



Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
The State of Minnesota

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June 22, 2020

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Minnesota Senate
Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 3207
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St. Paul, MN 55155

Rep. Rick Hansen
Minnesota House of Representatives
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Sen. Carrie Rudd
Minnesota Senate
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Pursuant to M.S. 97A.056, Subdivision 15, this letter notifies you that the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council has received notice from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) concerning the requested conversion of wildlife lands to road right-of-way and a conveyance of a permanent road easement to MNDOT. The state interest in the land was purchased with Outdoor Heritage Funds (ML 2009, Ch. 172, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3).

The attached letter from Christine Ostern, MN DNR Forest Legacy Program Coordinator, describes the action.

Pursuant to statute and the council's approved operating procedures, and in the absence of disapproval by leadership or the council by July 14, 2020, I will approve the conveyance and forward notification to Ms. Ostern of the MN DNR so the conveyance can take place.

Please contact me if you have questions regarding this matter. I will withhold final approval until close of business July 14, 2020 to hear from you, if you have concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Wm. Johnson".

Mark Wm. Johnson
Executive Director
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

cc: Sen. Chris Eaton, Sen. David Tomassoni, Rep. Josh Heintzeman, Rep. Dan Fabian
Ms. Christine Ostern, Members of the LSOHC

Attachment: Email and supporting materials from Christine Ostern

From: [Ostern, Christine \(DNR\)](#)
To: [Mark Johnson](#)
Cc: [Michael, Gary \(DNR\)](#); [Tillma, Doug D \(DNR\)](#); [Wilder, Kelly \(DNR\)](#)
Subject: MN DOT Hwy 1 ROW - Blandin request
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 2:41:22 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[OHF.MN DOT Hwy 1.Blandin.request.pdf](#)
[MN DOT.pdf](#)

Hello Mark,

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is proposing a state road project that will impact lands owned by Blandin Paper Company over which the State holds a conservation easement funded in part by the Outdoor Heritage Fund. The proposed project includes reconstructing existing roadway as well as some culvert repair and/or replacement. Portions of the roadway will receive additional pavement to provide more room for large trucks to maneuver turns, making the highway more safe.

We recommend approval of this project and subsequent repayment to the Outdoor Heritage Fund for the affected lands as explained in the attached letter.

Thank you for your assistance. Please let me know if there are any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Christine

Christine Ostern

Forest Legacy Program Coordinator | MN DNR – Division of Forestry

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May 21, 2020

Mark Johnson
Executive Director
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Mark:

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MN DOT) is proposing a state road project that will impact lands owned by Blandin Paper Company over which the State holds a conservation easement funded in part by the Outdoor Heritage Fund. The project will result in a conversion of forestland to road right-of-way and a conveyance of a permanent road easement to MN DOT. The State's easement will remain in effect on the land.

Project Description: The MN DOT is proposing a reconstruction project on T.H. 1, also known as Highway 1, during the summer of 2020. The proposed work will include reconstruction of the current road as well as some culvert repair and/or replacement which will require a permanent easement across one parcel (Tax Parcel #10-014-9000) located in the East Half of the Southeast Quarter (E1/2SE1/4), Section Fourteen (14), Township Sixty-two (62) North, Range Twenty-two (22) West, Itasca County, Minnesota. The permanent easement is approximately 5.53 acres (shown on the attachments).

The estimated value of the easement is:

Permanent Easement (5.53 acres) X (\$1300/acre) = \$7,189.00
Total Value: \$7,189.00
Easement Share: (\$7,189.00) X (0.4082954) = \$2,935.24

OHF Share: (\$2,935.24) X (0.777) = \$2,280.68

We do not anticipate that the affected lands will be replaced by other conservation lands and recommend that \$2,280.68 be repaid to the Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF provided approximately 77.7% of the acquisition costs.)

Sincerely,
Christine Ostern
Forest Legacy Program Coordinator
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CC: Gary Michael
Doug Tillma
Kelly Wilder

Equal Opportunity Employer

August 29, 2019
3101-906-49

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FEE ACQUISITION

Parcel 49 C.S. 3101 (1=160) 906

S.P. 3101-37RW

All of the following:

That part of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter in Section 14,
Township 62 North, Range 22 West, shown as Parcel 49 on Minnesota
Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 31-196 as the
same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and
for Itasca County, Minnesota;

containing 5.53 acres, more or less.

