

## Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

**MEMO:** Agenda Item #11

**DATE:** November 13, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Review and progress draft accomplishment plans

**PRESENTING:** Sandy Smith, LSOHC staff

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**Background:** The purpose of discussing the accomplishment plans is to “progress” (not approve). These plans contain accomplishments that can be achieved with the recommendation from the October 7, 2014 Council meeting. Most of the changes in the plans are reflected in the budget and outcome tables.

The accomplishments contained within the plans will be the basis for writing the appropriations recommendation bill the Council will review at the December 11, 2014 meeting. Accomplishment plans will be considered for final approval in June, after the bill is signed into law.

At a minimum, to enable bill preparation, the plans are progressed if they sufficiently describe: the recipient, the cooperators, the cooperators’ roles, the amount of the appropriation, the purpose of the appropriation and any specific direction or conditions the Council feels should accompany the appropriation to the program.

In an effort to maximize members’ review time, accomplishment plans were sent out prior to staff review. Since that time, staff has reviewed the plans and the attached table reflects staff notes and questions.

### **Parcel List Issue**

The attached spreadsheet also includes programs that have not identified specific parcels for acquisition. Per past Council discussion on the importance of the parcel list, staff is asking for Council guidance on how to proceed for those programs which have not included parcel lists as part of their accomplishment plan. Currently, programs which have a competitive sign-up process include the program’s selection criteria in lieu of a completed parcel list.

**Suggested Procedure:** Members direct specific questions to program managers.

**Suggested Motion:** “Motion to direct staff to proceed with the bill draft based on draft accomplishment plans as discussed and directed today.”

<b>Project ID</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Recommended Funding Amount</b>	<b>Notes</b>
P A 01	DNR WMA and SNA Acquisition - Phase VII	MN DNR	\$ 4,570,000	Metro region in proposal not in AP; answered "no" to crop question but states they will be using cooperative farm agreements and planting soybeans and corn for winter food source; date of final report submission not completed; leverage in proposal increased from 0% to 11%
P A 02	Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program - Phase VII	Pheasants Forever	\$ 7,452,000	GMO treated crop question not answered; leverage of \$740,000 listed in proposal not in the AP; 40 acres of native prairie in proposal but not in AP; new line item for direct support services in budget
P A 03	MN Prairie Recovery Project - Phase VI	Nature Conservancy	\$ 4,032,000	Leverage source not identified in the budget table; fringe benefits advance language needs to be inserted into the AP; parcel list Issue – criteria attached
P A 04	Northern Tallgrass Prairie NWR Land Acquisition - Phase VI	Nature Conservancy	\$ 3,430,000	Fringe benefits advance language needs to be inserted into the AP; parcel list issue – no criteria attached
P A 05	Cannon River Watershed Habitat Complex - Phase V	The Trust for Public Land	\$ 1,380,000	Leverage source not identified in the budget table
P A 06	Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection - Phase IV	MN DNR	\$ 3,740,000	Tables 1a and 1b – not all acres are native prairie; date of final report submission not completed; date of completing enrollment exceed the June 30, 2018 appropriation availability; parcel list issue – criteria attached
P A 07	Minnesota Buffers for Wildlife and Water - Phase V	BWSR	\$ 4,544,000	Parcel List Issue – criteria attached
P A 08	Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley	MN Prairie Chicken Society / PF	\$ 1,800,000	Direct support services in budget - not previously requested
P A 10	Protecting and Restoring MN's Important Birds Areas	Audubon MN	\$ 1,730,000	Parcel List Issue – criteria attached
P A 11	Lower Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat Restoration -- Phase I	Wild Rice River Watershed District	\$ 2,270,000	Acres in the abstract were not updated to match the tables; target stream miles may also need updating

