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LCCMR Work Program Final Report

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

2G:Wildlife Areas Management - MN DNR - Section of Wildlife

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Total Biennial Project Budget

Result	Environmental Trust Allocation	Environmental Trust Funds Spent	Environmental Trust Balance	Other Funds Proposed	Other Funds Spent
Restoration/ Site Development	\$132,029.00	\$103,278.39	\$28,750.61	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$132,029.00	\$103,278.39	\$28,750.61	\$0.00	\$0.00

^{* \$45,750} in 4A funds were moved to 2G via an approved work program amendment dated 04/06/06

Work Program Summary

Overall Project Outcome and Results

A total of 285 acres of work was completed on seven different tracts acquired by partners using DNR's Phase III funds. This work plan is dependent upon other partners acquiring WMA's. Timing of grant activities can become problematic if acquisition occurs late in the grant cycle. Despite our best efforts, some phase III dollars were not able to be expended in this work plan.

Infrastructure management was completed on two carry-over tracts from Phase II. This work included but was not limited to site cleanup, fence removal, boundary surveys, boundary signing, public access, parking lots and user facilities. Three new parcels had all initial development work completed, including infrastructure management, and habitat work. Habitat restoration included but was not limited to grassland burning, development, and improvement, woody cover plantings, and wetland work. The work was accomplished by DNR staff, or through contracts with local vendors. These new tracts now have cover, and are accessible, signed, posted, and open for public use. Work on two additional tracts is ongoing and will be completed with Phase IV funds. Those acres will be reported in our Phase IV report once work is completed.

Project Results Use and Dissemination

This project was completed on June 30, 2008. Information on the new tracts is available on the DNR's website at www.dnr.state.mn.us, or by contacting the local Area Wildlife Manager.

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^{** \$38, 671} in 2G funds were moved to 4H via an approved Work Program Ammendment Dated 04/17/08

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Restoration Activities

Project Name: Thorson Prarie
Project Area: 1 - Aspen Parklands

Activity: Grassland Restoration

Land Type: Public - WMA

Description: Forb and grass seed was purchased to use on 80 acres; however the planting was delayed by poor spring

weather. Aspen was cut and removed on 2+ acres, and previously cut cottonwood trees were piled for later burning. Weed control is requiring constant attention. Work will be continued with Phase IV funds,

and completed acres reported under that phase.

			Acres	Shoreline Feet
		Non-Prorated Totals:	0.00	0.00
Funding Type	Funds Use	Funding Amount	Prorated Acres	Prorated Shoreline Feet
ETF	Restoration	\$2,935.34	0.00	0.00
ETF	Site Development	\$2,280.00	0.00	0.00
ETF	Personnel Expenditures	\$2,739.30	0.00	0.00
Thorson Prarie Total		\$7,954.64	0.00	0.00

Project Name: Maple Meadows WMA

Tract: Martinson

Project Area: 1 - Aspen Parklands

Activity: Site / Access Development

Land Type: Public - WMA

Description: DNR staff met with contractors at the old building site to determine if there were asbestos issues before

tearing down the buildings—no asbestos was found. One unsealed well was found that will need to be sealed. The access road to get into the building site is being worked on so the structures can be removed.

			Acres	Shoreline Feet
		Non-Prorated Totals:	0.00	0.00
Funding Type	Funds Use	Funding Amount	Prorated Acres	Prorated Shoreline Feet
ETF	Professional Services	\$465.00	0.00	0.00
Maple Meadows WMA Total		\$465.00	0.00	0.00

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Project Name: Westport WMA
Project Area: 7 - Alexandria Moraine

Activity: Site / Access Development

Land Type: Public - WMA

Description: Boundary survey is complete. Acres were claimed under Phase II.

			Acres	Shoreline Feet
		Non-Prorated Totals:	0.00	0.00
Funding Type	Funds Use	Funding Amount	Prorated Acres	Prorated Shoreline Feet
ETF	Professional Services	\$140.00	0.00	0.00
Westport WMA Total		\$140.00	0.00	0.00

Project Name: Gopher Ridge (Formely Mielke WMA)

Project Area: 7 - Alexandria Moraine

Activity: Site / Access Development

Land Type: Public - WMA

Description: Prairie grass development work included clipping on about 9 acres and transline spraying for noxious

weeds on 10 acres. There was also some volunteer tree removal work, but there are still a few more trees to remove. The seeded prairie grass sites are looking good to very good. The amount of forbs varies from

limited to very good in some areas.

Replacement trees were added to the woody cover planting. It is looking very good for the second year.

There was a considerable amount of rock riprap installed on four dikes to minimize erosion on the newly constructed dikes. There was enough water for a while this spring that it ran over some of the dikes and caused some erosion, but since then it has been abnormally dry. Most of the wetlands are now dry with cattails coming in on the new wetlands. There was also some followup riprap work done to fully protect the wetlands.

A wood routed sign has been installed on the site. Work on this site is complete.

