

## **2005 Project Abstract**

For the Period Ending December 31, 2007

**TITLE:** State Park and Recreation Area Acquisition \$2,000,000.00

**PROJECT MANAGER:** Larry Peterson

**ORGANIZATION:** DNR, Division of Parks and Recreation

**ADDRESS:** 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155-4039

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**FUND:** \$2,000,000.00 Trust Fund

**LEGAL CITATION:** ML 2005, [1<sup>st</sup> Special Session Chap. 1, Art. 2, Sec. 11, Subd. 6a ]

**APPROPRIATION AMOUNT:** \$ 2,000,000.00

### **Overall Project Outcome and Results**

The purpose of this project was to acquire inholdings from willing sellers within state park and recreation area boundaries. Approximately 931 acres in the following locations were completed using the 2005 LCMR appropriation:

Crow Wing State Park	213 acres (also used LCMR 2003 funding)
G. Crosby Manitou State Park	420 acres (also used CZM Grant)
Whitewater State Park	218 acres
Judge C.R. Magney State Park	80 acres

This appropriation was significant in that it continued the progress toward acquiring critical private inholdings within statutory state park boundaries. The Crow Wing State park acquisition protected additional lands along the Mississippi River wildlife corridor in an area that is experiencing rapid residential development. These parcels will also preserve the natural views from the park facilities and helped facilitate the connection of the Paul Bunyan State Trail. The George Crosby Manitou and Judge C.R. Magney State Park parcels were acquired to protect lands within the Lake Superior watershed and offer recreational opportunities such as hiking (one mile of hiking trail included), backpacking and birdwatching. The Whitewater State Park parcel protects the integrity of the valley and park by preserving the bluff above the park.

### **Project Results Use and Dissemination**

Parcels acquired have been shown on updated state park boundary maps, and have been described in the Minnesota State Park Traveler newspaper and other publications.

## **2005 LCMR Final Work Program Report**

January 18, 2008

### **I. PROJECT TITLE: 2005 State Park and Recreation Area Land Acquisition**

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### **Total Biennial LCMR Project Budget:**

**LCMR Appropriation:** \$2,000,000.00

**Minus Amount Spent:** \$2,000,000.00

**Equal Balance:** -0-

**Legal Citation:** ML 2005, [1<sup>st</sup> Special Session Chap. 1, Art. 2, Sec. 11, Subd. 6a ].

**Appropriation Language:** (a) State Park and Recreation Area Land Acquisition; \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year are from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire in-holdings for state park and recreation areas. Land acquired with this appropriation must be sufficiently improved to meet at least minimum management standards as determined by the commissioner of natural resources. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2008, 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**

The purpose of this project was to acquire inholdings from willing sellers within state park and recreation area boundaries. Approximately 931 acres in the following locations were completed using the 2005 LCMR appropriation:

Crow Wing State Park	213 acres (also used LCMR 2003 & 2005 Bonding funding)
G. Crosby Manitou State Park	420 acres (also used CZM Grant funding)
Whitewater State Park	218 acres
Judge C.R. Magney State Park	80 acres

This appropriation is significant in that it continues the progress toward reducing the backlog of acquiring private in-holdings within statutory state park boundaries. These private in-holdings currently total about 48,000 acres.

### **IV. Outline of Project Results:**

Ownership of approximately 213 acres within the statutory boundary of Crow Wing State Park : the Division of Parks and Recreation acquired this parcels with the help of the Conservation Fund. This organization was able to appraise, negotiate and close on the purchase in a timely manner. *The DNR utilized LCMR 2003 funds (\$100,000) to help acquire this parcel and \$6,000 in 2005 Bonding funds to pay for administrative costs.* Acquiring the 213 acres protected the Mississippi River corridor and the natural views from the park facilities and helped facilitate the connection of the Paul Bunyan State Trail.

Summary Budget Information :	LCMR Budget	\$863,000.00
	Acquisition and Prof. Services	\$863,000.00
	Balance	\$-0-

Ownership of approximately 420 acres within George Crosby Manitou State Park: *CZM (Coastal Zone Management) grant money (\$100,000) was utilized as a match to acquire acreage within George Crosby Manitou State Park.* LCMR 2005 funds provided the match for this acquisition. This acquisition consolidated lands into a contiguous unit containing hiking trails, backpacking campsites and protect ecologically significant resources and scenic vistas in the park.

