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PA01	Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program - Phase XIX	5	5	5	5	10	8	5	8	7	3	10	71	Phase XIX?? Land Acq for public use, good past performance, small amount of unused funds, good matching funds @ 14.48%. What is ultimate goal?
PA02	Acquisition and restoration of terrace wetland complex with potential fen characteristic	5	2	2	0	2	5	5	3	5	5	1	35	Does this project fit within the type of projects funded in past by OHF? Large personnel cost as %. Land not open to public? Ground Penetrating radar \$13,000 plus Winter ATV w tracks \$50K??
PA03	DNR Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection-Phase IX	5	5	5	2	5	5	5	0	5	5	3	45	not open to public use, 0% leverage, funds requested in past but no timeline or history of funds spent? Is there a Goal?
PA04	DNR WMA & SNA Acquisition, Phase XIV	5	5	5	8	10	8	5	10	7	2	10	75	open to public use, land acq to add to public lands, good history of project completion and spending, leverage TBD 10% (history is 33%), Is there a Goal??
PA05	Great Prairie Lakes and Wetlands Restoration Initiative	4	7	6	8	10	10	5	4	8	5	10	77	Abstract and SOW did not identify specific project (# of acres), open to public use, land acq to add to public lands, IA Conservation group focused on helping in MN, 8% leverage, \$15k/acres
PA06	Lower Sioux Prairie and Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration Project	5	5	5	5	3	5	2	8	5	5	3	51	Project overall seems good but I am concerned about 1.) long term ownership of land funded by OHF \$\$ 2.) concerns over restoration but letting buffalo graze along with public safety, and 3.) future tribal regulations on public use/hunting access. If land is to be acquired by OHF then land use needs to be set by Mn DNR regulations. MPCA Funds????
PA07	Martin County WMA Acquisition Phase 11	5	5	6	7	10	7	5	2	5	3	10	65	Good history of projects, \$15,500/acre, low leverage %, WMA owned, open to public use, Is there a Goal?
PA08	Minnesota Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (MN CREP)	5	5	4	5	5	5	3	3	5	3	3	46	Easements, 1020 acres, \$9803/acre of leased land!, 4.47% leverage, summary info says leased land will be open to hunting but in full reading does not say open to public use??
PA09	Minnesota River Watershed Habitat Conservation Program Phase 2	5	6	4	4	4	5	3	3	5	3	3	45	\$1.8 mill Acq, \$3.5 mill leases, \$4.4 mill restoration, no public use on leased land.Should focus on restoration - all on public lands - before acquiring more? 4.4% leverage
PA10	MN Prairie Recovery Program	6	5	5	5	7	5	5	7	5	1	10	61	Phase 16, 10% leverage, large unspent funds from 2023 and 2025, Is there a Goal?
PA11	Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley - Phase XIII	5	7	7	7	7	7	5	7	5	5	10	72	Phase 13, Purchase, open to public use, 9% matching funds, \$8800/acre purchase. Is there a Goal?
PA12	RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water - Phase XIII	5	5	3	3	5	5	4	0	1	1	3	35	Phase 13, \$14k/acre for an Easement????, Not open to public, has public benefit based on potential protection of habittat but not open to public use.no matching funds? What is Goal?
PA13	Western Minnesota Prairie and Wetland Protection Program	5	5	3	5	5	5	4	5	5	4	3	49	Phase 12, What is Goal?, 6% leverage, 1400 acres of easements + 120 acres of Acq, Leased land (bulk of \$\$) not open to public, large \$\$ unspent dating back to ML2022, \$15k/acre Acq cost, \$5k/acre easements, What is Goal?
PRE01	Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands - Phase X	7	5	7	1	10	7	5	4	5	6	10	67	Phase 10, 5% leverage, restore/enhance Public lands, good spending history, land being restored is open to public use
PRE02	Restoring Minnesota's Prairie Pothole Ecosystem - Phase 1	4	5	4	5	5	5	5	10	5	3	3	54	Phase 1 or Phase ???, restore and acquire easements, Work seems the same as prior Phase 11??. New Goal. 30% leverage! w USFWS (Is this duck stamp funds that the Feds are going to use to buy the easements anyway????, federal easements and not open to public use,
FA01	Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape ACUB Protection Program Phase 14	5	5	3	5	5	5	5	4	5	6	3	51	Phase 14, Easements for the Camp Ripley, Public use not allowed on RIM Easements, \$4200/acre of lease, 7% leverage, Goal Completion %?
