Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Great Prairie Lakes and Wetlands Restoration Initiative
Laws of Minnesota 2027 Accomplishment Plan

General Information

Date: 10/14/2026

Project Title: Great Prairie Lakes and Wetlands Restoration Initiative

Funds Recommended: $1,966,000

Legislative Citation:

Appropriation Language:

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Location Information

County Location(s): Jackson.

Eco regions in which work will take place:

Prairie

Activity types:

Protect in Fee

Priority resources addressed by activity:

Prairie

Wetlands

Narrative

Abstract

The Great Prairie Lakes and Wetlands Restoration Initiative seeks $4.8 million to protect and restore prairie and wetland habitats in Jackson and Nobles counties, Minnesota. Led by the Spirit Lake Protective Association in partnership with Ducks Unlimited and The Conservation Fund, the project will convert marginal cropland into permanent conservation areas, improving water quality, reducing flooding, and enhancing habitat for fish, wildlife, and threatened species. By strategically expanding habitat complexes and corridors, the initiative aims to create lasting ecological benefits and public recreation opportunities while strengthening watershed resilience.

Design and Scope of Work

The Spirit Lake Protective Association strives to improve the health and resiliency of the great prairie lakes of Southern Minnesota and Northwest Iowa. We aim to do this by protecting and restoring prairie and wetland habitats in the watershed that have been drained and under plow for the last century. The great prairie lakes region is an eleven-lake chain of glacially formed lakes, including 7 of the biggest natural lakes in Iowa and 4 shallow lakes in Minnesota. The largest lake in the chain is Big Spirit Lake, and over 54% of the lake's watershed lies in Minnesota. This program is a partnership among Spirit Lake Protective Association (SLPA), The Conservation Fund (TCF), and Ducks Unlimited (DU), where SLPA leads the efforts by organizing and communicating to the community, finding willing sellers, and holding title to lands purchased. TCF's expertise in realty work for conservation will facilitate land protection by conducting all due diligence and closing work, and DU will lead habitat restoration activities. These restored habitats will be donated to US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) as a Waterfowl Production Area (WPA) or to MN Department of Natural Resources as a State Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

Over the last 50 years, as agriculture has intensified in the region, our prairie landscape has been transformed to one of drainage and plow. Only those lakes and wetlands too large to drain persist, and almost all are significantly degraded by agricultural runoff and drainage with sediment, nutrients, and chemical pollutants. Further, the extensive drainage into area lakes creates intense surges of water which would have historically been retained on the landscape. Our ecosystems are not adapted for this altered hydrology, causing degraded shorelines, turbid water, and decreased fish and wildlife populations. A recent study of the Great Lakes' watershed has decisively concluded that permanent restoration of prairie grasslands and wetlands in Minnesota are the most effective solution to decrease nutrient loading and flood events (Doyle et al, 2025).

We propose to protect and restore marginal cropland to create a protective sponge throughout Jackson and Nobles Counties, Minnesota, where all major lakes and streams are on the MN DNR's impaired waters list. At this scale we can build on existing habitat complexes, restore the most highly degraded croplands contributing significant sediment and nutrients downstream, and compound our investments by leveraging other funding sources without the pitfalls of a small focus area such as limited willing sellers or restricting and fatiguing leverage partners.

For nearly a century, the Spirit Lake Protective Association has spearheaded the preservation of habitat surrounding Spirit Lake by transforming vulnerable properties into permanent conservation strongholds. Recently, SLPA contributed $250,000 to the Moore Slough WPA project in Jackson County, where 195 acres were restored to prairie and a 76-acre shallow lake. As a result of this successful project, the momentum, energy, and excitement for local conservation is growing, and now is the time build on the support to return quality habitat and a quality way of life.

