

## **2003 Project Abstract**

For the Period Ending June 30, 2006

**TITLE:** Land Acquisition, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

**PROJECT MANAGER:** Dr. Mary Meyer, Interim Director

**ORGANIZATION:** Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, University of Minnesota

**ADDRESS:** 3675 Arboretum Blvd., Chaska, MN 55318-9613

**WEB SITE ADDRESS:** <http://www.arboretum.umn.edu>

**FUND:**

**LEGAL CITATION:** ML 2003, Ch. 128, Art. 1, Sec. 9, Subd. [6L]

### **APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$350,000**

#### Overall Project Outcome and Results

A 90-acre parcel within the boundaries of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum was acquired on September 22, 2009 by combining these Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) funds with funds from a ML 2005 ENRTF appropriation. This particular land acquisition concluded a 25 year long process to acquire this parcel. The acquisition provides an internal connection to the Horticultural Research Center and adds to the Arboretum additional big woods, high quality wetlands, prairie remnants, oak savanna, and valuable tillable land for future research and education programs.

A master planning effort by the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum determined that, to a great extent, the Arboretum's watershed follows the surrounding roadways. By purchasing lands within the roadways, the Arboretum aims to secure approximately 90 - 95% of its watershed, control adjacent development, preserve a major part of the ecosystem in the Chanhassen/Victoria/Chaska area, and make the area accessible to the general public.

The arboretum's planning efforts identified 278 acres of lands to acquire. With the 90 acres added through this project, to date, 241 of the identified acres have been acquired and 37 acres of in-holdings remain left to purchase. This progress has been made possible by \$2.38 million from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund along with \$2.38 million in privately-raised matching funds.

#### Project Results Use and Dissemination

Information about this purchase and the LCMR's funding support will be disseminated through Arboretum publications and through information resources at the University Of Minnesota.

**Date of Report:** September 4, 2009  
**LCMR Final Work Program Report**

**Date of Next Status Report:** Final Report  
**Date of Work Program Approval:** June 25, 2003  
**Project Completion Date:** September 22, 2008

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**Total Biennial Project Budget:**

\$ LCMR:	\$350,000.00	\$ Match:	\$ 350,000.00
- \$ LCMR Amount Spent:	\$350,000.00	- \$ Match Amount Spent:	\$ 350,000.00
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= \$ LCMR Balance:	\$0	= \$ Match Balance:	\$0

**Legal Citation:** Laws 2003, Chapter 128, Article 1, Section 9, Subd. [6L]

**Appropriation Language:** Land Acquisition, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

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Amendment request approved by LCMR on Dec. 16 and recommended to the 2005 legislature and adopted in: ML Laws 2005, First Special Session, Chapter 1, Article 2 Sec. 162, Laws 2003, chapter 128, article 1, section 9, subdivision 6, is amended to read,

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completed and final products delivered, unless an earlier date is specified in the work program.

M.L. 2006, Chapter 243

Sec. 16. CARRYFORWARD. The appropriation under Laws 2003, chapter 128, article 1, section 9, subdivision 6, paragraph (l), as amended by Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 1, article 2, section 150, for land acquisition, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, is available until June 30, 2008.

## **II. and III. FINAL PROJECT SUMMARY:**

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## **IV. OUTLINE OF PROJECT RESULTS:**

This project was a continuation of an effort by the Arboretum to acquire all the lands within the roads that surround the main portion of the site. In a master planning effort it was discovered that, to a great extent, the Arboretum's watershed followed the roadway. Purchase of lands within the roadways will give the Arboretum control of approximately 90 - 95% of its watershed, control adjacent development, and preserve a major part of the ecosystem in the Chanhassen/Victoria/Chaska area.

### **Result 1: Land Acquisition**

**Description:** The 90 acres of land acquired consists of old farmland, second growth maple-basswood forests, some original forests, wetlands – including a bog, prairie remnants, and overgrown oak savanna. The land was acquired in combination with funds from a ML 2005 ENRTF appropriation.

