protecting and buffering large areas and increasing connections that facilitate species movement and adaptation to stressors, including those accelerated by climate change. Increased connectivity and biodiversity at this large scale ensure parcels of habitat suitable for sustaining wildlife across the life cycle. Coordination by this partnership at a watershed level facilitates the alignment of shared goals and leverages conservation efforts, maximizing impacts and realizing efficiencies to benefit resiliency.

Which LSOHC section priorities are addressed in this program?

Forest / Prairie Transition

Protect, restore, and enhance habitat for waterfowl, upland birds, and species of greatest conservation need

Prairie

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

Southeast Forest

Protect, enhance, and restore habitat for fish, game, and nongame wildlife in rivers, cold-water streams, and associated upland habitat

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 ~ *Core parcels are identified in partnership with the DNR, counties, and the partners of the Cannon River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Program. Success will be determined based on the acreage of lands protected, restored, and enhanced and the percentage of protected lands in the watershed.*

Programs in prairie region:

Key core parcels are protected for fish, game and other wildlife ~ *Core parcels are identified in partnership with the DNR, counties, and the partners of the Cannon River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Program. Success will be determined based on the acreage of lands protected, restored, and enhanced and the percentage of protected lands in the watershed.*

Programs in southeast forest region:

High priority riparian lands, forestlands, and savannas are protected from parcelization and fragmentation ~ *Core parcels are identified in partnership with the DNR as well as the partners of the Cannon River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Program. Success will be determined based on the acreage of lands protected, restored, and enhanced and the percentage of protected lands in the watershed.*

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 does not substitute or supplant previous funding that was not from a Legacy fund.

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

Once land has been acquired and conveyed to the DNR, initial site development and restoration of these lands will begin. Estimated costs for initial restoration or enhancement work are included in this proposal. TPL will work with DNR to complete a restoration or enhancement management plan, and implementation of that plan will be completed in the following years. These properties will be managed and maintained by the DNR according to their guidelines.

Actions to Maintain Project Outcomes

Year	Source of Funds	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
2029	TPL - DNR	Restore and steward property for habitat and public recreation	-	-
2028	TPL - DNR	Develop restoration/management plan for property	Restore and steward property for habitat and public recreation	-
2027	TPL - OHF & DNR	Post property	Development restoration/management plan for property	-

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

Protecting, restoring, and enhancing diverse and resilient habitats benefits all Minnesotans. It keeps our air and water cleaner, mitigates the impacts of climate change, and conserves the biological diversity that belongs to everyone. Public land provides an opportunity for recreation and health to those who do not have access to private natural lands, whether that be for hunting, fishing, hiking, or other outdoor pursuits.

This program involves, engages, and benefits BIPOC and diverse communities through focused events that leverage Outdoor Heritage Funds. For example, recent efforts, funded through other sources, have focused on increasing the engagement of BIPOC and diverse communities across the watershed in volunteer events at sites protected and restored using past OHF appropriations. Additionally, also through different funding sources, some of this program's recent acquisition and restoration projects focus on protection of the environment and water quality while creating much-needed recreational opportunities targeting disadvantaged areas (based upon housing, income and wastewater thresholds) with significant BIPOC communities. Our partners actively encourage residents who live near habitat restoration sites and create programs specifically for people from diverse backgrounds, opening up opportunities to pursue environmental careers such as GRG's Future Stewards Program.

TPL's mentored hunting and angling program is a great example of this. In partnership with the MN Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, TPL is hosting and facilitating mentored hunting, foraging, and angling opportunities for diverse communities on public lands and waters across MN with a focus on lands protected with Outdoor Heritage Funds. Our target audience for mentees are diverse and historically marginalized communities, with a particular outreach focus on BIPOC communities. Our program mentors are individuals from diverse ethnic and racial backgrounds as well, helping to reinforce and foster a sense of representation, belonging, and inclusion in outdoor spaces.