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

This proposal will increase and improve habitat in our focus area by protecting marginal croplands and restoring prairie grasslands and wetlands on these acres. Parcels adjacent to existing habitat complexes will be prioritized to have the most impactful benefits for wildlife. The downstream habitats will see indirect effects of reduced sediment and nutrient loading and reduced flood surge into area lakes and streams, which will improve those habitats for long term fish and wildlife benefit. 12 plant and animal species on state or federally threatened and endangered lists have known populations in our focus area.

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

SLPA has invested in habitat conservation in the Iowa portion of the watershed for decades. A recent study of the Iowa Great Lakes watershed has decisively concluded that permanent restoration of prairie grasslands and pothole wetlands in the Minnesota portion of the watershed are key to accomplishing our mission (Doyle et al, 2025). Because of these findings, we are focusing our major conservation efforts in Minnesota.

Recently, SLPA and conservation partners have completed a large, critical habitat restoration project in the heart of our MN focus area. Personal experience, new partnerships, and community momentum catalyze this group to be successful now.

Further, average MN farmland values have increased by 5,200% in the last half-century (FBN, 2026; USDA-NASS, 2018). Buying land for conservation will never be cheaper – Now is the time to act.

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

This funding will be used to protect and restore new acres of habitat strategically located adjacent to existing protected habitat, including critical shoreline protection when possible. Working with our MN DNR and US FWS partners, we have identified habitat complexes to build on and those which need a corridor between two existing patches. These enlarged complexes will provide important breeding habitat and quality stopover areas for migration. In summer 2026, SLPA, The Conservation Fund, and Ducks Unlimited will host a set of meetings consisting of local conservation leaders, local officials, and biologists to work together to identify long-term goals for community-supported priority areas that will generate the greatest fish, game and wildlife habitat benefits.

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

Long Range Duck Recovery Plan

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Strategic Habitat Conservation Model

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:

Protected, restored, and enhanced shallow lakes and wetlands ~ *The plans referred to above for identifying, prioritizing, and selecting parcels also have measurable outcomes. Those plans outline monitoring efforts and measurable goals including acres of wetlands and grasslands required to meet the desired outcomes. The monitoring planned by partners in this region will drive conservation investment in this region. Moreover, we can complete detailed analysis of water retention and nutrient and sediment reduction of each completed project to map our progress toward larger watershed planning goals.*

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 will not supplant or substitute any previous funding not from the legacy fund.

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

These parcels will be donated to the US FWS or MN DNR as part of their public lands program. SLPA and other local individuals will continue to monitor restorations for invasive species and management needs and will donate funds or volunteer time to help manage as needed and available.

Actions to Maintain Project Outcomes

Year	Source of Funds	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
2028 and beyond	SLPA	monitor sites for invasives	raise funds, work with land mgmt partner	conduct invasive species removal

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

Nobles County is the 3rd most diverse county in Minnesota. Further, the city of Worthington, which is mostly included within our focus area, is a high poverty area according to the US Census Bureau. Lands protected and restored by this plan will increase available free, public recreation spaces within accessible distances of these communities. Further, the improved habitat and environmental services from these projects and associated downstream benefits will improve the quality of life for all residents nearby.

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 inform local governments of land acquisitions at least 30 days prior to closing. We have spoken to County Commissioners and they are supportive of our efforts.

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?
Yes

Explain what will be planted and include the maximum percentage of any acquired parcel that would be planted into foodplots by the proposer or the end owner of the property:
Short term farming may be needed to best restore the uplands to native prairie habitats. This will be needed on agricultural conversions where herbicides with lag-times were used prior to our acquisition. We will use restrictive chemical farming practices to allow those residual herbicides to break down before planting our native prairie species.

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:
No variations are expected.

Who will eventually own the fee title land?

State of MN

Federal

Land acquired in fee will be designated as a:

WMA

WPA

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

We will use this appropriation and/or leveraged funds to complete restoration.

