



**Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF)  
M.L. 2011 Work Plan**

**Date of Status Update:** 5/14/2013  
**Date of Next Status Update:** 11/1/2013  
**Date of Work Plan Approval:** 8/11/2011  
**Project Completion Date:** 6/30/2014

**Is this an amendment request?** YES

**Project Title: HCP VII - TPLs Critical Lands Protection Program (4c)**

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**Location:**

**Counties Impacted:** Statewide

**Ecological Section Impacted:** Lake Agassiz Aspen Parklands (223N), Minnesota and Northeast Iowa Morainal (222M), North Central Glaciated Plains (251B), Northern Minnesota and Ontario Peatlands (212M), Northern Minnesota Drift and lake Plains (212N), Northern Superior Uplands (212L), Paleozoic Plateau (222L), Red River Valley (251A), Southern Superior Uplands (212J), Western Superior Uplands (212K)

<b>Total ENRTF Project Budget:</b>	<b>ENRTF Appropriation \$:</b>	490,000
	<b>Amount Spent \$:</b>	0
	<b>Balance \$:</b>	490,000

**Legal Citation:** M.L. 2011, First Special Session, Chp. 2, Art.3, Sec. 2, Subd. 04j4c

**Appropriation Language:**

\$1,737,000 the first year and \$1,738,000 the second year are from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for the acceleration of agency programs and cooperative agreements. Of this appropriation, \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the second year are to the commissioner of natural resources for agency programs and \$3,225,000 is for agreements as follows: \$637,000 the first year and \$638,000 the second year with Ducks Unlimited, Inc.; \$38,000 the first year and \$37,000 the second year with Friends of Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District; \$25,000 the first year and \$25,000 the second year with Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe; \$225,000 the first year and \$225,000 the second year with Minnesota Land Trust; \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the second year with Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc.; \$242,000 the first year and \$243,000 the second year with Pheasants Forever, Inc.; and \$245,000 the first year and \$245,000 the second year with The Trust for Public Land to plan, restore, and acquire fragmented landscape corridors that connect areas of quality habitat to sustain fish, wildlife, and plants. The United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, is an authorized cooperating partner in the appropriation. Expenditures are limited to the project corridor areas as defined in the work program. Land acquired with this appropriation must be sufficiently improved to meet at least minimum habitat and facility management standards, as determined by the commissioner of natural resources. This appropriation may not be used for the purchase of habitable residential structures, unless expressly approved in the work program. All conservation easements must be perpetual and have a natural resource management plan. Any land acquired in fee title by the commissioner of natural resources with money from this appropriation must be designated as an outdoor recreation unit under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.07. The commissioner may similarly designate any lands acquired in less than fee title. A list of proposed restorations and fee title and easement acquisitions must be provided as part of the required work program. An entity who acquires a conservation easement with appropriations from the trust fund must have a long-term stewardship plan for the easement and a fund established for monitoring and enforcing the agreement. Money appropriated from the trust fund for easement acquisition may be used to establish a monitoring, management, and enforcement fund as approved in the work program. An annual financial report is required for any monitoring, management, and enforcement fund established, including expenditures from the fund. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2014, by which time the project must be completed and final products delivered.

## I. PROJECT TITLE: HCP7-4c, TPL's Critical Lands Protection Program

### II. PROJECT SUMMARY:

Working within the Habitat Conservation Partnership (HCP), The Trust for Public Land (TPL) will acquire approximately 100 acres, protecting and linking valuable, high quality habitat in Minnesota. TPL will use ~~\$440,000~~ 490,000 of Trust Fund dollars and \$560,000 in other public and private sources as capital for this acquisition work. (The Trust Fund dollars will be used to purchase approximately 44 acres out of the anticipated 100-acre total.) No TPL transaction or personnel costs are included in this request. Acquired land will be conveyed or donated to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) or Crow Wing County for long-term stewardship. Written approval from the DNR commissioner will be obtained prior to the acquisition. County board approval will also be obtained. The DNR or Crow Wing County will develop and implement management (and any necessary restoration or enhancement) plans for these sites using various funding sources depending on the site. This request contains \$50,000 that has been budgeted to provide to DNR for restoration funding that may be needed for land conveyed to DNR. Funding for DNR land acquisition costs and initial site development is contained in DNR's proposals as part of the HCP proposal (see HCP proposals 2(g) and 4(i)). An analysis will be provided to the LCCMR and the Office of Management and Budget identifying increased operations and maintenance costs likely to be incurred by public entities as a result of each acquisition and how these costs will be paid. Potential land protection projects will be identified by TPL and/or identified and referred to TPL as part of the overall HCP focus area outreach. Priority will be given to lands that compliment and conserve existing critical habitat to facilitate plant/animal population sustainability and provide multiple benefits to multiple resources. TPL will leverage funds and catalyze others' conservation efforts. TPL will continue to further the overall HCP partnership goals as demonstrated by contributions here-to-date in outreach, government and public relations, collaboration, planning, communications, coordination and executive committee participation.

