

2003 Project Abstract

For the Period Ending June 30, 2007

TITLE: Local Grants Initiative Program: Outdoor Recreation Grants

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FUND: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

LEGAL CITATION: ML 2003, Ch. 128, Art. 1, Sec. 9, Subd. 6(c)

APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$2,579,000

Overall Project Outcome and Results

The objective was to provide state matching grants to assist local governments in: 1) acquisition of natural and scenic areas; 2) acquisition and development of regional parks outside the Metro Area; and 3) acquisition and development of local parks and to provide funding for administration of the program.

Acquisition and Development:

A total of 22 projects were completed (see work program for more details):

- \$849,163 for six Natural and Scenic Area acquisitions totaling 142.35 acres
- \$284,851 for four Outdoor Recreation (local park) acquisition and development projects. A total of 77.5 acres was acquired.
- \$1,407,478 for twelve Regional Park Grant acquisition and development projects. A total of 478.35 acres was acquired.
- A total of thirteen acquisition projects totaling 698.2 acres and \$1,760,283
- A total of twelve development/restoration projects (three projects involved both acquisition and development) for \$781,209
- Protected natural habitat including river bluffs and cliffs, wetlands, maple/basswood forest, oak woodland, prairie, lake shore, remnant white pines, rare Tubercled Rein Orchids, and scenic bluff lands.
- Developed over two miles of trails, campground improvements, picnic shelters, fishing pier, boat launch, beach building, accessible restroom/shower buildings and other support facilities and restored almost 200 acres of prairie.

Administration and Planning:

Completed several annual grant solicitations, project evaluations and rankings; prepared 22 grant agreements; processed numerous project billings; completed numerous on site progress inspections and final project inspections; completed work program updates and final report; and performed other administrative functions necessary to complete the projects.

Project Results and Dissemination

Information about the Regional Park areas has been posted on the DNR web site. Information about the Natural and Scenic Area sites will also be added to the web site. More detailed descriptions of the projects, a map showing location of the projects in the state and photos of some of the projects are included in the final work program report.

LCMR 2003 Final Work Program Report

Date of Report: August, 2007
Date of Next Status Report: N/A
Date of Work Program Approval: June 26, 2003
Project Completion Date: June 30, 2007

I. PROJECT TITLE: Local Grants Initiative Program: Outdoor Recreation Grants
 (consolidated work program; see Appropriation Language sections for citations)

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Total Biennial LCMR Project Budget: LCMR Appropriation: \$2,579,000
Minus Amount Encumbered: \$2,561,492
Equal Balance: \$17,508

Legal Citation: ML 2003, Chap 128, Art. 1, Sec. 9, Subd. 6(c)

Budget Status: (thousands)	<u>Total</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>Local</u> <u>Parks</u>	<u>Natural/</u> <u>Scenic</u>	<u>Reg.</u> <u>Parks</u>	<u>Admin.</u> <u>Cost</u>
M.L. 1998, Ch. 404, Sec. 7, Subd. 26 (1998 Gen. Rev.)	3,500.0	2,227.6	1,272.4		
Balance:	0.0	0.0	0.0		
M.L. 1999, Ch. 231, Sec. 16 Subd. 4, (1999 MFRF, ETF)	2,823.0	1,953.0	870.0		
Balance:	0.0	0.0	0.0		
M.L. 2000, Ch. 492, Sec. 7, Subd. 11 (Bonding)	500.0			500.0	
Balance:	0.0				
M.L. 2001, First Special Session, Ch. 2, Sec. 14, Subd. 5(b), (MFRF,ETF)	3,430	1,118.0	1,505.0	807.0	
Balance:	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
M.L. 2003, Ch. 128, Art. 1, Sec. 9, Subd. 06(c), (ETF)	2,579.0	284.8	849.2	1,425.0	20.0
Proposed Allocation:	2,579.0	284.8	849.2	1,407.5	20.0
Balance:	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.5	0.0
Totals: Appropriated:	12,832.0	5,583.4	4,496.6	2,732.0	20.0
Balance:	17.5	0.0	0.0	17.5	0.0

I. Appropriation and Statutory Language:

1998 General Revenue: M.L. 1998. Chap. 404, Sec. 7, Subd. 26. Local Initiative Grants. 8,000,000.

For matching grants to be provided to local units of government for acquisition, development, or renovation of a capital nature of local parks, trails, and natural and scenic areas. Recipients must provide a match of at least one-half of total eligible project costs. The commissioner shall make payment to local units of government upon receiving documentation of reimbursable expenditures. The commissioner shall determine project priorities as appropriate based upon need.

\$3,500,000 of this appropriation is for grants to local units of government to acquire and develop outdoor recreation areas, and for grants to units of government to acquire and better natural and scenic areas under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.019, subdivision 4a.

