



Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

DNR Core Functions in Partner-led OHF Land Acquisitions
Laws of Minnesota 2024 Accomplishment Plan

General Information

Date: 11/30/2023

Project Title: DNR Core Functions in Partner-led OHF Land Acquisitions

Funds Recommended: \$825,000

Legislative Citation: ML 2024, Ch. X, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd.

Appropriation Language:

Manager Information

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Location Information

County Location(s): Washington.

Eco regions in which work will take place:

- Forest / Prairie Transition
- Northern Forest
- Southeast Forest
- Metro / Urban
- Prairie

Activity types:

- Protect in Fee

Priority resources addressed by activity:

Narrative

Abstract

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) currently partners with nine conservation related organizations to strategically acquire new fee title land that meets state land management goals. With every partner-led fee title acquisition that is conveyed to the DNR, a core set of functions relating to DNR land acquisition costs makes sure the State's interests are protected against future liabilities and DNR initial development needs meet minimal standards for cultural resource protection and public access. These core functions are most efficiently covered in a single annual administrative appropriation thereby replacing multiple partner release of funds to the DNR.

Design and Scope of Work

Nine conservation related organizations coordinate and communicate with the Minnesota DNR to strategically acquire fee title land from willing sellers. The nine organizations include: 1) Pheasants Forever, 2) Ducks Unlimited, 3) Trust for Public Land, 4) The Nature Conservancy, 5) Northern Waters Land Trust, 6) The Conservation Fund, 7) Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc., 8) Ruffed Grouse Society/American Woodcock Society, and 9) Shell Rock River Watershed District. Currently, the DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife is managing 54 separate partner-released funds related to DNR Land Acquisition Costs and/or DNR Initial Development Plan costs. These partner-released funds are from ML17 - ML23 funding years. Some of the parcels being acquired by the conservation organizations will be conveyed to the Minnesota DNR to become part of the state's Wildlife Management Area (WMA), Aquatic Management Area (AMA), Scientific and Natural Area (SNA) and/or State Forest system. This single appropriation would pay for the DNR Land Acquisition Costs and the limited DNR Initial Development Plan activities for fee title parcels conveyed to the DNR. Partners would maintain parcel lists in their direct accomplishment plans.

It is the DNR's responsibility to ensure the State's interests are protected against future liabilities. Activities that are covered by DNR Land Acquisition Costs include:

- DNR Land & Mineral Division project manager time
- Appraisal review – ensure appraisal meets state standards
- Land survey review – ensure survey meets state standards
- Title review – ensure title meets state standards
- Drainage agreements – review
- Access agreements – review
- Other agreements/encumbrances (lease, CRP, etc.) review
- Property taxes
- Recording fees
- Deed taxes

Within the Division of Fish and Wildlife, an approved Initial Development Plan (IDP) is required for all land acquisitions, regardless of whether they are being acquired by DNR or one of our partners, and regardless of the funding source of the acquisition. The IDP is used to identify the funding that will be used to develop a new parcel to minimum standards. In addition to the anticipated ML24 partner land acquisition and core IDP costs, we are requesting an additional \$100,000 in IDP funds for the new 1,820-acre Keystone Woods WMA in Washington County. This new WMA in the Twin Cities metro area is being designed with a broad audience in mind. It has significant initial development needs (ex. cultural resource review, access, five parking lots, two will be ADA compliant, information kiosk, etc.). Only limited activities approved in an IDP are covered in this OHF proposal:

- Cultural resource review – Compliance with the Minnesota Field Archaeology Act and Minnesota Historic

Sites Act (MN Statutes 138.40 and 138.655)

- Boundary posts – purchased by DNR in large orders, freight cost savings
- Signs and hardware - OHF and DNR signs, posts, bolts, nuts, washers, etc.
- Fencing
- Access / parking lots – improvement of ROW, easement or approach from public road, parking capacity needs, soils (geotextile fabric, posts, gates, gravel, culvert, etc.)