FA02	Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project Phase 11	5	6	3	4	5	6	4	0	5	5	3	46	Phase 11, last time it was a HA Project?, \$3600/acre of leased land, RIM Easement is not open to public access, slow spending history, no leverage, Goal?
FA03	MN Forests of the Future Phase XI South East Blufflands to Northern Forests Protection	5	5	3	5	5	6	4	1	6	5	3	48	Phase 11, 3326 acres leased land @\$2405/acre, under 1% leverage, Goal ??
FA04	Pine and Leech Watershed Phase IV Forest Habitat Protection	8	7	5	8	6	7	4	0	10	7	3	65	Phase 4, 840 acres @ \$5107/acre, RIM Easement is not open to public access but has public benefit based on potential protection of habiittat .no matching funds?
FRE01	DNR Statewide Forest Enhancement-Phase 7	5	8	6	8	8	5	7	0	10	6	10	73	Phase 7, Restoration work on public lands!, No leverage, \$286/acre, slow spending history??
FRE02	Enhancing Black Ash Forests for Resilience and Habitat	4	7	7	5	10	4	6	7	5	5	8	68	Phase 1, acreage not stated in Abstract or SOW, 12% leverage, \$2347/acre to plant trees?

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FRE03	Metro Forests for Minnesota Wildlife and Communities	4	4	5	5	5	4	5	6	5	5	8	56	Restore 264 acres at \$11,242/acre??, metro public lands, 9.4% leverage - Go to Metro CPL funds
FRE04	Minnesota Forest Recovery Project	8	5	7	7	7	5	5	8	7	5	10	74	Phase 4, Restoration of 14,000 acres @ \$705/acre, public lands, 17% leverage, 10% labor cost
WA01	Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program - Phase XIX	4	5	5	5	5	5	7	10	5	3	10	64	Phase 19, PF/Fed Acquisition, Open to public use, 1440 acres @ \$12887/acre, 30% leverage, Goal??
WA02	RIM Wetlands - Restoring the most productive habitat in Minnesota	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	0	5	3	3	45	Phase 16, 0% leverage, RIM Easement is not open to public access, 495 acres of Easements @ \$15,151/acre, good spending history, Goal?
WA03	Shallow Lake & Wetland Protection & Restoration Program	5	5	5	7	10	7	6	6	5	3	10	69	Phase 16, DU acq & restore 1222 acres @\$13908/acre, open to public use, 10% leverage, Goal?
WRE01	Accelerating the USFWS Habitat Conservation Easement Program	4	5	3	4	5	4	4	7	5	3	3	47	Phase 7, restore & enhance Fed Easement lands, 4300 acres @ \$3372/acre, No Public Use, 12% leverage, large amount of 2023 funding unspent, Goal?? P3/23 Timing - confusing comment about critical timing for landowners wanting to enroll this land in other programs?? Is this not already permanently protected with a Fed Easement??