\$1,000,000 of this appropriation is for cooperative trail grants of up to \$50,000 per project to acquire or construct trail linkages between communities, trails, and parks.

\$3,500,000 of this appropriation is for trail grants for the following locally funded publicly owned trails serving multiple communities: \$1,400,000 for Beaver Island Trail in Stearns County, \$1,400,000 for Skunk Hollow Trail in Yellow Medicine and Chippewa Counties, and \$700,000 for Unity Trail in Faribault County. The grant for Beaver Island Trail in Stearns County is available in the manner and the order that follows: \$500,000 is available upon commitment of an equal amount from non state sources, \$152,000 is available upon contribution of an equal amount from local governments, \$374,000 is available upon commitment of an equal amount from non state sources, and the balance of \$374,000 is available upon commitment of an equal amount from non state sources.

1999 MFRF/ETF: M.L. 1999 Chap. 231, Section 16, Subd. 4(a) . Local Initiatives Grants Program. \$5,117,000.

This appropriation is to the commissioner of natural resources to provide matching grants, as follows:

(1) \$1,953,000 is from the future resources fund to local units of government for local park and recreation areas of up to \$250,000 not withstanding Minnesota Statutes 85.019. \$50,000 is to complete the Larue Pit Recreation Development. \$28,000 is to the city of Hitterdal for park construction at Lake Flora. \$460,000 is available on the day following final enactment.

(2) \$435,000 the first year and \$435,000 the second year are from the trust fund to local units of government for natural and scenic areas pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 85.019.

(3) \$1,484,000 is from the future resources fund for trail grants to local units of government on land to be maintained for at least 20 years for the purposes of the grant. \$500,000 is for grants of up to \$50,000 per project for trail linkages between communities, trails, and parks, and \$720,000 is for grants of up to \$250,000 for locally funded trails of regional significance outside the metropolitan area. \$50,000 is to the upper Minnesota River Valley regional development commission for the preliminary design and engineering of a single segment of the Minnesota River trail from Appleton to the Milan Beach on Lake Lac Qui Parle. \$160,000 is to the Department of Natural Resources to resurface four miles of recreational trail from the town of Milan to Lake Lac Qui Parle in Chippewa County.

(4) \$305,000 the first year and \$305,000 the second year are from the trust fund for a statewide conservation partners program, to encourage private organizations and local governments to cost share improvement of fish, wildlife, and native plant habitats and research and surveys of fish and wildlife. Conservation partners grants may be up to \$20,000 each. \$10,000 of this appropriation is for an agreement with the Canby Sportsman's Club for shelterbelts for habitat and erosion control.

(5) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the second year are from the trust fund for environmental partnerships program grants of up to \$20,000 each for environmental service projects and related education activities through public and private partnerships.

In addition to the required work program, grants may not be approved until grant proposals to be funded have been submitted to the legislative commission on Minnesota resources and the commission has approved the grants or allowed 60 days to pass. The commission shall monitor the grants for approximate balance over extended periods of time between the metropolitan area as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2 and the non-metropolitan area through work program oversight and periodic allocation decisions. For the purpose of this paragraph, the match must be nonstate contributions, but may be either cash or in-kind. Recipients may receive funding for more than one project in any given grant period. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2002 at which time the project must be completed and final products delivered, unless an earlier date is specified in the work program. If a project financed under this program receives a federal grant, the availability of the financing from this subdivision for that project is extended to equal the period of the federal grant.

2000 Bonding: M.L. 2000, Chap. 492, Sec.7, Subd. 11. Regional Parks: Greater Minnesota

For grants to public regional parks organizations located outside the metropolitan area as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2, to acquire land design, and construct and redevelop regional parks and trails, open space, and recreational facilities. The improvements must be of a capital nature. Each \$3 of state grants must be matched by \$2 of non state funds.

2001 MFRF/ETF: M.L. 2001, Chap. 2, Sec. 14, Subd. 5(b).

(b) Local Grants Initiative Program: Outdoor Recreation Grants

\$1,614,000 the first year and \$1,7651,000 the second year are from the trust fund and \$1,701,000 is from the future resources fund to the commissioner of natural resources for matching grants:

- (1) for regional parks outside the metropolitan area as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121;
- (2) for local parks, outdoor recreation areas, and natural and scenic areas under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.019;
- (3) for statewide conservation partners grants of up to \$20,000 each to encourage private organizations and local governments to cost-share improvements of fish, wildlife, and native plant habitats and research and surveys of fish and wildlife; and
- (4) for environmental partnerships program grants of up to \$20,000 each for environmental service projects and related education activities through public and private partnerships.

Grants under clause (1) may provide up to 60 percent of the non federal share of the projects cost. Grants under clauses (2) to (4) may provide up to 50 percent of the non federal share of the project **COST**. This appropriation includes money for the Ramsey-Washington Lake Links trail, Westwood Hills nature center, and the Chanhassen trail.

