

Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge - Phase 14-PA01

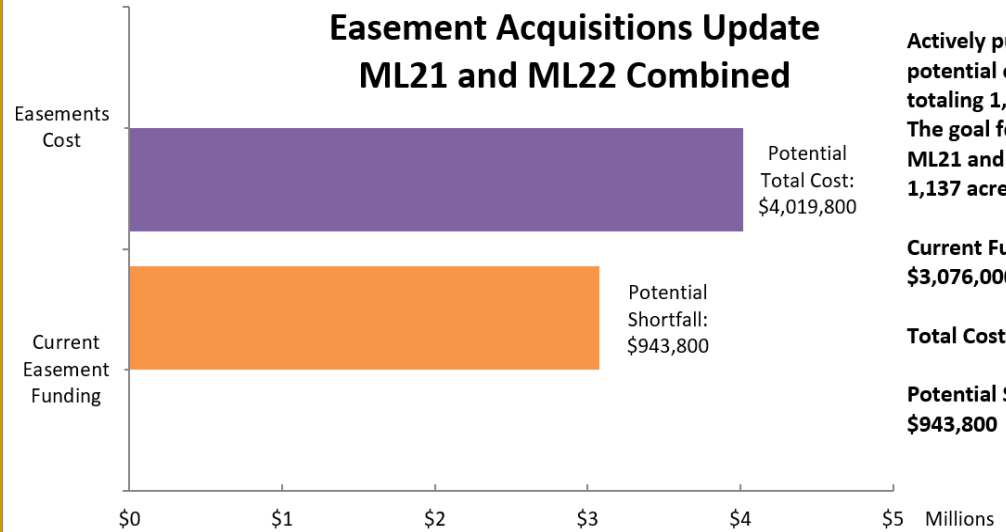
Funding Requested: \$8,651,000



Phase 14 Highlights

- Permanent protection of 2,100 acres of native prairie and wildlife habitat, including 1,600 acres of permanent conservation easements and 500 acres of fee acquisition
- Restoration and enhancement of 2,600 acres
- \$350,000 in Federal funds leverage for prairie restoration and enhancement
- Acquisitions focused on priority areas identified in the Minnesota Prairie Plan with significant biodiversity identified by the Minnesota Biological Survey

Easement Acquisitions Update ML21 and ML22 Combined



Actively pursuing 18 potential easements totaling 1,531 acres. The goal for both ML21 and ML22 is 1,137 acres.

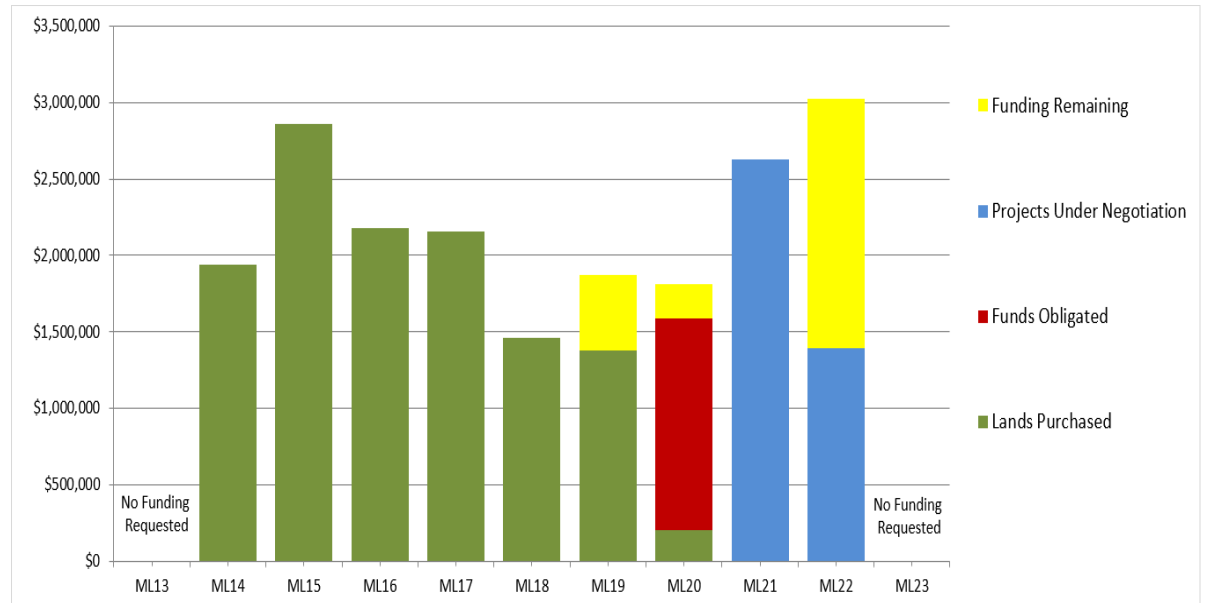
Current Funding: \$3,076,000
Total Cost: \$4,019,800

