Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Cannon River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Program - 16

Laws of Minnesota 2027 Accomplishment Plan

General Information

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Project Title: Cannon River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Program - 16

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Appropriation Language:

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Location Information

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

Eco regions in which work will take place:

Prairie

Activity types:

Enhance

Restore

Protect in Fee

Priority resources addressed by activity:

Forest

Wetlands

Prairie

Habitat

Narrative

Abstract

The Cannon River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Program will protect approximately 90 acres in fee; and restore or enhance approximately 149 acres 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 protects, restores, and enhances publicly accessible, high-quality habitat throughout the Cannon River Watershed (CRW), expanding opportunities for hunting, angling, and outdoor recreation within an hour's drive of more than half of Minnesota's population.

Building on previous Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF) investments is central to the program's long-term strategy. The majority of acquisitions that are proposed expand on lands previously protected or restored through this partnership. Rather than pursuing isolated projects, the partnership uses a programmatic approach that identifies opportunities over time to expand wildlife management areas, connect fragmented habitats, and establish larger habitat corridors with multiple ecological and recreational benefits.

Priority parcels are selected based on their ability to provide multiple benefits simultaneously, including habitat protection for wildlife, conservation of threatened and sensitive species, hunting and fishing access, broader outdoor recreation opportunities, water quality improvement, and water storage and climate resilience benefits. Restoration and enhancement projects are selected through a combination of ecological need and the land manager's readiness and capacity to steward the site successfully in the near term.

Located south of the Twin Cities, the 1,460-square-mile CRW includes more than 800 miles of streams and rivers draining a diverse landscape of prairie, oak savanna, wetlands, and Big Woods forest. Today, much of the watershed is dominated by agricultural production and urban development, with agricultural practices and shoreline development contributing to impaired stretches of the Cannon River and associated lakes and streams.

This multi-year, multi-partner program protects and restores targeted parcels that contribute to larger complexes of forests, prairies, wetlands, lakeshore, and river corridor habitat. To date, the program has permanently protected 3,705 acres and restored or enhanced 457 acres utilizing Outdoor Heritage Funds, with an additional

1,036 acres of restoration underway.

The partnership combines complementary expertise to efficiently advance watershed-scale conservation outcomes. Clean River Partners (CRP) serves as the local watershed partner, coordinating the program and leading landowner outreach and program administration. Trust for Public Land (TPL) targets large wetland/upland complexes, rare biomes, shallow lakes, river shoreline, and lands adjacent to existing public land for fee-title acquisition, conveying lands to the DNR or other appropriate public entities. Great River Greening (GRG) collaborates with DNR, municipal, and USFWS partners to evaluate and implement restoration and enhancement projects through invasive species removal, wetland restoration, and native vegetation establishment.

The partnership's long-term, programmatic approach has created a cascading conservation effect within the watershed: permanent protection of one property often inspires neighboring landowners to pursue conservation opportunities. For example, the partnership utilized ML15 funds to acquire an 18-acre addition to the Warsaw WMA, protecting native dry bedrock prairie and oak savanna. This proposal builds on that investment through the proposed acquisition of an additional 120 acres. Additionally, building on the newly created 200-acre Sungina WMA (funded via ML23/ML24), this proposal seeks to acquire an additional 90 acres.

This proposal will protect approximately 90 acres in fee and restore or enhance approximately 149 acres.

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. GRG will conduct significant habitat restoration and enhancement work on protected conservation lands identified by DNR and local governments within the watershed. The aim is to improve habitat values for wildlife and Species in Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN), including birds using the Mississippi River migratory corridor, pollinators, amphibians, and reptiles. Work will restore and enhance riverine, forest, wetland, oak savanna, and prairie habitat at 10 conservation sites.

Protection, restoration and/or enhancement 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 include: 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 USFWS, our partnership aims to conserve 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?