The commission will monitor the grants for an approximate balance over extended periods of time between the metropolitan area, under Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2, and the non metropolitan area through work program oversight and periodic allocation decisions. For the purposes of this paragraph, the match must be a non state contribution, but may be either cash or qualifying in kind. Recipients may receive funding for more than one project in any given grant period. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2004, at which time the project must be completed and final products delivered.

2003 ETF: M.L. 2003, Chap. 128, Art. 1, Sec. 9, Subd. 06(c).

6(c) Local Initiative Grants – Parks and Natural Areas

\$1,290,000 the first year and \$1,289,000 the second year are from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for matching grants to local governments for acquisition and development of natural and scenic areas and local parks as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 85.019, subdivisions 2 and 4a, and regional parks outside of the metropolitan area. Grants may provide up to 50 percent of the nonfederal share of the project cost, except non metropolitan regional park grants may provide up to 60 percent of the nonfederal share of the project cost. The commission will monitor the grants for approximate balance over extended periods of time between the metropolitan area, under Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2, and the non metropolitan area through work program oversight and periodic allocation decisions. For the purposes of this paragraph, the match must be a nonstate contribution, but may be either cash or qualifying in-kind. Recipients may receive funding for more than one project in any given grant period. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2006, at which time the project must be completed and final products delivered.

M. L. 2006, Chapter 243

Sec. 16. CARRYFORWARD. The appropriation under Laws 2003, chapter 128, article 1, section 9, subdivision 6, paragraph (c), for local initiative grants – parks and natural areas, is available until June 30, 2007.

Statutory Language:

85.019 LOCAL RECREATION GRANTS.

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For the purposes of this section, "unit of government" means a county, statutory or home rule charter city, or town.

Subd. 2. **Parks and outdoor recreation areas.** The commissioner shall administer a program to provide grants to local units of government for up to 50 percent of the costs of acquisition and betterment of public land and improvements needed for parks and other outdoor recreation areas and facilities.

Subd. 3. [Repealed by amendment, 1995 c 220 s 68]

Subd. 4. [Repealed by amendment, 1995 c 220 s 68]

Subd. 4a. **Natural and scenic areas.** The commissioner shall administer a program to provide grants to units of government and school districts for the acquisition and betterment of natural and scenic areas such as blufflands, prairies, shorelands, wetlands, and wooded areas. A grant may not exceed 50 percent or \$500,000, whichever is less, of the costs of acquisition and betterment of land acquired under this subdivision.

Subd. 4b. **Regional trails.** The commissioner shall administer a program to provide grants to units of government for acquisition and betterment of public land and improvements needed for trails outside the metropolitan area deemed to be of regional significance according to criteria published by the commissioner. Recipients must provide a nonstate cash match of at least one-half of total eligible project costs. If land used for the trail is not in full public ownership, then the recipients must

prove it is dedicated to the purposes of the grants for at least 20 years. The commissioner shall make payment to a unit of government upon receiving documentation of reimbursable expenditures. A unit of government may enter into a lease or management agreement for the trail, subject to section 16A.695.

Subd. 4c. **Local trail connections.** The commissioner shall administer a program to provide grants to units of government for up to 50 percent of the costs of acquisition and betterment of public land and improvements needed for trails that connect communities, trails, and parks and thereby increase the effective length of trail experiences. If land used for the trails is not in full public ownership, then the recipients must prove it is dedicated to the purposes of the grants for at least 20 years.

Subd. 5. **Powers; rules.** The commissioner has all the powers necessary and convenient to implement this section, including the authority to adopt rules for the program under chapter 14.

History: 1993 c 172 s 35; 1994 c 643 s 48; 1995 c 220 s 68; 1996 c 407 s 35; 1998 c 404 s 35; 1999 c 231 s 102-104; 2000 c 492 art 1 s 40.

II and III. FINAL PROJECT SUMMARY:

Overall Project Outcome and Results

The objective was to provide state matching grants to assist local governments in: 1) acquisition of natural and scenic areas; 2) acquisition and development of regional parks outside the Metro Area; and 3) acquisition and development of local parks and to provide funding for administration of the program.

Acquisition and Development:

A total of 22 projects were completed (see attachments for more details):

- \$849,163 for six Natural and Scenic Area acquisitions totaling 142.35 acres.
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- Protected natural habitat including river bluffs and cliffs, wetlands, maple/basswood forest, oak woodland, prairie, lakeshore, remnant white pines, rare Tubercled Rein Orchids, and scenic bluff lands.
- Developed over two miles of trails, campground improvements, picnic shelters, fishing pier, boat launch, beach building, accessible restroom/shower buildings and other support facilities and restored almost 200 acres of prairie.

Administration and Planning:

Completed several annual grant solicitations, project evaluations and rankings; prepared 22 grant agreements; processed numerous project billings; completed numerous on site progress inspections and final project inspections; completed work program updates and final report; and performed other administrative functions necessary to complete the projects.