If NGOs would like the DNR to assist with site cleanup or habitat restoration, funds would need to be transferred to the DNR.

Explain how the plan addresses habitat protection, restoration, and/or enhancement for fish, game & wildlife, including threatened or endangered species conservation

Fee title acquisition is one tool that permanently protects species by ensuring habitat exists and development rights are limited to the purposes designated within DNR Wildlife Management Areas (WMA), Aquatic Management Areas (AMA), Scientific and Natural Areas (SNA) and/or State Forest systems. Fee title purchases are voluntary transactions between a landowner (seller) and purchaser (buyer). In this case, the buyer is a conservation related organization that will convey the property to the DNR.

Potential acquisitions for WMAs, AMAs and SNAs are objectively scored for their habitat value. The DNR uses weighted criteria and prioritizes high scoring parcels for acquisition. For example, candidates for WMAs score higher with a prairie grouse lek, in a pheasant habitat complex, presence of shallow lakes, and occurrence of deer wintering areas. Candidates for WMAs, AMAs and SNAs score higher when they have known records of threatened, endangered, species of greatest conservation need and high quality native plant communities. AMAs which permanently protect high quality aquatic habitats and watersheds, and lakes designated as having biological significance will have high scoring parcels worthy of acquisition consideration.

Examples of native plant communities with exceptional value as wildlife habitat include southern dry prairie, dry sand-gravel prairie, mesic prairie, dry hill prairie, northern wet prairie, mesic brush prairie, wet seepage prairie, Southern dry mesic oak hickory woodland, mesic hardwood forest, wet forest, forest and open rich peatlands, and northern jack pine/black spruce woodland.

What are the elements of this plan that are critical from a timing perspective?

One site in critical need of IDP activity is the new 1,820-acre Keystone Woods WMA in Washington County. We are asking for an additional \$100,000 for this WMA to get it ready for public access (cultural resource review, access, five parking lots, two will be ADA compliant, information kiosk, etc.). This new WMA provides a unique opportunity to reach diverse audiences and modernize outdoor recreation experiences by enhancing access and welcoming new users to public lands. By having one appropriation for completing these core functions it will reduce the administrative burden on the conservation partners and on the DNR Grants Unit which processes grant fund transfers. This will also allow conservation partners to close their fee-title acquisition grants sooner since most, if not all, of the IDP work that kept appropriations open for up to 4-5 years after closing will be handled in this separate DNR appropriation.

Describe how the plan expands habitat corridors or complexes and/or addresses habitat fragmentation:

The DNR uses GIS-based scoring systems to objectively rank potential acquisitions and develop statewide priority lists. These systems incorporate scientific data giving priority to locations within and that add to: 1) an important

habitat corridor or complex (such as identified by the Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan, Pheasant Action Plan, SNA Strategic Land Protection Plan, and the Minnesota Wildlife Action Plan), 2) native plant communities and sites of outstanding and high biodiversity significance mapped by Minnesota Biological Survey (MBS), and 3) parcels that adjoin existing units or other conservation lands. The end result is the prioritization of acquisitions that protect larger blocks of habitat or natural intact communities, improve riparian and terrestrial connectivity or maintain ecosystem services through protection of climate resilient, high biodiversity areas.

I am going to cover "why" I chose the two conservation plans below since there is no space elsewhere to address it and it is relevant to this question.

The Minnesota DNR Strategic Conservation Agenda (2015-2025) has two strategies under the Natural Resource Conservation goal to: 1) Conserve Natural Areas - Retain natural areas and working lands containing important habitats, especially habitats in jeopardy, such as native prairies, wetlands, shallow lakes, and shorelines. Connect fragments of high-quality habitat. Conserve endangered, threatened, rare, declining and vulnerable species, and 2) Monitor and fine-tune management actions - Track and continually improve the effectiveness of our conservation work.

