Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands - Phase X

Laws of Minnesota 2027 Accomplishment Plan

General Information

Date: 10/08/2026

Project Title: Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands - Phase X

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Appropriation Language:

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Location Information

County Location(s): Marshall, Douglas, Clay, Lac qui Parle, Cottonwood, Nobles, Yellow Medicine, Grant, Stevens, Lincoln, Becker, Blue Earth, Jackson, Traverse, Sibley, Watonwan, Pope, Murray, Chisago, Otter Tail, Wilkin, Rock, Lake of the Woods, Polk, Roseau, Mower, Martin, Mahnomen, Redwood, Todd, Swift, Kandiyohi, Wright, Chippewa, Faribault, Carver, Meeker, Fillmore, Renville, Freeborn and Big Stone.

Eco regions in which work will take place:

Forest / Prairie Transition

Metro / Urban

Prairie

Activity types:

Restore

Enhance

Priority resources addressed by activity:

Prairie

Wetlands

Narrative

Abstract

In this phase of the Enhanced Public Lands - Grassland program, Pheasants Forever (PF) will enhance or restore 6,000 acres of upland and wetland habitat. The goal of this program is to improve habitat on existing WMAs, WPAs, SNAs, and National Wildlife Refuges (NWRs) that are open to public hunting. PF does this by working with agency partners to develop restoration and enhancement plans and hiring local, private contractors to complete work. Examples of habitat improvements include restoring wetlands, removing invasive trees, conducting conservation grazing, and seeding grasslands with high-diversity native seed mixes.

Design and Scope of Work

Grassland-wetland ecosystems require regular disturbance to preserve their functionality and quality to positively impact fish, wildlife, and the public. Lack of disturbance on native and restored prairies has resulted in degraded habitats characterized by low plant diversity, presence of non-native or invasive species, and the spread of voluntary trees into open prairie. Wetlands embedded in these grasslands require restoration to achieve their fullest functionality, or have structures that need repair. The Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan (MPCP) identifies restoration and enhancement as two strategies to combat these issues. In accordance with this plan, Pheasants Forever has created the Enhanced Public Lands - Grasslands program to restore and enhance grassland and wetland habitats on existing WMAs, SNAs, WPAs, and NWRs (many of which were purchased in sub-optimal conditions) in the prairie, forest/prairie transition, and metro regions. Pheasants Forever will utilize a previously developed Request for Proposals (RFP) and process to evaluate projects submitted by agency partners.
Restoration and enhancement activities include the following:
1) Wetland restoration/enhancement: Tools used to accomplish this include removing drain tile, constructing/repairing earthen dams and/or water control structures, removing sediment and invasive narrow leaf cattail control. Wetlands targeted for enhancement are vital to providing food, cover, and the space required for breeding waterfowl while being essential to and landscape resiliency in the face of climate change.
2) Upland Enhancement: We will use a site-specific combination of techniques (e.g. cultivation, tree removal, herbicide, and prescribed fire) to bring back productivity to these public lands. In close collaboration with the land managers, we will seed a diverse mix of native grasses and forbs that are well adapted to site conditions and are ideal for upland nesting bird production and success of pollinator species. Mowing will be used as needed to manage annual weed pressure to ensure establishment.
3) Prescribed burning: This is the primary tool for managing grassland habitat as it is cost effective, increases vigor by removing built up litter, and sets back invasive woody species.
4) Conservation Grazing: This is an important enhancement tool for sites that are difficult to conduct prescribed fires or need to target specific enhancement needs (e.g. cool season grass suppression, tree invasion, etc.). Permanent infrastructure with a lifespan of 30+ years will be installed to conduct conservation grazing plans written to benefit wildlife.

5) Tree Removal: Research has shown that invasive trees are detrimental to prairie/grassland wildlife and thus will be removed with this proposal. These trees reduce nesting success by providing perches for aerial predators, dens for mammalian predators, and increases predator efficiency by creating habitat edges and fragmenting habitat. Predators are highly effective at predating both nests and nesting birds, especially in fragmented low quality habitat.

Restoring or enhancing habitat to its highest function in these areas will not only greatly benefit fish and wildlife populations, but also reduce future management costs (by creating robust, better self-regulating ecosystems), and improve the enjoyment of the area by the public.

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

In line with the goals of the MPCP, this program directly addresses the loss of quality habitat on reconstructed and native prairies through restoration and enhancement best practices. By increasing the quality of existing remnant and reconstructed prairie habitat we benefit numerous species that are of special concern, threatened, or endangered. This proposal targets grassland species, including but not limited to, greater prairie chickens, ring-necked pheasants, monarch butterflies, honey bees and Dakota skippers.

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

Without frequent disturbance grasslands naturally degrade over time. This phenomenon is termed grassland succession. As grassland succession progresses, the cost to correct it increases . This program allows PF to consistently enhance public lands at maximum capacity for the benefit of wildlife and the public.

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

This proposal improves habitat within corridors and complexes which increases their usability by wildlife. For instance, large expanses of low-quality habitat provide little value to wildlife species who are not generalist, effectively reducing the size of the complex. Enhancing and restoring habitat within these complexes increases the usable area for a greater number of species. A characteristic of low-quality habitat is an increase in habitat edges, which is a type of habitat fragmentation. Rows of trees, and drastic changes in vegetative cover (e.g. visible transition from a stand of smooth brome to Kentucky bluegrass) create edges for predators to navigate and increases their efficiency when hunting. By removing trees and restoring grasslands to high-diversity mixes of grasses and forbs, we reduce the amount of habitat fragmentation within the greater complex.

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

Long Range Plan for the Ring-Necked Pheasant in MN

Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan

Which LSOHC section priorities are addressed in this program?

Forest / Prairie Transition

Protect, enhance, and restore migratory habitat for waterfowl and related species, so as to increase migratory and breeding success

Metro / Urban

Protect, enhance, and restore remnant native prairie, Big Woods forests, and oak savanna with an emphasis on areas with high biological diversity

Prairie

Restore or enhance habitat on public lands

Outcomes

Programs in forest-prairie transition region:

Increased waterfowl and upland bird migratory and breeding success ~ *Outcomes will be measured by resource professionals and evaluated by using the best science available to land managers.*

Programs in metropolitan urbanizing region:

Other ~ *Outcomes will be measured by resource professionals and evaluated by using the best science available to land managers.*

Programs in prairie region:

Improved condition of habitat on public lands ~ *Outcomes will be measured by resource professionals and evaluated by using the best science available to land managers.*

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 supplements past investments and is focused on accelerating the protection and restoration of strategically selected parcels.

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

The enhancements completed under this phase will generally allow the unit to be managed more effectively by either the USFWS or MNDNR. Limited station/area funds, constant pressure from invasive species (i.e. grasses, forbs, and trees), water quality decline, aging grasslands, climate change and other factors increase the difficulty of maintaining these enhancements; therefore, we expect continued opportunity to supplement local agency efforts. While it's difficult for a third party like PF to provide an analysis of future costs on existing public land, according to the Long-Range Budget Analysis of Land Management Needs, the cost of long-term management ranges from $11-16/acre annually. We expect the average need to be the same for the parcels enhanced or restored under this program.