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
Transfer to MN DNR or USFWS	3-12 months following acquisition
Complete restorations	Following acquisitions 2028 - 2034
Design restoration	following acquisition 2027 - 2030
Conduct due-diligence for acquisition(s)	August 2027 - June 2030
Outreach to identified parcel owners	February 2026 - February 2028
Conduct community outreach/planning event	August - October 2026
Begin strategic parcel identification	Jan 2026 - April 2026

Date of Final Report Submission: 10/01/2031

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	$80,000	$45,000	DU, NAWCA, SLPA	$125,000
Contracts	$260,000	$20,000	DU, NAWCA	$280,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	$688,400	-	-	$688,400
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	$688,400	$250,000	-, USFWS	$938,400
Easement Acquisition	-	-	-	-
Easement Stewardship	-	-	-	-
Travel	$10,400	$4,500	DU, NAWCA, SLPA	$14,900
Professional Services	$31,200	-	-	$31,200
Direct Support Services	$7,600	-	-	$7,600
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	$45,000	-	-	$45,000
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	$4,000	-	-	$4,000
Supplies/Materials	$130,000	-	-	$130,000
DNR IDP	$21,000	-	-	$21,000
Grand Total	**$1,966,000**	**$319,500**	**-**	**$2,285,500**

Partner: Ducks Unlimited

Totals

Item	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	$60,000	$20,000	DU, NAWCA	$80,000
Contracts	$260,000	$20,000	DU, NAWCA	$280,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	-	-	-	-
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	-	-	-	-
Easement Acquisition	-	-	-	-
Easement Stewardship	-	-	-	-
Travel	$8,000	$2,000	DU, NAWCA	$10,000
Professional Services	$6,000	-	-	$6,000
Direct Support Services	$4,800	-	-	$4,800
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	$4,000	-	-	$4,000
Supplies/Materials	$130,000	-	-	$130,000
DNR IDP	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	**$472,800**	**$42,000**	**-**	**$514,800**

Personnel

Position	Annual FTE	Years Working	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
DU Biologist & Engineers	0.5	1.9	$60,000	$20,000	DU, NAWCA	$80,000

Partner: Spirit Lake Protective Association

Totals

Item	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	-	$25,000	SLPA	$25,000
Contracts	-	-	-	-
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	$688,400	-	-	$688,400
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	$688,400	$250,000	USFWS	$938,400
Easement Acquisition	-	-	-	-
Easement Stewardship	-	-	-	-
Travel	-	$2,500	SLPA	$2,500
Professional Services	-	-	-	-
Direct Support Services	-	-	-	-
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	$45,000	-	-	$45,000
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	-	-	-	-
Supplies/Materials	-	-	-	-
DNR IDP	$21,000	-	-	$21,000
Grand Total	**$1,442,800**	**$277,500**	**-**	**$1,720,300**

Personnel

Position	Annual FTE	Years Working	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Grant admin	0.25	4.0	-	$25,000	SLPA	$25,000

Partner: The Conservation Fund

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	$2,400	-	-	$2,400
Professional Services	$25,200	-	-	$25,200
Direct Support Services	$2,800	-	-	$2,800
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	-	-	-	-
Supplies/Materials	-	-	-	-
DNR IDP	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	**$50,400**	**-**	**-**	**$50,400**

Personnel

Position	Annual FTE	Years Working	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
MN TCF staff	0.1	4.0	$20,000	-	-	$20,000

Amount of Request: $1,966,000
Amount of Leverage: $319,500
Leverage as a percent of the Request: 16.25%
DSS + Personnel: $87,600
As a % of the total request: 4.46%
Easement Stewardship: -
As a % of the Easement Acquisition: -

How will this program accommodate the reduced appropriation recommendation from the original proposed requested amount?
We have scaled budgets back proportionately to complete acquisition and restoration of 120 acres.

Detail leverage sources and confirmation of funds:
DU will work diligently to leverage OHF grant funds with additional sources, but OHF acquisition expense is typically needed first. SLPA will provide leverage through volunteer hours and travel costs at their own expense. USFWS has contributed $250,000 from towards the project.

