

## Outdoor Heritage Fund ML 2017 / FY 2018 Accomplishment Plan Notes and Consent List

Presented at June 29, 2017 Council Meeting

(Color Key: *Green = Non-Budgetary changes ; Blue = Budgetary changes ; Red = Staff Comments/Questions* )

Subd	Title	Organization	Appropriation Amount	Notes on changes from the Draft AP
2(a)	DNR WMA and SNA Acquisition – Ph. IX	MN DNR	\$ 3,064,000	Parcel List Amended: added work in Becker County, delete work in Martin County
2(b)	Accelerating the WMA Program – Ph. IX	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	\$ 5,603,000	Parcel List Amended: added work in Grant, Kandiyohi, McLeod, Noble, and Sibley Counties
2(c)	MN Prairie Recovery Project – Ph. VII	The Nature Conservancy	\$ 1,901,000	No significant changes
2(d)	Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge Land Acquisition – Ph. VIII	The Nature Conservancy	\$ 2,683,000	No significant changes
2(e)	Cannon River Watershed Habitat Complex – Ph. VII	The Trust for Public Land	\$ 1,436,000	No significant changes
2(f)	Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection – Ph. III	MN DNR	\$ 2,481,000	No significant changes
2(g)	RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water – Ph. VII	BWSR	\$ 5,333,000	Outputs amended: Acres reduced from 4,225 to 4,106; easements reduced from 264 to 244; budget shifts include increasing contracts, reducing easement acquisition, and reducing stewardship fund; leverage increased; new language on page 7 for contract line explained and leverage source explained. Included restoration costs in easement acq. Line (BWSR staff was previously asked to remove restoration costs from the easement acq. Line and put into contracts.) Staff Question - Since the restoration costs are currently included in the easement acq. Line, what are contracts for?
2(h)	Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley – Ph. III	MN Prairie Chicken Society/Pheasants Forever	\$ 1,908,000	Parcel List Amended: removed work in Becker and Red Lake Counties

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2(j)	DNR Grasslands – Ph. IX	MN DNR	\$ 3,950,000	No significant changes Staff Question: Will DNR report detail of all work completed per project?
2(k)	Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Conservation – Ph. V	Great River Greening	\$ 1,130,000	Twin Lake SNA and Mickelson Floodplain work moved up from “tier 2” projects into priorities (page 2) MLT removed language within timeline that they will complete habitat enhancement work by 2022 (will acquire easements but not complete restoration/enhancement on the properties?).
3(a)	Carnelian Creek Conservation Corridor	Minnesota Land Trust	\$ 2,458,000	No significant changes Although language of the Hunting & Fishing Management Plan for the property was not included in the Appropriation language, the LSOHC specifically vocalized their wish for such language and promises were provided to LSOHC staff by MLT staff and by Lobbyist John Kaul that it would be included in the property management plan as an addendum to the AP. Currently, no Hunting & Fishing Management Plan is mentioned in the Final AP. Before approval of the AP, program manager should make reference to Hunting & Fishing Management Plan under “Section 3 – Other Parcel Activity” on page 8 of AP and a detailed plan will need to be provided prior to closing of the appropriation.
3(b)	Laurentian Forest - St. Louis County Habitat Project	MN Deer Hunters Association	\$ 2,400,000	No significant changes
3(c)	Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration – Ph. V	The Nature Conservancy	\$ 2,375,000	Parcel List Amended: added parcels
3(d)	Minnesota Forests for the Future – Ph. V	MN DNR Forestry	\$ 2,291,000	No significant changes
3(e)	State Forest Acquisition - Richard J. Dorer Memorial Forest – Ph. IV	MN DNR Forestry	\$ 1,000,000	Minor budget shifts