Arboretum In-Holdings - December 16, 2004

Owner	Acres	Estimated Price	Status of Sale
Owner 1	90 land	\$ 6,159,296.79	Purchased in Sept. 2008
Owner 2	30 with buildings	\$ 5,000,000.00	little interest in selling
Owner 3	7 with buildings	\$ 566,109.47	Purchased in June 2004
Total	127 acres	\$ 11,725,406.26	

**Summary Budget Information for Result 1: LCMR Budget Balance** \$350,000  
\$ 0

**Completion Date:** The land was purchased on September 22, 2008.

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**V. TOTAL LCMR PROJECT BUDGET:**

All Results: Personnel: \$  
 All Results: Equipment: \$  
 All Results: Development: \$  
 All Results: Acquisition: \$350,000  
 All Results: Other: \$

**TOTAL LCMR PROJECT BUDGET: \$ 350,000**

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

**A. Past Spending:** In 1994 the Arboretum concluded that it is critical to own all lands within its watershed, which runs approximately along the roads surrounding it. The project of acquiring lands within the Arboretum's projected boundaries is an ongoing project to which the LCMR has allocated \$2.38 million that has been matched by \$2.38 million in privately-raised funds. The Land Acquisition Plan projected buying 278 acres of land. To date we have acquired 241 of those acres and have 37 acres of in-holdings left to purchase.

Biennium	LCMR Allocation	Private Match	Total
1995-97	\$ 500,000 (land)	\$ 540,000 (land)	\$ 1,040,000
1997-99	\$ 450,000	\$ 689,963	\$ 1,139,963
1999-2001	\$ 700,000	\$ 700,000	\$ 1,400,000
2001-2003 (extended)	\$ 730,000	\$ 730,000	\$ 1,460,000

to June 2004)			
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**B. Current Spending:** The \$350,000 ML 2003 appropriation from the ENRTF was matched with \$350,000 in privately raised funds to create \$700,000 to be contributed, along with other funds including an ML 2005 ENRTF appropriation, toward the purchase of 90 acres of land (in-holdings) within the projected Arboretum boundary.

**C. Required Match:** Privately raised funds from individual and foundation donors matched the \$350,000 LCMR appropriation. Commitment of non-state match was delivered to LCMR by December 30, 2003.

**D. Future Spending:** Future spending will include the purchase of additional lands to complete the projected Arboretum of the future, and to protect its watershed and biological resources. It is estimated at this time to cost an additional \$5 million.

**VII. Project Partners:**

There are no formal partners but we will work with private donors.

**B. Project Cooperators:** There are no project cooperators.

**VIII. DISSEMINATION:** NA

**IX. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Periodic work program progress reports will be submitted not later than January 2004, August 2004, January 2005, August 2005, January 2006, August 2006, January 2007, August 2007, and January 2008.. A final work program report and associated products was submitted by September 4, 2009.

**X. RESEARCH PROJECTS:** NA

Attachment A: Budget Detail for 2003 Proposals - Summary

Proposal Title: Land Acquisition, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum -

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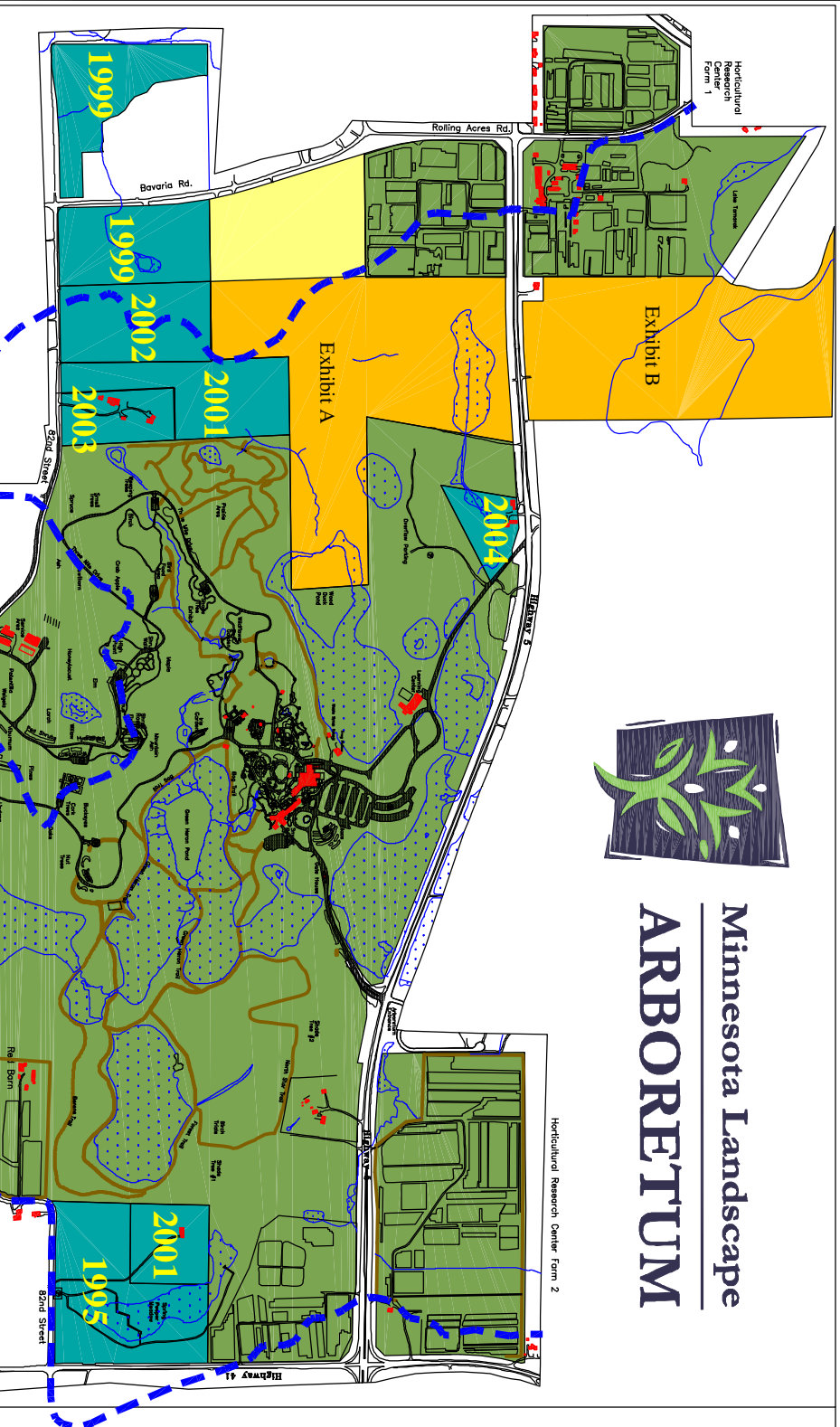
LCMR Requested Dollars: \$350,000

2003 LCMR Proposal Budget	Result 1 Budget:	Amount Spent	TOTAL FOR BUDGET ITEM
	Land Acquisition	9/22/2008	9/4/2009
<b>BUDGET ITEM</b>			
<b>PERSONNEL: Staff Expenses, Wages, salaries &amp; benefits – Be specific on who is paid \$, to do what?</b>			
<b>Contracts</b>			
Professional/technical (with whom?)			
Other contracts (with whom?) list out personnel, equipment, etc.			
<b>Space rental: NOT ALLOWED</b>			
<b>Maintenance - What?</b>			
<b>Utilities - What?</b>			
<b>Other direct operating costs (for what? – be specific)</b>			
<b>Printing</b>			
<b>Advertising</b>			
<b>Communications, telephone, mail, etc.</b>			
<b>Office Supplies (list specific categories)</b>			
<b>Other Supplies (list specific categories)</b>			
<b>Travel expenses in Minnesota</b>			
<b>Travel outside Minnesota (where?)</b>			
<b>Tools and equipment (list categories)</b>			
<b>Office equipment &amp; computers (be specific)</b>			
<b>Other Capital equipment (list specific items)</b>			
<b>Land acquisition</b>	<b>350,000</b>	<b>350,000</b>	<b>0</b>
Staff or Contract Employee Expenses related to land acquisition			
<b>Land rights acquisition (less than fee)</b>			
<b>Buildings (for what?)</b>			
<b>Other land improvement (for what?)</b>			
<b>Legal fees (for what?)</b>			
<b>COLUMN TOTAL</b>	<b>350,000</b>	<b>350,000</b>	<b>0</b>

# Boundary Plan






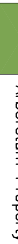
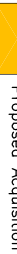




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**ARBORETUM**



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## Legend

-  Parking
-  Stream / Waterbody
-  Buildings / Other Structures
-  MLA Property Boundaries
-  Major Watersheds
-  Arboretum Property
-  Proposed Acquisition
-  Acquired
-  Possible Future Purchase



Date: May 14 2008