Project Results and Dissemination

Information about the Regional Park areas has been posted on the DNR web site.

Information about the Natural and Scenic Area sites will also be added to the web site. More detailed descriptions of the projects , a map showing location of the projects in the state and photos of some of the projects are attached to the final work program report.

IV. OUTLINE OF PROJECT RESULTS: This project includes three separate matching grant programs designed to help local governments reserve open space and park land, protect natural areas and their associated natural communities and features, preserve scenic vistas and viewpoints, and develop or renovate outdoor recreation facilities.

Result 1: Natural and Scenic Area Grants

Description: A total of six projects are proposed for funding. The proposed total amount of grants is \$849,163. The estimated amount of acres to be acquired is 142.35 acres. (See attached list of projects and descriptions).

Summary Budget Information for Result 1:	LCMR Budget	\$849,163
	Balance	0

Completion Date: A list of projects is attached. All six acquisitions were completed by June 30, 2007.

Result Status as of August, 2007: All acquisitions have been completed and the total land acquired was 142.35 acres. These projects helped protect shore land, high quality natural areas (including some rare and significant species and plant communities) and the culturally, historically and scenically significant Pilot Knob site. Prairie and oak savanna restoration is currently underway at Pilot Knob. More details are provided in the attached list of projects and descriptions.

Result 2: Regional Parks (Outside the Metro Area)

Description: A total of twelve projects are proposed for funding. The proposed total amount of grants is \$1,407,478. The estimated amount of acres to be acquired is 528.35 acres. This leaves an unencumbered balance of \$17,508. The \$17,508 was unspent from a grant made to the Hormel Nature Center. Restoration costs for that project were less than estimated. We will request that this balance be reallocated to another project, probably an acquisition project that we know will be completed before June 30, 2007. Proposed regional park acquisition or development to be completed is attached. (See the attached list of projects and descriptions).

Summary Budget Information for Result 2:	LCMR Budget	\$1,424,986
	Balance	\$17,508

Completion Date: A list of projects is attached. All twelve projects were completed by June 30, 2007.

Result Status as of August, 2007: All acquisitions have been completed and the total land acquired was 488.35 acres. The Olmsted County Fritz Property acquisition was somewhat less than the original estimated acreage. Development and redevelopment of park facilities and habitat restoration was also completed for several projects. The three most significant acquisitions were an addition to the existing Hormel Nature Center prairie area at Austin, acquisition of new regional park land in Olmsted County along the North Branch of the Root River and acquisition of a new regional park in Mankato located on the Minnesota River. More details are provided in the attached list of projects and descriptions.

Result 3: Local Park Grants

Description: A total of four projects are proposed for funding. The proposed total amount of grants is \$284,851. The estimated amount of acres to be acquired is 77.5. Proposed outdoor recreation development to be completed is attached. **(See the attached list of projects and descriptions).**

Summary Budget Information for Result 3:

LCMR Budget	\$284,851
Balance	0

Completion Date: A list of projects is attached. All four projects were completed by June 30, 2007.

Result Status as of August, 2007: All four projects have been completed and the total land acquired was 77.5 acres. Development and redevelopment of park facilities was also completed. The land acquisition was for a new county park in Isanti County that includes about 3,000 feet of frontage on Lake Seventeen. The Anoka County Twin Lakes Park has been transferred to Burns Township. More details are provided in the attached list of projects and descriptions.

Result 4: Administrative Costs

Description: \$20,000 is requested to support personnel costs for administering the grant programs. Grants staff are involved in grant solicitation, evaluation and ranking, grant agreement management, project billings, project inspections, and compliance monitoring.

Summary Budget Information for Result 4:

LCMR Budget	\$20,000
Balance	0

Completion Date: All administrative costs were incurred well before June 30, 2006.

Result Status as of August, 2007: Sufficient administrative costs were cost coded during the first year of the project.

V. TOTAL LCMR PROJECT BUDGET:

All results: Personnel:	\$20,000
All results: Equipment:	\$0
All Results: Development:	\$781,209
All Results: Acquisition:	\$1,760,283
All Results: Other:	\$0
Balance:	\$17,508

TOTAL LCMR PROJECT BUDGET: \$2,579,000

VI. PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE SPENDING:

A. Past Spending: During the past biennium a total of \$3,105,000 in grants was provided for projects through the three grant programs. A total of \$1,155,000 was spent for Local Park Grants, \$1,250,000 for Natural and Scenic Area grants and \$700,000 for Regional Park Grants.

B. Current Spending:

c. Required Match: For the Local Park Grant and Natural and Scenic Area Grant programs, local governments will match the state grants on a 50/50 basis, resulting in a local match of at least \$1,134,014. For the Regional Park Grant program local governments provide a match of \$2 for every \$3 of state funds, resulting in a local match of at least \$938,319. For many projects the actual match exceeded the minimum match requirement. The total minimum match provided was \$2,072,333.