Actions to Maintain Project Outcomes

Year	Source of Funds	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
Post Project Completion - NWR	USFWS - Federal	Monitoring	Maintience	-
Post Project Completion - WPA	USFWS - Federal	Monitoring	Maintience	-
Post Project Completion - WMA	MN DNR - Game and Fish Funds	Monitoring	Maintience	-

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

The goal of this program is to enhance and restore wildlife habitat on public lands open to all Minnesotans, regardless of cultural background or fiscal standing. WPAs, WMAs, and NRWs eligible for this program are free and open to access by all. This program spans all of the Prairie, Forest-Prairie, and Metro regions. Some acquisitions will be nearby areas with diverse or low-income communities. This program engages with everyone who wants to participate in public lands and the outdoors.

Activity Details

Requirements

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

WPA

Refuge Lands

SNA

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

Timeline

Activity Name	Estimated Completion Date
Complete all enhancement/restoration work	6/30/2032
Re-evaluate project status/budget and solicit additional projects as needed	12/31/2028
Enhancement/restoration work begins	5/31/2028
Select projects for completion and hire contractors to complete habitat work	1/31/2028
Review project RFP's with project selection committee	11/30/2027
Distribute project Request for Proposals (RFP) to area land managers	9/1/2027

Date of Final Report Submission: 06/30/2032

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.

Totals

Item	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	$210,600	-	-	$210,600
Contracts	$2,707,800	$75,200	PF/State/Federal	$2,783,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	-	-	-	-
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	-	-	-	-
Easement Acquisition	-	-	-	-
Easement Stewardship	-	-	-	-
Travel	$11,300	-	-	$11,300
Professional Services	-	-	-	-
Direct Support Services	$94,700	$94,700	PF	$189,400
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	-	-	-	-
Supplies/Materials	$225,600	-	-	$225,600
DNR IDP	$15,000	-	-	$15,000
Grand Total	**$3,265,000**	**$169,900**	**-**	**$3,434,900**

Personnel

Position	Annual FTE	Years Working	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
PF GRANT STAFF	0.1	4.0	$13,200	-	-	$13,200
PF FIELD STAFF	1.44	4.0	$197,400	-	-	$197,400

Amount of Request: $3,265,000
Amount of Leverage: $169,900
Leverage as a percent of the Request: 5.2%
DSS + Personnel: $305,300
As a % of the total request: 9.35%
Easement Stewardship: -
As a % of the Easement Acquisition: -

How will this program accommodate the reduced appropriation recommendation from the original proposed requested amount?
All line items are scaled down proportionally.

Detail leverage sources and confirmation of funds:
Leverage is expected from multiple sources including but not limited to federal sources, land value donations, contractor donations and PF. Not every source is 100% confirmed at this point. However, PF has an exemplary track record of delivery and over-achievement of match commitments that further stretch OHF fundin

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?
This proposal's budget at 100% of the request is based on the average acres that are enhanced and restored per appropriation. If this project is reduced by 50% we would scale down all acres/activities and dollars amounts proportionately.

Describe how personnel and DSS expenses would be adjusted and if not proportionately reduced, why?
Personnel and DSS will be scaled down proportionately.

Personnel

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

Contracts

What is included in the contracts line?
We anticipate that all of the contract funding will be used for restoration and enhancement activities.

Travel

Does the amount in the travel line include equipment/vehicle rental?
No

Explain the amount in the travel line outside of traditional travel costs of mileage, food, and lodging
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?
PF utilizes the Total Modified Direct Cost method. This methodology is annually approved by the U.S. Department of Interior's National Business Center as the basis for the organization's Indirect Cost Rate Agreement. PF's allowable direct support services cost is 15%. In this proposal, PF has discounted its rate to 2.5% of the sum of personnel, contracts, professional services, and travel. We are donating the difference-in-kind.

Federal Funds

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

Are the funds confirmed?
No

What is the approximate date you anticipate receiving confirmation of the federal funds?
7/1/2029

Output Tables

Acres by Resource Type (Table 1)

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat	Total Acres
Restore	225	0	-	-	225
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	0	2,030	-	-	2,030
Total	**225**	**2,030**	**-**	**-**	**2,255**

Total Requested Funding by Resource Type (Table 2)

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat	Total Funding
Restore	$326,500	-	-	-	$326,500
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	$2,938,500	-	-	$2,938,500
Total	**$326,500**	**$2,938,500**	**-**	**-**	**$3,265,000**

Acres within each Ecological Section (Table 3)

Type	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N. Forest	Total Acres
Restore	22	67	-	136	-	225
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	203	609	-	1,218	-	2,030
Total	**225**	**676**	**-**	**1,354**	**-**	**2,255**

Total Requested Funding within each Ecological Section (Table 4)

Type	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N. Forest	Total Funding
Restore	$32,700	$98,000	-	$195,800	-	$326,500
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	$293,900	$881,600	-	$1,763,000	-	$2,938,500
Total	**$326,600**	**$979,600**	**-**	**$1,958,800**	**-**	**$3,265,000**

Average Cost per Acre by Resource Type (Table 5)

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat
Restore	$1,451	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	$1,447	-	-

Average Cost per Acre by Ecological Section (Table 6)

Type	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N. Forest
Restore	$1,486	$1,462	-	$1,439	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	$1,447	$1,447	-	$1,447	-

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:
Requests for proposals will be sent to MN public land managers and PF chapters within the prairie, prairie/forest transition, and metro regions. PF evaluates projects based on proximity to and size habitat complex, benefit to T/E and SGCN, and alignment with existing conservation plans. Projects will be accepted until all funds have been spent.