WRE02	DNR Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancements Phase 19	5	7	7	7	10	5	5	0	5	2	10	63	Phase 19, Goal???, restore and enhance 12,865 acres of public lands @ \$1834/acre, No leverage. \$3.4 mil for WCS structure work, reduced funding not proportional to staff adds/reductions
WRE03	DNR Statewide control and reduction of invasive Phragmites Phase I	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	9	5	5	5	59	Phase 1, 23% leverage, need to stop the spread before it cannot be contained - can they get CPL funds right now to use in Metro area
WRE04	Living Shallow Lakes and Wetlands Enhancement & Restoration Initiative	5	5	6	5	5	5	4	7	4	2	6	54	Phase 13, Goal? Enhance/restore 2500 acres of public and private lands @\$5310/acre, bulk of projects are on USFWS easements, 13% leverage, asking for \$12 mill (but is a reduced ask??) but only plan to spend \$5 mill annually - hmm, large amount of unspent funds , 19% of funds Personnel cost
WRE05	Mud River Enhancement Phase II	5	5	7	5	8	8	5	8	8	10	10	79	Phase 2, River Flow redesign/meander with flood control structures plus 372 acres of restoration on public lands, 20% leverage,
WRE06	Otter and Campbell Lakes Habitat Enhancement and Restoration Phase 1	10	6	10	5	10	5	7	6	8	10	10	87	Phase 1, lakes restoration in Hutchison area, 10% leverage,
HA01	2027 Riparian Habitat Protection In the kettle and Snake River Watersheds	5	5	5	5	7	5	4	0	7	5	5	53	Phase 3?, Conservation Easements to protect watersheds on Kettle and Snake River, 1020 acres at \$3922/acre, No leverage, RIM Easement is not open to public access but has public benefit based on potential protection of habitat, Goal 75% of watershed attached land?? what is total amount of acreage in watershed that you are trying to get easements on?,
HA02	2027 St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Phase 8	6	5	5	5	7	7	5	1	5	7	10	63	Phase 8, Acq 950 acres @ \$11,544/acre plus Restore 100 acres @ \$2000/acre, Open to public use, 1% leverage
HA03	Cannon River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Program - 16	5	5	6	6	6	5	5	2	4	2	10	56	Phase 16, Acq 600 acres @ \$11942/acre plus Restore 471 acres @ \$10558/acre???? Why so high for restoration costs ,Open to public use, 3% leverage, Goal?? Does this include the Kaplan Woods area??
HA04	Dakota County Habitat Protection/Restoration Phase IX	5	5	5	5	5	4	5	10	5	5	4	58	Phase 9, Restore 1361 acres on easements @ \$2693/acre plus 176 acres of new easements @ \$7259/acre, some easements may allow public use?? 36% leverage, history of unspent funds 2018-2022, How much have they had to return - past audit issues?? - Vote no until past \$\$ are spent??
HA05	Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes - ML2027	6	7	6	6	8	6	6	5	8	5	10	73	Phase 13, Goal?!, Acq 875 acres of shoreline, \$9686/acre, open to public use, 8% leverage
HA06	Metro Big Rivers Phase 17	5	5	5	6	5	5	5	4	5	1	10	56	Phase 17, Acq 1100 acres @ \$15011/acre plus restore/enhance 864 acres @ 4696/acre, Open to public use, 6% leverage, Goal ??
HA07	Protecting Minnesota's Lakes of Outstanding Biological Significance - Phase 6	5	7	7	7	8	5	6	5	6	6	10	72	Phase 6, Acq 750 acres/.5 miles of shoreline @ \$9773/acre, Open to Public Use, 8% leverage, low personnel cost%

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HA08	RIM Priority Habitat	5	6	6	6	5	5	4	0	3	5	3	48	Phase 5???, Easements 385 acres @ \$12,987/acre???, RIM Easement is not open to public access but has public benefit based on potential protection of habitat, good spending history, No leverage
HA09	Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration Phase 15	5	5	5	7	6	5	5	3	5	3	7	56	Phase 15, SE Blufflands, Acq 650 acres @ \$12023/acre, Easements 1970 acres @ \$4358 /acre and Restore 2750 acres @ \$1097 /acre, Acq land open to Public Use, 5% Leverage, Goal??,
HA10	Wild Rice Shoreland Protection Phase X	5	5	6	6	5	5	4	0	7	7	3	53	Phase 10, RIM Easements @ \$4166/acre, no leverage, Goal?
HRE01	Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Enhancement and Restoration - Phase 11	5	4	4	5	5	5	4	4	5	4	5	50	Phase 11, Enhance 1221 acres @ \$4506/acre in the Anoka Sand Plains, 7.5 % leverage, Shouldn't the Parks stuff be funded by Parks and Trails \$5?????, Has a lot of unspent funds given that this is all just restoration and not Acq which requires extra time?? Spend down the funds they have and then come back.
HRE02	Beaver Creek Habitat Restoration	5	7	10	5	7	7	5	1	10	10	10	77	Phase 1, Enhance trout stream and evaluate 2 methods of restoration, 1.7% leverage, Public waters, \$161,546/acre
HRE03	Daylighting Phalen Creek - Phase 2	5	6	5	5	5	5	5	7	4	3	5	55	Phase 2, 5 year habitat restoration project, Restore 9 acres @ \$753,489/acre????????, 14.8% leverage, Is this all considered Public Waters??, funding in 2022 + an extension largely unspent \$5???, Is this more of a Clean Waters project?? Seems like a poor place for habitat
HRE04	DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Phase 10	5	6	6	8	7	7	6	6	5	10	10	76	Phase 10, River and stream connectivity projects w 6 fish passageways, 872 acres @ \$18725/acre, 9.3% Leverage, Projects on Public lands/waters, lagre amount of unspent funds due to nature of projects, Goal??