D. Future Spending: The 2005 legislature appropriated \$1,200,000 for non-metro regional park and statewide natural and scenic area acquisition only. The 2006 legislature appropriated \$2,000,000 for acquisition and betterment of non-metro regional parks and local parks and natural and scenic areas statewide. The 2007 legislature appropriated \$1,000,000 for non-metro regional park and statewide natural and scenic area acquisition only.

VII. PROJECT PARTNERS:

A. Partners Receiving LCMR Funds: Local governments will receive \$2,541,492 in grants and contribute at least \$2,072,333 in match, which may include in-kind, and will be responsible for ongoing operations and maintenance costs.

VIII. DISSEMINATION: Each year the Local Grants Unit of DNR distributes information on the various grant programs and application materials to local governments and private organizations throughout the state. A general mailing is made at the beginning of each application period, usually in the fall, and individual requests are handled on a case by case basis. Grant information is also distributed to and is available from the

DNR Regional offices. The DNR web site includes a "Financial Assistance Directory", which provides information on the Local Initiative Grant programs, as well as many other sources of financial assistance within the DNR for natural resource projects. The information is on the DNR web site at dnr.state.mn.us. Click "Grants" to find the various grant categories.

IX. LOCATION: The grant program is a statewide grant program, except for the Regional Park Grants, which are available to eligible recipients outside the Metro Area. Projects will be located at various locations throughout the state (**See the attached map and lists of projects and descriptions**).

X. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: periodic work program progress reports will be submitted not later than December 2003, June 2004, December 2004, June 2005, December 2005, June, 2006, and December, 2006. A final work program report and associated products will be submitted by August, 2007.

2003 LCMR Project History, DNR Local Grants Programs
Natural and Scenic Area, Outdoor Recreation and Regional Park Grant Programs

July 31, 2007

Natural and Scenic Area			ETF Awards
NS04-001	Blue Earth	Rapidan County Park	\$100,000
NS04-002	Eagan	Patrick Eagan Park	\$34,727
NS03-002	Livonia	Sugarbush Park	\$189,436
NS05-001	Meeker	Woodland Park	\$50,000
NS06-002	Mendota Heights	Pilot Knob	\$200,000
NS06-001	St. Cloud	Heritage Woods Preserve	\$275,000
Projects:6	Acres Acquired: 142.35	Total Program Award:	\$849,163
		Acquisition Total:	\$849,163
		Development Total:	

Outdoor Recreation			ETF Awards
OR05-002	Bird Island	Skate Park	\$26,000
LW27-01351	Burns	Twin Lakes Park	\$96,797
OR04-002	Isanti	Vegsund County Park	\$147,500
OR05-001	Janesville	North Street Park	\$14,554
Projects:4	Acres Acquired: 77.5	Total Program Award:	\$284,851
		Acquisition Total:	\$147,500
		Development Total:	\$137,351

Outstate Regional Parks			ETF Awards
RP04-001	Austin	Hormel Nature Center	\$53,498
RP06-001	Austin	Hormel Nature Center	\$225,000
RP04-002	Chisago	Dennis Frandsen Park	\$90,000
LW27-01365	Jackson	Loon Lake Parks	\$33,980
RP04-003	Mankato	Kiwanis Park	\$202,000
RP04-004	Meeker	Lake Koronis Regional Park	\$34,000
RP04-005	Morris	Pomme de Terre Park	\$57,000
RP04-007	Olmsted	Fritz Acquisition	\$480,000
RP04-006	Olmsted	Oxbow Park	\$87,000
RP04-008	Redwood Falls	Alexander Ramsey Park	\$100,000
RP04-009	Wright	Robert Ney Regional Park	\$30,000
RP06-002	Wright	Robert Ney Regional Park	\$15,000
Projects:12	Acres Acquired: 478.35	Total Program Award:	\$1,407,478
		Acquisition Total:	\$763,620
		Development Total:	\$643,858

Appropriation Summary:

Appropriation Total:	\$2,579,000	Total Projects Funded:	22
Administration Costs:	\$20,000	Total Acres Acquired:	698.2
Project Approp. Total:	\$2,559,000	Development Total:	\$781,209
Project Awards:	\$2,541,492	Acquisition Total:	\$1,760,283
Balance:	\$17,508		

2003 ETF Project Descriptions

(Final Report)