Moving forward, we will continue our outreach to BIPOC communities and remain eager to expand this important work in a way that more directly, and authentically, engages diverse communities and partners in an equitable and just manner.

Activity Details

Requirements

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

Yes

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

No

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

We will follow the County/Township Board notification processes as directed by the current statutory language.

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?

No

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

Yes

Describe any variation from the State of Minnesota regulations:

NA

Who will eventually own the fee title land?

State of MN

County

Other : Municipality

Local Unit of Government

Land acquired in fee will be designated as a:

AMA

State Forest

County Forest

Other : Municipal Natural Areas

WMA

SNA

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

Trust for Public Land expects to accomplish two to three acquisitions with this appropriation.

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

Yes

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

TPL is not aware of any trails or roads on any of the acquisitions on the parcel list. If any trails are discovered TPL will consult with LSOHC staff to determine appropriate actions and resolution.

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

Yes

How will maintenance and monitoring be accomplished?

TPL is not aware of any trails or roads on any of the acquisitions. If any are discovered on lands to be managed by the DNR, they will be managed per DNR policy for WMAs, AMAs, SNAs or State Forests. If they are discovered on lands to be managed by local units of government, they will be managed per a maintenance and monitoring plan developed in consultation with LSOHC staff.

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

No

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

Yes

Initial restoration activities will occur within this appropriation. However, the restoration and enhancement needs on fee acquisitions will continue beyond this proposal's funding and availability. In these cases, additional restoration will be funded by a combination of future OHF proposals, other grants, or DNR funding.

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

Yes

Timeline

Activity Name	Estimated Completion Date
Initial site development	Fall 2031
Land acquired	June 30, 2030
Landowner negotiations, agreements and due diligence	June 30, 2028

Date of Final Report Submission: 11/01/2030**Availability of Appropriation:** Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation

(a) Money appropriated in this section may not be spent on activities unless they are directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation and are specified in the accomplishment plan approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. Money appropriated in this section must not be spent on indirect costs or other institutional overhead charges that are not directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation. Money appropriated 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, 2030;
- (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, 2034;
- (3) money appropriated for restoring or enhancing other land is available until June 30, 2031;
- (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	\$225,000	-	-	\$225,000
Contracts	\$54,000	-	-	\$54,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	\$2,098,000	-	-	\$2,098,000
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	-	-	-	-
Easement Acquisition	-	-	-	-
Easement Stewardship	-	-	-	-
Travel	-	\$3,000	Private, Private Sourced	\$3,000
Professional Services	\$35,000	-	-	\$35,000
Direct Support Services	\$55,000	\$35,000	Private	\$90,000
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	\$51,000	-	-	\$51,000
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	-	-	-	-
Supplies/Materials	\$3,000	-	-	\$3,000
DNR IDP	\$37,000	-	-	\$37,000
Grand Total	\$2,558,000	\$38,000	-	\$2,596,000

Partner: Clean River Partners**Totals**

Item	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	\$65,000	-	-	\$65,000
Contracts	\$4,000	-	-	\$4,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	-	-	-	-
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	-	-	-	-
Easement Acquisition	-	-	-	-
Easement Stewardship	-	-	-	-
Travel	-	\$1,000	Private Sourced	\$1,000
Professional Services	-	-	-	-
Direct Support Services	\$20,000	-	-	\$20,000
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	-	-	-	-
Supplies/Materials	\$3,000	-	-	\$3,000
DNR IDP	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	\$92,000	\$1,000	-	\$93,000

Personnel

Position	Annual FTE	Years Working	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Clean River Partners Staff	0.4	3.0	\$65,000	-	-	\$65,000

