

**Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (TF)
Land Acquisition Reporting Form**

As required by M.S. 116P.16 for interest in land acquired with
Environment and Natural Resource Trust Fund proceeds after June 30, 2005.

Date of Report: 04/28/2021

ID Number: 21-145-001

Contact Information

Original Purchaser (Entity/Organization/Agency): Minnesota Land Trust

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Legal Citation

Legal Citation of TF Appropriation: M.L. 2019, First Special Session, Chp. 4, Art. 2, Sec. 2, Subd. 09j

Acquisition Details

Original purchase date: 03/31/2021

Working title(s) of acquisition: Avon Hills (KM)

Type of Acquisition (Fee / Conservation Easement / Other): Fee

Location:	County: Stearns	Range: 30	1/4 Section: SW
	City: Collegetownship	Section: 4	1/4 1/4 Section: SW
	Township: 124		

Size in acres? (Provide total acres to the nearest one-tenth acre): 5.6

Natural Resources conservation values in acres (e.g. wetland/upland, prairie/grassland, forested, other):

Forest - Deciduous 2.9, Wetland/Lake 2.7

Describe Adjacency to Public/Private Conservation Lands:

The Protected Property is adjacent to the 96-acre south unit of the Avon Hills Forest Scientific and Natural Area, also known as Schellinger SNA). Within 3 miles of the Protected Property there are six (6) other private properties permanently protected with conservation easements held by the Land Trust, two (2) federal Waterfowl Production Areas, two (2) Stearns County parks, two (2) State of Minnesota Aquatic Management Areas, and the 2,900-acre Saint John's Abbey Arboretum, a property of significant importance for the Avon Hills area, which includes 1,800 acres of a MBS Site of Outstanding Biodiversity Significance and has served as a designated state wildlife refuge since 1933. As part of this protected matrix of lands, the Protected Property contributes to the preservation of natural areas for habitat and protects groundwater and surface water sources.

Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):

Amount of Shoreline (linear feet/miles):

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Purchase Price: \$ 0

Appraised Value: \$ 0

Related Professional Service Costs: \$ 4,305

Total Project Costs: \$ 4,305

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Source of money	Amount of funds	% of total project costs	Proportional Size (acres)
Environment Natural Resources Trust Fund	4,305	9	.5
Other State Money	0	0	0
Federal Money	0	0	0
Regional/Local Government money	0	0	0
Non-profit Money	0	0	0
Bargain Sale/Donation Value	41,541	91	5.1
Other Money	0	0	0
Total Funds	45,846	100	5.6

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Yes **A. Interest is retained by original purchaser**

B. Interest in the property was simultaneously transferred to another entity as part of the original purchase arrangements

C. Interest in the property was transferred to another entity on _____

**Check appropriate option(s) for who owns and manages the property as of the date of this report.
Fill in contact information below.**

DNR, Wildlife Management Area - Name of WMA: _____

DNR, Scientific and Natural Area - Name of SNA: _____

DNR, Aquatic Management Area - Name of AMA: _____

DNR, State Park - Name of State Park: _____

DNR, Forestry - Name of Forestry Unit: _____

DNR, Trails - Name of Trail: _____

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: _____

Local Unit of Government, Specify What County or City: _____

Yes **Other, Specify Organization:** Conservation Easement - Minnesota Land Trust

Other, Specify Organization: _____

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Notes/Comments:

The full value of the conservation easement was generously donated by the landowner—as a result, an appraisal was not completed for this project. The value of the donation has been estimated as 60% of the tax-assessed value for the eased portion of the tax parcel. Stewardship in the amount of \$24000 is being provided by the Preserving the Avon Hills with Reverse-Bidding Easements program.