Minnesota's Wildlife Management Area Acquisition - The Next 50 Years (2002-2052) has a statewide recommendation: The Division of Wildlife (old name) needs to work collaboratively with other agencies and units of government, public and private partners, legislators, landowners, and citizens to seek additional, creative funding to implement the recommendations in this report and find ways to expedite the WMA land acquisition process.

Which Conservation Plans referenced in MS97A.056, subd. 3a are most applicable to this project?

- Minnesota DNR Strategic Conservation Agenda
- Minnesota's Wildlife Management Area Acquisition - The Next 50 Years

Explain how this plan will uniquely address habitat resilience to climate change and its anticipated effects on game, fish & wildlife species utilizing the protected or restored/enhanced habitat this proposal targets.

The MN DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife created Guidance for meeting Operational Order 131 – Climate Adaptation and Mitigation in Natural Resources Management, effective date December 10, 2015. The Division of Fish and Wildlife Objective is to: Develop and maintain a network of large, connected conservation lands to support healthy fish and wildlife populations in Minnesota's streams, lakes, grasslands, wetlands and forests. Specific Land Acquisition Guidance includes: In the Strategic WMA and AMA Scoring Tool, staff will prioritize WMA/AMA parcels for acquisition that meet the following criteria: Greater than 240 acres; Immediately adjacent to a conservation land; Establishes or increases connectivity between conservation lands; Under-represented native ecosystem – remnant prairie, seasonal wetlands; Provides or supports habitat for the following species – tullibee; Is within the Fish Habitat Plan priority protection area; Contains peatland; Contains restorable prairie/grassland/wetland; Contains coarse woody debris; and the Desired cover is attainable.

Which LSOHC section priorities are addressed in this program?

Outcomes

Programs in forest-prairie transition region:

- Wetland and upland complexes will consist of native prairies, restored prairies, quality grasslands, and restored shallow lakes and wetlands ~ *Summarize how many partner-led fee title land acquisition acres are*

successfully acquired by non-governmental organizations AND conveyed to the Minnesota DNR in the forest-prairie transition region.

Programs in metropolitan urbanizing region:

- Protected habitats will hold wetlands and shallow lakes open to public recreation and hunting ~ *Summarize how many partner-led fee title land acquisition acres are successfully acquired by non-governmental organizations AND conveyed to the Minnesota DNR in the metropolitan urbanizing region.*

Programs in the northern forest region:

- Forestlands are protected from development and fragmentation ~ *Summarize how many partner-led fee title land acquisition acres are successfully acquired by non-governmental organizations AND conveyed to the Minnesota DNR in the northern forest region.*

Programs in prairie region:

- Key core parcels are protected for fish, game and other wildlife ~ *Summarize how many partner-led fee title land acquisition acres are successfully acquired by non-governmental organizations AND conveyed to the Minnesota DNR in the prairie region.*

Programs in southeast forest region:

- High priority riparian lands, forestlands, and savannas are protected from parcelization and fragmentation ~ *Summarize how many partner-led fee title land acquisition acres are successfully acquired by non-governmental organizations AND conveyed to the Minnesota DNR in the southeast forest region.*

Per MS 97A.056, Subd. 24, Please explain whether the request is supplanting or is a substitution for any previous funding that was not from a legacy fund and was used for the same purpose.

The Outdoor Heritage Funds supplement state small game Surcharge funds, state Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) funds, and federal Pittman-Robertson funds that may be used for fee title acquisition within the MN DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife.

How will you sustain and/or maintain this work after the Outdoor Heritage Funds are expended?

Long term maintenance and habitat management costs on WMA/AMAs are covered by a combination of funding sources including, but not limited to, state Game and Fish funds (license fees), Heritage Enhancement funds, small game Surcharge funds, RIM funds, and federal Pittman-Robertson funds, and/or other grant funds, etc.