Conservation opportunities within the watershed are highly time-sensitive. Many proposed acquisitions are only possible because willing landowners, available funding, adjacent public land priorities, and restoration capacity are aligned at this moment. These windows are often short-lived and difficult to recreate once properties change ownership or land use. Prior OHF investments have generated significant conservation momentum: as habitat complexes expand and restoration work becomes visible on the landscape, neighboring landowners increasingly pursue protection opportunities. Maintaining continuity in funding is critical to converting these emerging opportunities into permanent conservation outcomes. Several proposed acquisitions are strategically important parcels that strengthen existing public lands and habitat corridors, while restoration projects are prioritized based on both ecological significance and partner readiness to ensure high-quality implementation.

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 agricultural 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 threaten water quality for aquatic species. This partnership aims to protect vulnerable waterways through adjacent land protection, restoration of depleted wetlands and floodplains, conversion of agricultural 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 nine new WMAs, one AMA, and expanding 11 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.

Heading into Phase 16, our programmatic approach has positioned us for additional opportunities to build on important habitat corridors.

First, the partnership is helping establish an emerging Straight River habitat corridor through coordinated acquisitions, restoration, and enhancement activities that collectively improve habitat quality, protect threatened species, and benefit water quality. Proposed acquisitions at Medford WMA II and Faribault WMA II will expand the amount of connected public land along this corridor, while restoration at the newly acquired Somerset WMA addition will improve adjacent habitat conditions for wildlife and selected SGCN.

Second, the proposal continues long-term investment in the health and expansion of OHF lands. Warsaw WMA was first protected through this program in 2018, which created the foundation for additional acquisition and restoration opportunities currently proposed. Planned restoration will protect and enhance remnant prairie habitat while improving surrounding prairie and forest ecosystems. Additionally, this proposal seeks to expand the habitat on the recently acquired 200-acre Sungina 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

Which LSOHC section priorities are addressed in this program?

Prairie

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

Outcomes

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.*

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.

Funding requested by the Partnership will not supplant or substitute for any previous non-legacy funding used for the same purpose.

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

TPL will convey all fee-title land in this proposal to the DNR for permanent stewardship. Once land has been acquired and conveyed, 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 the DNR to finalize a restoration management plan, and Actual implementation will occur in future years under DNR leadership. These properties will be managed and maintained by the DNR according to their guidelines.

In collaboration with DNR, County, and USFWS personnel, parcels targeted for restoration will be evaluated by GRG to determine existing and desired conditions for each site. Information gathered will be used to develop site-specific scope of work plans for restoring ecologically desired habitats. Project management plans will detail the methods and practices to be used and a timeline for the successful completion of each site/project along with management guidelines and maintenance outline for the future. After funds are expended, sites will be in a condition that the landowner will be able to maintain.

Actions to Maintain Project Outcomes

Year	Source of Funds	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
2030	GRG - OHF	Continue R/E and begin stewardship. Target actions to maintain habitat.	Restorative action to correct damage as needed	Evaluate progress and determine if additional actions are needed
2029	GRG - OHF	Initiate R/E work	Continue R/E depending on appropriate methods and time of year	Continue R/E and begin stewardship as needed using appropriate methods and dependent on time of year

2028	GRG - OHF	Perform site evaluation and assessment in collaboration with DNR	Develop R/E plan for property. Begin monitoring	Initiate site preparation from R/E work. Continue monitoring
2030	TPL - DNR	Restore and steward property for habitat and public recreation	-	-
2029	TPL - DNR	Develop restoration/management plan for property	Restore and steward property for habitat and public recreation	-
2028	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 other 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 Engaging a Diverse Population Program. Another example of this is TPL's mentored hunting and angling program. In partnership with the MN Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, TPL is hosting and facilitating mentored hunting, angling, and foraging 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.

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

Will restoration and enhancement work follow best management practices including MS 84.973 Pollinator Habitat Program?
Yes

Is the restoration and enhancement activity on permanently protected land per 97A.056, Subd 13(f), tribal lands, and/or public waters per MS 103G.005, Subd. 15 or on lands to be acquired in this program?
Yes

Where does the activity take place?