### III. PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:

**Project Status as of November 1, 2011:** The grant agreement was not completed by this time.

**Project Status as of May 1, 2012:** The Cannon River I parcel was acquired using other funding on September 30, 2011 and is now owned and managed by the DNR as the Dora Lake WMA. The Trust for Public Land does not have any additional completed acquisitions to report at this time.

**Project Status as of November 1, 2012:** The Trust for Public Land does not have any additional completed acquisitions to report at this time. Negotiations continue on the projects described on the acquisition list.

**Project Status as of May 1, 2013:** The Trust for Public Land does not have any additional completed acquisitions to report at this time. Negotiations continue on the projects described on the acquisition list.

**Amendment Request 5/14/2013:** The Trust for Public Land seeks permission to add the Upper Cullen Lake parcel to its acquisition list. The property is approximately 146 acres of high biodiversity significance land with over 2700 feet of lakeshore and over 1000 feet of a designated trout stream. The land provides key habitat for a number of species in greatest conservation need and connects with existing public land. The acquisition would protect sensitive shoreline that provides important spawning areas for fish. The property is currently threatened with development and is listed for sale. The land would be owned and managed by Crow Wing County and added to the adjacent Crow Wing County Memorial Forest. (Originally it was envisioned that the land would be owned by the DNR. However, because several DNR personnel live on this lake, there was concern about a perceived potential conflict of interest.) TPL also requests that it be allowed to use for this acquisition the \$50,000 previously allocated to "funds to be provided to DNR if needed for restoration." The DNR will not be the owner of this land, the property does not have great restoration needs and the County will take care of any such needs that do exist out of existing County funding. TPL further requests that its Project

Completion Date be changed to June 30, 2014 to align with the appropriation and grant contract language and as a result of projects taking longer to complete than originally contemplated.

The HCP ENRTF grant would provide the funding to acquire approximately 120 acres with over 1000 feet of trout stream and over 1500 feet of lakeshore. (A planned second acquisition of the remaining 26 acres would occur next winter with other funding sources if this first ENRTF-funded acquisition is completed). The purchase price for the 120-acre property is \$490,000. The property was appraised for \$610,000, which appraisal has been reviewed and certified. The landowner has granted TPL an option to purchase the property at this discounted price through June 30, 2013. The County has entered into a formal agreement to accept the property from TPL. A letter from the County reflecting this and its commitment to managing the land to protect its natural resource values has been separately submitted. A letter from the DNR and a map of the property have been submitted as well. With respect to the other four projects on the acquisition list that TPL has been working on, one has closed with other funding, another is on track to close with other funding, one the landowner refuses to sell if the land will go to the DNR, and the fourth the landowners are not ready to sell at this time. **Amendment Approved: [date of LCCMR approval]**

Project Status as of November 1, 2013:

Project Status as of May 1, 2014:

**IV. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES:**

**ACTIVITY 1: Acquisition**

**Description:** Projects are currently underway in Cass, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Kandiyohi, Le Sueur, and Rice Counties involving protection of shoreline, wetlands, grasslands and woodlands. TPL will focus on habitat linkage projects that have the following characteristics: large, difficult and/or complex; multiple owners; a need for multiple funding sources; proximity to regional growth centers; and/or, high risk of development. Priority will be given to lands with high quality natural resources, especially shoreland and other lands that provide natural buffers to water resources. The Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan, the Aquatic Management Area Acquisition Plan, the Wildlife Strategic Plan, the SNA Program Long Range Plan, and other natural resource plans will be used to help identify such lands. Final acreage protection will ultimately be affected by landowner willingness to sell key parcels. Because TPL is focusing on lands buffering water resources, the per acre cost is higher than that of non-riparian land. A list of projects TPL is working on is attached.

<b>Summary Budget Information for Activity 1:</b>	<b>ENRTF Budget:</b>	<b>\$ 490,000</b>
	<b>Amount Spent:</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
	<b>Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 490,000</b>

**Activity Completion Date:**

<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>	<b>Budget</b>
1. Acquire/protect 44 acres of high quality habitat	6-30-2013 <del>4</del>	\$ 490,000

**Activity Status as of November 1, 2011:** The grant agreement was not completed by this time.

**Activity Status as of May 1, 2012:** The Cannon River I parcel was acquired using other funding on September 30, 2011 and is now owned and managed by the DNR as the Dora Lake WMA. Although The Trust for Public Land does not have any additional completed acquisitions to report at this time,

work continues on the projects on the attached acquisition list. Also, permission is sought to add a project to the list.