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?
The number of acres would be reduced proportionally. At 50% reduction, we could protect and restore about 160 acres, or 1 project, as most parcels sell as a quarter section in Southern MN. We don't believe we could find many parcels to purchase for less than 50% of requested.

Describe how personnel and DSS expenses would be adjusted and if not proportionately reduced, why?
Personnel and DSS are budgeted by number of projects in this program. A baseline amount of time and effort are needed for every project, regardless of size of the project. Therefore, personnel and DSS will not be adjusted at the same proportions as acres, contracts, and other categories.

Personnel

Has funding for these positions been requested in the past?
Yes

Contracts

What is included in the contracts line?
Contracts are for private contractor charges to restore/enhance wetlands (earthmoving) and grasslands (native seeding) on lands acquired. Wetland restoration in Southern MN is very expensive and requires engineering due to intensive landscape drainage via complex networks of private/public tile/ditches that affect private neighbors and public roads.

Professional Services

What is included in the Professional Services line?

Appraisals

Design/Engineering

Other : Environmental assessment surveys (contaminants, archeology)

Surveys

Title Insurance and Legal Fees

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
DU - travel costs consist of in-state mileage and lodging for land manager, biologists, and engineering field staff. DU generally does not spend OHF grant funds on food.

TCF – Travel costs consist of rental car or mileage and lodging for TCF staff working directly on these projects. TCF generally does not spend OHF grant funds on food, fuel or per diem.

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?
Direct Support Services has been reviewed and approved by MN DNR grants staff and is determined using the approved and audited rate as the basis for calculating DSS as a percentage of the budgeted personnel costs.

Other Equipment/Tools

Give examples of the types of Equipment and Tools that will be purchased?
Equipment and tools to facilitate restoration contracts such as wooden lath, tile marker flags, seeding equipment, tree removal tools.

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

In Kind : $250,000

Output Tables

Acres by Resource Type (Table 1)

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat	Total Acres
Restore	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	12	48	-	-	60
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	12	48	-	-	60
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-
Total	**24**	**96**	**-**	**-**	**120**

Total Requested Funding by Resource Type (Table 2)

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat	Total Funding
Restore	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	$196,600	$786,400	-	-	$983,000
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	$196,600	$786,400	-	-	$983,000
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-
Total	**$393,200**	**$1,572,800**	**-**	**-**	**$1,966,000**

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	-	-	-	60	-	60
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	60	-	60
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	**-**	**-**	**-**	**120**	**-**	**120**

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	-	-	-	$983,000	-	$983,000
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	$983,000	-	$983,000
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	**-**	**-**	**-**	**$1,966,000**	**-**	**$1,966,000**

Average Cost per Acre by Resource Type (Table 5)

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat
Restore	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	$16,383	$16,383	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	$16,383	$16,383	-	-
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	-	-	-	$16,383	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	$16,383	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-