WMA

SNA

AMA

County/Municipal

State Forests

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

Land acquired in fee will be designated as a:

WMA

SNA

AMA

State Forest

County Forest

What is the anticipated number of closed acquisitions (range is fine) you plan to accomplish with this appropriation?
1-2

Will new trails or roads be developed or improved, beyond those used for maintenance and management, as a result of the proposed acquisition?
No

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

Initial restoration activities will be conducted by the MN DNR through DNR IDP. TPL will assess the full R/E needs of each parcel protected through this appropriation. If R/E needs exist, funding for those projects will be incorporated into a future proposal.

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

Explain how and when the restoration/enhancement work will be completed and identify the source of funding:
Initial restoration activities will be conducted by the MN DNR through DNR IDP. TPL will assess the full R/E needs of each parcel protected through this appropriation. If R/E needs exist, funding for those projects will be incorporated into a future proposal.

Timeline

Activity Name	Estimated Completion Date
Restoration and enhancement	June 30, 2032
Initial site development	Fall 2032
Land acquired	June 30, 2031
Landowner negotiations, agreements and due diligence	June 30, 2029
Finalize restoration and enhancement plans	June 30, 2028

Date of Final Report Submission: 11/01/2032

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, 2031;
(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, 2035;
(3) money appropriated for restoring or enhancing other land is available until June 30, 2032;
(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	$257,000	-	-	$257,000
Contracts	$626,000	-	-	$626,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	$892,000	-	-	$892,000
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	-	-	-	-
Easement Acquisition	-	-	-	-
Easement Stewardship	-	-	-	-
Travel	$12,000	$3,000	Private, Private	$15,000
Professional Services	$25,000	-	-	$25,000
Direct Support Services	$85,000	$113,400	Private, Private	$198,400
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	$25,000	-	-	$25,000
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	$4,000	-	-	$4,000
Supplies/Materials	$241,000	-	-	$241,000
DNR IDP	$14,000	-	-	$14,000
Grand Total	**$2,181,000**	**$116,400**	**-**	**$2,297,400**

Partner: Clean River Partners

Totals

Item	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	$20,000	-	-	$20,000
Contracts	-	-	-	-
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	-	-	-	-
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	-	-	-	-
Easement Acquisition	-	-	-	-
Easement Stewardship	-	-	-	-
Travel	-	$1,000	Private	$1,000
Professional Services	-	-	-	-
Direct Support Services	$5,000	-	-	$5,000
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	-	-	-	-
Supplies/Materials	-	-	-	-
DNR IDP	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	**$25,000**	**$1,000**	**-**	**$26,000**

Personnel

Position	Annual FTE	Years Working	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
CRP Staff	0.4	3.0	$20,000	-	-	$20,000

Partner: Great River Greening

Totals

Item	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	$142,000	-	-	$142,000
Contracts	$616,000	-	-	$616,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	-	-	-	-
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	-	-	-	-
Easement Acquisition	-	-	-	-
Easement Stewardship	-	-	-	-
Travel	$12,000	-	-	$12,000
Professional Services	-	-	-	-
Direct Support Services	$63,000	$96,400	Private	$159,400
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	$4,000	-	-	$4,000
Supplies/Materials	$241,000	-	-	$241,000
DNR IDP	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	**$1,078,000**	**$96,400**	**-**	**$1,174,400**

Personnel

Position	Annual FTE	Years Working	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
GRG Staff	0.39	5.0	$142,000	-	-	$142,000