Provide an assessment of how your program celebrates cultural diversity or reaches diverse communities in Minnesota, including reaching low- and moderate-income households:

Diversity, equity, and inclusion are key values of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). We are committed to living out these values in all of our work, whether it's getting people outdoors, creating accessible facilities in state parks, or recruiting a diverse workforce. Here are some ways we are engaging in various efforts: The Minnesota DNR opens the outdoors to people with disabilities including hosting accessible camp sites, providing accommodations to people who use powered mobility devices, offering accessible hunting areas and fishing piers, and issuing discounted permits.

The DNR hosts hunting and fishing education programs, such as Becoming an Outdoors Woman and I Can Fish! to introduce people to outdoor recreation. We also offer educational materials, including the Hunting & Trapping Regulations and Fishing Regulations, in multiple languages such as Hmong, Karen, Somali and Spanish.

We strive to be a workplace that represents the diversity of the state and includes people of all backgrounds. The DNR is a veteran-friendly Yellow Ribbon employer. We also participate in Increasing Diversity in Environmental Careers, which is a college-to-careers pathway program for underrepresented STEM college students interested in pursuing a career in environmental and natural resources.

The DNR has adopted a Language Access Plan to communicate effectively with people with limited English proficiency (LEP) and to provide meaningful access to DNR program information and services for every Minnesotan.

Activity Details

Requirements

If funded, this program will meet all applicable criteria set forth in MS 97A.056?

Yes

Will county board or other local government approval be formally sought prior to acquisition, per 97A.056 subd 13(j)?**

No

Describe any measures to inform local governments of land acquisition under their jurisdiction:

According to Statute 97A.056 subd 13(j), Non-governmental organizations must notify in writing the county board and town board where the land is located and furnish them a description of the land to be acquired. NGOs do not have to seek formal approval prior to the acquisition. In cases where there is interest, NGOs are willing to attend county or township meetings to communicate their interest in the parcel and answer questions.

Is the land you plan to acquire (fee title) free of any other permanent protection?

No

Describe the permanent protection and justification for additional protection:

A limited number of partner-led acquisitions may have federal or state easements on a portion of the desired tract. If a parcel has one of these encumbrances, and it is still deemed a high priority by the partnership, we will follow guidance established by the Outdoor Heritage Fund to proceed, or use non-OHF funding to acquire the residual value of the protected portion of the property.

Land Use

Will there be planting of any crop on OHF land purchased or restored in this program?

Yes

Explain what will be planted:

The primary purpose of WMAs are to develop and manage for the production of wildlife and for compatible outdoor recreation. To fulfill those goals, the DNR may use limited farming specifically to enhance or benefit the management of state lands for wildlife. Initial development plans (IDPs) may use farming to prepare cropland for native plant seeding. This is a standard practice across the Midwest to prepare the seedbed for native seed planting. Vegetation removal is not necessary on annual crop fields, provided native seed is planted in the winter after harvest. Crop fields require little seedbed preparation, unless crop residue is heavy enough to interfere with seeding. Soybean fields are the preferred crop "start state" for native prairie enhancement because they are essentially ready to seed. On a small percentage of WMA (less than 2.5%), DNR uses farming to provide a winter source of food for a variety of wildlife species in agriculture-dominated landscapes largely devoid of winter food sources.

Will neonicotinoid pesticide products be used within any activities of this program?

No

Is this land currently open for hunting and fishing?

No

Will the land be open for hunting and fishing after completion?

Yes

Describe any variation from the State of Minnesota regulations:

All Wildlife Management Area (WMA) lands to be acquired will be open for hunting and fishing with no variations from State of Minnesota regulations. All fee title Aquatic Management Area (AMA) and State Forest lands to be acquired will be open for hunting and fishing with no variations from State of Minnesota regulations.

Who will eventually own the fee title land?

- State of MN

Land acquired in fee will be designated as a:

- WMA
- AMA
- State Forest
- SNA

What is the anticipated number of closed acquisitions (range is fine) you plan to accomplish with this appropriation?