Restore / Enhance Parcels

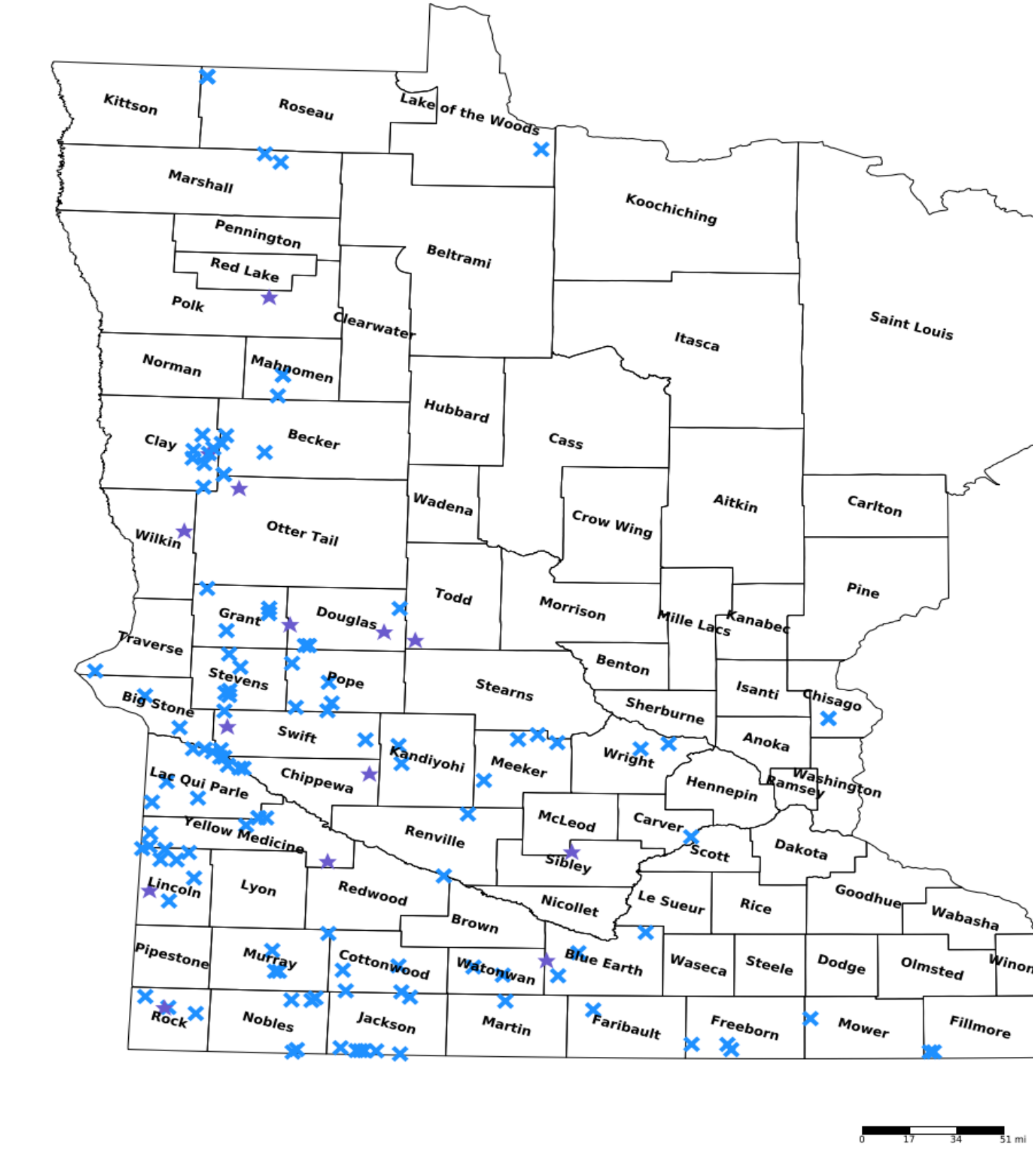
Name	County	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection	Description
Arneson WPA	Becker	13942213	1	$2,573	Yes	Brush Mowing/Shearing
Larson WPA	Becker	13843232	93	$70,000	Yes	Conservation Grazing
Larson WPA	Becker	13843232	3	$18,500	Yes	Tree Removal
Marks WPA	Becker	14043217	48	$75,500	Yes	Tree Removal
Stinking Lake WPA	Becker	14043231	2	$18,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Hillman WPA	Big Stone	12145210	75	$50,000	Yes	Conservation Grazing, Tree Removal,
Karsky WPA	Big Stone	12346207	68	$17,550	Yes	Tree Removal
Evans Slough WMA	Blue Earth	10629227	100	$25,310	Yes	Tree Removal
Gilfillan Lake WMA	Blue Earth	10925232	195	$7,500	Yes	Tree Removal
Howard Farm WPA	Blue Earth	10728209	400	$12,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Pauley WPA	Blue Earth	10729230	35	$33,501	Yes	Wetland, Upland Restoration WITHOUT seed, Tree Removal
Rapids Lake North NWR	Carver	11523230	300	$9,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Cuka WMA	Chippewa	11937234	114	$36,424	Yes	Wetland
Carlos Avery WMA	Chisago	03421226	60	$165,000	Yes	Tree Removal
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Carlson WPA	Clay	13945213	31	$34,108	Yes	Tree Removal
Christiansen WPA	Clay	13844209	12	$40,348	Yes	Conservation Grazing
Doran Lake WPA	Clay	13945236	135	$35,257	Yes	Conservation Grazing
Haugtvedt WPA	Clay	13744228	42	$68,954	Yes	Conservation Grazing
Hoykens WPA	Clay	14044217	269	$7,720	Yes	Brush Mowing/Shearing
Olson WPA	Clay	13944211	38	$31,500	Yes	Brush Mowing/Shearing
Rushfeldt WPA	Clay	13944222	46	$79,026	Yes	Wetland
Rushfeldt WPA1	Clay	13944222	30	$320,321	Yes	Tree Removal, Brush Mowing/Shearing, Conservation Grazing
Clear Lake WPA	Cottonwood	10538235	302	$37,875	Yes	Conservation Grazing
Long Lake WPA	Cottonwood	10638222	106	$28,116	Yes	Diversity Seeding
Swan Lake WPA	Cottonwood	10636212	149	$29,175	Yes	Conservation Grazing
Wolf Lake WPA	Cottonwood	10535231	71	$150,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Ellingson WPA	Douglas	12840218	28	$32,500	Yes	Tree Removal, Wetland,
Hegg Lake WMA	Douglas	12740226	7	$35,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Peterson WPA	Douglas	12836230	9	$182,000	Yes	Wetland Restoration, Tree Removal,
Roger Holmes WMA	Douglas	12936211	475	$224,323	Yes	Conservation Grazing, Prescribed Fire, Diversity Seeding
Sabolik WPA	Douglas	12740225	16	$60,000	Yes	Tree Removal

