

LCMR Final Work Program Report

Date of Report: April 20, 2005
Date of Next Program Update: June 30, 2005
Date of Work Plan Approval: June 5, 2003 Last Amendment Approved:
Project Completion Date: June 30, 2006

Title: Restoring Minnesota's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Corridors Phase II – Fisheries Land Acquisition (4b) Projects will be concentrated in the following project areas: 2. Upper Mississippi Headwaters, 3. Border Prairie, 4. Central Lakes, 10. Southern Lakes, and 11. Mississippi Blufflands.

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Total Biennial Project Budget:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Allocat</u>	<u>Liquid</u>	<u>Encumb</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Restoring MN Fish & Wildlife Habitat Corridors II (ETF)	2003				
	Fiscal Year 2003	\$300,000	\$300,000		\$0
	Fiscal Year 2004	\$300,000	\$300,000		\$0
Grand Total		\$600,000	\$600,000		\$0

Legal Citation: M.L. 2003, Chap. 128 Art.1, Sec. 9, Subd. 5(a).

Appropriation Language: 4,850,000 (Env. Trust Fund) Restoring Minnesota's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Corridors Phase II - \$2,425,000 the first year and \$2,425,000 the second year are from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for the second biennium for acceleration of agency programs and cooperative agreements with Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, Ducks Unlimited, Inc., National Wild Turkey Federation, Pheasants Forever, The Nature Conservancy, Minnesota Land Trust, the Trust for Public Land, Minnesota Valley Trust, Inc., U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, Red Lake Band of Chippewa, Leech Lake Band of Chippewa, Fond du Lac Band of Chippewa, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Board of Water and Soil Resources to plan, restore, and acquire fragmented landscape corridors that connect areas of quality habitat to sustain fish, wildlife, and plants. As part of the required work program, criteria and priorities for planned acquisition and restoration activities must be submitted to the legislative commission on Minnesota resources for review and approval before expenditure. Expenditures are limited to the 11 project 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 residential structures unless expressly approved in the work program. Any land acquired in fee title by the commissioner of natural resources with money from this appropriation must be designated: (1) as an outdoor recreation unit under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.07; or (2) as provided in Minnesota Statutes, sections 89.018, subdivision 2, paragraph (a); 97A.101; 97A.125; 97C.001; and 97C.011. The commissioner may so designate any lands acquired in less than fee title. The appropriation is

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available until June 30, 2006, at which time the project must be completed and final products delivered, unless an earlier date is specified in the work program.

II. and III FINAL PROJECT SUMMARY:

This project resulted in a grand total of approximately 432 acres and/or 4 miles of lake and stream shoreline being acquired as either easement or fee title. Environmental and Natural Resources Trust dollars directly acquired approximately 90 acres of the total, including 1 mile of lake and stream shoreline. Outside funds (\$837,000) and other state monies (\$1,828,628) leveraged with trust dollars totaled approximately \$2,665,628. These contributions helped acquire the remaining acres of the grand total, including 220 acres and 2 miles using state dollars and 122 acres and 1 mile from other outside funds. The attached project location map can also be found on the Department of Natural Resources web site www.dnr.state.mn.us.

This project complemented parcel acquisitions funded in the past with capital bonding, Trout Stamp, and Environmental Trust Fund dollars. The acquisition of aquatic management areas adjacent to lakes and streams ensured the protection of critical riparian habitat areas within sensitive watersheds and headwater areas, as well as, angler and management access. Acquisition under this segment concentrated in the following project areas: 2. Upper Mississippi Headwaters, 3. Border Prairie, 4. Central Lakes, and 11. Mississippi Blufflands.

IV. Final Outline of Project Results:

Result 1: Land Acquisition Allocation \$600,000 Balance \$0

The acquisition of aquatic management areas adjacent to lakes and streams will ensure the protection of critical riparian habitat, angler access, and management access. The monies will be used to secure fee title or easements on approximately 27 acres and or 6 miles of lakeshore and/or stream shoreline including sensitive watershed, riparian, or headwaters areas. These lands will be used for angler access or protection of critical habitats. Spending of trust monies and parcel information will be reported as it occurs under each result.