Partner: Trust for Public Land

Totals

Item	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	$95,000	-	-	$95,000
Contracts	$10,000	-	-	$10,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	$892,000	-	-	$892,000
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	-	-	-	-
Easement Acquisition	-	-	-	-
Easement Stewardship	-	-	-	-
Travel	-	$2,000	Private	$2,000
Professional Services	$25,000	-	-	$25,000
Direct Support Services	$17,000	$17,000	Private	$34,000
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	$25,000	-	-	$25,000
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	-	-	-	-
Supplies/Materials	-	-	-	-
DNR IDP	$14,000	-	-	$14,000
Grand Total	**$1,078,000**	**$19,000**	**-**	**$1,097,000**

Personnel

Position	Annual FTE	Years Working	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Project and Legal Staff	0.13	4.0	$95,000	-	-	$95,000

Amount of Request: $2,181,000
Amount of Leverage: $116,400
Leverage as a percent of the Request: 5.34%
DSS + Personnel: $342,000
As a % of the total request: 15.68%
Easement Stewardship: -
As a % of the Easement Acquisition: -

How will this program accommodate the reduced appropriation recommendation from the original proposed requested amount?
We will prioritize acquisitions with owners who are on a deadline or are further along in the title process. We will prioritize restoration with restoration plans that are closer to completion.

Detail leverage sources and confirmation of funds:
The partnership provides privately sourced leverage for a portion of DSS and of travel costs. The partnership also seeks various state, local and private funds to acquire property and conduct enhancements/restorations.

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?
TPL's contract line includes potential site clean-up and initial restoration activities.
GRG's contract line includes restoration/enhancement contracts by service providers.

Professional Services

What is included in the Professional Services line?

Appraisals

Other : Environmental Site Assessments, Mineral Assessments, Mapping

Surveys

Fee Acquisition

What is the anticipated number of fee title acquisition transactions?
1-2

Travel

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

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

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?
Clean River Partners' DSS rate was 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 sourced leverage.

GRG's DSS rate includes the allowable direct and necessary expenditures that are not captured in other line items in the budget, and was approved by the DNR in 2024. A portion not exceeding 50% of these costs are requested from the grant and the balance is contributed as leverage.

Other Equipment/Tools

Give examples of the types of Equipment and Tools that will be purchased?
Hand tools, saws, brush cutters, personal protective equipment, burn equipment, seed collection equipment, repairs and other necessary equipment to complete restoration and enhancement activities.

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	17	96	-	-	113
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	90	90
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	3	33	-	36
Total	**17**	**99**	**33**	**90**	**239**

Total Requested Funding by Resource Type (Table 2)

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat	Total Funding
Restore	$141,600	$332,900	-	-	$474,500
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	$1,090,500	$1,090,500
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	$56,000	$560,000	-	$616,000
Total	**$141,600**	**$388,900**	**$560,000**	**$1,090,500**	**$2,181,000**

Acres within each Ecological Section (Table 3)

Type	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N. Forest	Total Acres
Restore	-	-	-	113	-	113
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	90	-	90
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	36	-	36
Total	**-**	**-**	**-**	**239**	**-**	**239**

Total Requested Funding within each Ecological Section (Table 4)

Type	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N. Forest	Total Funding
Restore	-	-	-	$474,500	-	$474,500
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	$1,090,500	-	$1,090,500
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	$616,000	-	$616,000
Total	**-**	**-**	**-**	**$2,181,000**	**-**	**$2,181,000**

Average Cost per Acre by Resource Type (Table 5)

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat
Restore	$8,329	$3,467	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	$12,116
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	$18,666	$16,969	-

Average Cost per Acre by Ecological Section (Table 6)

Type	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N. Forest
Restore	-	-	-	$4,199	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	$12,116	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	$17,111	-

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.

Great River Greening works with land owning entities (public and protected private) and interested stakeholders to identify parcels where there is a need for restoration or enhancement of lands and water resources. Parcels are selected using the following criteria: permanently protected status (WMA, AMA, SNA, Forestry, County Conservation, etc.), ecological and habitat value and potential (biodiversity, size and location), congruence with existing plans and priority areas, willing and committed landowners (demonstrated through leveraged match), and leveraging opportunities.