Thompson WPA	Douglas	12740225	17	$80,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Rice Lake WMA	Faribault	10427231	95	$55,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Beaver Creek WMA	Fillmore	10113221	27	$19,717	Yes	Diversity Seeding
Beaver Creek WMA	Fillmore	10113220	275	$112,520	Yes	Tree Removal, 112520,
Goose Creek WPA	Freeborn	10122213	75	$130,000	Yes	Tree Removal, Upland Restoration,
Mansfield WMA	Freeborn	10123205	76	$80,000	Yes	Diversity Seeding
Twin Lake WPA	Freeborn	10122202	37	$90,000	Yes	Diversity Seeding, Tree Removal,
Berskow WMA	Grant	12941217	7	$32,500	Yes	Tree Removal
Blakesly WMA	Grant	12843233	3	$15,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Jenson WMA	Grant	12941229	72	$28,800	Yes	Tree Removal
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Kube Swift WMA: West Unit	Grant	13044210	8	$40,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Christiania WPA	Jackson	10435209	165	$105,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Howard K. Vincent WPA	Jackson	10135231	185	$77,322	Yes	Upland Restoration
Illinois Lake WMA	Jackson	10138222	70	$30,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Little Sioux River WPA	Jackson	10136230	182	$5,460	Yes	Tree Removal
Sioux Valley WMA	Jackson	10137228	13	$30,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Skunk Creek WPA - CCM	Jackson	10137229	1	$36	Yes	Tree Removal
Skunk Lake WMA	Jackson	10137227	171	$40,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Gopher Ridge WMA	Kandiyohi	11936212	5	$16,010	Yes	Wetland
Shakopee Creek WPA	Kandiyohi	12036202	55	$250,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Flinks Slough WMA	Lac qui Parle	11642236	53	$62,000	Yes	Tree Removal, Upland Restoration,
Flinks WMA	Lac qui Parle	11642236	62	$178,925	Yes	Upland Restoration, Tree Removal, Seed Purchase
Hamlin WMA	Lac qui Parle	11744228	19	$25,000	Yes	Upland Restoration
Hastad WPA (North-W1/2W1/2)	Lac qui Parle	11943205	230	$29,900	Yes	Tree Removal
Hegland WPA	Lac qui Parle	11943204	88	$16,080	Yes	Tree Removal
Lac Qui Parle WMA- Louisburg	Lac qui Parle	12044222	77	$47,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Lac qui Parle WMA, Engebretson Tract	Lac qui Parle	11942229	612	$140,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Lac qui Parle WMA, Hamre Tract	Lac qui Parle	11942230	227	$200,000	Yes	Tree Removal,
Lac qui Parle WMA, Nygard Tract	Lac qui Parle	12044225	15	$49,500	Yes	Tree Removal, 49500,
Lac qui Parle WMA, Shelstad Tract	Lac qui Parle	11943222	17	$27,000	Yes	Upland Restoration, 23000, 3
Lac qui Parle WMA, Simonson Soderberg Tract	Lac qui Parle	12044219	236	$178,100	Yes	Tree Removal, 169000, 7
NE Four Corners WMA	Lac qui Parle	11845230	20	$27,000	Yes	Upland Restoration
Taylor WPA	Lac qui Parle	11646204	77	$15,500	Yes	Tree Removal
Morris Mow- LOW State Forest	Lake of the Woods	15930221	35	$29,279	Yes	Brush Mowing
Archerville WMA	Lincoln	11345206	184	$220,800	Yes	Tree Removal
Collinson WMA	Lincoln	11045217	50	$114,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Kragh Farms WPA	Lincoln	11146228	8	$124,290	Yes	Wetland, Tree Removal,
MinnKota WMA	Lincoln	11346206	135	$45,700	Yes	Fencing
Richard Doerer WMA	Lincoln	11346225	70	$25,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Rook WPA	Lincoln	11345227	162	$45,000	Yes	Conservation Grazing, Tree Removal,

Rost WMA	Lincoln	11244232	100	$60,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Vista Prairie WMA	Lincoln	11344207	25	$20,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Sandy Lake WPA	Mahnomen	14441215	106	$50,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Sandy Lake WPA	Mahnomen	14441215	60	$65,000	Yes	Conservation Grazing
Squirrel Lake WPA	Mahnomen	14341228	50	$83,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Thief Lake WMA- Lakeshore Burn Units	Marshall	15841228	121	$96,300	Yes	Prescribed Fire
Thief Lake WMA- Savanna Units	Marshall	15842211	181	$109,800	Yes	Prescribed Fire, Prescribed Fire, Prescribed Fire
Gleam WMA	Martin	10431216	77	$40,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Clear Lake WPA	Meeker	12130210	8	$120,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Kingston WMA	Meeker	12129228	200	$100,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Rosendale WPA	Meeker	11832209	36	$50,000	Yes	Upland Restoration, Seed Purchase,
Tyrone Flats WPA	Meeker	12131223	40	$48,000	Yes	Upland Restoration
Schamber WPA	Mower	10318217	30	$85,000	Yes	Tree Removal
5-Mile Corner WPA	Murray	10741215	135	$60,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Big Slough WPA	Murray	10641225	335	$40,250	Yes	Conservation Grazing
Big Slough WPA	Murray	10641226	63	$40,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Pell Creek NWR	Murray	10839212	73	$25,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Graham Lake WPA	Nobles	10439220	15	$20,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Lake Bella WMA	Nobles	10140234	17	$500	Yes	Tree Removal
Lone Tree WMA	Nobles	10440221	34	$15,000	Yes	Tree Removal, 15000,
Watcher WMA	Nobles	10140226	9	$3,000	Yes	Tree Removal, 3000,
West Graham WMA	Nobles	10439216	192	$20,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Putnam WPA (Tingelstad tract)	Otter Tail	13743225	115	$115,300	Yes	Upland Restoration
Clarke WPA	Polk	14941218	71	$300,000	Yes	Wetland Restoration
Benson Lake WPA	Pope	12339213	28	$9,800	Yes	Tree Removal
Chippewa River WMA	Pope	12340228	24	$297,500	Yes	Wetland Restoration, Tree Removal, Diversity Enhancement
Froland WPA	Pope	12439202	40	$12,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Gust Prairie NTGP (South)	Pope	12640232	103	$15,725	Yes	Tree Removal
Hoffman (NTGP)	Pope	12339235	70	$13,650	Yes	Tree Removal
Cedar Mountain WMA	Redwood	11234214	130	$13,500	Yes	Diversity Seeding, Tree Removal,
Cream City WPA	Renville	11633214	215	$258,000	Yes	Upland Restoration, Tree Removal,
Bartels NWR	Rock	10446220	58	$23,312	Yes	Conservation Grazing
Champepadan Creek NWR	Rock	10344221	1	$7,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Touch the Sky Prairie NWR	Rock	10345208	187	$42,425	Yes	Conservation Grazing
Touch the Sky Prairie NWR1	Rock	10345207	125	$126,825	Yes	Upland Restoration, Tree Removal,
Roseau River WMA	Roseau	16344217	259	$59,570	Yes	Brush Mowing/Shearing
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Roseau River WMA	Roseau	16344217	259	$59,570	Yes	Brush Mowing/Shearing
High Island WPA2	Sibley	11428230	132	$134,400	Yes	Upland Restoration, Wetland,
Alberta WMA: North Unit	Stevens	12443233	28	$12,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Alberta WMA: South East Unit	Stevens	12343203	8	$40,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Kill WPA	Stevens	12643215	40	$5,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Mathison WMA	Stevens	12443227	5	$22,500	Yes	Tree Removal
Miller WPA	Stevens	12542207	50	$15,050	Yes	Tree Removal
Bengtson WPA	Swift	12137228	130	$44,850	Yes	Tree Removal
Lac Qui Parle WMA- Szabo	Swift	12043220	300	$60,250	Yes	Tree Removal
Lubenow WPA	Swift	12143203	2	$5,000	Yes	Wetland