Are there currently trails or roads on any of the proposed acquisitions?

Yes

Describe the types of trails or roads and the allowable uses:

I do not know the answer to this question since these will be partner-led acquisitions but it is possible that some parcels may have roads or trails on them prior to acquisition.

Will the trails or roads remain and uses continue to be allowed after OHF acquisition?

Yes

How will maintenance and monitoring be accomplished?

It is possible existing roads or trail use will be allowed after OHF acquisition.

Will new trails or roads be developed or improved as a result of the OHF acquisition?

No

Will the acquired parcels be restored or enhanced within this appropriation?

No

This administrative proposal specifically focuses on the DNR land acquisition costs and core DNR IDP activities associated with partner-led acquisitions. There are no restoration or enhancement funds provided. If a partner wants to conduct restoration or enhancement on the parcel they acquired, they will

fund that work out of their acquisition OHF grant. Partners can conduct the habitat work themselves or if they would like the DNR to complete the habitat work, a Use of Funds letter will be required to transfer the funds to DNR.

Will the land that you acquire (fee or easement) be restored or enhanced within this program's funding and availability?

No

Explain how, when, and source of the R/E work:

This administrative proposal specifically focuses on the DNR land acquisition costs and core DNR IDP activities associated with partner-led acquisitions. There are no restoration or enhancement funds provided. If a partner wants to conduct restoration or enhancement on the parcel they acquired, they will fund that work out of their acquisition OHF grant. Partners can conduct the habitat work themselves or if they would like the DNR to complete the habitat work, a Use of Funds letter will be required to transfer the funds to DNR.

Timeline

Activity Name	Estimated Completion Date
Appropriation becomes available	July 2024
Pay for DNR land acquisition costs and core IDP costs on new partner-led fee title acquisitions that will be conveyed to DNR. End of 1st fiscal year.	July 2025
Submit status report	August 2025
Submit status report	February 2026
Continue paying for DNR land acquisition costs and core IDP costs on new partner-led fee title acquisitions that will be conveyed to DNR. End of 2nd fiscal year.	July 2026
Submit status report	August 2026
Submit status report	February 2027
Continue paying for DNR land acquisition costs and core IDP costs on new partner-led fee title acquisitions that will be conveyed to DNR. End of 3rd fiscal year.	July 2027
Submit status report	August 2027
Submit status report	February 2028
Continue paying for DNR land acquisition costs and core IDP costs on new partner-led fee title acquisitions that will be conveyed to DNR. End of 4th fiscal year. Land acquisition costs end.	July 2028
Submit status report	August 2028
Submit status report	February 2029
Continue paying for IDP costs on new partner-led fee title acquisitions that will be conveyed to DNR. End of 5th fiscal year. IDP costs only.	July 2029
Submit status report	August 2029
Submit status report	February 2030
Continue paying for IDP costs on new partner-led fee title acquisitions that will be conveyed to DNR. End of 6th fiscal year. IDP costs only.	July 2030
Submit final report	November 2030

Date of Final Report Submission: 11/01/2030

Availability of Appropriation: Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation

(a) Money appropriated in this section may not be spent on activities unless they are directly related to and

necessary for a specific appropriation and are specified in the accomplishment plan approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. Money appropriated in this section must not be spent on indirect costs or other institutional overhead charges that are not directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation. Money appropriated to acquire land in fee may be used to restore, enhance, and provide for public use of the land acquired with the appropriation. Public-use facilities must have a minimal impact on habitat in acquired lands.

(b) Money appropriated in this section is available as follows:

- (1) money appropriated for acquiring real property is available until June 30, 2028;
- (2) money appropriated for restoring and enhancing land acquired with an appropriation in this act is available for four years after the acquisition date with a maximum end date of June 30, 2032;
- (3) money appropriated for restoring or enhancing other land is available until June 30, 2029;
- (4) notwithstanding clauses (1) to (3), money appropriated for a project that receives at least 15 percent of its funding from federal funds is available until a date sufficient to match the availability of federal funding to a maximum of six years if the federal funding was confirmed and included in the original approved draft accomplishment plan; and
- (5) money appropriated for other projects is available until the end of the fiscal year in which it is appropriated.