**Activity Status as of November 1, 2012:** Although The Trust for Public Land does not have any additional completed acquisitions to report at this time, work continues on the projects on the attached acquisition list. Also, permission is sought to add a project to the list.

**Activity Status as of May 1, 2013:** Although The Trust for Public Land does not have any additional completed acquisitions to report at this time, work continues on the projects on the attached acquisition list. Also, permission is sought to add a project to the list.

**Activity Status as of November 1, 2013:**

**Activity Status as of May 1, 2014:**

**Final Report Summary:**

**V. DISSEMINATION:**

**Description:** As conservation transactions are completed, The Trust for Public Land will disseminate information on the TPL website, [www.tpl.org](http://www.tpl.org), broadcast emails to TPL list serve members, distribute press releases, and include information in TPL's newsletters and publications as appropriate. TPL will also work with the DNR to ensure information is distributed to its listserves and on its website as well.

**Status as of November 1, 2011:** The grant agreement was not completed by this time.

**Status as of May 1, 2012:** There are no dissemination activities to report for this time period.

**Status as of November 1, 2012:** There are no dissemination activities to report for this time period.

**Status as of May 1, 2013:** There are no dissemination activities to report for this time period.

**Status as of November 1, 2013:**

**Status as of May 1, 2014:**

**Final Report Summary:**

**VI. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY:**

**A. ENRTF Budget:**

<b>Budget Category</b>	<b>\$ Amount</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Fee Title Acquisition:	\$ 440,000 <del>490,000</del>	Acquisition capital for land to be conveyed to the DNR.
Other:	\$ <del>50,000</del>	Funds to be provided to DNR if needed for restoration.
<b>TOTAL ENRTF BUDGET:</b>	<b>\$ 490,000</b>	

**Explanation of Use of Classified Staff:** N/A

**Explanation of Capital Expenditures Greater Than \$3,500:** N/A

**Number of Full-time Equivalent (FTE) funded with this ENRTF appropriation:** N/A

**B. Other Funds:**

Source of Funds	\$ Amount Proposed	\$ Amount Spent	Use of Other Funds
<b>Non-state</b>			
Land value donations, private contributions, federal funds.	\$150,000	\$	Fee acquisition capital. Details regarding the exact source and amount of funds are not known at this time but will be provided as they become available.
<b>State</b>			
Bonding, Outdoor Heritage Fund, RIM.	\$410,000	\$	Fee acquisition capital. Details regarding the exact source and amount of funds are not known at this time but will be provided as they become available.
<b>TOTAL OTHER FUNDS:</b>	<b>\$560,000</b>	<b>\$</b>	

**VII. PROJECT STRATEGY:**

**A. Project Partners:** We are part of the Habitat Conservation Partnership proposal. Please see main proposal for complete partner list. The Trust for Public Land will transfer land to the DNR for long-term stewardship.

**B. Project Impact and Long-term Strategy:** Much of our prairie, wetlands, shorelines, and watersheds have been developed or degraded over a roughly 150-year period, and we cannot restore the “remarkable place known as Minnesota,” without a long-term view, ongoing funding, and focus from conservationists towards that goal. As noted in the Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan, “habitat issues are arguably the most important issues facing the conservation and preservation of natural resources throughout Minnesota.” Minnesota’s Habitat Conservation Partnership is a sustained effort to protect and restore these landscapes through a long-term effort. TPL believes that the success of conservation in Minnesota will depend on effective partnerships amongst nonprofit organizations and with public agencies like HCP. Through these public/private partnerships, greater conservation can be achieved with each partner bringing their own particular strengths to bear on the critical issues of protection, restoration, and long term stewardship and management. We believe that working within the Habitat Conservation Partnership allows us to better conserve, restore, enhance and manage habitat for the purpose of sustaining fish, wildlife and native plant communities for all generations. We seek to do this with an emphasis on high quality natural resource lands buffering water resources that will provide outstanding access to nature for the public.