Program Area/Result	Trust Dollars Spent	Trust Accomplishments
Mississippi Headwaters #2	\$210	
Border Prairie #3	\$86,089	26.7 Acres, 0.34 Miles
Central Lakes #4	\$513,116	63.1 Acres, 0.50 Miles
Mississippi Blufflands #11	\$585	

Descriptions by Project Areas:

#2 Mississippi Headwaters Project Area

County	Water Body, Parcel	Trust		Trust \$	Other \$	Other		Total Acres	Total Miles
		Acres	Miles			Acres	Miles		
Cass	Five Mile Point								

Professional Services Total: \$210
 Grand Total (Trust only: professional + trust \$): \$210

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#3 Border Prairie Project Area

County	Water Body, Parcel	Trust Acres	Trust Miles	Trust \$	Other \$	State \$	Other Acres	Other Miles	State Acres	State Miles	Total acres/miles
Becker	Upper Cormorant, P3	26.7	0.34	\$80,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	6.7	0.1	6.7	0.1	40.1/.54
Otter Tail	Jewett Lake										
Douglas	Darling Lake E										

Total 26.7 0.34 \$80,000 \$20,000 \$20,000 6.7 0.1 6.7 0.1 40.1/.54

Professional Services Total \$6,089

Grand Total (Trust only: professional + trust \$): \$86,089

#4 Central Lakes Project Area

County	Water Body, Parcel	Trust Acres	Trust Miles	Trust \$	Other \$	State \$	Other Acres	Other Miles	State Acres	State Miles	Total acres/miles
Crow Wing	Clearwater, P1	19.1	0.2	\$199,072	\$202,000	\$1,152,928	19.3	0.2	110.4	1.1	148.8/1.5
Aitkin	Big Sandy P2										
Crow Wing	Gilbert Lake P2										
Crow Wing	Gilbert Lake P3										
Mille Lacs	Mille Lacs II										
Crow Wing	Cuyuna	44	0.3	\$281,300	\$615,000	\$655,700	96.2	0.7	102.6	0.8	242.8/1.8

Total 63.1 0.5 \$480,372 \$817,000 \$1,808,628 115.5 0.9 213 1.9 391.6/3.3

Professional Services Total: \$32,744

Grand Total (Trust only: professional + trust \$): \$513,116

#11 Mississippi Blufflands Project Area

County	Water Body, Parcel	Trust Acres	Trust Miles	Trust \$	Other \$	Other Acres	Other Miles	Total Acres	Total Miles
Fillmore	South Branch Root P55								
Fillmore	South Branch Root P58								
Wabasha	Spring Creek P15								

Professional Services Total: \$585

Grand Total (Trust only: professional + trust \$): \$585

V. TOTAL LCMR PROJECT BUDGET: (see attachment A and page 1)

All Results: Personnel: (professional services) \$39,628

All Results: Equipment: NA

All Results: Development: NA

All Results: Acquisition: \$560,372

All Results: Other: \$

TOTAL BUDGET: \$600,000

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Explanation of Capital Expenditures Greater Than \$3,500: NA

VI. PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE SPENDING

A. Past Spending:

The Division of Fisheries annually spends about \$30,000 to \$100,000 in fishing license and trout and salmon stamp dollars for this activity, mainly for salaries of permanent staff that manage the acquisition process.

Funding for fisheries acquisition since 1994 has been as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1995	Bonding	\$1,500,000
1995	ETF	\$ 300,000
1996	Bonding	\$ 300,000
1997	ETF	\$ 567,000
2001	ETF	\$2,000,000
Total		\$4,667,000

B. Current and Future Spending:

The long-range fisheries acquisition goal is to acquire approximately 1,200 miles of lake and stream shoreline by fee title or easement. The Division of Fisheries is and will continue to cover the salaries of permanent staff that manage the acquisition process. In FY 2003, Fisheries will be using up the balance of funds from Phase I of the Wildlife Corridors Project. The Division of Fisheries will utilize monies from the Trout Stamp fund (\$200,000) and Heritage Funds (\$500,000) to acquire parcels and easements statewide. The Division will continue to maintain parcels acquired and cover salaries of permanent staff that manage these parcels.

