

## Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

**MEMO:** Agenda Item #7

**DATE:** June 23, 2022

**SUBJECT:** ML 2022, Ch. 77, Article 1, Section 2 – Review & Approval of Accomplishment Plans

**PRESENTER:** LSOHC Staff

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### **Suggested Motion:**

Motion by Member XX to approve the final accomplishment plans for ML 2022 appropriations.

An individual accomplishment plan(s) may be removed from approval if the Council deems necessary for further discussion and/or approval.

### **Background:**

- Draft Accomplishment Plans were reviewed by the Council at the November meeting.
- After the December meeting, managers updated plans again with additional November forecast recommended funds to align with the bill considered by the legislature.
- In March, following the February forecast, the legislature, upon advice in a motion by the Council, allocated additional dollars to programs.

Recently, managers were asked to review and update budgets now that the bill is signed into law. In the most recent revision, managers were instructed, *“When looking at allocating the additional (February forecast) appropriation dollars, it is **strongly suggested** that the monies go into ‘on the ground’ work or the main activity of your program as per recent Council discussion. Any Increases in Personnel and DSS will be reviewed and summarized for the Council at the June meeting when accomplishment plans are scheduled to be approved so that spending can begin July 1, 2022.”*

A comparison was made between the January accomplishment plans and the recent revisions from the March increases, which resulted in an average of approximately 2.5% per program or \$25,000 per \$1.0 million in appropriation. In reviewing the Accomplishment Plans:

- Most programs placed the increased allocation in the budget items associated with the main activity of the program as instructed.
- A few programs increased Personnel and DSS, those increases are noted below, and in most cases increases are insignificant in dollar amount.
- A few programs had a slight increase in acre outputs.
- Changes in leverage are also noted.

In addition, Dakota County Habitat Protection/Restoration Phase VIII (ML 2022, Ch. 77, Art. 1, Sec. 2, subd. 5(a)) required specific language related to their updated conservation easement valuation method. The change going from a standard appraisal valuation method to more of a formula-based valuation method (similar to BWSR’s RIM formula) was discussed by the Council in previous meetings.

Dakota County and LSOHC staff, in consultation with BWSR, worked on this and are comfortable with the language. The details of the updated valuation model are attached for council review and approval.

This is an opportunity for Councilmembers to again review the plans, ask questions, and receive clarification from managers. MS 97A.056, Subd. 12 requires recipients of Outdoor Heritage Funds to submit accomplishment plans to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council in the form prescribed by the Council for Council approval.

**Attachments:** Hyperlink for [Draft Accomplishment Plans](#) for ML 2022

Subd	Program Title	Allocation	Staff Notes
2(a)	Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program - Phase XIV	\$ 5,660,000	-
2(b)	RIM Grasslands Reserve Phase IV	\$ 4,536,000	Personnel increased \$1,200 (from 92,400 to 93,600)  Acres increased
2(c)	Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley - Phase VIII	\$ 4,440,000	-
2(d)	MN Prairie Recovery Program Phase 12	\$ 4,512,000	Acres increased
2(e)	Enhanced Public Land - Open Landscapes - Phase II	\$ 2,557,000	-
2(f)	RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water - Phase X	\$ 4,392,000	DSS increased \$700 (from \$34,000 to \$34,700)  Acres increased
2(g)	Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge, Phase XIII	\$ 3,870,000	-
2(h)	Martin County DNR WMA Phase 6	\$ 1,978,000	-
2(i)	DNR Grassland Enhancement - Phase 14	\$ 3,088,000	DSS increased \$4,700 (from \$93,800 to \$98,500)  Acres increased
3(a)	Minnesota Forest Recovery Project: Phase II	\$ 4,585,000	Leverage increased  Acres increased
3(b)	2022 Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape ACUB Phase X	\$ 2,983,000	-

3(c)	Minnesota Forests for the Future Phase IX	\$ 2,501,000	-
3(d)	Big Woods Protection at Stieg Woods	\$ 1,020,000	-
3(e)	DNR Forest Enhancement Phase 2	\$ 2,172,000	DSS increased \$700 (from \$56,000 to \$56,700) Acres increased
4(a)	Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program - Phase XIV	\$ 5,537,000	-
4(b)	Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration Program - Phase 7	\$ 3,330,000	Acres increased
4(c)	Wild Rice Shoreland Protection - Phase VIII	\$ 1,470,000	-
4(d)	Shallow Lake & Wetland Protection & Restoration Program - Phase XI	\$ 4,779,000	Added work in the Metro / Urban area Leverage increased
4(e)	RIM Wetlands - Restoring the most productive habitat in Minnesota's Prairie Pothole Region	\$ 4,199,000	-
4(f)	Living Shallow Lake Enhancement & Wetland Restoration Initiative - Phase VIII	\$ 5,155,000	Added work in the Northern Forest
4(g)	DNR Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancements Phase 14	\$ 2,301,000	DSS Increased \$1,000 (from \$49,000 to \$50,000)
5(a)	Dakota County Habitat Protection/Restoration Phase VIII	\$ 6,066,000	See notes above and attached supporting documents.
5(b)	Integrating Habitat and Clean Water	\$ 2,358,000	-
5(c)	Protecting Coldwater Fisheries on Minnesota's North Shore - Phase 2	\$ 3,395,000	-
5(d)	Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration Phase 10	\$ 5,358,000	Acres increased
5(e)	Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project Phase 7	\$ 5,465,000	-
5(f)	Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program - Phase XI	\$ 1,438,000	-

5(g)	DNR WMA and SNA Acquisition, Ph. 14	\$ 1,426,000	Acres increased
5(h)	Cannon River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Program - Phase 11	\$ 2,636,000	Increased Personnel \$500 (\$288,200 to \$288,700) – Clean River Partners
5(i)	Washington County Habitat Protection and Restoration Partnership	\$ 4,288,000	Acres increased
5(j)	2022 Metro Big Rivers Phase 12	\$ 8,200,000	Acres Increased
5(k)	St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Phase 3	\$ 3,704,000	Leverage Increased
5(l)	Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes - Phase VIII	\$ 4,536,000	-
5(m)	Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection & Restoration, Phase 4	\$ 4,091,000	-
5(n)	DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement - Phase 5	\$ 5,177,000	-
5(o)	Klondike Clean Water Retention Project part 2	\$ 988,000	-
5(p)	Buffalo River Watershed Stream Habitat Program - Phase 2	\$ 2,407,000	-
5(q)	DNR St. Louis River Restoration Initiative Ph. 9	\$ 4,916,000	DSS Increased (DNR) from \$1,300 (\$81,700 to \$83,000)  Acres Increased
5(r)	DNR Fish Passage Enhancement through Targeted Culvert Replacement - Phase 1	\$ 852,000	-
5(s)	Restoring and Enhancing Minnesota's Important Bird Areas, Phase 3	\$ 2,140,000	Acres Increased
5(t)	Enhancing Metro and North Shore Trout Stream Habitats	\$ 1,158,000	-
5(u)	Daylighting Phalen Creek	\$ 3,312,000	Significant Leverage Increase from \$517,000 to \$767,000

5(v)	Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program Ph. 14: Statewide and Metro Habitat	\$ 9,450,000	No changes
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**Attachments:**

- ML 2022/FY 2023 Accomplishment Plans
- Dakota County Accomplishment Plan
- Dakota County Comparison Report
- Dakota County Valuation Analysis
- Dakota County Valuation Correspondence