Year	Proj_#	Title	Project Description	Acres Acq
2004	NS04-001	Rapidan County Park	Acquisition of 32.4 acres of land adjacent to the west bank of the Blue Earth River. Protects remnants of native forest and provides scenic view of river bluffs and cliffs. Downstream from historic Rapidan Dam.	32.4
2004	NS04-002	Patrick Eagan Park	Acquisition of 9 acres of wooded and scenic property adjacent to Patrick Eagan Park. Includes wetlands and steep topography. Also would protect the Eagan Core Greenway.	9.0
2003	NS03-002	Sugarbush Park	Acquire 37.8 acres of maple-basswood forest, identified by the County Biological Survey as an area containing relatively undisturbed native plant communities. The township plans to develop a nature trail.	37.8
2005	NS05-001	Woodland Park	Acquisition of 33.9 acres of wooded land adjacent to an existing county park.	33.9
2006	NS06-002	Pilot Knob	Acquire 8.25 acres that has significant ecological, scenic, cultural and historic value. Site is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Serves as a key connection in an existing wildlife habitat corridor.	8.3
2006	NS06-001	Heritage Woods Preserve	Acquire 20.83 acre addition to existing 11.5 acre natural area. Proposed area contains a high priority oak woodland and wetland community with rare species including 577 Tubercled Rein Orchids, one of the four largest populations of this state-listed endangered species. Designated by the Minnesota County Biological Survey as a Natural Heritage Oak Woodland, it is the second largest of its kind within the St. Cloud city limits.	21.0
2005	OR05-002	Skate Park	Construct skate park.	
2004	LW27-01351	Twin Lakes Park	Fishing pier, relocate boat launch, playground, picnic shelter, beach building, parking, trails, roads and site improvements. (5/06 - Transfer from Anoka County to Burns Township)	
2004	OR04-002	Vegsund County Park	Acquisition 77.5 acres. Will allow limited recreational use of lake as property encompasses 2/3 of lake. Future development to include picnic shelter, trails, fishing dock. Focus on fishing, with potential for future adjacent acquisitions.	77.5
2005	OR05-001	North Street Park	Playground, walkways and site amenities.	
2004	RP04-001	Hormel Nature Center	Acquisition of 62 acres of land adjacent to the Hormel Nature Center, land restoration, fencing, windbreaks and development of 1 mile trail.	62.0