**C. Spending History:**

Funding Source	M.L. 2005 or FY 2006-07	M.L. 2007 or FY 2008	M.L. 2008 or FY 2009	M.L. 2009 or FY 2010	M.L. 2010 or FY 2011
STATUS	Spent	Spent	Spent	Committed	Pending
ENRTF	\$425,000 Subd. 5(a)	\$480,000 Subd. 4(b)	\$350,000 Subd. 3(c)	\$350,000 Subd. 4(e)	\$200,000 Subd. 4(c)
Other Partner’s ENRTF	100,000	190,000	100,000		

Outdoor Heritage Fund			533,800		
Bonding	746,607	180,000	390,000		
RIM	100,000	175,000	16,200		
Clean Water Legacy Act	100,000				
DNR WMA Surplus Sale Proceeds	236,000				
NAWCA	177,320				
ACUB	260,000				
LAWCON	260,123				
City	240,000				
Private/Land Value Donation	55,000	175,000	60,000		

**VIII. ACQUISITION/RESTORATION LIST: See attached list.**

**IX. MAP(S):** A statewide map with all of the projects on our acquisition list is attached, as well as a parcel scale map for the Cannon River projects, which are the #1 and #2 priorities on our list. The other two potential projects on our acquisition list are not as far along and are more sensitive. Submitting a parcel map at this time on these two projects might be detrimental to them. Such a map will be provided when appropriate as these projects progress and if all of the funding is not used on the first two parcels on the list.

**X. RESEARCH ADDENDUM: N/A.**

**XI. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Periodic work plan status update reports will be submitted not later than December 2011, June 2012, December 2012, June 2013, December 2013, and June 2013<sup>4</sup>. A final report and associated products will be submitted between June 30 and August 1, 2013<sup>4</sup> as requested by the LCCMR.

## 2011-2012 Acquisition List for Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposal

**Project Title:** HCP7-4c, TPL's Critical Lands Protection Program, The Trust for Public Land

**Project Manager Name:** Robert McGillivray

**Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund \$ Request:** \$490,000

**Final Title Holder(s):** DNR or County.

#	Parcel Name	(Fee-Title OR Conservation Easement)	County	Estimated # of Acres	Geographical Coordinates		Summary Description	Proposed Final Fee Title Holder	Status
					Latitude	Longitude			
1	Cannon River I WMA/AMA	Fee Title	LeSueur	510	44°20'49N	93°33'31"W	Approximately 510 acres of prairie and wetlands on the headwaters of the Cannon River in Le Sueur County with MCBS mapped areas.	DNR	ACQUIRED with other funding.
2	Upper Cullen Lake AMA	Fee Title	Crow Wing	146	46°34'25"N	94°15'2.8"W	Approximately 146 acres of high biodiversity significance land with over 2700 feet of lakeshore and over 1000 feet of a designated trout stream.	Crow Wing County	Under option to purchase.
3	Cannon River II WMA/AMA	Fee Title	Rice	100-785	44°17'23"N	93°28'53"W	Between 100 and 785 acres of prairie and wetlands on the headwaters of the Cannon River in Rice County with MCBS mapped areas.	DNR	Under option to purchase with funding from another source.
4	Reid Woods SNA	Fee Title	Kandiyohi	650	45°4'19"N	94°54'42"W	Approximately 650 acres of wetlands, prairie and forest on the shores of a chain of shallow lakes in Kandiyohi County containing many SNA quality features.	DNR	Negotiations with landowner underway.
5	Plantagenet Lake AMA	Fee Title	Hubbard	100	47°22'9"N	94°55'25"W	Approximately 100 acres of forest and wetlands on a deep lake in Hubbard County with a designated trout stream and connecting existing public land to the lake.	DNR	Negotiations with landowner underway.

**NOTES:** Projects are listed in priority order. It is anticipated that this funding will be used on the first two projects.

Attachment A: Budget Detail for M.L. 2011 (FY 2012-13) Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Projects						
Project Title: HCP7-4c, TPL's Critical Lands Protection Program						
Legal Citation: M.L. 2011, First Special Session, Chp. 2, Art.3, Sec. 2, Subd. 04j4c						
Project Manager: Robert McGillivray						
M.L. 2011 (FY 2012-13) ENRTF Appropriation: \$ 490,000						
Project Length and Completion Date: 6-30-2013 <del>4</del>						
Date of Update: 5-14-13						
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BUDGET	Activity 1 Budget	Revised Activity 1 Budget 1/30/13	Amount Spent	Balance	TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL BALANCE
BUDGET ITEM	Acquisition					
Fee Title Acquisition	440,000	490,000	0	490,000	490,000	490,000
<del>Other: Funds to be provided to DNR if needed for restoration.</del>	50,000	0	0	0	0	0
<b>COLUMN TOTAL</b>	<b>\$490,000</b>	<b>\$490,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$490,000</b>	<b>\$490,000</b>	<b>\$490,000</b>