Budget

Budget reallocations up to 10% do not require an amendment to the Accomplishment Plan.

Totals

Item	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	\$104,000	\$26,000	Game & Fish funds	\$130,000
Contracts	\$181,000	-	-	\$181,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	-	-	-	-
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	-	-	-	-
Easement Acquisition	-	-	-	-
Easement Stewardship	-	-	-	-
Travel	\$1,000	-	-	\$1,000
Professional Services	\$445,000	-	-	\$445,000
Direct Support Services	\$14,000	-	-	\$14,000
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	-	-	-	-
Supplies/Materials	\$80,000	-	-	\$80,000
DNR IDP	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	\$825,000	\$26,000	-	\$851,000

Personnel

Position	Annual FTE	Years Working	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
IDP Coordinator	0.8	4.0	\$104,000	\$26,000	Game & Fish funds	\$130,000

Amount of Request: \$825,000

Amount of Leverage: \$26,000

Leverage as a percent of the Request: 3.15%

DSS + Personnel: \$118,000

As a % of the total request: 14.3%

Easement Stewardship: -

As a % of the Easement Acquisition: -

How will this program accommodate the reduced appropriation recommendation from the original proposed requested amount?

Initial ML24 proposal request was \$815,400. Amended ML24 accomplishment plan request is for \$825,000 based on partner-led acquisition budgets that included DNR Land Acquisition Costs and DNR IDP costs.

Detail leverage sources and confirmation of funds:

The Initial Development Coordinator position will be funded by 0.2 FTE out of the Game & Fish funds. This covers time spent on non-OHF related activities such as CWD deer check station work, State Fair staffing, etc.

Personnel

Has funding for these positions been requested in the past?

Yes

Please explain the overlap of past and future staffing and position levels previously received and how that is coordinated over multiple years?

The IDP Coordinator position was initially 80% funded for two years under the ML19 DNR WMA & SNA Acquisition - Phase XI grant (FY20-FY22). The position was then 80% funded for one year under the ML22 Initial Development Coordinator grant (FY23). Most recently, the IDP position is 80% funded for one year under the ML23 Core Functions in Partner-led OHF Land Acquisitions grant (FY24).

Contracts

What is included in the contracts line?

Initial development activities are in the Contracts line and may include, but is not limited to, constructing parking lots, fence removal or installation, delivering gravel, and paying for cultural resource reviews. Keystone Woods WMA in Washington County has \$100,000 budgeted for any needed additional core IDP related activities.

Professional Services

What is included in the Professional Services line?

- Other : Includes DNR Land and Minerals Division staff time to review appraisals, land surveys, titles, drainage agreements, other agreements/encumbrances, property taxes, recording fees and deed taxes.

Travel

Does the amount in the travel line include equipment/vehicle rental?

No

Explain the amount in the travel line outside of traditional travel costs of mileage, food, and lodging

I understand and agree that lodging, meals, and mileage must comply with the current MMB Commissioner Plan:

Yes

Direct Support Services

How did you determine which portions of the Direct Support Services of your shared support services is direct to this program?

I worked with DNR Budget Analyst, Michelle Mitchell, who works in the DNR Office of Management & Budget. Michelle has a calculator tool and reviews/approves all Direct & Necessary calculations.

Federal Funds

Do you anticipate federal funds as a match for this program?