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3(f)	Critical Shoreland Habitat Protection Program – Ph. IV	Minnesota Land Trust	\$ 1,700,000	No significant changes
3(g)	Bushmen Lake	The Conservation Fund	\$ 4,600,000	No significant changes Staff Question - In the accomplishment plan, TCF answered “yes” to the question “Will local government approval be sought prior to acquisition?” Has local government approval been obtained?
4(a)	Accelerating the WPA Program – Ph. IX	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	\$ 5,500,000	Parcel List Amended: added work in Brown, Fairbault, Otter Tail, Steele Counties.
4(b)	Shallow Lake & Wetland Protection Program – Ph. VI	Ducks Unlimited	\$ 5,750,000	Parcel List Amended: added work in Clay County; budget shift include: increase travel, increase other equipment and supplies, reduce supplies and materials, increase DNR IDP. Somewhat significant budget shifts.
4(c)	RIM Wetlands – Ph. VIII	BWSR	\$ 10,398,000	Outputs amended: Acres increased from 4,125 to 4,137; Minor budget shifts included restoration costs in easement acq. Line. BWSR staff was previously asked to remove restoration costs from the easement acq. Line and put into contracts.
4(d)	Wild Rice Shoreland Protection – Ph. V	BWSR	\$ 750,000	No significant changes
4(e)	Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancement – Ph. IX	MN DNR	\$ 1,755,000	Parcel List Amended: removed work in Lac Qui Parle County.
4(f)	Living Shallow Lake Enhance & Wetland Rest. Initiative – Ph. V	Ducks Unlimited	\$ 4,716,000	Parcel List Amended: added work in Becker, Otter Tail, Renville and Yellow Medicine Counties; minor budget shifts
5(a)	Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project – Ph. II	Mississippi Headwaters Board	\$ 2,396,000	MHB budget moved \$40,000 from personnel into contracts for grant administration. If council approves ML 2016 accomplishment plan amendment, no problem on budget shift.

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5(b)	Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes – Ph. III	Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation	\$ 1,716,000	Page 4 answered “Yes” to land plan to acquire free of permanent protection, but had previously answered “NO” in the draft. Details?
HA 06	Goose Prairie Marsh WMA Enhancement	Wild Rice Watershed District	\$ 600,000	No significant changes
5(d)	MN Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement and Restoration – Ph. IX	MN Trout Unlimited	\$ 2,403,000	Parcel List Amended: added work in Keene Creek and deleted Miller Creek in St. Louis County (pg. 1), federal funds notification delayed by 1 year (pg. 4), shifted \$40,000 from Contracts and put into supplies/materials, reduced acres in table 1 and 3 from 153 to 148
5(e)	DNR Stream Habitat – Ph. II	MN DNR	\$ 2,166,000	Outputs amended: Increased acres from 13 to 16
5(f)	St. Louis River Restoration Initiative – Ph. IV	MN DNR	\$ 3,392,000	Outputs amended: Increased acres from 162 to 192, added narrative description of work on Mud Lake and Wild Rice, Minor budget shift include a major reduction in Professional Services and increase in Contracts. Explain budget shifts, complete personnel table, and probably be a good idea to give an update on where federal funding sits and project in general with new federal administration.
HRE 05	Shell Rock River Wtshd Habitat Restoration Program – Ph. VI	Shell Rock River Watershed District	\$ 1,779,000	Outputs amended: Acres in fee reduced from 40 to 33. Explain reduction in acres (17.5% reduction).
5(h)	Lake Wakanda Enhancement Project	Kandiyohi County	\$ 921,000	No significant changes
5(i)	Wolverton Creek Habitat Restoration	Buffalo-Red River Watershed District	\$ 1,877,000	No significant changes
CPL	Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program – Ph. IX	MN DNR	\$ 9,294,000	No significant changes
O1	Contract Management 2017	MN DNR	\$ 150,000	Added on page 3, “part 2, f. Consult with DNR division staff who are subject matter experts on land acquisition and technical areas as needed to ensure appropriate

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				reimbursement and compliance with policies and procedures” per Council discussion at December meeting.
02	Restoration Evaluations	MN DNR	\$ 150,000	No significant changes