Spring Lake WPA	Swift	12243204	115	$19,000	Yes	Tree Removal
West Union WMA	Todd	12735209	73	$200,000	Yes	Tree Removal, Upland Restoration,
Metz WMA: East Unit	Traverse	12548230	4	$17,500	Yes	Tree Removal
Curry WMA	Watonwan	10632207	13	$7,265	Yes	Tree Removal
Rosendale WMA	Watonwan	10631229	17	$20,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Akron WMA	Wilkin	13445222	20	$30,000	Yes	Upland Restoration
Angus Lake WPA	Wright	12026201	114	$253,052	Yes	Upland Restoration, Tree Removal, Seed Purchase
Pelican Lake WPA	Wright	12124230	105	$159,750	Yes	Tree Removal
Bohemian Marshes WMA	Yellow Medicine	11446233	231	$91,000	Yes	Tree Removal, Prescribed Fire, Upland Restoration
Dakota WPA	Yellow Medicine	11446204	35	$65,000	Yes	Tree Removal, Conservation Grazing,
Posen WMA	Yellow Medicine	11339224	16	$16,400	Yes	Upland Restoration
Stony Run WMA	Yellow Medicine	11641232	80	$54,000	Yes	Tree Removal
Tyro WMA	Yellow Medicine	11542216	95	$30,000	Yes	Tree Removal

Parcel Map



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

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands - Phase X

Comparison Report

Program Title: ML 2027 - Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands - Phase X
Organization: Pheasants Forever
Manager: Sabin Adams

Budget

Requested Amount: $8,681,700
Appropriated Amount: $3,265,000
Percentage: 37.61%

Item	Requested Proposal	Leverage Proposal	Appropriated AP	Leverage AP	Percent of Request	Percent of Leverage
Personnel	$560,000	-	$210,600	-	37.61%	-
Contracts	$7,200,000	$200,000	$2,707,800	$75,200	37.61%	37.6%
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	-	-	-	-	-	-
Easement Acquisition	-	-	-	-	-	-
Easement Stewardship	-	-	-	-	-	-
Travel	$30,000	-	$11,300	-	37.67%	-
Professional Services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Direct Support Services	$251,700	$251,700	$94,700	$94,700	37.62%	37.62%
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supplies/Materials	$600,000	-	$225,600	-	37.6%	-
DNR IDP	$40,000	-	$15,000	-	37.5%	-
Grand Total	**$8,681,700**	**$451,700**	**$3,265,000**	**$169,900**	**37.61%**	**37.61%**

If the project received 70% of the requested funding

Describe how the scaling would affect acres/activities and if not proportionately reduced, why?
This proposal's budget at 100% of the request is based on the average acres that are enhanced and restored per appropriation. If this project is reduced by 50% we would scale down all acres/activities and dollars amounts proportionately.

Describe how personnel and DSS expenses would be adjusted and if not proportionately reduced, why?
Personnel and DSS will be scaled down proportionately.

If the project received 50% of the requested funding

Describe how the scaling would affect acres/activities and if not proportionately reduced, why?
If this project is reduced by 70% we would scale down all acres/activities and dollars amounts proportionately.

Describe how personnel and DSS expenses would be adjusted and if not proportionately reduced, why?
Personnel and DSS will be scaled down proportionately.

Output

Acres by Resource Type (Table 1)

Type	Total Proposed	Total in AP	Percentage of Proposed
Restore	600	225	37.5%
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	0	-	-
Protect in Easement	0	-	-
Enhance	5,400	2,030	37.59%

Total Requested Funding by Resource Type (Table 2)

Type	Total Proposed	Total in AP	Percentage of Proposed
Restore	$868,200	$326,500	37.61%
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-
Enhance	$7,813,500	$2,938,500	37.61%

Acres within each Ecological Section (Table 3)

Type	Total Proposed	Total in AP	Percentage of Proposed
Restore	600	225	37.5%
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	0	-	-
Protect in Easement	0	-	-
Enhance	5,400	2,030	37.59%

Total Requested Funding within each Ecological Section (Table 4)

Type	Total Proposed	Total in AP	Percentage of Proposed
Restore	$868,200	$326,500	37.61%
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-
Enhance	$7,813,500	$2,938,500	37.61%

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Restoring Minnesota's Prairie Pothole Ecosystem - Phase 1

Laws of Minnesota 2027 Accomplishment Plan

General Information

Date: 10/19/2026

Project Title: Restoring Minnesota's Prairie Pothole Ecosystem - Phase 1

Funds Recommended: $2,938,000

Legislative Citation:

Appropriation Language:

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Location Information

County Location(s): Grant, Otter Tail, McLeod, Wadena, Becker, Big Stone, Stevens, Pope, Swift and Douglas.

Eco regions in which work will take place:

Forest / Prairie Transition

Prairie

Northern Forest

Metro / Urban

Activity types:

Restore

Enhance

Priority resources addressed by activity:

Wetlands

Prairie

Forest

Habitat

Narrative

Abstract

The Restoring Minnesota's Prairie Pothole Ecosystem's objective is to restore an additional 10,000 acres of high priority wetlands and associated uplands in North America's most important flyway by 2034. This work is designed specifically to benefit important waterfowl, migratory birds in decline and pollinators in Minnesota's prairie pothole region. We prioritize building complexes of quality habitat primarily in Prairie Core Areas with the highest waterfowl production indices. We propose this project in 5 phases. This first phase will complete 1,052 acres of restoration and enhancement.

Design and Scope of Work

This is a new proposal that builds on the success of the restoration partnership between the Minnesota Land Trust (MLT) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Partners for Wildlife (USFWS-PFW) program previously included in MLT's Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration Program and Accelerating Habitat Conservation in Southwest Minnesota Program. Thanks to the support of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council, this partnership has restored 15,000 acres through the Outdoor Heritage Fund and the Conservation Partners Legacy program.

In this proposal, the MLT continues to serve as the OHF Project Manager and the USFWS-PFW leads the project restoration design. Together, we complete restorations utilizing local small business construction contractors and vendors. MLT and USFWS-PFW closely coordinate with other public agencies and non-profit organizations to ensure strategic conservation delivery. MLT and USFWS-PFW will develop additional projects as part of this proposal. All restoration projects on land permanently protected either in fee title or conservation easements held by the USFWS or MLT.

The majority of the sites included in this proposal are protected with Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (MBCF), or "Duck Stamp" dollars. These funds are primarily generated through Federal Duck Stamp sales and are earmarked for acquisition to benefit waterfowl conservation. These funds, however, cannot be used for restoration, and the Outdoor Heritage Fund plays an integral role elevating the conservation investment in the Prairie Pothole Region (PPR) landscape – through habitat restoration. Other projects included in this proposal occur on properties protected with previous OHF funds.

All proposed project sites occur within Minnesota's Prairie Pothole Region, extending from the Canadian border to Iowa along the glacial moraine system of western Minnesota. Projects are selected and prioritized using USFWS's landscape-scale spatial models and other science-based tools. These models are used to identify upland cover and prairie-wetland complexes for nesting waterfowl and other species. Each project design directly improves small shallow wetlands and associated grassland habitats to maximize breeding habitat for waterfowl and grassland dependent species. Wetlands are restored only where a combination of imagery, topographic features, or soil

conditions identify the historic presence of basins. Restorations include various combinations of the following activities:

Wetland basin restorations include sub-surface drainage tile removal, sediment removal via surface grading, ditch plug and dike construction, or a combination of these practices. In the uplands, prairie restorations occur on sites where a land manager wants to sunset a crop field and plant native prairie species, reconstructing the prairie. Enhancement activities for prairie and wetland work can include a combination of prescribed burning, grassland inter-seeding, wetland vegetation removal, tree and invasive species removal, and infrastructure for conservation grazing.

