

Work Plan Approval List – LCCMR Meeting June 23, 2011

The attached Work Plan Approval List is divided into seven (7) sections as follows:

- 1) Appropriations with no changes from LCCMR Recommendations; Staff Recommend Consent Approval (page 1, lines 1-26)
- 2) Appropriations with changes from LCCMR Recommendations; Staff Recommend Consent Approval (page 2, line 27-31)
- 3) Appropriations needing Commission approval of fee title or conservation easement acquisition lists (page 3, lines 32-60)
Note: Staff recommends consent approval of 14 work plans in this section. These include projects that do not include acquisition and are part of the Metropolitan Conservation Corridors (MeCC) or the Habitat Conservation Partnership (HCP) or involve acquisitions that are identified in approved plans (i.e., Scientific and Natural Area plan, Metropolitan Parks plan).
- 4) Appropriations with no changes from LCCMR recommendation; Additional information needed; Consent Approval not recommended at this time (page 4, lines 61-67)
- 5) Appropriations with changes from LCCMR recommendation; Additional information needed; Consent Approval not recommended at this time (page 5, lines 68-70)
- 6) Appropriations not included in LCCMR recommendation; Work Plan not received or not requested as of June 21, 2011 (page 5, lines 71-78)
- 7) Other (page 6, lines 79-82)

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1 Appropriations with no changes from LCCMR recommendation; Staff Recommend Consent Approval										
2	03a	Minnesota County Biological Survey	DNR	Carmen Converse	\$2,250,000	yes			X	Approve use of classified staff
3	03b1	County Geologic Atlases for Sustainable Water Management	U of MN - Minnesota Geological Survey	Dale Setterholm	\$1,200,000				X	
4	03b2	County Geologic Atlases for Sustainable Water Management	DNR	Jan Falteisek	\$600,000	yes			X	Approve use of classified staff
5	03c	Completion of Statewide Digital Soil Survey	Board of Water and Soil Resources	Megan Lennon	\$500,000				X	
6	03h	Evaluation of Biomass Harvesting Impacts on Minnesota's Forests	U of MN	Anthony D'Amato	\$350,000				X	
7	03j	Information System for Wildlife and Aquatic Management Areas	DNR	Steve Benson	\$500,000			yes	X	Capital equipment: 2 network servers (\$8,000 each) Approval contingent on change of reporting dates
8	03k	Strengthening Natural Resource Management with LiDAR Training	U of MN	Leslie Everett	\$180,000				X	
9	03l	Measuring Conservation Practice Outcomes	Board of Water and Soil Resources	Megan Lennon	\$340,000	yes			X	Approve use of classified staff
10	03m	Conservation-Based Approach for Assessing Public Drainage Benefits	Board of Water and Soil Resources	Al Kean	\$150,000				X	
11	04m	Conservation Easement Stewardship and Enforcement Program - Phase II	DNR	Susan Damon	\$500,000				X	
12	04n	Recovery of At-Risk Native Prairie Species	Martin County Soil and Water Conservation District	Rich Perrine	\$147,000				X	
13	04o	Understanding Threats, Genetic Diversity, and Conservation Options for Wild Rice	U of MN	David D. Biesboer	\$195,000			yes	X	Appropriation is contingent upon demonstration of review and cooperation with the Native American tribal nations in Minnesota. Capital equipment: PCR plate sealing machine (\$4,000); proprietary software package (\$5,000)
14	04p	Southeast Minnesota Stream Restoration	Trout Unlimited, Inc.	Jeff Hastings	\$250,000				X	
15	04q	Restoration Strategies for Ditched Peatland Scientific and Natural Areas	DNR	Michele Walker	\$200,000			yes	X	Capital equipment: Data collection platforms and acoustic velocity meters for 3 automated monitoring stations (\$36,090)