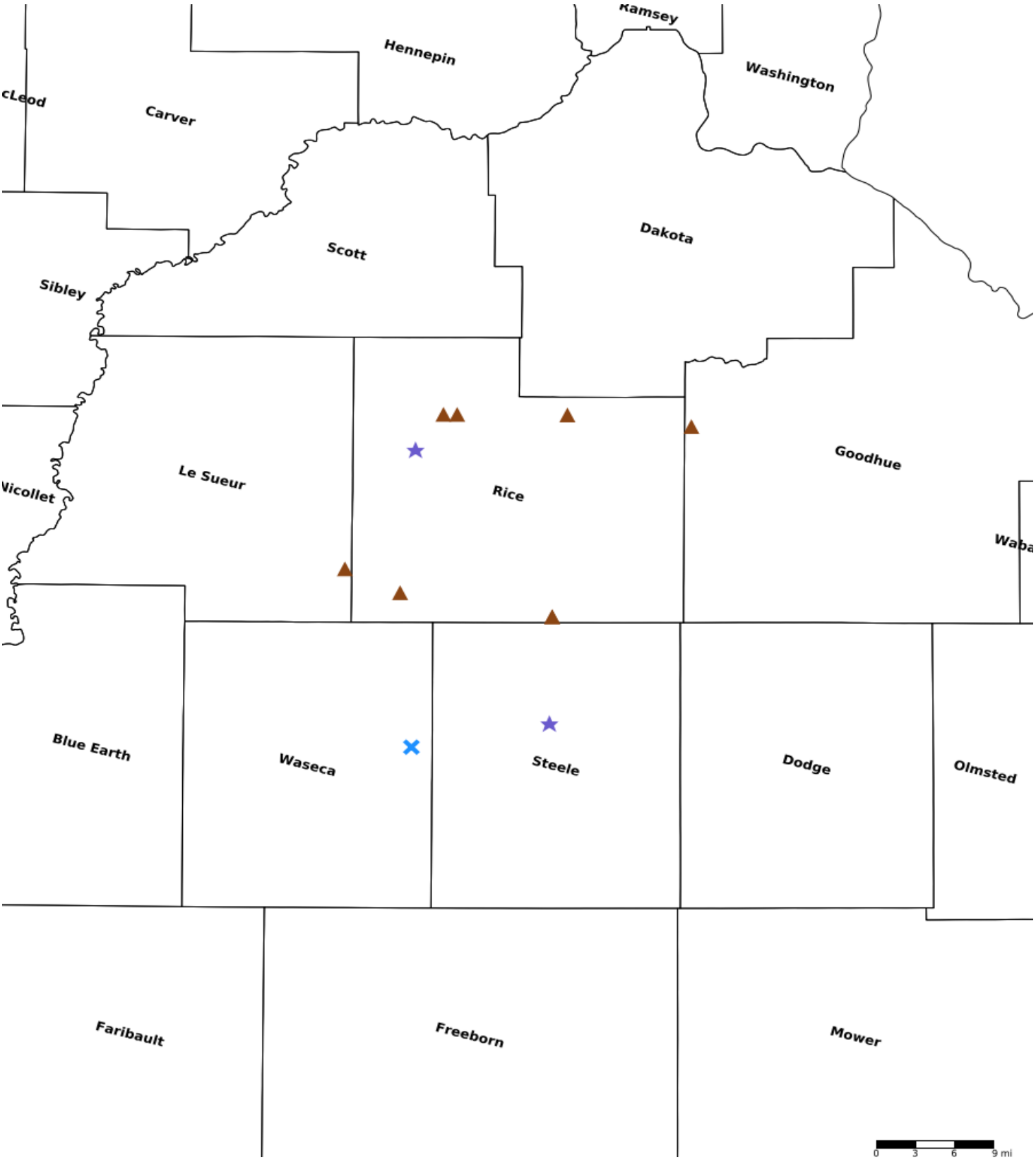
Restore / Enhance Parcels

Name	County	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection	Description
Big Woods WMA addition	Rice	11122223	60	$337,000	Yes	50 acres prairie restoration, 6 acres wetland restoration, and 4 acres prairie enhancement
Somerset WMA	Steele	10720216	78	$544,000	Yes	45 acres crop conversion, 21 woody management, 12 acres Wetland restoration
Blowers Park	Waseca	10722226	11	$197,000	Yes	3 acres woody invasive management and 8 acres of Oak savanna enhancement

