

## Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

**MEMO:**           **Agenda Item #8**  
**DATE:**           November 3, 2021  
**SUBJECT:**       Review & Progress Draft Accomplishment Plans for ML2022/FY2023  
**PRESENTER:**    LSOHC Staff

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### **Suggested Motion:**

Motion by Member XX to progress the DRAFT accomplishment plans and direct staff to proceed with drafting the ML 2022 Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF) bill based on the plans as discussed and directed today.

### **Suggested Procedure:**

Members review draft accomplishment plans, direct any specific questions to program managers, and request appropriate clarifying language be included in either accomplishment plans or bill language.

### **Background:**

The purpose of discussing the draft accomplishment plans is to “progress” (not approve). The accomplishments contained within the plans will be the basis for writing the OHF appropriations recommendation bill that the Council will review and approve at the December 9, 2021 meeting. Accomplishment plans will be considered for final approval by the Council in June 2022, after the bill is passed by the legislature and signed into law.

After the Council made allocation recommendation decisions at the October 7, 2021 meeting, program managers were required complete an accomplishment plans based on the funding recommendation. Most of the changes within the accomplishment plans occurred within the budget and outputs tables. Staff has reviewed the plans and provided notes and questions posed to program managers.

The motion made by the Council to approve the Chairs’ Recommendations Proposal at the October 7, 2021 meeting of the LSOHC included the addition of several items:

1. Regarding HA08 “DNR WMA and SNA Acquisition, Ph. 14” Council recommended that the imbedded IDP Coordinator position be removed and funded as a separate administrative item at the same funding recommendation level as HA08, 42% (\$123,000), with the understanding that the Council would continue discussion in the future about how best to handle IDP in the long term.
2. Regarding HA02 “Dakota County Habitat Protection/Restoration, Phase VIII,” Council recommended to allow Dakota County to use a revised easement acquisition appraisal system like BWSR uses for RIM, but with OHF monies to bear no more than the appraised value of the easement. Additional costs above that value must be born by Dakota County with non-OHF monies.

3. Regarding HRE02 “DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration & Enhancement, Phase V,” Council recommended that personnel costs are to be scaled proportionally to the recommended funding amount of 44%.
4. Regarding FA04 “MN Forests for the Future,” Council recommended that “Potlatch” parcels owned by The Conservation Fund (TCF) be excluded from the parcel list until Council has had the opportunity to review TCF’s acquisition price for those parcels.
5. Regarding HRE11 “Daylighting Phalen Creek,” Council recommended OHF monies shall not be used to pay for “Public Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement.” Those non-habitat costs will have to come from non-OHF match funds.

The results of the above recommended items have been included in the draft accomplishment plans.

In a separate, but corresponding motion by Kristin Eggerling (approved by voice vote), regarding the CPL “Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program, Phase XIV: Statewide and Metro Habitat,” Council recommended approval of changing the maximum request level from “up to \$400,000” to a new maximum request level of “up to \$500,000” and changing the project maximum cost from “\$575,000” to a new total project maximum cost of “\$1,000,000.”

**Attachments:**

- Link to ML22/FY23 DRAFT Accomplishment Plans
- Staff AP Notes Spreadsheet
- Program Manager Notes Attachment