Our intention is to restore 25,000 acres of prairie pothole wetlands and grasslands by the conclusion of the 2008 Clean Water Land and Legacy Amendment. This equals 40 square miles of new habitat for 2400 breeding waterfowl pairs, which we estimate could produce an additional 10,000 ducks every year to Minnesota's waterfowl populations.

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

This project benefits SGCN and other important game and non-game wildlife species directly by restoring and enhancing habitats degraded by past land use practices. Our objective is to rebuild shallow wetlands and associated grassland complexes in areas of maximum benefit.

Our Restoring Minnesota's Prairie Pothole Ecosystem proposal relies heavily on Minnesota's Prairie Plan, the Prairie Pothole Joint Venture (PPJV), and science from USFWS. These plans provide a solid scientific basis calling for extensive wetland and grassland restoration and enhancement in Minnesota's prairie pothole region to provide critical habitat for wildlife, especially migratory waterfowl, pollinators and grassland birds.

The USFWS's Habitat Population Evaluation Team's "Thunderstorm Map" is a tool developed to identify and prioritize upland nesting cover for breeding waterfowl. The map uses a combination of National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) wetland data, waterfowl pair per wetland relationship models, and distances that hen mallards, blue-winged teal, northern pintails, gadwall, and northern shovelers commonly travel from wetlands to upland nesting sites. USFWS-PFW uses the results of this model to prioritize our restoration and enhancement projects.

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

More than 90% of the millions of historic "potholes" in Minnesota have been ditched, drained or otherwise degraded by land use practices. The PPJV calls for the restoration of 100,000's of acres to recover stable populations of waterfowl. Meeting this need calls for immediate, intensive coordinated action.

Currently, the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (MBCF) allocates approximately 70% of its revenue toward the acquisition of wetland and grassland habitats (fee title and easements) within the PPR. While this allocation may shift over time, MBCF resources remain dedicated exclusively to habitat acquisition.

By accelerating the pace of restoration and leveraging these federal investments within the PPR, this proposal enhances both the quality and quantity of high-value wetland and grassland habitats. Importantly, the timing of this effort positions Minnesota to demonstrate exceptional land stewardship, reinforcing the value of continued MBCF investment in Minnesota's portion of the PPR.

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

This proposal serves to build upon past conservation investment in the program area, expand the footprint of quality habitat, facilitate the creation of high-quality habitat corridors, and reduce the potential for fragmentation. This proposal focuses on restoring prairie and wetland habitats on protected lands within priority prairie core complexes guided primarily by the Minnesota Prairie Plan, Prairie Pothole Joint Venture and the USFWS Habitat and Population Evaluation Team.

The Prairie Plan and other data sets have identified core areas for coordinated action among conservation partners. These landscape-scale Prairie Cores enhance the conservation outcomes by combining important wetland complexes with other high-quality habitat, existing protected areas and working conservation lands. These core areas with highly adjacent diverse habitat types at a landscape scale enable each species to more readily adapt to changing land cover and climatic conditions maximizing survival and productivity.

We work closely with other conservation partners in the region to coordinate help build large habitat core areas comprised of both public and private protected lands. Project selection and development is based on the amount of existing habitat on the property, the potential for adding quality habitat and the project's context relative to nearby habitats.

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

Long Range Duck Recovery Plan

Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan

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

Metro / Urban

Protect, enhance, and restore remnant native prairie, Big Woods forests, and oak savanna with an emphasis on areas with high biological diversity

Northern Forest

Restore and enhance habitat on existing protected properties, with preference to habitat for rare, endangered, or threatened species identified by the Minnesota County Biological Survey

Prairie

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

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 ~ *Additional and improved nesting and foraging habitat for migratory waterfowl, upland birds, and pollinators ~ We estimate approximately 16% of the work proposed will occur in the Forest-prairie transition region. This proposal includes 170 acres of wetland and upland habitat complexes that could yield 22 breeding pairs of waterfowl. If we assume 5 fledged young/pair this will increase annual productivity by 110 waterfowl/year.*

Programs in metropolitan urbanizing region:

Core areas protected with highly biologically diverse wetlands and plant communities, including native prairie, Big Woods, and oak savanna ~ *Additional and improved nesting and foraging habitat for migratory waterfowl, upland birds, and pollinators ~ We estimate 5% of the work proposed will occur in the metro region. This proposal includes 14 acres of wetland and upland habitat complexes that could yield 18 breeding pairs of waterfowl. If we assume 5 fledged young/pair this will increase annual productivity by 90 waterfowl/year.*

Programs in the northern forest region:

Forestlands are protected from development and fragmentation ~ *Additional and improved nesting and foraging habitat for migratory waterfowl, upland birds, and pollinators ~ We estimate 19% of the work proposed will occur in the Forest region. This proposal includes 200 acres of wetland and upland habitat complexes that could yield 19 breeding pairs of waterfowl. If we assume 5 fledged young/pair this will increase annual productivity by 95 waterfowl/year.*

Programs in prairie region:

Remnant native prairies and wetlands are perpetually protected and adequately buffered ~ *Additional and improved nesting and foraging habitat for migratory waterfowl, upland birds, and pollinators ~ We estimate 60% of the work proposed will occur in the prairie region. This proposal includes 630 acres of wetland and upland habitat complexes that could yield 60 breeding pairs of waterfowl. If we assume 5 fledged young/pair this will increase annual productivity by 300 waterfowl/year.*

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 procured by MLT through the Outdoor Heritage Fund through this proposal will not supplant or substitute any previous funding from a non-Legacy fund used for the same purpose.

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

The USFWS and MLT (as easement holders on respective properties) will work with landowners on an ongoing basis to provide habitat restoration plans, resources, and technical expertise to undertake restoration, enhancement, and ongoing management of these properties.

Actions to Maintain Project Outcomes

Year	Source of Funds	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
-	-	-	-	-
Every 4 to 6 years post construction	USFWS, Landowners, MLT	Prescribed fire, tree control, invasive species control as needed	-	-

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

One of MLT's core values is a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. We work to demonstrate this commitment whenever possible across our work. Included in this proposal is a project to restore a property of importance to the Yankton Sioux near Pipestone National Monument.

MLT continues to use diversity, equity, and inclusion as a lens in project, partner, and contractor selection. We will continue to listen and seek out potential, authentic partnerships that can advance our goals of conserving the best of Minnesota's remaining habitats and, at the same time, being a more inclusive organization. To that end, we intentionally build relationships and work collaboratively with diverse communities throughout the state, such as summer camps for youth, Tribal Nations, rural farmers, and multi-generational families.

Activity Details

Requirements

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

Permanently Protected Conservation Easements

Other : Public Lands

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

Timeline

Activity Name	Estimated Completion Date
Restoration and enhancement projects completed	June 30, 2032

Date of Final Report Submission: 10/01/2032

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.

