

**FINAL Abstract Phase II****FINAL REPORT**

**TITLE:** Restoring Minnesota's Fish and Wildlife Corridors – Land Acquisition (4f). Project areas: Border Prairie (3), Alexandria Moraine (7), Big Woods – North (8), Southern Lakes (10), and Mississippi Blufflands (11).

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**FUND:**

**LEGAL CITATION:** 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 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 defined in the work program. Land acquired with this appropriation must be sufficiently improved as 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 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 plan.

**APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$37,920.00**

Overall Project Outcome and Results

There was no activity on this project. Phase I funds were used before using Phase II. Opportunities arose after the deadline for use of Phase II funds.

Project Results Use and Dissemination

Results will be disseminated by the Minnesota State Chapter of the NWTF and its Regional Staff based in Minnesota through its State Newsletter, National Publications, project completion reports, and be shared with other state and federal management agencies, and project web page as it is developed. We will participate when possible in larger dissemination and publicity efforts of the CH-01 partnership.

**FINAL REPORT**

Date of Report: July 27, 2006  
 LCMR Final Work Program Report  
 Date of Work Program Approval:  
 Project Completion Date: June 30, 2006

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**Total Biennial Project Budget:**

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Alloc</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Restoring MN Fish & Wildlife Habitat Corridors II (ETF)	2003			
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$37,920</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$37,920</b>

Legal Citation ML 2003, Ch. 128, Art. 1, Sec. 9, Subd. 4f

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**II & III FINAL PROJECT SUMMARY**

There was no activity on this project. Phase I funds were used before using Phase II. Opportunities arose after the deadline for use of Phase II funds.

**IV. OUTLINE OF PROJECT RESULTS**

**Result 1: Border Prairie (3)**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Spent</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Result 2: Alexandria Moraine (7)**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Spent</u>
Total	\$0

**Result 3: Big Woods – North (8)**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Spent</u>
Total	\$0

**Result 4: Southern Lakes (10)**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Spent</u>
Total	\$0

**Result 5: Mississippi Blufflands (11)**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Spent</u>
Total	\$0

None of the Phase II Acquisition funds were used, as all of the Phase I was still not used up. There was a last-minute opportunity in Project Area 11, but the time constraints of Phase II did not allow the expenditure.

#### **V. TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET**

Appropriation Category: Acquisition  
Funding Level: \$37,920

#### **VI. PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE SPENDING**

##### **A. Past Spending**

Proceeds from the local chapters and banquets of the Minnesota Chapter System of the NWTF are channeled into what we call the Minnesota Super Fund. This fund is administered by the National Office of the NWTF in Edgefield, SC. But, the funds within the account are distributed by the Minnesota Chapter of the NWTF's Board of Directors. We have an 18 member Board that is comprised of volunteers from around the State. They meet quarterly to review projects received from around the State consisting of land acquisition, habitat enhancement, youth activities, women's activities, and others. Most projects involving land acquisition involve several other partners; i.e. local sportsman's clubs, major corporate donors, and individuals. Thereby stretching the dollars that we raise. Every State Chapter of the NWTF has a Super Fund to be used for their individual State. Lands purchased are turned over to the DNR to be managed as WMA's

##### **B. Current and Future Spending**

The amount of money spent by the NWTF Super Fund on land acquisition varies from year to year, but is always an important budgeted item.

#### **VII. PROJECT PARTNERS**

##### **A. Partners Receiving LCMR Funds:**

Habitat Corridor partners will be worked with whenever possible.

**B. Project Cooperators:**

The NWTF works with other conservation groups as well as state and federal agencies whenever possible.

**VIII. DISSEMINATION**

Results will be disseminated by the Minnesota State Chapter of the NWTF and its Regional Staff based in Minnesota through its State Newsletter, National Publications, project completion reports, and be shared with other state and federal management agencies, and project web page as it is developed. We will participate when possible in larger dissemination and publicity efforts of the CH-01 partnership. Currently on the National Web page is an article that speaks of the LCMR dollars being put to use on the ground in this tree-planting project

**IX. LOCATION**

No acquisitions were accomplished during Phase II.

**X. 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.

**XI. RESEARCH PROJECTS: NA**

**Attachment A: Budget Detail for FINAL Projects - Summary and a Budget page for each partner (if applicable)**

**Proposal Title:** Restoring Minnesotas Fish & Wildlife Habitat Corridors Phase II - Land Acquisition (4f)

**Project Manager Name:** Dave Neu, NWTf Regional Wildlife Biologist

**LCMR Requested Dollars:** \$ 37,920

- 1) See list of non-eligible expenses, do not include any of these items in your budget sheet
- 2) Remove any budget item lines not applicable

LCMR Proposal Budget	<u>Result 1 Budget:</u>	<u>Amount Spent</u> <i>(date)</i>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Result 2 Budget:</u>	<u>Amount Spent</u> <i>(date)</i>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Result 3 Budget:</u>	<u>Amount Spent</u>	<u>Balance</u>
	<i>Border Prairie</i>			<i>Alexandria Moraine</i>			<i>Big Woods - North</i>		
<b>BUDGET ITEM</b>									
Land acquisition <i>(how many acres)</i>	10,000	0	10,000				8,960	0	8,960
Purchase of trees, shrubs, matting									
<b>COLUMN TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>				<b>\$8,960.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$8,960.00</b>

LCMR Proposal Budget	<u>Result 4 Budget:</u>	<u>Amount Spent</u> <i>(date)</i>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Result 5 Budget:</u>	<u>Amount Spent</u> <i>(date)</i>	<u>Balance</u>	<b>TOTAL FOR BUDGET ITEM</b>	<u>Amount Spent</u> <i>(date)</i>	<u>Balance</u>
	<i>Southern Lakes</i>			<i>Mississippi Blufflands</i>					
<b>BUDGET ITEM</b>									
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Purchase of trees, shrubs, matting									
<b>COLUMN TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$8,960.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$8,960.00</b>	<b>\$37,920.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$37,920.00</b>