Target Lake/Stream/River Feet or Miles

Parcels

Parcel Information

Sign-up Criteria?
No

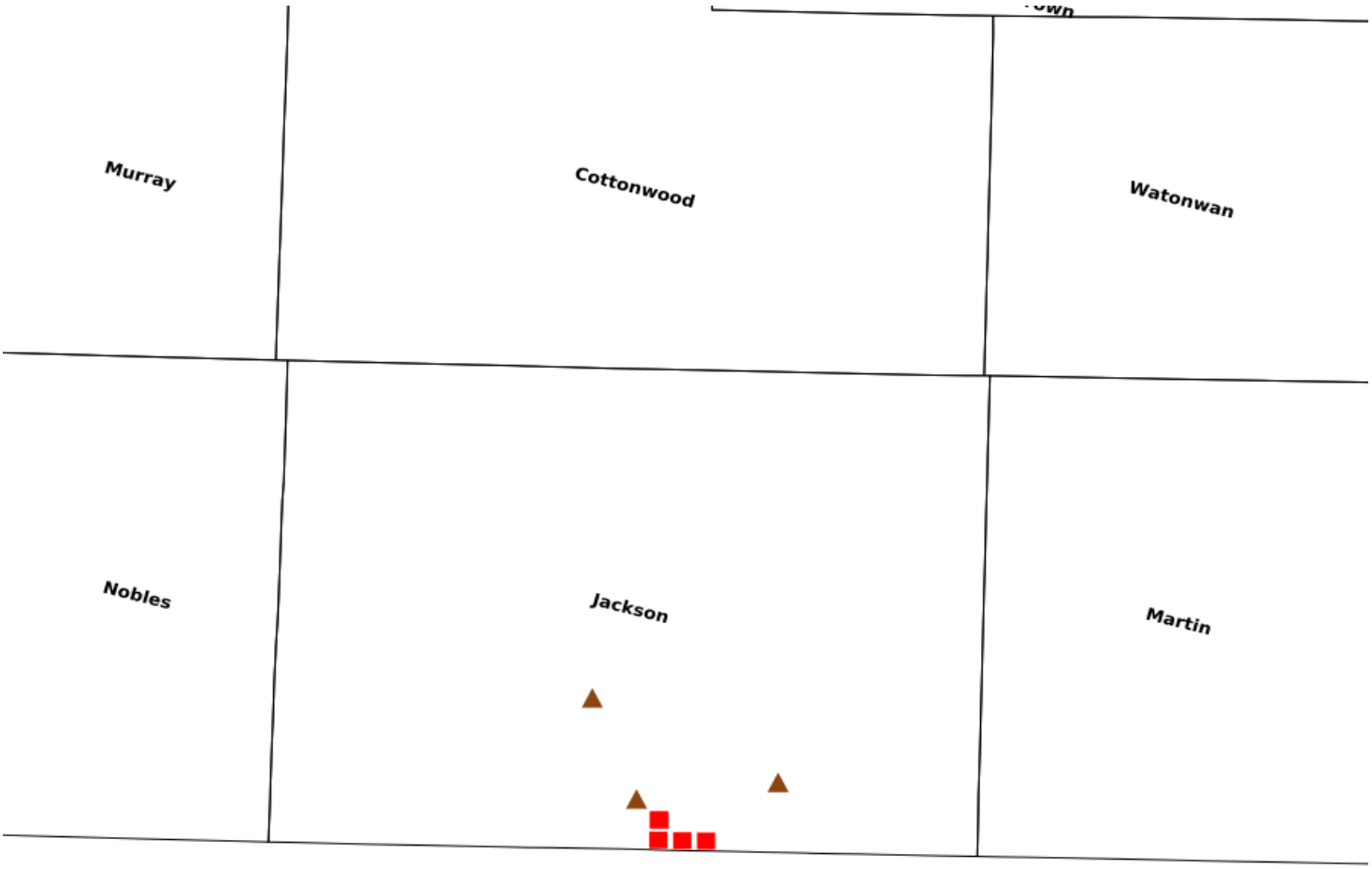
Explain the process used to identify, prioritize, and select the parcels on your list:
We worked with biologists from USFWS, MN DNR, and Ducks Unlimited to map parcels adjacent to existing habitat with high wetland restoration potential. Focus areas are further developed using multiple plans and studies to identify areas where conservation investments will do the most good for fish, wildlife and their habitats as well as people who depend on habitat and natural resources.

We will look for lands available from willing sellers within our priority resource areas and amend to this project when and as appropriate during the grant period beginning July 2027. Current parcels are not fully known, but our top priorities as of submission are listed below.