C. Project Partners:

Partners Receiving LCMR Funds: *See attached overall spreadsheet*

Habitat Corridors Partners are worked with whenever possible.

Project Cooperators:

Southeast Minnesota Trout Stream Advisory Group is comprised of the following affiliations: Trout Unlimited, Minnesota Trout Association, local business owners, and local landowners. In-kind support and fund raising to match monies up to 5% of projects being done on trout streams with emphasis in the southeast.

VII. Dissemination

Land acquired for angler access and habitat protection will be posted. Partnership will distribute accomplishments through various avenues as established by the media and data/mapping subcommittees.

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VIII. Location

Within the established corridors, we will target areas that provided angler access and unique or important habitats such as aquatic plant beds, fish spawning areas, sensitive riparian areas, and undeveloped lake and stream shores. Emphasis will also be placed on southeast trout streams that have support from the Southeast Minnesota Trout Stream Advisory Group.

IX. Reporting requirements

Periodic work program progress reports will be submitted not later than November 30, 2003; March 30, 2004; November 30, 2004; March 30, 2005; and November 30, 2005 to LCMR. A final work program report and associated products will be submitted by June 30, 2006.

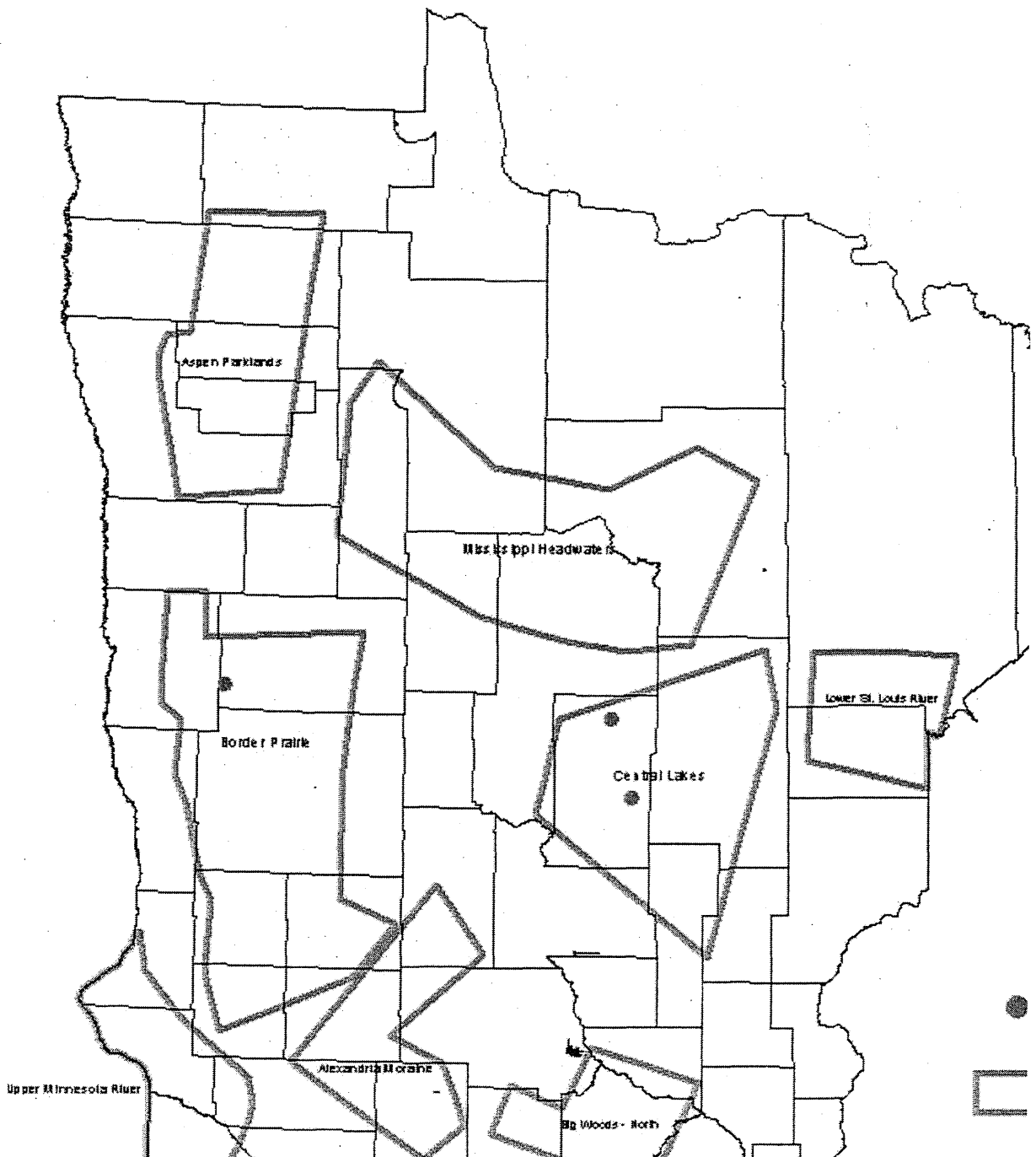
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ATTACHMENT A (include the attachment in all future update reports.) Use as many results as necessary. Landscaping on legal size paper to fit in all the columns may be helpful.