Potential Shortfall: \$943,800

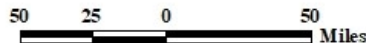
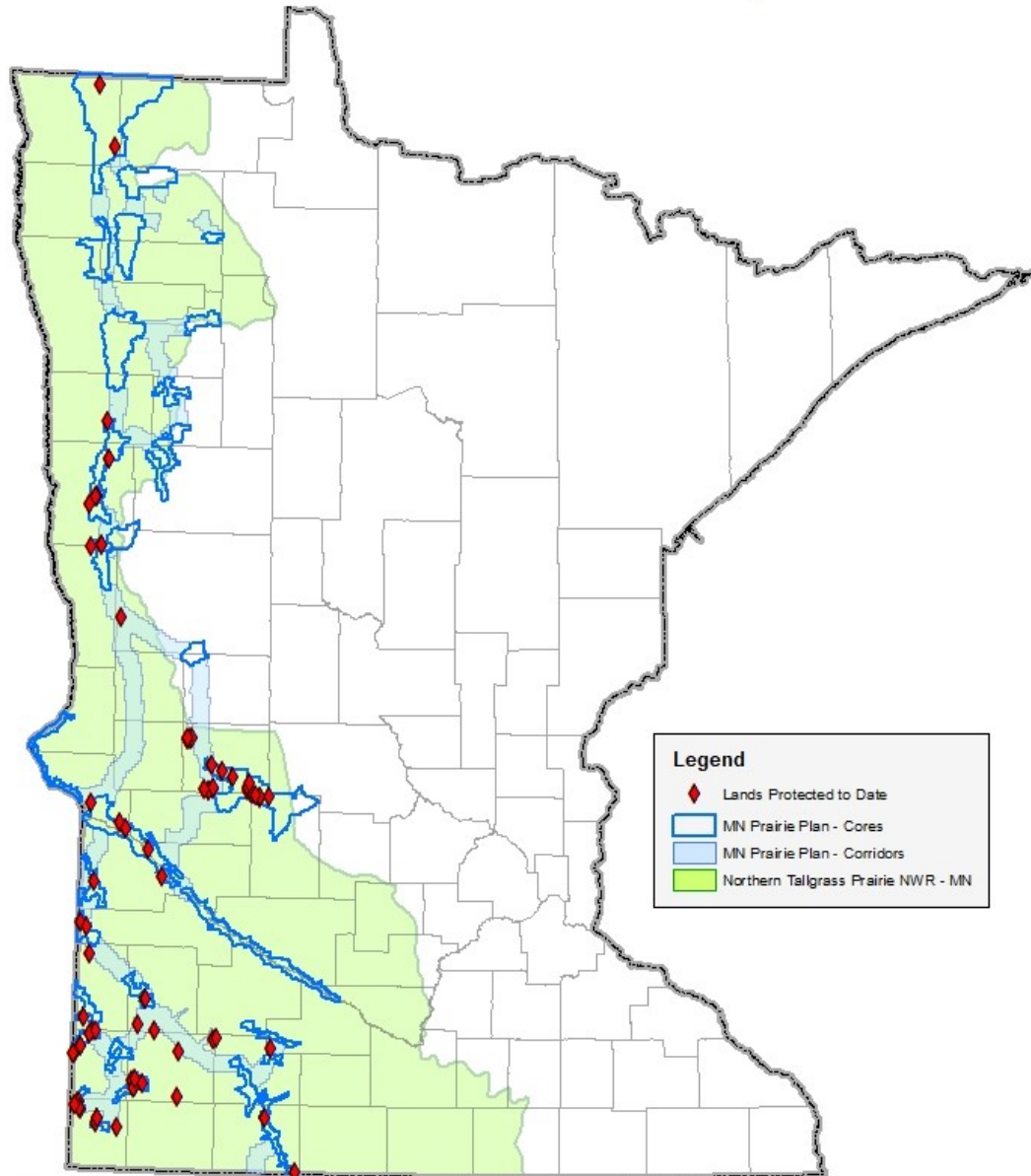


The Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge, managed by the US FWS, has protected more than 13,400 acres of native prairie & associated habitats, including 7,826 acres with OHF funding through prior rounds of this Program

Financial Update: Fee and Easement Acquisition Funding



Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge Lands Protected with OHF-Funding



Program Accomplishments through May 2023

- 7,826 acres of habitat permanently protected
- 4,752 acres of untilled native prairie protected
- 631 acres of wetlands and 22 miles of stream or lake-front protected
- 87% of projects completed are in MN Prairie Plan priority areas
- Protected habitat for endangered and threatened species, species of concern, and other wildlife, including: Wilson's phalarope, short-eared owl, Dakota skipper, Topeka shiner, Blanding's turtle, small white lady's slipper, prairie bush clover, and sandhill cranes.

Prioritizing Projects

Each project is reviewed using the following criteria:

- 1) Is there native prairie on the tract? If not, is it adjacent to native prairie?
- 2) Is the property in a priority area identified in the MN Prairie Plan?
- 3) Is it adjacent to an existing complex of permanently protected habitat?
- 4) Was it identified by the Minnesota Biological Survey as having concentrations of threatened and endangered species, species of concern, and rare communities?
- 5) Is it suitable for public recreation?