RIGHT OF WAY PARCEL LAYOUT



C.S. 3101(1=160)906 LOCATION T.H.1 from T.H.65 to T.H.53
S.P. 3101-37 COUNTY Itasca PARCEL NO. 49
OWNER Blandin Paper Co. SHEET 1 OF 4



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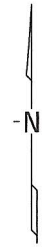
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 S.P. 3101-37 COUNTY Itasca PARCEL NO. 49
 OWNER Blandin Paper Co. SHEET 2 OF 4



C.S. 3101(1=160)906 S.P. 3101-37

SEC 14 T62N R22W

PARCEL NUMBER	MN/DOT PLAT	OWNER	CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY	ENTIRE TRACT WITHOUT ROADS	NEW T.H. R/W	BALANCE	ENCUM BY EX TH R/W	PERMANENT R/W INTEREST
				ACRES	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES	
49	31-196	Blandin Paper Co.	Part of E1/2-SE1/4	69.60	5.53	64.07	2.47	FEE

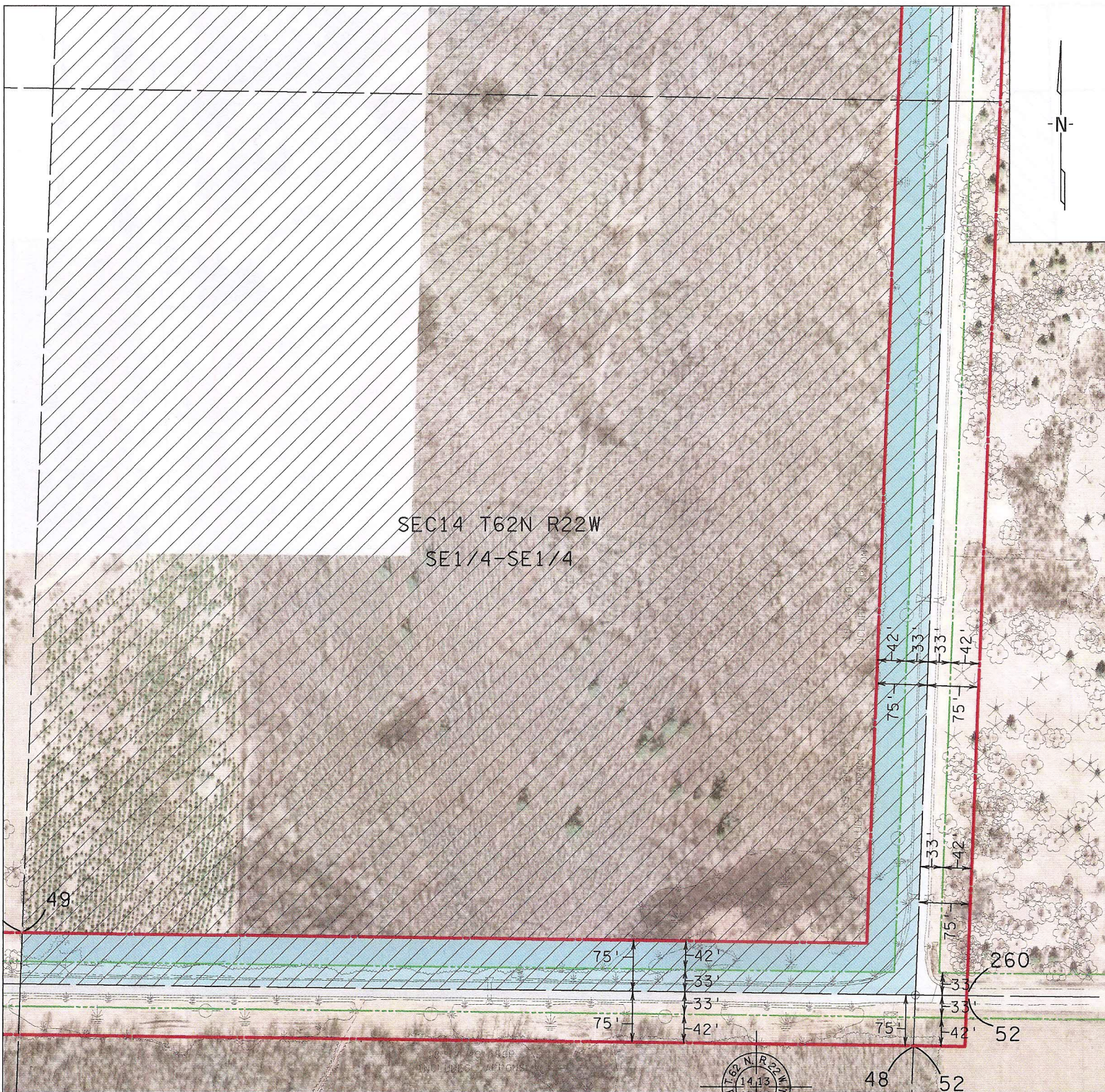
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S.P. 3101-37 COUNTY Itasca PARCEL NO. 49
OWNER Blandin Paper Co. SHEET 3 OF 4