Partner: Trust For Public Land**Totals**

Item	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	\$160,000	-	-	\$160,000
Contracts	\$50,000	-	-	\$50,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	\$2,098,000	-	-	\$2,098,000
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	-	-	-	-
Easement Acquisition	-	-	-	-
Easement Stewardship	-	-	-	-
Travel	-	\$2,000	Private	\$2,000
Professional Services	\$35,000	-	-	\$35,000
Direct Support Services	\$35,000	\$35,000	Private	\$70,000
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	\$51,000	-	-	\$51,000
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	-	-	-	-
Supplies/Materials	-	-	-	-
DNR IDP	\$37,000	-	-	\$37,000
Grand Total	\$2,466,000	\$37,000	-	\$2,503,000

Personnel

Position	Annual FTE	Years Working	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Protection and Legal Staff	0.31	3.0	\$160,000	-	-	\$160,000

Amount of Request: \$2,558,000**Amount of Leverage:** \$38,000**Leverage as a percent of the Request:** 1.49%**DSS + Personnel:** \$280,000**As a % of the total request:** 10.95%**Easement Stewardship:** -**As a % of the Easement Acquisition:** -**How will this program accommodate the reduced appropriation recommendation from the original proposed requested amount?**

We were recommended for 22% of our request. Following LSOHC recommendations, GRG's restoration and enhancement activities and funding were removed from this award. With the funds remaining, funds were allocated accordingly: CRP received 100% of its request and TPL received 35% of its request.

Detail leverage sources and confirmation of funds:

The partnership provides privately sourced leverage for 63% of DSS and \$3,000 for travel costs. The partnership also seeks various state, local, and private funds to acquire property and conduct enhancements/restoration.

Does this project have the ability to be scalable?

Yes

If the project received 50% of the requested funding

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

Since some costs are fixed, a somewhat greater than proportionate reduction in activities and acres would occur. Restoration and enhancement acres and budgets would be reduced in a way that meets the needs of the remaining parcels.

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

Program management costs (personnel, travel, and DSS expenses) will be reduced, but not proportionately because program coordination and oversight costs remain consistent regardless of appropriation amount. CRP's program administration is consistent regardless of acres protected or restored in order to manage the program and maintain partner and community.

Personnel

Has funding for these positions been requested in the past?

Yes

Contracts

What is included in the contracts line?

Clean River Partners contract line for OHF funds includes accounting service cost.

TPL's contract line includes potential site clean-up and initial restoration activities.

Professional Services

What is included in the Professional Services line?

Appraisals

Other : Environmental site assessments

Surveys

Title Insurance and Legal Fees

Fee Acquisition

What is the anticipated number of fee title acquisition transactions?

We anticipate we will close 2 to 3 transactions and investigate one other.

Direct Support Services

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

Clean River Partners' DSS rate has been approved by the DNR in 2024.

TPL's DSS request is based upon its federal rate which has been approved by the MN DNR and 50% of these costs are requested from the OHF grant while 50% is contributed as privately sources leverage.

Federal Funds

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

No

Output Tables

Acres by Resource Type (Table 1)

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat	Total Acres
Restore	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	210	210
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	210	210

Total Requested Funding by Resource Type (Table 2)

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat	Total Funding
Restore	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	\$2,558,000	\$2,558,000
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	\$2,558,000	\$2,558,000

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	-	-	-	210	-	210
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	210	-	210

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	-	-	-	\$2,558,000	-	\$2,558,000
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	\$2,558,000	-	\$2,558,000

Average Cost per Acre by Resource Type (Table 5)

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat
Restore	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	\$12,180
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	\$12,180	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-

Target Lake/Stream/River Feet or Miles

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Parcels

Parcel Information

Sign-up Criteria?