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16	04r	Northeast Minnesota White Cedar Plant Community Restoration	Board of Water and Soil Resources	Dale Krystosek	\$250,000					X	
17	05a	Itasca County Sensitive Lakeshore Identification	Itasca County Soil and Water Conservation District	Jim Gustafson	\$160,000					X	\$130,000 may be retained by DNR at request of Itasca County SWCD
18	05b1	Trout Stream Springshed Mapping in Southeast Minnesota - Phase III	DNR	Jeff Green	\$220,000	yes				X	Approve use of classified staff
19	05c	Mississippi Water Quality Assessment	U of MN	Michael Sadowsky	\$557,000					X	
20	05d	Zumbro River Watershed Restoration Prioritization	Zumbro Watershed Partnership	Lisa Eadens	\$150,000					X	
21	05e	Assessment of Minnesota River Antibiotic Concentrations	University of St. Thomas	Kristine Wammer	\$190,000					X	
22	06a	Improved Detection of Harmful Microbes in Ballast Water	U of MN	Randall Hicks	\$250,000					X	
23	06b	Emerald Ash Borer Biocontrol Research and Implementation	Department of Agriculture	Monika Chandler	\$500,000				yes	X	Capital equipment: 2 ultra low precision temperature freezers (\$7,000 each)
24	06c	Evaluation of Switchgrass as Biofuel Crop	Central Lakes College	Jim Eckberg Robert Schafer	\$120,000	yes				X	Approve use of classified staff (MnSCU)
25	7	Supporting Community-Driven Sustainable Bioenergy Projects	Dovetail Partners, Inc.	Kathryn Fernholz	\$150,000					X	
26	8	Youth-Led Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation in West and Southwest Minnesota	Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center	Anne Dybsetter	\$246,000					X	
27	Appropriations with changes from LCCMR recommendation; Staff Recommend Consent Approval										
28	03e	Golden Eagle Survey	National Eagle Center	Scott Mehus	\$60,000					X	
29	03g	Prairie Management for Wildlife and Bioenergy - Phase II	U of MN	Clarence Lehman	\$600,000					X	
30	03i	Change and Resilience in Boreal Forests in Northern Minnesota	U of MN	Lee Frelich	\$150,000					X	
31	04l	Acceleration of Minnesota Conservation Assistance	Board of Water and Soil Resources	Tabor Hoek	\$625,000					X	

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32	Appropriations needing Commission approval of fee title or conservation easement acquisition lists									
33	04b	State Parks and Trails Land Acquisition	DNR	Larry Peterson	\$3,000,000		yes			Work plan not received as of June 21, 2011
34	04c	Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition	Metropolitan Council	Arne Stefferud	\$2,250,000		yes		X	Non-state acquisitions - local
35	04e	Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition and Restoration	DNR	Peggy Booth	\$1,640,000	yes	yes		X	Approve use of classified staff
36	04f	LaSalle Lake State Recreation Area Acquisition	The Trust for Public Land	Susan Schmidt	\$2,000,000		yes		X	
37	04g	Minnesota River Valley Green Corridor Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition	Green Corridor Inc.	Brad Cobb	\$2,000,000		yes		X	
38	04h	Native Prairie Stewardship and Native Prairie Bank Acquisition	DNR	Jason Garms	\$1,000,000	yes		yes	X	Approve use of classified staff
39	04i	Metropolitan Conservation Corridors (MeCC) - Phase VI	7 partners (8 individual projects)		\$3,475,000					Approve contingent on 2010 expenditure is finished or a plan to transition to 2011 funding is approved by LCCMR.
40	04i1.1+ 1.2	1.1 / 1.2 - MeCC 6 - Coordination, Mapping & Outreach (1.1) & Mapping and Database Work (1.2)	Minnesota Land Trust	Sarah Strommen	\$40,000	yes			X	No acquisition
41	04i2.1	2.1 - MeCC 6 - Restore and Enhance Significant Watershed Habitat	Friends of the Mississippi River	Tom Lewanski	\$200,000				X	No acquisition - all restoration
42	04i2.3	2.3 - MeCC 6 - Restoring Our Lands and Waters	Great River Greening	Wiley Buck	\$400,000				X	No acquisition - all restoration
43	04i2.6+ 3.3	2.6 / 3.3 - MeCC 6 - Priority Expansion and Restoration MN Valley NW Refuge	MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc.	Deborah Loon	\$600,000		yes			Non-state acquisitions - federal Recommend presentation to Commission to review acquisition list
44	04i2.7+ 3.7	2.7 / 3.7 - MeCC 6 - Dakota County Riparian and Lakeshore Protection	Dakota County	Alan Singer	\$1,035,000			yes		Non-state easement acquisitions - county Recommend presentation to Commission to review acquisition list
45	04i3.1	3.1 - MeCC 6 - TPL's Critical Land Protection Program	The Trust for Public Land	Becca Nash	\$500,000		yes			Recommend presentation to Commission to review acquisition list
46	04i3.2	3.2 - MeCC 6 - Protect Significant Habitat by Acquiring Conservation Easements	Minnesota Land Trust	Sarah Strommen	\$400,000			yes		Non-state easement acquisitions Revisions needed Recommend presentation to Commission to review acquisition list and monitoring and enforcement fund
47	04i3.5	3.5 - MeCC 6 - Aquatic Management Area Acquisition	DNR	Mike Halverson	\$300,000		yes		X	

