



SHALLOW LAKES & WETLANDS PROTECTION & RESTORATION **PHASE XIII**

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Ducks Unlimited proposes to strategically acquire and restore 1,000 acres of prairie and wetlands for inclusion in Minnesota DNR state Wildlife Management Areas, including 200 acres of wetlands and 800 of upland prairie.

- **Phase 13 of Ducks Unlimited's ongoing programmatic land acquisition and restoration program.**
- **Focus: Restorable prairie-wetland complexes on state WMAs and federal WPAs.**

Primary goals:

- ◆ Strategically acquire and restore marginal agricultural lands with drained prairie wetlands adjacent to WMAs & WPAs.
- ◆ Strategically restore and buffer prairie land around DNR-managed shallow lakes and large wetlands.
- ◆ Benefit breeding and migrating waterfowl, pheasants, non-game prairie birds and pollinators.
- ◆ Help implement Minnesota's Prairie Conservation Plan by restoring prairie and wetlands in key landscapes.

Secondary goals:

- ◆ Preserve remnant native prairie patches where possible on land tracts for sale.
- ◆ Provide public hunting and other outdoor opportunities on lands acquired for Minnesota DNR state WMAs.

Location: Prairie Pothole Region in the southwest prairie portion of Minnesota.

Habitat Outputs: 1,000 acres of protected prairie and wetland habitat for breeding ducks and other wildlife.

Wildlife Outcomes: Strategically adding new lands and restoring wetlands and prairie adjacent to existing state WMAs and federal WPAs will increase habitat for breeding wildlife to increase production of ducks, pheasants, and many non-game birds.

BUDGET:

\$12,500,000 TOTAL REQUEST

Land Acquisition:	\$ 8,000,000 to purchase 1,000 acres, depending on appraised value of land, for MNDNR & USFWS
Contracts:	\$ 2,600,000 for wetland and native prairie restoration contracts
Professional Services:	\$ 300,000 for land appraisals, title reviews, boundary surveys, closing costs, etc.
Personnel:	\$ 990,000 for DU biologists and engineers over five years to buy and restore land
In-state Travel:	\$ 90,000 for DU biologists and engineers over five years to buy and restore land
Supplies and Materials:	\$ 80,000 for native grass and forb seed materials and other supplies to restore land
Tools and Equipment:	\$ 80,000 for prairie seeding and wetland restoration equipment, including GPS survey lease
Capital Equipment:	\$ 40,000 for a tracked ATV for topographic wetland restoration design land surveys
Direct Support Services:	\$ 90,000 for DU staff support costs, including legal, administrative, office, etc.
DNR Land Acquisition:	\$ 150,000 for DNR Lands & Minerals Division realty staff and AGO staff fees to transfer land
DNR IDP Costs:	\$ 70,000 for DNR wildlife to implement "Initial Development Plan" signs, posts, parking areas, etc.

PRIOR DU OHF ACQUISITION APPROPRIATION SPENDING AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Appropriation Year:	Appropriation \$:	Funds Spent:	Remaining:	Acres Accomplished:
2009 (Phase I)	\$ 450,000	\$450,000 (100%)	\$ 0	2 tracts, 85 acres - <i>completed</i>
2010 (Phase II)	\$2,625,000	\$2,616,500 (100%)	\$ 0	3 tracts, 330 acres - <i>completed</i>
2013 (Phase III)	\$3,530,000	\$3,530,000 (100%)	\$ 0	11 tracts, 567 acres - <i>completed</i>
2015 (Phase IV)	\$9,040,000	\$8,958,800 (99%)	\$ 0	3 tracts, 1,004 acres - <i>completed</i>
2016 (Phase V)	\$5,801,000	\$5,788,800 (99%)	\$ 0	8 tracts, 824 acres - <i>completed</i>
2017 (Phase VI)	\$5,750,000	\$5,750,000 (100%)	\$ 0	8 tracts, 764 acres - <i>completed</i>
2018 (Phase VII)	\$4,770,000	\$4,657,300 (98%)	\$ 112,700	4 tracts, 603 acres - <i>restoration ongoing</i>
2019 (Phase VIII)	\$6,150,000	\$4,861,700 (79%)	\$1,288,300	7 tracts, 609 acres - <i>restoration ongoing</i>
2020 (Phase IX)	\$4,608,000	\$3,491,500 (76%)	\$1,116,500	5 tracts, 518 acres (100% of goal)
2021 (Phase X)	\$4,581,000	\$4,255,500 (93%)	\$ 325,500	4 Tracts, 529 acres (80% of goal)
2022 (Phase XI)	\$4,779,000	\$2,666,000 (56%)	\$2,113,000	6 Tracts, 358 acres (65% of goal)
2023 (Phase XII)	\$7,061,000	\$5,100,000 (72%)	\$1,961,000	1 Tract, 538 acres (68% of goal)

By 2024, DU will have spent most current OHF grant budget funds for fee-title land acquisition!