Totals

Item	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	$254,700	$40,000	FWS-PFW In-Kind	$294,700
Contracts	$2,600,000	-	-	$2,600,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	-	-	-	-
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	-	-	-	-
Easement Acquisition	-	$850,000	USFWS Migratory Bird Conservation Fund	$850,000
Easement Stewardship	-	-	-	-
Travel	$8,500	-	-	$8,500
Professional Services	$5,000	-	-	$5,000
Direct Support Services	$68,800	-	-	$68,800
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	$500	-	-	$500
Supplies/Materials	$500	-	-	$500
DNR IDP	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	**$2,938,000**	**$890,000**	**-**	**$3,828,000**

Personnel

Position	Annual FTE	Years Working	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
FWS-PFW Biologist	0.1	5.0	-	$40,000	FWS-PFW In-Kind	$40,000
Project Staff	0.5	5.0	$254,700	-	-	$254,700

Amount of Request: $2,938,000
Amount of Leverage: $890,000
Leverage as a percent of the Request: 30.29%
DSS + Personnel: $323,500
As a % of the total request: 11.01%
Easement Stewardship: -
As a % of the Easement Acquisition: -

How will this program accommodate the reduced appropriation recommendation from the original proposed requested amount?
The acres to be delivered have been proportionally reduced to reflect the recommended appropriation. The program was recommended for 42% of its proposed request. Acre outputs were reduced to 42%. Personnel was reduced to 42% of request.

Detail leverage sources and confirmation of funds:
USFWS will provide $850,000 in leverage in the form of newly acquired permanent conservation easements

funded by the USFWS and the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund, plus $40,000 of in-kind leverage for staff time, contracts and supplies for restoration and enhancement projects. All are confirmed.

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?
We would reduce the number of R/E projects to best meet scaling requirements. Output acres would be reduced 40% to 60% depending on individual project costs. We would submit our phase 2 proposal next year instead of 2 years out.

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

Personnel

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

Contracts

What is included in the contracts line?
Restoration and enhancement construction accounts for 100% of the contracts line amount.

Professional Services

What is included in the Professional Services line?

Other : Vegetation surveys, bird surveys to inform project design.

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
Land Trust staff rents vehicles for grant-related purposes when it is a significant cost savings over use of personal vehicles.

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?
Minnesota Land Trust has a direct support services rate approved by the DNR on March 17, 2017. We applied this DNR-approved rate only to personnel expenses included in this proposal to determine the total amount of direct support services requested through this grant.

Other Equipment/Tools

Give examples of the types of Equipment and Tools that will be purchased?
GPS/tablet devices, R/E tools, Personal Protective Equipment.

Federal Funds

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

Are the funds confirmed?
Yes

In Kind : $40,000

Other : 850,000 USFWS easement acquisition (Migratory Bird Conservation Fund)

Output Tables

Acres by Resource Type (Table 1)

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat	Total Acres
Restore	19	-	-	33	52
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	890	-	110	1,000
Total	**19**	**890**	**-**	**143**	**1,052**

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

Type	Native Prairie (acres)
Restore	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-
Protect in Easement	-
Enhance	96
Total	**96**

Total Requested Funding by Resource Type (Table 2)

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat	Total Funding
Restore	$53,100	-	-	$92,100	$145,200
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	$2,485,600	-	$307,200	$2,792,800
Total	**$53,100**	**$2,485,600**	**-**	**$399,300**	**$2,938,000**

Acres within each Ecological Section (Table 3)

Type	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N. Forest	Total Acres
Restore	14	-	-	38	-	52
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	170	-	630	200	1,000
Total	**14**	**170**	**-**	**668**	**200**	**1,052**

Total Requested Funding within each Ecological Section (Table 4)

Type	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N. Forest	Total Funding
Restore	$39,100	-	-	$106,100	-	$145,200
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	$474,800	-	$1,759,400	$558,600	$2,792,800
Total	**$39,100**	**$474,800**	**-**	**$1,865,500**	**$558,600**	**$2,938,000**

Average Cost per Acre by Resource Type (Table 5)

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat
Restore	$2,794	-	-	$2,790
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	$2,792	-	$2,792

Average Cost per Acre by Ecological Section (Table 6)

Type	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N. Forest
Restore	$2,792	-	-	$2,792	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	$2,792	-	$2,792	$2,793