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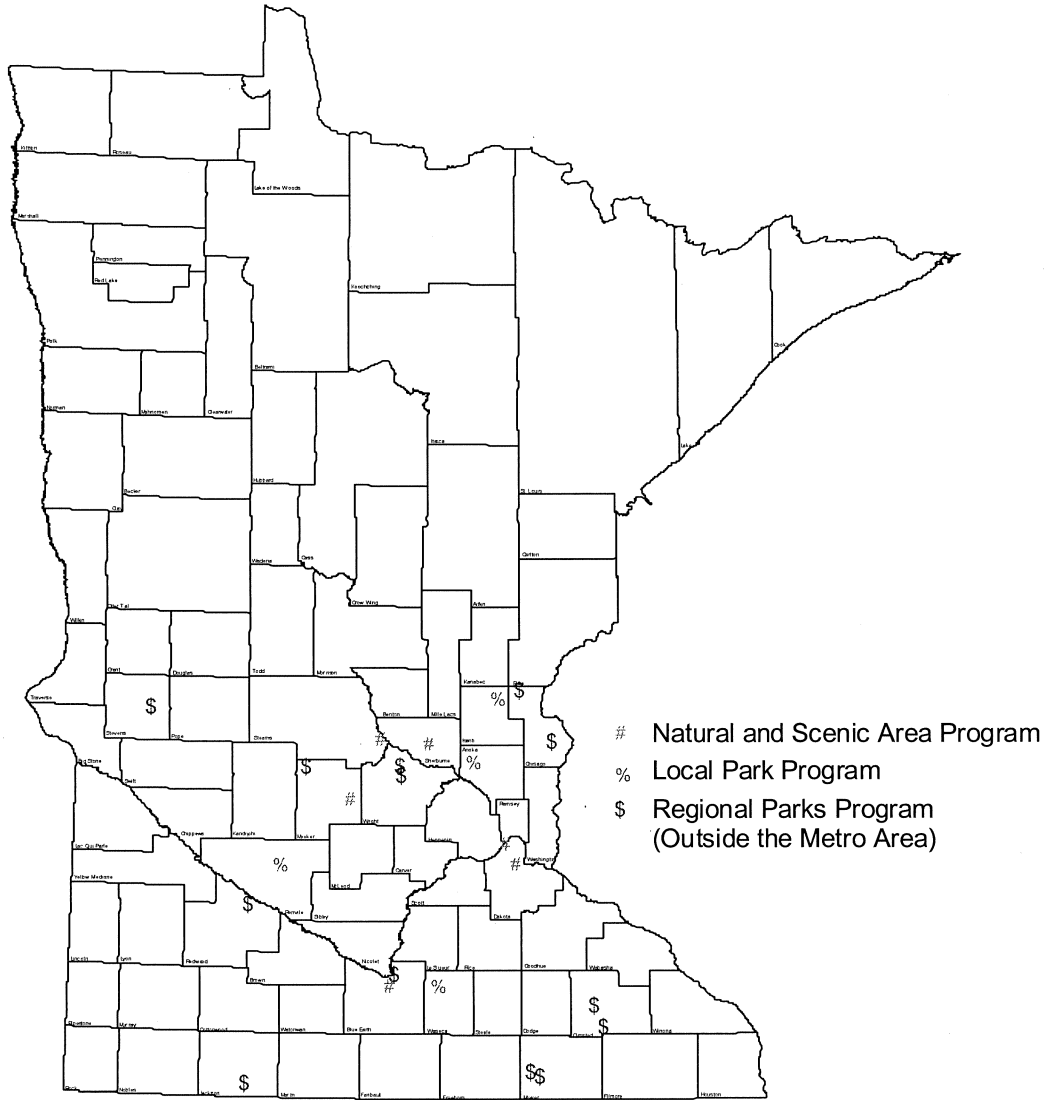
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Year	Proj #	Title	Project Description	Acres Acq
2006	RP06-001	Hormel Nature Center	Acquisition of 148 acres of land adjacent to the Hormel Nature Center. The area is being restored to native prairie habitat.	148.0
2004	RP04-002	Dennis Frandsen Park	Develop recreational facilities to include volley ball, horseshoe, restrooms, roads, parking, water supply in 117 acre park with 1 mile of lake shore on Rush Lake.	
2005	LW27-01365	Loon Lake Parks	Acquisition of 1.89 acres of land adjacent to Loon Lake Park and development of trails, restroom renovation, lighting and parking.	1.9
2004	RP04-003	Kiwanis Park	Acquisition of 38.9 acres, canoe access, trails, picnic shelter, restrooms, parking, access road, signage and dog exercise area.	38.9
2004	RP04-004	Lake Koronis Regional Park	Campground redevelopment to provide accessible restrooms and showers and accessible campsites. The current unsafe play equipment will be replaced with new equipment that meets current safety and accessibility requirements.	
2004	RP04-005	Pomme de Terre Park	Develop new 1.3-mi. trail along the east side of Pomme de Terre River.	
2004	RP04-007	Fritz Acquisition	Acquisition of approximately 90 acres along the Root River. This parcel will connect to 263 acres of DNR forestry land. Future land acquisition will bring the total acreage of the park to 350 acres, combined with the DNR lands the total recreational use will be over 600 acres. This area has been identified by the State Biological Survey as the most biologically significant in the county.	90.0
2004	RP04-006	Oxbow Park	Campground redevelopment including a restroom building/emergency shelter and campground site improvements.	
2004	RP04-008	Alexander Ramsey Park	Campground renovation including, construction of a new restroom/shower building, renovation of existing restroom/shower building to accessible restrooms only, construct new water and sewer lines, develop additional campsites, upgrade electrical, site furnishings and signage.	
2004	RP04-009	Robert Ney Regional Park	Develop a trail system for hiking, equestrian activities and cross country skiing and restore 125 tillable acres to native plant communities.	
2006	RP06-002	Robert Ney Regional Park	Acquire 137.6 acres to expand Robert Ney Regional Park, now 598 acres of hills, marsh, prairie and forest.	137.6
Total Projects:		22		

July 31, 2007

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Local Grants Initiative Program 2003 ETF Projects