Fee Parcels

Name	County	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection
Warsaw WMA	Goodhue	11118207	131	$900,000	No
Horseshoe Lake WMA	Le Sueur	10923212	127	$1,200,000	No
Faribault WMA II	Rice	10920233	37	$185,000	No
Medford WMA II	Rice	10920233	113	$1,500,000	No
Sakatah WMA Addition	Rice	10922222	62	$589,000	No
Spring Brook WMA	Rice	11120203	218	$2,180,000	No
Sungina WMA Addition	Rice	11121206	100	$710,000	No
Sungina WMA Addition II	Rice	11121205	58	$599,900	No

Parcel Map


Ramsey
Hennepin
Washington
cLeod
Carver
Scott
Dakota
Sibley
Le Sueur
Rice
Goodhue
Nicollet
Waba
Blue Earth
Waseca
Steele
Dodge
Olmsted
Faribault
Freeborn
Mower
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Protect in Easement
Protect in Fee with PILT
Protect in Fee W/O PILT
Restore
Enhance
Other

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Cannon River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Program - 16

Comparison Report

Program Title: ML 2027 - Cannon River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Program - 16
Organization: Clean River Partners
Manager: Jennifer Tonko

Budget

Requested Amount: $12,138,300
Appropriated Amount: $2,181,000
Percentage: 17.97%

Item	Requested Proposal	Leverage Proposal	Appropriated AP	Leverage AP	Percent of Request	Percent of Leverage
Personnel	$1,038,000	$2,200	$257,000	-	24.76%	0.0%
Contracts	$3,866,000	-	$626,000	-	16.19%	-
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	$6,000,000	-	$892,000	-	14.87%	-
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	-	-	-	-	-	-
Easement Acquisition	-	-	-	-	-	-
Easement Stewardship	-	-	-	-	-	-
Travel	$39,000	$3,000	$12,000	$3,000	30.77%	100.0%
Professional Services	$102,000	-	$25,000	-	24.51%	-
Direct Support Services	$348,300	$304,800	$85,000	$113,400	24.4%	37.2%
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	$180,000	-	$25,000	-	13.89%	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	$15,000	-	$4,000	-	26.67%	-
Supplies/Materials	$445,000	-	$241,000	-	54.16%	-
DNR IDP	$105,000	-	$14,000	-	13.33%	-
Grand Total	**$12,138,300**	**$310,000**	**$2,181,000**	**$116,400**	**17.97%**	**37.55%**

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	152	113	74.34%
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	600	90	15.0%
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	0	-	-
Protect in Easement	0	-	-
Enhance	319	36	11.29%

Total Requested Funding by Resource Type (Table 2)

Type	Total Proposed	Total in AP	Percentage of Proposed
Restore	$1,493,000	$474,500	31.78%
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	$7,165,300	$1,090,500	15.22%
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-
Enhance	$3,480,000	$616,000	17.7%

Acres within each Ecological Section (Table 3)

Type	Total Proposed	Total in AP	Percentage of Proposed
Restore	152	113	74.34%
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	600	90	15.0%
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	0	-	-
Protect in Easement	0	-	-
Enhance	319	36	11.29%

Total Requested Funding within each Ecological Section (Table 4)

Type	Total Proposed	Total in AP	Percentage of Proposed
Restore	$1,493,000	$474,500	31.78%
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	$7,165,300	$1,090,500	15.22%
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-
Enhance	$3,480,000	$616,000	17.7%