

## LCCMR Work Program Final Report

### Restoring Minnesota's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Corridors Phase 3 Habitat Conservation Partnership

#### 2E3: Wild Rice Habitat Restoration - Fond du Lac Band of Chippewa Indians

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#### Total Biennial Project Budget

Result	Environmental Trust Fund	Environmental Trust Funds Spent	Environmental Trust Balance	Other Funds Proposed	Other Funds Spent
Restoration	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42,750.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$42,750.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**\*\* \$25,250 in 2E3 funds were moved to 4H via an approved Work Program Ammendment Dated 04/17/08**

#### Work Program Summary

##### Overall Project Outcome and Results

As of April 9, 2008 Fond du Lac Reservation has been unable to secure permits for the work described in this work plan. In partnership fashion, we requested that the full amount of this Fond du Lac allocation be reallocated to the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust Inc. to be used to acquire the Perch Lake WPA in Project Area #10. The Habitat Conservation Partnership endorsed the reallocation of funds to this specific project at their February 13, 2008 full partnership meeting. Fond du Lac plans to be on tract to complete work in all future phases of the Habitat Conservation Partnership.

##### Project Results Use and Dissemination

The Fond du Lac Reservation and the Fond du Lac Natural Resources Program contacted State and federal agencies about wild rice lake restoration efforts and sought partners to help fund the cost of these efforts on the Fond du Lac Reservation and within the 1854 Ceded Territory. The Fond du Lac Natural Resources Program cooperated with the Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College and the Univ. of Minn./Duluth on a Wild Rice Ecology Study in order to understand the changes to the plant communities and lake sediments in the restored wild rice lakes. We have participated in wild rice conferences and meetings with state, federal, and tribal resource agencies to further the goals of proper wild rice lake management, harvest regulations, and to research wild rice ecology. Our Reservation has also cooperated with the media in the creation of a show about wild rice on Public Television, the filming of video stories about wild rice and newspaper articles about our wild rice restoration project.