HRE05	DNR Fish Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Phase 1	10	6	6	10	7	7	10	1	5	5	10	77	Phase 1, Lake Habitat Restoration starting point, Install 6 rock arch rapids at lake outlets + other restorations on lakes, Hard to evaluate cost based on \$/acre due to type of project, 1.4% leverage , low long term maintenance on rock archs, Public lands
HRE06	DNR Irish Creek Watershed Enhancement, Phase 1	6	7	7	6	7	6	7	5	5	4	10	70	Phase 1 , Trout and moose habitat projects, Rock arch culverts to allow fish passage, Restoration at \$12,999/acre for combined stream and moose habitat projects, no Leverage? Says they expect Cook County and Federal Funding but no stated level , low long term maintence costs, Open to public use
HRE07	DNR Roving Crew 4	7	10	10	10	10	5	6	0	10	10	10	88	Roving crews are necessary to maintain habitat
HRE08	Enhancing Agate Bay's Coastal Wetland Habitat along the Lake Superior Shore in Lake County, Minnesota	5	6	6	6	6	5	6	10	5	5	5	65	Phase 1, engineering cost to design restoration of Agate Bay shoreline - City park??, 33% leverage, public lands, Is this a Clean Waters Project? Small \$\$ Project
HRE09	Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation Project-PH VIII	7	6	6	10	5	7	5	5	5	8	10	74	Phase 8, Knife River trout stream restoration, Team expects this to be their FINAL request for funding due to completing all resotration needed on Knife River - Congrats!!, last funding request was ML2024, 7% leverage, Restore at \$8870/acre. Open to Public
HRE10	Little Cannon River Stream Habitat Restoration - Construction Phase	5	5	5	8	5	5	4	3	5	8	10	63	Phase?? 2??, Restore trout stream in SE MN, Restore @ \$35371/acre , 4% leverage, Open to public
HRE11	Minnesota Marine Art Museum LSCOHC Proposal	3	5	3	3	3	3	4	10	3	5	3	45	Phase 1, restore 4 acres (or is it 7 acres??)and 460 ft of shoreline on Mississippi River in Winona @ \$613,100/acre (who did the development which altered the shoreline in 2006????? How did the permit get approved?) Applicant wants it restored - and then put it into permanent protection - isnt that backwards???, Leverage at 38%
HRE12	Minnesota Statewide Trout Habitat Enhancement & Protection - Construction	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	7	10	10	10	71	Phase? 2?, Restore trout streams statewide - construction phase @ \$37136/acre , Open to Public, Leverage @15% but possible other funds available,
HRE13	Protection and Resiliency in the Rainy River Headwaters	6	5	5	5	7	7	7	10	10	10	10	82	Phase ??, replace 16 undersized culverts on Trout streams (will they be bottomless arched culverts?) at \$187500 each, 42% Leverage Public waters,

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HRE14	Restoring priority habitats for Hennepin County's sensitive wildlife	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	9	5	5	6	59	Phase 4, Habitat restoration on 956 acres in Hennepin County @ \$6999/acre, 24% leverage - USE CPL METRO FUNDS
HRE15	Swift Coulee Channel Restoration/ Enhancement - Phase 2	5	5	6	5	6	5	4	10	8	10	3	67	Proposal says Phase 2?? Isn't this phase 3?, Channel/stream restoration @\$17765/acre - on easements?, This application would complete the 10 mile long project, Leverage @ 36%
HRE16	Tamarac River Enhancement Project - Phase 1	5	5	6	6	5	5	4	7	5	5	3	56	Phase 1, Convert an 8 mile ditch into a 9.6 meander stream - restore at @ \$54317/acre on easement lands,(100% of Engineering + 4 of the 8 miles restored), 15.7% Leverage
CPL	Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program ML27/FY28	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	77	
O1	2027 Contract Management												0	
O2	2027 Restoration Evaluations - ML 2027												0	
O3	DNR Core Functions in Partner-led OHF Acquisitions												0	