Summary Budget Information :	LCMR Budget	\$147,000.00
	Acquisition and Prof. Services	\$147,000.00
	Balance	\$-0-

Ownership of approximately 218 acres within Whitewater State Park: This parcel protects the integrity of the valley and park by preserving the bluff above the park.

Summary Budget Information :	LCMR Budget	\$688,421.00
	Acquisition and Prof. Services	\$688,421.00
	Balance	\$-0-

Ownership of approximately 80 acres within Judge C.R. Magney State Park: This acquisition added about 1500 feet along the Brule River (a designated trout stream) and about 1000 feet on the Flute Reed River (also a designated trout stream). This acquisition preserved one of the remaining undeveloped parcels along the Brule River watershed. This acquisition will also allow expansion of existing hiking trails to a major waterfall.

Summary Budget Information :	LCMR Budget	\$301,579.00
	Acquisition and Prof. Services	\$301,579.00
	Balance	\$-0-

**Budget:** \$2,000,000.00

**All results:** LCMR Budget: \$2,000,000.00  
Balance: \$0

#### **V. Total LCMR Project Budget:**

**All Results** – Professional Services, ie. real estate staff assistance, appraisal, survey, title review and transaction fees: \$35,000.00

**All Results** - Acquisition: \$1,965,000.00

**Total Budget:** \$2,000,000.00

#### **VI. Past, Present and Future Spending:**

**A. Past Spending:** *SEE ATTACHED SPREADSHEET (Exhibit A)*

1999 LCMR Trust Fund (ML 1999, Chap 31, Sec.16, Subd.4i.), \$500,000.00

2001 LCMR MN Future Resources Fund (ML2001,Chap 2, Sec. 14, Subd. 5(p), \$1,726,000.00

2003 LCMR Trust Fund ML 2003, Chap 128, Sec.9, Subd.6a, \$1,500,000.00

**B. Current Spending:** 2006 Bonding, 2007 LCCMR

**C. Future Spending:** None

#### **VII. Project Partners:**

The Conservation Fund, a private non-profit organization facilitated the \$963,000 acquisition for 213 acres at Crow Wing State Park. \$100,000 came from 2003 LCMR allocations and \$863,000 came from 2005 LCMR allocations-Result 1.

CZM (Coastal Zone Management) Program provided a \$100,000 matching grant for an acquisition at George Crosby Manitou State Park. The Parks and Trails Council of Minnesota acquired this parcel after they completed a lengthy land exchange with Lake County.

**VIII. Dissemination of Information**

Parcels acquired have been shown on updated state park boundary maps, and have been described in the Minnesota State Park Traveler newspaper and other publications.

**IX. Location:** Statewide

**X. Reporting Requirements:**

Work program progress reports were submitted September 30, 2005, April 29, 2006, September 29, 2006, April 30, 2007 and September 25, 2007.

**XI. Research Projects:**

NA

Proposal Title: State Park and Recreation Area Land Acquisition Sub 6 (a)

Project Manager Name: Larry Peterson

LCMR Requested Dollars: \$ 2,000,000.00

2005 LCMR Proposal Budget	Result 1 Budget:	Amount Spent (date)	Balance (date)	Result 2 Budget:	Amount Spent (date)	Balance (date)	Result 3 Budget:	Amount Spent (date)	Balance (date)	Result 4 Budget:	Amount Spent (date)	Balance (date)	
	Ownership of approx. 213 acres within Crow Wing State Park	17-Aug-05	20-Dec-07	Ownership of approx. 218 acres within Whitewater State Park	19-Apr-07	20-Dec-07	Ownership of 420 acres within G. Crosby Manitou State Park	22-Jun-06	20-Dec-07	Ownership of 80 acres within Judge Magney State Park	18-Sep-07	20-Dec-07	
<b>BUDGET ITEM</b>													<b>TOTAL FOR BUDGET</b>
Land acquisition (how many acres) Professional Services, ie. Real estate staff assistance, appraisal, survey, title review and transaction fees	213 acres; \$1,000,000.00 \$863,000.00; Prof. Services came out of the 2002 LCMR			218 acres; \$688,421.00			420 acres; \$147,000.00			80 acres; \$301,579.00			
Land rights acquisition (less than fee)	Fee			Fee			Fee			Fee			
<b>COLUMN TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 863,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 863,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 688,421.00</b>	<b>\$ 688,421.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$147,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 147,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$301,579.00</b>	<b>\$301,579.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,000,000.00</b>