No

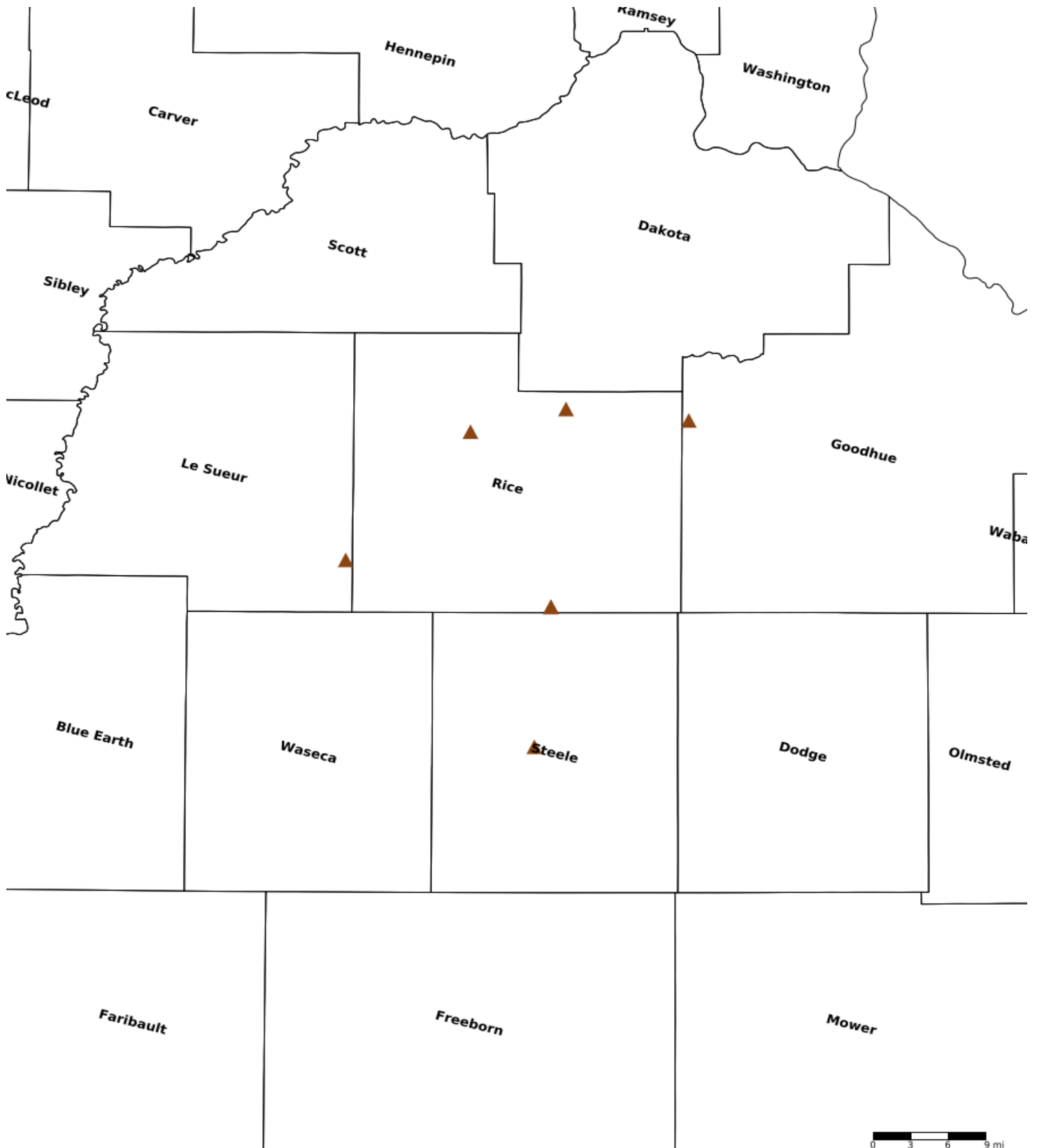
Explain the process used to identify, prioritize, and select the parcels on your list:

Trust for Public Land works with its public partners to identify and prioritize projects that meet their objectives and are on their priority lists. Criteria includes whether the land provides critical habitat for game and non-game species and quality public recreational opportunities, presence of unique plants and animals species (including SGCN), goals of conservation plans, adjacency to other public land or habitat complexes, existence of local support, immediacy of threats, landowner willingness and time frame.