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TWIN CITY SEED COMPANY

33-361

Stormwater Northeast

Common Name	Scientific Name	Rate (kg/ha)	Rate (lb/ac)	% of Mix (% by wt)	Seeds/sq ft
fringed brome	<i>Bromus ciliatus</i>	4.09	3.65	10.43%	14.75
bluejoint	<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i>	0.06	0.05	0.13%	4.80
nodding wild rye	<i>Elymus canadensis</i>	2.24	2.00	5.71%	3.82
Virginia wild rye	<i>Elymus virginicus</i>	2.24	2.00	5.73%	3.09
tall manna grass	<i>Glyceria grandis</i>	0.18	0.16	0.44%	4.00
fowl bluegrass	<i>Poa palustris</i>	0.72	0.64	1.82%	30.40
Total Grasses		9.53	8.50	24.26%	60.86
porcupine sedge	<i>Carex hystericina</i>	0.10	0.09	0.26%	1.00
pointed broom sedge	<i>Carex scoparia</i>	0.04	0.04	0.12%	1.30
dark green bulrush	<i>Scirpus atrovirens</i>	0.30	0.27	0.76%	45.00
woolgrass	<i>Scirpus cyperinus</i>	0.11	0.10	0.27%	60.00
Total Sedges and Rushes		0.56	0.50	0.27%	107.30
Canada anemone	<i>Anemone canadensis</i>	0.11	0.10	0.29%	0.30
marsh milkweed	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	0.50	0.45	1.30%	0.80
flat-topped aster	<i>Doellingeria umbellata</i>	0.11	0.10	0.29%	2.50
common boneset	<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	0.06	0.05	0.15%	3.00
grass-leaved goldenrod	<i>Euthamia graminifolia</i>	0.04	0.04	0.11%	5.00
spotted Joe pye weed	<i>Eutrochium maculatum</i>	0.17	0.15	0.42%	5.10
blue monkey flower	<i>Mimulus ringens</i>	0.02	0.02	0.07%	20.00
giant goldenrod	<i>Solidago gigantea</i>	0.02	0.02	0.06%	2.00
eastern panicled aster	<i>Symphotrichum lanceolatum</i>	0.02	0.02	0.05%	1.00
tall meadow-rue	<i>Thalictrum dasycarpum</i>	0.06	0.05	0.16%	0.40
Total Forbs		1.12	1.00	2.90%	40.10
Oats	<i>Avena sativa</i>	28.02	25.00	71.43%	11.14
Total Cover Crop		28.02	25.00	71.43%	11.14
Totals:		39.23	35.00	100.00%	219.40
Purpose:	Stormwater pond edges, temporarily flooded dry ponds, and temporarily flooded ditch bottoms.				
Planting Area:	Laurentian Mixed Forest Province. Mn/DOT Districts 1, 2(east) and 3A.				

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TWIN CITY SEED COMPANY

36-311

Woodland Edge Northeast

Common Name	Scientific Name	Rate (kg/ha)	Rate (lb/ac)	% of Mix (% by wt)	Seeds/sq ft
fringed brome	<i>Bromus ciliatus</i>	2.24	2.00	5.98%	8.10
bluejoint	<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i>	0.15	0.13	0.37%	12.90
poverty grass	<i>Danthonia spicata</i>	0.56	0.50	1.50%	4.60
nodding wild rye	<i>Elymus canadensis</i>	1.40	1.25	3.72%	2.38
slender wheatgrass	<i>Elymus trachycaulus</i>	2.24	2.00	5.96%	5.06
fowl bluegrass	<i>Poa palustris</i>	0.98	0.87	2.59%	41.50
False Melic	<i>Schizachne purpurascens</i>	0.28	0.25	0.75%	2.90
Total Grasses		7.85	7.00	20.87%	77.44
common yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	0.03	0.03	0.09%	2.00
pearly everlasting	<i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i>	0.02	0.02	0.05%	1.30
flat-topped aster	<i>Doellingeria umbellata</i>	0.04	0.04	0.12%	1.00
tall cinquefoil	<i>Drymocallis arguta</i>	0.07	0.06	0.19%	5.30
large-leaved aster	<i>Eurybia macrophylla</i>	0.02	0.02	0.05%	0.18
stiff goldenrod	<i>Oligoneuron rigidum</i>	0.16	0.14	0.42%	2.10
smooth wild rose	<i>Rosa blanda</i>	0.18	0.16	0.47%	0.15
black-eyed susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	0.29	0.26	0.77%	8.70
gray goldenrod	<i>Solidago nemoralis</i>	0.07	0.06	0.18%	6.80
upland white aster	<i>Solidago ptarmicoides</i>	0.04	0.04	0.13%	1.00
Lindley's Aster	<i>Symphyotrichum ciliolatum</i>	0.03	0.03	0.10%	1.00
smooth aster	<i>Symphyotrichum laeve</i>	0.16	0.14	0.43%	2.90
American vetch	<i>Vicia americana</i>	0.56	0.50	1.50%	0.38
Total Forbs		1.68	1.50	4.50%	32.81
Oats	<i>Avena sativa</i>	28.02	25.00	74.63%	11.14
Total Cover Crop		28.02	25.00	74.63%	11.14
Totals:		37.55	33.50	100.00%	121.39
Purpose:	Partly shaded grassland planting for native roadsides, reclamation, etc in north-central and northeast MN				
Planting Area:	Laurentian Mixed Forest Province excluding Chippewa Plains, Pine Moraines & Outwash Plains, and Mille Lacs Uplands subsections. Mn/DOT Districts 1 & 2(east).				

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