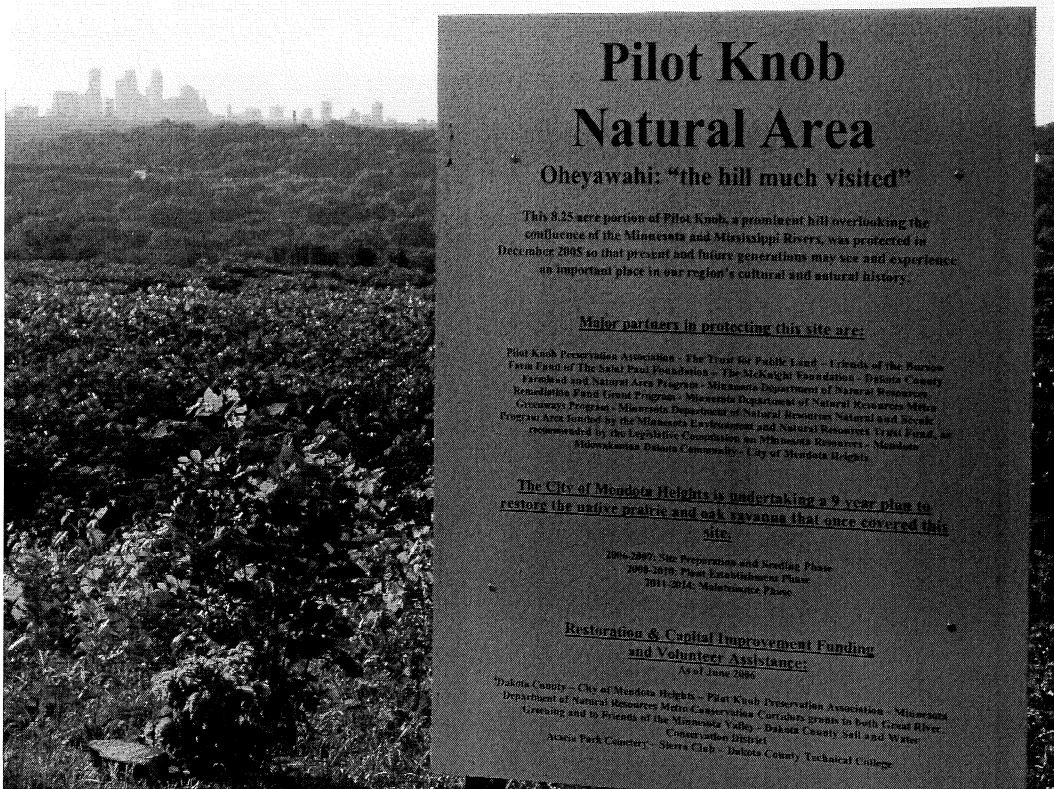


DNR Local Grant Program, July 2007

Natural and Scenic Area Photos:



Rapidan Dam County Park – Blue Earth County



Pilot Knob Natural Area – City of Mendota Heights

Pilot Knob Natural Area

Oheyawahi: "the hill much visited"

This 8.25 acre portion of Pilot Knob, a prominent hill overlooking the confluence of the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers, was protected in December 2005 so that present and future generations may see and experience an important place in our region's cultural and natural history.

Major partners in protecting this site are:

Pilot Knob Preservation Association - The Trust for Public Land - Friends of the Barton Farm Estate of The Saint Paul Foundation - The McKnight Foundation - Dakota County Parkland and Natural Area Program - Minnesota Department of Natural Resources - Renaissance Woodlands Program - Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Mitigative Openways Program - Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Natural and Recreational Program Area funded by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund, as recommended by the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources - Mendota Abundantia Dakota Community - City of Mendota Heights

The City of Mendota Heights is undertaking a 9 year plan to restore the native prairie and oak savanna that once covered this site.

2006-2007: Site Preparation and Seeding Phase
2008-2009: Plant Establishment Phase
2011-2014: Maintenance Phase

Restoration & Capital Improvement Funding and Volunteer Assistance:

As of June 2006
Dakota County - City of Mendota Heights - Pilot Knob Preservation Association - Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Metro-Cascades Corridor grants to both Great River Greenway and to Friends of the Minnesota Valley - Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District
Acacia Park Cemetery - Sierra Club - Dakota County Technical College

Outdoor Recreation Project Photos:



Trail from boat launch

Twin Lakes Park – Burns Township



North Street Park – City of Janesville

Regional Park Project Photos:



Dennis Frandsen Park – Chisago County



Kiwanis Park – City of Mankato

Regional Park Project Photos:



Lake Koronis Regional Park – Meeker and Stearns Counties



Fritz Property Acquisition – Olmsted County

Regional Park Project Photos:



Oxbow Regional Park – Olmsted County



Alexander Ramsey Regional Park – City of Redwood Falls

Attachment A: Budget Detail for 2003 Projects

Proposal Title: Local Initiative Grants (Parks and Natural Areas)

Project Manager Name: Wayne Sames

LCMR Requested Dollars: \$2,579,000

2003 LCMR Proposal Budget	<u>Result 1 Budget:</u>	<u>Amount Spent 12/05</u>	<u>Balance 12/05</u>	<u>Result 2 Budget:</u>	<u>Amount Spent 12/05</u>	<u>Balance 12/05</u>	<u>Result 3 Budget:</u>	<u>Amount Spent 12/05</u>	<u>Balance 12/05</u>	<u>Result 4 Budget:</u>	<u>Amount Spent 12/05</u>	<u>Balance 12/05</u>	
	Nat. and Scenic			Reg. Parks			Local Park			Admin. Costs			TOTAL BUDGET ITEM:
BUDGET ITEM	849,163	849,163	0	1,424,986	1,407,478	17,508	284,851	284,851	0	20,000	20,000	0	\$2,579,000
PERSONEL: Staff expenses, wages, salaries (Wayne Sames, Audrey Mularie, Joe Hiller)										20,000	20,000	0	20,000
Land Acquisition Costs	849,163	849,163	0	763,620	763,620	0	147,500	147,500	0				1,760,283
Other Land Improvement: Outdoor recreation facilities			0	661,366	643,858	0	137,351	137,351	0				781,209
COLUMN TOTAL	849,163	849,163	0	1,424,986	1,407,478	17,508	284,851	284,851	0	20,000	20,000	0	2,561,492
Acres Acquired	142			478			78						698.2 Acres