Fee Parcels

Name	County	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection
Warsaw WMA	Goodhue	11118207	70	\$500,000	No
Horseshoe Lake WMA	Le Sueur	10923212	127	\$1,500,000	No
Circle Lake WMA Addition	Rice	11121216	101	\$1,300,000	No
Faribault WMA II	Rice	10920233	37	\$185,000	No
Medford WMA II	Rice	10920233	113	\$1,500,000	No
Spring Brook WMA	Rice	11120203	218	\$2,180,000	No
Somerset WMA	Steele	10720232	180	\$1,200,000	No

Parcel Map





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Comparison Report

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Organization: Clean River Partners

Manager: Jennifer Tonko

Budget

Requested Amount: \$11,769,800

Appropriated Amount: \$2,558,000

Percentage: 21.73%

Item	Requested Proposal	Leverage Proposal	Appropriated AP	Leverage AP	Percent of Request	Percent of Leverage
Personnel	\$990,000	-	\$225,000	-	22.73%	-
Contracts	\$3,569,000	-	\$54,000	-	1.51%	-
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	\$6,100,000	-	\$2,098,000	-	34.39%	-
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	-	-	-	-	-	-
Easement Acquisition	-	-	-	-	-	-
Easement Stewardship	-	-	-	-	-	-
Travel	\$30,000	\$3,000	-	\$3,000	0.0%	100.0%
Professional Services	\$100,000	-	\$35,000	-	35.0%	-
Direct Support Services	\$273,800	\$323,000	\$55,000	\$35,000	20.09%	10.84%
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	\$144,000	-	\$51,000	-	35.42%	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	\$12,000	-	-	-	0.0%	-
Supplies/Materials	\$446,000	-	\$3,000	-	0.67%	-
DNR IDP	\$105,000	-	\$37,000	-	35.24%	-
Grand Total	\$11,769,800	\$326,000	\$2,558,000	\$38,000	21.73%	11.66%

If the project received 70% of the requested funding

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

Since some costs are fixed, a somewhat greater than proportionate reduction in activities and acres would occur. Restoration and enhancement acres and budgets would be reduced in a way that meets the needs of the remaining parcels.

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

Program management costs (personnel, travel, and DSS expenses) will be reduced, but not proportionately, because program coordination and oversight costs remain consistent regardless of appropriation amount. CRP's program administration is consistent regardless of acres protected or restored in order to manage the program and maintain partner and community relationships.

If the project received 50% of the requested funding

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

Since some costs are fixed, a somewhat greater than proportionate reduction in activities and acres would occur. Restoration and enhancement acres and budgets would be reduced in a way that meets the needs of the remaining parcels.

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

Program management costs (personnel, travel, and DSS expenses) will be reduced, but not proportionately because program coordination and oversight costs remain consistent regardless of appropriation amount. CRP's program administration is consistent regardless of acres protected or restored in order to manage the program and maintain partner and community.

Output

Acres by Resource Type (Table 1)

Type	Total Proposed	Total in AP	Percentage of Proposed
Restore	117	-	0.0%
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	610	210	34.43%
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	0	-	-
Protect in Easement	0	-	-
Enhance	395	-	0.0%

Total Requested Funding by Resource Type (Table 2)

Type	Total Proposed	Total in AP	Percentage of Proposed
Restore	\$369,200	-	0.0%
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$7,093,400	\$2,558,000	36.06%
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-
Enhance	\$4,307,200	-	0.0%

Acres within each Ecological Section (Table 3)

Type	Total Proposed	Total in AP	Percentage of Proposed
Restore	117	-	0.0%
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	610	210	34.43%
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	0	-	-
Protect in Easement	0	-	-
Enhance	395	-	0.0%

Total Requested Funding within each Ecological Section (Table 4)

Type	Total Proposed	Total in AP	Percentage of Proposed
Restore	\$369,200	-	0.0%
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$7,093,400	\$2,558,000	36.06%
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-
Enhance	\$4,307,200	-	0.0%