P RE 01	DNR Grassland - Phase VII	MN DNR Wildlife	\$ 4,880,000	Federal funding question not answered
P RE 02	Enhanced Public Land Grasslands - Phase II	Pheasants Forever	\$ 1,120,000	At a minimum need to list counties in which work will take place; direct support services in budget - not previously requested; parcel list issue – criteria attached
F A 02	Protecting Forest Wildlife Habitat in the Wild Rice River Watershed	White Earth Nation	\$ 2,188,000	Date of final report submission not completed
F A 03	Camp Ripley ACUB - Phase 5	Morrison SWCD	\$ 1,500,000	Federal Funds noted in narrative, but not listed in the budget and answered “no” to federal funding question; leverage of \$2 million in the proposal but not in the AP; parcel issue – criteria attached
F A 04	Southeast MN Protection and Restoration - Phase III	Nature Conservancy	\$ 2,910,000	Fringe benefits advance language need to be inserted into the AP; parcel list issue – no criteria attached
F A 05	Protecting Pinelands Sands Forest and Aquatic Habitat - Phase II	MN DNR Forestry	\$ 2,180,000	No positions listed in the personnel table
F A 06	Protect (Acquire) Key Forest Habitat Lands Cass County - Phase VI	Cass County	\$ 442,000	Date of final report submission not complete
F A 08	Critical Shoreland Habitat Protection Program - Phase III	Minnesota Land Trust	\$ 1,690,000	Federal funding question not answered; no positions listed in the personnel table
F A 09	Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Partnership	The Trust for Public Land	\$ 3,002,000	No position listed in the personnel table; insufficient detail regarding to whom the lands in fee will be conveyed
F RE 01	Southeast Forest Habitat Enhancement	MN DNR Wildlife	\$ 910,000	
W A 01	Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program - Phase VII	Pheasants Forever	\$ 7,620,000	GMO treated crop question not answered; direct support services in budget - not previously requested

W A 02	Shallow Lake & Wetland Protection Program - Phase IV	Ducks Unlimited	\$ 9,040,000	Proposed work in 9 county locations reduced to 3 in AP; date of final report submission not completed; leverage source not listed in the budget table; answered "no" to crop question but states they will be using Cooperative Farm Agreements and planting soybeans and corn for winter food source
W A 03	Wild Rice Shoreland Protection - Phase IV	MN BWSR	\$ 1,600,000	Date of completion of work exceeds availability of appropriation; no money for R/E; parcel list issue – criteria attached
W RE 01	Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancement - Phase VII	MN DNR	\$ 2,130,000	Work proposed in 13 counties reduced to 8 in AP; no positions titles listed in the personnel table
H A 01	Aquatic Habitat Protection, Restoration, and Enhancement - Phase VII	MN DNR	\$ 4,540,000	Sand Hill was removed from the AP per request at the meeting
H A 02	Metro Big Rivers Partnership - Phase VI	MN Valley Trust	\$ 2,000,000	
H RE 01	MN Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement - Phase VII	MN Trout Unlimited	\$ 1,890,000	
H RE 02	Lake Bemidji South Shore Restoration and Enhancement	City of Bemidji	\$ 1,650,000	Will the disposition of the woody debris generate income – need to clarify in the AP; did not answer planting of crops question
H RE 04	Sand Hill River Fish Passage	Sand Hill River Watershed District	\$ 990,000	
H RE 06	Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program - Phase IV	Shell Rock River Wshd Dis	\$ 2,414,000	Acres in the abstract were not updated to match the tables; leverage reduced from 11.89 to 2.5%; date of final report submission not completed
H RE 07	Lake Nokomis Integrated Habitat Enhancements	Mpls Parks & Recreation Board	\$ 444,000	Project scope reduced per meeting comments; see table 1 acres
CPL 1	Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program - Phase VII	MN DNR	\$ 4,470,000	Date of final report submission in timeline rather than field provided
CPL 2	Metro Conservation Partners Legacy	MN DNR	\$ 3,970,000	Date of final report submission in timeline rather than field provided

	Grant Program - Phase II			
O 1	Contract Management	MN DNR	\$ 150,000	
O 2	Restoration Evaluations	MN DNR	\$ 100,000	Note: see 97A.056 subd 10, "At least one-tenth of one percent of forecasted receipts from the outdoor heritage fund must be used for restoration evaluations under this section. - may need to increase this amount per November forecast to meet law requirement