

HA16: Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Program

Phase 5



The Zion WPA in Stearns County was protected in January 2021 under Phase 1 and 2 of this program and protects over 160 acres. In July 2023, restoration work was completed on the property. These efforts restored 32 wetland basins, totaling 42.8 acres and adding an estimated 59.7 acre-feet of water storage.



The Sauk River (Kotschevar, A & J) conservation easement in Stearns County, which was completed in June 2023 under Phase 2 and 4 of this program, protects 65 acres and over 4,500 feet of shoreline along the Sauk River. The property is adjacent to two other MLT conservation easements, creating a complex of over 169 acres of protected land, which protects approximately 14,000 feet of Sauk River shoreline.



The Grand Lake (Brink) conservation easement in Stearns County, which was completed in June 2023 under Phase 2 of this program, protects 134 acres. The property consists predominantly of hardwood forest, along with restored prairie and wetlands scattered throughout the property.



The restoration of the Ellis wetland was completed in Spring 2023 under Phase 3 of this program. This project restored 60 acres of wetland habitat that provides habitat for migratory birds, waterfowl, and other resident species and helps improve water quality in downstream waterbodies such as Lake Osakis and the Sauk River. This wetland restoration serves as a benchmark example of the wetland restoration projects that are scoped within the Crooked Lake Basin region and that will be restored in 2024 under Phase 4 of this program.

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Results to Date through 8/3/2023

Grant Phase	Budget						Output												
	Protection		Restore/Enhance		Total		Protection										Restore/Enhance		
							Protection Leverage			Acres Protected		Shoreline (mi) Protected			Projects	Acres Restored/Enhanced			
	Award	Spent	Award	Spent / Comitted	Award	Spent	Proposed	Actual	% of Goal	Proposed	Outcome	% of Goal	Proposed	Actual		% of Goal	Proposed	Outcome	% of Goal
2019 Phase 1 (In Progress)	\$ 1,960,000	\$ 1,948,511	\$ 986,000	\$ 874,400	\$ 2,946,000	\$ 2,822,911	\$ 293,600	\$ 1,162,914	396%	720	728	101%	0.0	7.8		7	439	132	30%
2020 Phase 2 (In Progress)	\$ 3,496,000	\$ 3,445,606	\$ 430,000	\$ 228,352	\$ 3,926,000	\$ 3,673,958	\$ 249,200	\$ 1,529,636	614%	750	937	125%	0.0	4.5		6	300	65	22%
2021 Phase 3 (In Progress)	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 1,566,916	\$ 1,034,000	\$ 479,631	\$ 4,034,000	\$ 2,046,547	\$ 298,300	\$ 1,504,384	504%	660	503	76%	0.0	0.3		5	224	0	0%
2022 Phase 4 (In Progress)	\$ 2,490,000	\$ 959,859	\$ 1,601,000	\$ 1,579,500	\$ 4,091,000	\$ 2,539,359	\$ 224,300	\$ -	0%	500	424	85%	0.0	0.0		1	74	0	0%
2024 Phase 5 (Proposed)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		0	0		0.0	0.0		0	0	0	
Program Totals	Budget						Protection										Restoration		
	Protection		Restore/Enhance		Total		Leverage			Acres Protected			Shoreline Protected			Projects	Acres Restored		
	Award	Spent	Award	Spent / Comitted	Award	Spent	Proposed	Actual	% of Goal	Proposed	Outcome	% of Goal	Proposed	Actual	% of Goal		Proposed	Outcome	% of Goal
Complete	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		0	0		0	0.0		0	0		
In Progress	\$ 10,946,000	\$ 7,920,892	\$ 4,051,000	\$ 3,161,883	\$ 14,997,000	\$ 11,082,775	\$ 1,065,400	\$ 4,196,934	394%	2630	2,592	99%	0	12.6		19	1037	197	19%
Totals Across All Grants	\$ 10,946,000	\$ 7,920,892	\$ 4,051,000	\$ 3,161,883	\$ 14,997,000	\$ 11,082,775	\$ 1,065,400	\$ 4,196,934	394%	2,630	2,592	99%		12.6		19	1037	197	19%