The commission will not allow office space rental fees or salary payments to officers or directors, this applies to ALL PROJECTS. See page 9 for Eligible and Ineligible expenses. GENERAL OTHER WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. BE SPECIFIC AND USE AS MANY LINES AS NECESSARY.

Project Title: Corridors Project Phase II - Fisheries Acquisition (April 2005 work program final)

Project Number: 4B

LCMR Recommended Funding: \$600,000

Attachment A Deliverable Products and Related Budget															
2001 LCMR Project Biennial Budget												Objective/ Result			
Budget Item (Title of Result)	Result 1 Budget:	Result 1 Current invoice:	Result 1 Balance:	Result 2 Budget:	Result 2 Current Invoice:	Result 2 Balance:	Result 3:	Result 3 Current Invoice:	Result 3 Balance:	Result 4:	Result 4: Current Invoice	Result 4: Balance	PROJECT TOTAL:		
	Acquisition												BUDGET TOTAL:	CURRENT INVOICE TOTAL:	BALANCE TOTAL:
Wages, salaries & benefits – Be specific on who is paid \$															
Contracts															
Professional/technical (with whom?) AG office, Appraisers, DNR Lands and Minerals / Engineering Other contracts (with whom?)	90,000	39,628	50,372										90,000	39,628	50,372
Space rental: NOT ALLOWED	X			X									X		
Maintenance															
Utilities															
Other direct operating costs (for what? – be specific)															
Other Supplies (list specific categories)															
Other Capital equipment (list specific items)															
Land acquisition	510,000	560,372	-50,372										510,000	560,372	-50,372
Land rights acquisition (less than fee)															
Buildings (for what?)															
Other land improvement (for what?)															
Legal fees (for what?)															
COLUMN TOTAL	600,000	600,000	0										600,000	600,000	0

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Activity (Eg: 2(a) Hides For Habitat)	Partner (Eg: MDHA)	LCMR			Proposed Accomplishments			Current LCMR Accomplishments			Other Funds					
		Allocation	Expenditure	Balance	LCMR Acres	LCMR Miles/ Shoreline	LCMR Lakes Restored	LCMR Acres	LCMR Miles/ Shoreline	LCMR Lakes Restored	Committed	Expenditure	Balance	Acres	Miles/ Shoreline	Lakes Restored
4B Fisheries Acquisition	MN DNR - Fisheries	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$0	27	6		90	1			\$837,000 non-state		122	1	
												\$1,828,628 state		220	2	