Fee Parcels

Name	County	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection
Husen WMA - South Parcel	Jackson	10236229	80	$300,000	No
Moore Slough WPA - West Parcel	Jackson	10135231	365	$4,015,000	No
Pavelko WMA - North Parcel	Jackson	10135215	80	$300,000	No
Sangl WMA - East Parcel	Jackson	10136222	113	$1,243,000	No
Spirit Lake WPA - East Parcel	Jackson	10136236	120	$1,320,000	No
Spirit Lake WPA - Little Spirit Parcel	Jackson	10136235	75	$825,000	No
Spirit Lake WPA - Sec26 North	Jackson	10136226	80	$880,000	No
Spirit Lake WPA - Sec26 South	Jackson	10136226	62	$682,000	No

Parcel Map


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

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Comparison Report

Program Title: ML 2027 - Great Prairie Lakes and Wetlands Restoration Initiative
Organization: Spirit Lake Protective Association
Manager: John F. Smeltzer

Budget

Requested Amount: $4,838,200
Appropriated Amount: $1,966,000
Percentage: 40.63%

Item	Requested Proposal	Leverage Proposal	Appropriated AP	Leverage AP	Percent of Request	Percent of Leverage
Personnel	$198,000	$75,000	$80,000	$45,000	40.4%	60.0%
Contracts	$650,000	$50,000	$260,000	$20,000	40.0%	40.0%
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	$1,760,000	-	$688,400	-	39.11%	-
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	$1,760,000	$250,000	$688,400	$250,000	39.11%	100.0%
Easement Acquisition	-	-	-	-	-	-
Easement Stewardship	-	-	-	-	-	-
Travel	$26,000	$10,500	$10,400	$4,500	40.0%	42.86%
Professional Services	$78,000	-	$31,200	-	40.0%	-
Direct Support Services	$18,800	-	$7,600	-	40.43%	-
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	$60,300	-	$45,000	-	74.63%	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	$10,000	-	$4,000	-	40.0%	-
Supplies/Materials	$325,000	-	$130,000	-	40.0%	-
DNR IDP	$27,900	-	$21,000	-	75.27%	-
Grand Total	**$4,838,200**	**$385,000**	**$1,966,000**	**$319,500**	**40.63%**	**82.99%**

If the project received 70% of the requested funding

Describe how the scaling would affect acres/activities and if not proportionately reduced, why?
The number of acres would be reduced proportionally. At 50% reduction, we could protect and restore about 160 acres, or 1 project, as most parcels sell as a quarter section in Southern MN. We don't believe we could find many parcels to purchase for less than 50% of requested.

Describe how personnel and DSS expenses would be adjusted and if not proportionately reduced, why?
Personnel and DSS are budgeted by number of projects in this program. A baseline amount of time and effort are needed for every project, regardless of size of that project. Therefore, personnel and DSS will not be adjusted at the same proportions as acres, contracts, and other categories.

If the project received 50% of the requested funding

Describe how the scaling would affect acres/activities and if not proportionately reduced, why?
The number of acres would be reduced proportionally, and we would target priority projects with funding available. With 30% of requested funding, we don't believe we could find many parcels to purchase in our focus area.

Describe how personnel and DSS expenses would be adjusted and if not proportionately reduced, why?
Personnel and DSS are budgeted by number of projects in this program. A baseline amount of time and effort are needed for every project, regardless of size of the project. Therefore, personnel and DSS will not be adjusted at the same proportions as acres, contracts, and other categories.

Output

Acres by Resource Type (Table 1)

Type	Total Proposed	Total in AP	Percentage of Proposed
Restore	0	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	160	60	37.5%
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	160	60	37.5%
Protect in Easement	0	-	-
Enhance	0	-	-

Total Requested Funding by Resource Type (Table 2)

Type	Total Proposed	Total in AP	Percentage of Proposed
Restore	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	$2,419,100	$983,000	40.63%
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	$2,419,100	$983,000	40.63%
Protect in Easement	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-

Acres within each Ecological Section (Table 3)

Type	Total Proposed	Total in AP	Percentage of Proposed
Restore	0	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	160	60	37.5%
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	160	60	37.5%
Protect in Easement	0	-	-
Enhance	0	-	-

Total Requested Funding within each Ecological Section (Table 4)

Type	Total Proposed	Total in AP	Percentage of Proposed
Restore	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	$2,419,100	$983,000	40.63%
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	$2,419,100	$983,000	40.63%
Protect in Easement	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-