Target Lake/Stream/River Feet or Miles

Parcels

Parcel Information

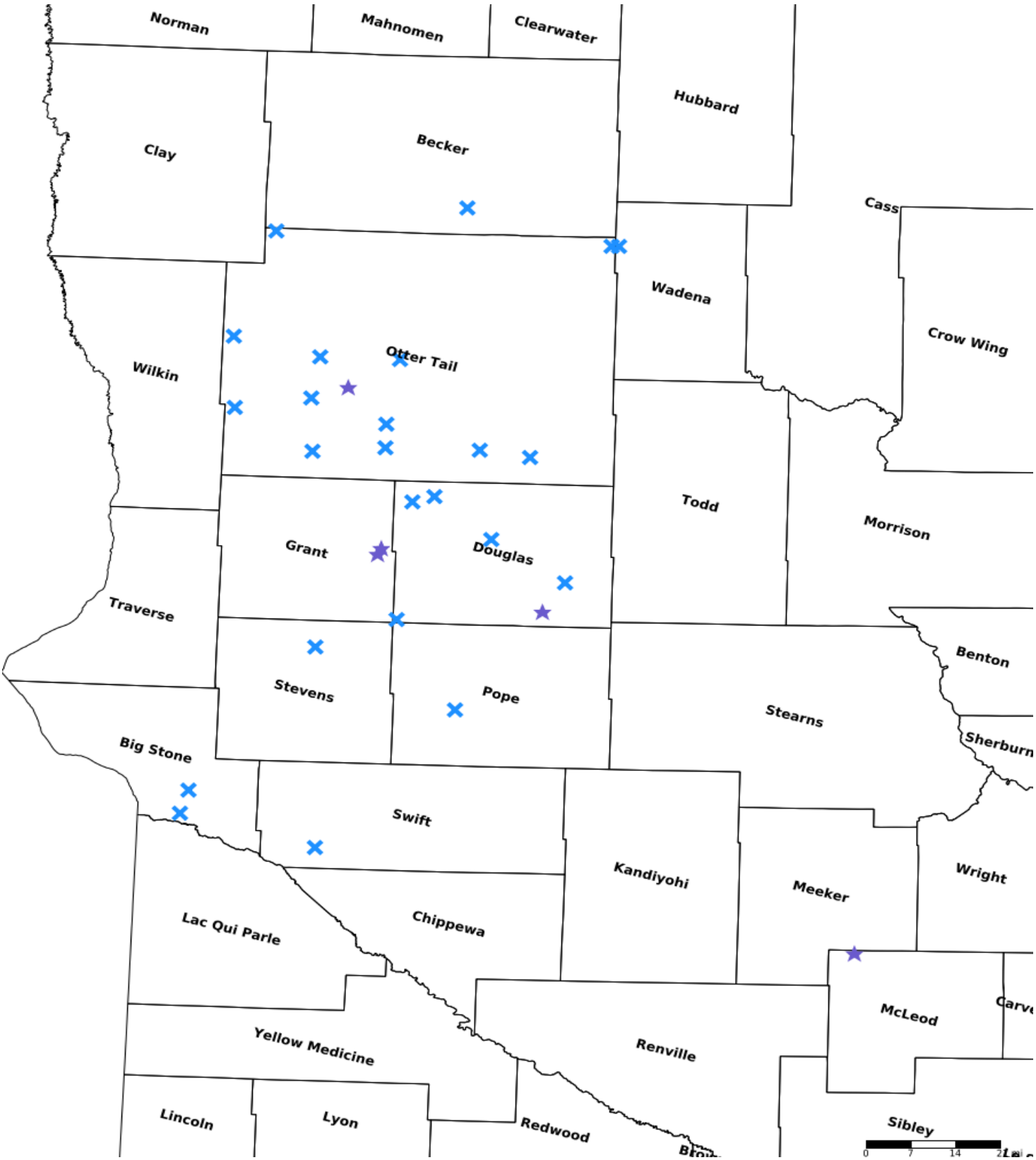
Sign-up Criteria?
No

Explain the process used to identify, prioritize, and select the parcels on your list:
The projects included in the parcel list were identified as priorities for restoration/enhancement by USFWS and MLT biologists utilizing FWS priority mapping tools and adjacency to other protected habitats.

Restore / Enhance Parcels

Name	County	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection	Description
HuLa	Becker	13839210	40	$100,000	Yes	Prairie
AndC	Big Stone	12145220	200	$425,000	Yes	Prairie
Smit	Big Stone	12245233	40	$85,000	Yes	Prairie
CKBett	Douglas	12938220	110	$250,000	Yes	Prairie
ClVi	Douglas	12837225	37	$115,625	Yes	Prairie
DiSc	Douglas	12737221	9	$125,000	Yes	Habitat
LeTo	Douglas	12740231	40	$125,000	Yes	Prairie
MiOlEPh2	Douglas	13040213	20	$125,000	Yes	Prairie
MiSt	Douglas	13040221	70	$187,500	Yes	Prairie
DaFr	Grant	12941235	33	$156,250	Yes	Habitat
ToBo	Grant	12841203	5	$50,000	Yes	Wetland
LFRM	McLeod	11730203	13	$25,000	Yes	Wetland
BoPr	Otter Tail	13137207	30	$93,750	Yes	Prairie
DaRe	Otter Tail	13743205	30	$75,000	Yes	Prairie
DiLi	Otter Tail	13139201	100	$187,500	Yes	Habitat
ErFaP2	Otter Tail	13736212	365	$625,000	Yes	Prairie
FFFGCOrSo	Otter Tail	13244205	55	$187,500	Yes	Prairie
HLJo	Otter Tail	13141202	160	$375,000	Yes	Prairie
JaRu	Otter Tail	13444205	25	$87,500	Yes	Prairie
LaLe	Otter Tail	13442220	45	$218,750	Yes	Prairie
MiLa	Otter Tail	13142207	75	$187,500	Yes	Prairie
PaSt	Otter Tail	13342230	30	$125,000	Yes	Habitat
RoCl	Otter Tail	13241214	100	$250,000	Yes	Prairie
RoNoPh2	Otter Tail	13342213	30	$250,000	Yes	Habitat
TLBen	Otter Tail	13440219	20	$62,500	Yes	Prairie
Feig	Pope	12439216	60	$127,500	Yes	Prairie
Pric	Stevens	12642229	20	$42,500	Yes	Prairie
FlaE	Swift	12042217	116	$246,500	Yes	Prairie
ErFaP3	Wadena	13735207	229	$437,500	Yes	Prairie

Parcel Map


Norman
Mahnomen
Clearwater
Hubbard
Clay
Becker
Cass
Wadena
Crow Wing
Wilkin
Otter Tail
Todd
Morrison
Grant
Douglas
Traverse
Benton
Stevens
Pope
Stearns
Sherburn
Big Stone
Swift
Kandiyohi
Meeker
Wright
Lac Qui Parle
Chippewa
McLeod
Yellow Medicine
Renville
Lincoln
Lyon
Redwood
Sibley
0
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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

Restoring Minnesota's Prairie Pothole Ecosystem - Phase 1

Comparison Report

Program Title: ML 2027 - Restoring Minnesota's Prairie Pothole Ecosystem - Phase 1
Organization: Minnesota Land Trust
Manager: Wayne Ostlie

Budget

Requested Amount: $6,960,000
Appropriated Amount: $2,938,000
Percentage: 42.21%

Item	Requested Proposal	Leverage Proposal	Appropriated AP	Leverage AP	Percent of Request	Percent of Leverage
Personnel	$600,000	$52,500	$254,700	$40,000	42.45%	76.19%
Contracts	$6,172,000	-	$2,600,000	-	42.13%	-
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	-	-	-	-	-	-
Easement Acquisition	-	$2,000,000	-	$850,000	-	42.5%
Easement Stewardship	-	-	-	-	-	-
Travel	$20,000	-	$8,500	-	42.5%	-
Professional Services	$5,000	-	$5,000	-	100.0%	-
Direct Support Services	$162,000	-	$68,800	-	42.47%	-
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	$500	-	$500	-	100.0%	-
Supplies/Materials	$500	-	$500	-	100.0%	-
DNR IDP	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	**$6,960,000**	**$2,052,500**	**$2,938,000**	**$890,000**	**42.21%**	**43.36%**

If the project received 70% of the requested funding

Describe how the scaling would affect acres/activities and if not proportionately reduced, why?
We would reduce the number of R/E projects to best meet scaling requirements. Output acres would be reduced 40% to 60% depending on individual project costs. We would submit our phase 2 proposal next year instead of 2 years out.

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

If the project received 50% of the requested funding

Describe how the scaling would affect acres/activities and if not proportionately reduced, why?
We would reduce the number of R/E projects to best meet scaling requirements. Output acres would be reduced 70% to 80% depending on individual project costs. We would submit a larger phase 2 proposal next year instead of 2 years out to include delayed projects.

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

Output

Acres by Resource Type (Table 1)

Type	Total Proposed	Total in AP	Percentage of Proposed
Restore	443	52	11.74%
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	0	-	-
Protect in Easement	0	-	-
Enhance	2,057	1,000	48.61%

Total Requested Funding by Resource Type (Table 2)

Type	Total Proposed	Total in AP	Percentage of Proposed
Restore	$1,233,300	$145,200	11.77%
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-
Enhance	$5,726,700	$2,792,800	48.77%

Acres within each Ecological Section (Table 3)

Type	Total Proposed	Total in AP	Percentage of Proposed
Restore	443	52	11.74%
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	0	-	-
Protect in Easement	0	-	-
Enhance	2,057	1,000	48.61%

Total Requested Funding within each Ecological Section (Table 4)

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Restore	$1,233,300	$145,200	11.77%
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Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-
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