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48	04j	Habitat Conservation Partnership (HCP) - Phase VII	8 partners (12 individual projects)		\$3,475,000						Approve contingent on 2010 expenditure is finished or a plan to transition to 2011 funding is approved by LCCMR.
49	04j1a	1a - HCP 7 - Coordination, Mapping & Data Management	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	Joe Pavelko	\$55,000						No acquisition Revision requested but not received as of June 21, 2011
50	04j2e	2e - HCP 7 - Wild Rice/Waterfowl Habitat: Enhancement and Long-term Monitoring	Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Steve Mortensen	\$50,000					X	No acquisition - all restoration
51	04j2g	2g - HCP 7 - Restoration & Management - Wildlife Management Areas	DNR	Suzann Willhite	\$30,000						Recommend presentation to Commission to review DNR program
52	04j2h	2h - HCP 7 - Restoration & Management - DNR Fisheries	DNR	Linda Erickson-Eastwood	\$200,000	yes				X	Approve use of classified staff Approve pending minor revisions to work plan No acquisition - all restoration
53	04j2o	2o - HCP 7 - Prairie Pothole Restoration on Waterfowl Areas	Friends of the Detroit Lakes Wetland Management Division	Greg Hoch	\$75,000					X	No acquisition - all restoration
54	04j3a	3a - HCP 7 - Shoreland Protection Program	Minnesota Land Trust	Sarah Strommen	\$450,000			yes			Non-state easement acquisitions Revisions needed Recommend presentation to Commission to review acquisition list and monitoring and enforcement fund
55	04j3c	3c - HCP 7 - Shallow Lake Conservation Easements	Ducks Unlimited	Jon Schneider	\$500,000			yes			Non-state easement acquisition Recommend presentation to Commission to review acquisition list, project selection criteria and process
56	04j3d	3d - HCP 7 - Wetlands Reserve Program	Ducks Unlimited	Jon Schneider	\$775,000					X	
57	04j4a	4a - HCP 7 - WMA/WPA Acquisition beyond Boundaries	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	Joe Pavelko	\$430,000		yes				Recommend presentation to Commission to review acquisition list
58	04j4c	4c - HCP 7 - TPLs Critical Lands Protection Program	The Trust for Public Land	Robert McGillvray	\$490,000		yes				Recommend presentation to Commission to review acquisition list
59	04j4h	4h - HCP 7 - Priority Acquisition, MN Valley Wetland Management District	MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc.	Deborah Loon	\$400,000		yes				Non-state acquisitions - federal Recommend presentation to Commission to review acquisition list
60	04j4i	4i - HCP 7 - Habitat Acquisition – DNR Professional Services	DNR	Mike Halverson	\$20,000					X	
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62	03d	Updating the National Wetland Inventory for Minnesota - Phase III	DNR	Steve Kloiber	\$1,500,000						Revision requested but not received as of June 21, 2011. Funding is for second year of biennium.

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63	03f	Determining Causes of Mortality in Moose Populations	DNR	Erika Butler	\$600,000					Work plan not received as of June 21, 2011
64	03n	Mississippi River Central Minnesota Conservation Planning	Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District	Dennis Fuchs	\$175,000					Match required: Need letters of commitment and details
65	04d	Regional Park, Trail, and Connections Acquisition and Development Grants	DNR	Ronald Potter	\$2,000,000		yes			Non-state acquisitions - local Revision requested but not received as of June 21, 2011
66	04k	Natural and Scenic Area Acquisition Grants	DNR	Ron Potter	\$1,000,000	yes	yes			Approve use of classified staff; Non-state acquisitions - local Revision requested but not received as of June 21, 2011
67	05b2	Trout Stream Springshed Mapping in Southeast Minnesota - Phase III	U of MN	Calvin Alexander	\$280,000					Revision requested but not received as of June 21, 2011

68	Appropriations with changes from LCCMR recommendation; Additional information needed; Consent Approval not recommended at this time									
69	03o	Saint Croix Basin Conservation Planning and Protection	St. Croix River Association	Deb Ryun	\$120,000					Match required Need letters of commitment and details. Revision requested but not received as of June 21, 2011
70	10b	Contract Administration	DNR	Marcia Honold	\$175,000					Revision needed

71	Appropriations not included in LCCMR recommendation; Work Plan not received or not requested as of June 21, 2011									
72	04a	State Park and Recreation Area Operations	DNR	TBD	\$3,000,000					
73	09a	Minnesota Conservation Apprentice Academy	BWSR	Steve Woods	\$200,000					
74	09b	Wild Rice Standards	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	TBD	\$1,000,000					
75	09c	Chronic Wasting Disease and Animal Health	DNR	TBD	\$1,200,000					
76	09d	Aquatic Invasive Species	DNR	TBD	\$5,690,000					

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77	09e	Coon Rapids Dam	DNR/Three Rivers Park District	TBD	\$442,000						
78	09f	Reinvest in Minnesota Wetlands Reserve Acquisition and Restoration Program Partnership	BWSR	TBD	\$1,645,000						
79	Other										
80	10a	Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR)	LCCMR	Susan Thornton	\$946,000						
81	10c	LCC Web Site	LCC	Greg Hubinger	\$3,000						
82	04s	Land and Water Conservation Account (LAWCON) Federal Reimbursement	DNR	Ron Potter Stan Linnell	\$750,000						