No

Output Tables**Acres by Resource Type (Table 1)**

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat	Total Acres
Restore	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

Total Requested Funding by Resource Type (Table 2)

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat	Total Funding
Restore	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

Acres within each Ecological Section (Table 3)

Type	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N. Forest	Total Acres
Restore	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

Total Requested Funding within each Ecological Section (Table 4)

Type	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N. Forest	Total Funding
Restore	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$165,000	\$165,000	\$165,000	\$165,000	\$165,000	\$825,000
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$165,000	\$165,000	\$165,000	\$165,000	\$165,000	\$825,000

Average Cost per Acre by Resource Type (Table 5)

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat
Restore	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-

Average Cost per Acre by Ecological Section (Table 6)

Type	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N. Forest
Restore	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-

Target Lake/Stream/River Feet or Miles

Parcels

For restoration and enhancement programs ONLY: Managers may add, delete, and substitute projects on this parcel list based upon need, readiness, cost, opportunity, and/or urgency so long as the substitute parcel/project forwards the constitutional objectives of this program in the Project Scope table of this accomplishment plan. The final accomplishment plan report will include the final parcel list.

Parcel Information

Sign-up Criteria?

No

Explain the process used to identify, prioritize, and select the parcels on your list:

Currently, nine conservation related non-governmental organizations (NGOs) coordinate and communicate with the Minnesota DNR to strategically acquire fee title land from willing sellers. The NGOs will maintain the fee title parcel lists in their respective OHF acquisition grants. The DNR will ensure the parcels are on the NGO parcel list before OHF funds are spent.

Other Parcels

Name	County	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection
Keystone Woods WMA	Washington	03121212	1,820	\$100,000	No

Parcel Map



- Protect in Easement
- ▲ Protect in Fee with PILT
- Protect in Fee W/O PILT
- ★ Restore
- ✕ Enhance
- ⊕ Other





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Comparison Report

Program Title: ML 2024 - DNR Core Functions in Partner-led OHF Land Acquisitions

Organization: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources - Division of Fish & Wildlife

Manager: Jennifer Olson

Budget

Requested Amount: \$815,400

Appropriated Amount: \$825,000

Percentage: 101.18%

Item	Requested Proposal	Leverage Proposal	Appropriated AP	Leverage AP	Percent of Request	Percent of Leverage
Personnel	\$104,000	\$26,000	\$104,000	\$26,000	100.0%	100.0%
Contracts	\$176,000	-	\$181,000	-	102.84%	-
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	-	-	-	-	-	-
Easement Acquisition	-	-	-	-	-	-
Easement Stewardship	-	-	-	-	-	-
Travel	\$1,000	-	\$1,000	-	100.0%	-
Professional Services	\$444,500	-	\$445,000	-	100.11%	-
Direct Support Services	\$13,900	-	\$14,000	-	100.72%	-
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supplies/Materials	\$76,000	-	\$80,000	-	105.26%	-
DNR IDP	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	\$815,400	\$26,000	\$825,000	\$26,000	101.18%	100.0%

If the project received 70% of the requested funding

Describe how the scaling would affect acres/activities and if not proportionately reduced, why?

Describe how personnel and DSS expenses would be adjusted and if not proportionately reduced, why?

If the project received 50% of the requested funding

Describe how the scaling would affect acres/activities and if not proportionately reduced, why?

Describe how personnel and DSS expenses would be adjusted and if not proportionately reduced, why?

Output

Acres by Resource Type (Table 1)

Type	Total Proposed	Total in AP	Percentage of Proposed
Restore	0	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	0	-	-
Protect in Easement	0	-	-
Enhance	0	-	-

Total Requested Funding by Resource Type (Table 2)

Type	Total Proposed	Total in AP	Percentage of Proposed
Restore	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-

Acres within each Ecological Section (Table 3)

Type	Total Proposed	Total in AP	Percentage of Proposed
Restore	0	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	0	-	-
Enhance	0	-	-

Total Requested Funding within each Ecological Section (Table 4)

Type	Total Proposed	Total in AP	Percentage of Proposed
Restore	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$815,400	\$825,000	101.18%
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-