			Acres	Shoreline Feet
		Non-Prorated Totals:	91.00	0.00
Funding Type	Funds Use	Funding Amount	Prorated Acres	Prorated Shoreline Feet
ETF	Professional Services	\$5,705.00	0.00	0.00
ETF	Restoration	\$24,145.17	85.84	0.00
ETF	Site Development	\$1,450.98	5.16	0.00
ETF	Personnel Expenditures	\$2,302.93	0.00	0.00
Gopher Ridg	ge (Formely Mielke WMA) Total	\$33,604.08	91.00	0.00

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Project Name: Teal Lake

Tract:

Project Area: 9 - Des Moines River Valley

Activity: Grassland Restoration
Land Type: Public - WMA

Description: With the completion of the water control structure, parking lot and site cleanup, work on this 120 acre unit is

complete.

			Acres	Shoreline Feet
		Non-Prorated Totals:	120.00	0.00
Funding Type	Funds Use	Funding Amount	Prorated Acres	Prorated Shoreline Feet
ETF	Restoration	\$20,236.11	92.01	0.00
ETF	Personnel Expenditures	\$401.50	0.00	0.00
ETF	Professional Services	\$12,091.05	0.00	0.00
ETF	Site Development	\$6,157.24	27.99	0.00
	Teal Lake Total	\$38,885.90	120.00	0.00

Project Name: Caraway WMA

Tract: 3

Project Area: 9 - Des Moines River Valley

Activity: Grassland Restoration
Land Type: Public - WMA

Description: The boundary survey has been completed. Work on this 74 acre tract is complete.

			Acres	Shoreline Feet
		Non-Prorated Totals:	74.00	0.00
Funding Type	Funds Use	Funding Amount	Prorated Acres	Prorated Shoreline Feet
ETF	Restoration	\$1,135.75	14.66	0.00
ETF	Professional Services	\$9,140.00	0.00	0.00
ETF	Personnel Expenditures	\$1,135.72	0.00	0.00
ETF	Site Development	\$4,596.11	59.34	0.00
Caraway WMA Total		\$16,007.58	74.00	0.00

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Project Name: Manthey WMA
Project Area: 10 - Southern Lakes

Activity: Site / Access Development

Land Type: Public - WMA

Description: The boundary survey has been completed. Gravel for a parking lot has been ordered.

The parking lot was graveled, and a portion of the access road was rebuilt. The seeding previously done by

PF looks very good. Work on this site is complete, with acres previously reported under Phase II.

			Acres	Shoreline Feet
		Non-Prorated Totals:	0.00	0.00
Funding Type	Funds Use	Funding Amount	Prorated Acres	Prorated Shoreline Feet
ETF	Professional Services	\$5,530.00	0.00	0.00
ETF	Site Development	\$691.19	0.00	0.00
Manthey WMA Total		\$6,221.19	0.00	0.00

Restoration Project Totals

Funding Type	Funding Amount	Prorated Acres	Shoreline Feet
ETF	\$103,278.39	285.00	0.00
Other Funds	\$0.00	0.00	0.00
State Funds	\$0.00	0.00	0.00
Partner's State Leveraged Funds	\$0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	\$0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	\$103,278.39	285.00	0.00

Work Program Expenditures Breakdown

Expenditure	ETF Funds	Other Funds	State Funds	Partners State Leveraged Funds	Other
Restoration Projects	\$103,278.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Not Attributable to Specific Projects	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$103,278.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Funding Type Definitions			
ETF:	Grant dollars provided through the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund		
Other Funds:	Non-state, non-state leveraged dollars (If partner funds are leveraging state funds (e.g. RIM) they are not eligible to be considered Other Funds)		
State Funds:	State Funds expended on HCP projects (not eligible for use as other funds commitment)		
Partners State Levereged Funds:	Non state funds that have leveraged state funds as part of an HCP project (not eligible for use as other funds commitment)		
Other:	Any other expenditures (e.g. grant income funds)		

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Attachment A. Budget Detail for 2005 Projects

Date of Report: August 6, 2008

Project Title: Restoring Minnesota's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Corridors: Wildlife Area Management (2g)

Project Manager Name: Leslie Tannahill

LCMR Requested Dollars: \$132,029

Result 1

2005 LCMR Proposal Budget*	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE
Wages, salaries & benefits	Temporary and seasonal staff	\$10,000	\$6,579	\$3,421
Professional technical contracts	engineering vendors for boundary surveys on new acquisitions	\$33,000	\$33,071	-\$71
Habitat development and restoration	Prairie, wetland, forest, and openland/brushland mangement, and woody cover development	\$62,529	\$45,022	\$17,507
Vehicle expenses	fleet and equipment costs and fuel	\$8,500	\$4,948	\$3,552
Other land improvement	boundary management, site/building cleanup/well sealing, user facility development and improvement, access development and improvement	\$18,000	\$13,658	\$4,342
Total LCMR Budget		\$132,029	\$103,278	\$28,751

^{*}Specific descripions of activities included in each Budget Item are included in the Glossary in Attachment E.

^{**\$45,700} in 4a funds were moved to 2g via an approved work program amendment dated 04/06/06

^{***\$38,671} in 2g funds were moved to 4H vai an approved work program amendment dated 4/17/08

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2G - Phase III Accomplishments

-Wildlife Area's Managment-

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