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3D: Wetlands Reserve Program - Ducks Unlimited (DU) & Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)

This project has 2 parts. Part 1(3d1) includes the expenditure of Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund dollars to contract with WRP technicians and is administered by Ducks Unlimited (DU). Part 2(3d2) is the accomplishment component of this project, administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and includes reporting on matching dollars and total acres enrolled.

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Fund: Environment and Natural Resources Trust

Fund

Legal Citation: ML 2005 First Special Section, Ch.

1, Art. 2, Sec. 11 Subd. 5a

*Please Note: Other Funds are Federal In Origin

Total Biennial Project Budget

Result	Environmental Trust Allocation	Environmental Trust Funds Spent	Environmental Trust Balance	Other Funds* Proposed	Other Funds Spent
Restoration	-	\$0.00	-	-	\$2,508,115.91
Easement	-	\$ 0.00	-	-	\$3,464,310.00
Work Program Expenditures (Not Attributable to Specific Projects)	-	\$447,443.09	-	-	\$ 0.00
Total	\$447,443.09	\$447,443.09	\$0.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$5,972,425.91

Work Program Summary

Overall Project Outcome and Results

In close partnership and cooperation with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Ducks Unlimited (DU) provided supervisory, biological and technical assistance to increase the delivery of the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) in the Habitat Partnership Corridors emphasis areas in Minnesota. WRP is a private land wetland restoration program where restorations are protected by perpetual easements. \$447,443.09 of Environmental Trust Funds (ETF) were allocated to employ and supervise wetland restoration technician FTEs in NRCS offices in Crookston, Fergus Falls, Detroit Lakes, Morris, and Albert Lea. The ETF-supported technical assistance allowed for restoration, easement-acquisition, and perpetual protection of 10,303 acres of wetlands, shallow lakes and associated upland complexes for wildlife in key prairie and prairie transition areas of Minnesota as designated by LCCMR Corridor Areas. The ETF funds leveraged \$5.9 million in federal funds that are part of the USDA – NRCS's Wetlands Reserve Program. Given federal staffing restrictions and NRCS workloads, contract tech support (via financial support from the Environment Trust Fund) was absolutely critical to increasing the amount of acres enrolled and restored in Minnesota's Wetlands Reserve Program. Increased WRP applications enabled Minnesota to rank near the top of the list nationally in securing federal funding for WRP.

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Project Results Use and Dissemination

Specific expenditure and habitat accomplishments are as follows: \$447,443.09 in ETF funds were expended on WRP contract tech personnel costs, supplies, travel and program administration. A total of \$5,972,425.91 in Other Funds were spent to: 1) secure (via perpetual easement) 2,682.7 wetland acres, 1,283 grassland acres, 3 woodland acres; and 2) restore 1,944.8 wetland acres and 4,390.2 upland acres for a grand total of 10,303.7 WRP acres conserved. Relative to the Habitat Corridor Project Areas, \$3,464,310 in Other Funds were spent to secure 3,968.7 easement acres (2,851.8 acres in the Aspen Parkland Project Area 1, 514.1 acres in the Border Prairie Project Area 3, 136.9 acres in the Alexandria Moraine Project Area 7, 465.9 acres in Southern Lakes Project Area 10) and \$2,508,115.91 in Other Funds were spent to restore 6,335 acres (2,571 acres in the Aspen Parkland Project Area 1, 2,757.2 acres in the Border Prairie Project Area 3, 48.2 acres in the Upper Minnesota River Project Area 6, 67.1 acres in the Alexandria Moraine Project Area 7, 48.3 acres in the Des Moines River Valley Project Area 9, and 843.2 acres in the Southern Lakes Project Area 10). Project Officiers requested reallocation of the remaining balance (\$2556.91) of original ETF allocation amount (\$450,000) to the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust Inc. for the purchase of Perch Lake WPA in Project Area #10.

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Restoration Activities

Project Area	Project Name	Description	Township	Range	Section	Activity	Funding Amount	Acres
I	66632200001	Polk County Restoration	149	44	29	Grassland Restoration	\$3,264.80	126.30
	66632200001	Polk County Restoration	149	44	29	Wetland Restoration	\$119,851.64	414.40
	66632210063	Polk County Restoration	148	44	9	Wetland Restoration	\$27,065.00	22.50
	66632210067	Polk County Restoration	148	44	6	Wetland Restoration	\$4,030.00	5.30
	66632220088	Polk County Restoration	149	44	27	Grassland Restoration	\$775,074.24	1,509.00
	66632220088	Polk County Restoration	149	44	27	Wetland Restoration	\$89,993.44	387.00
	66632240028	Polk County restoration	148	44	9	Grassland Restoration	\$26,252.25	106.50
Project A	Project Area 1 Total: \$1,045,531.37						2,571.00	
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	66632220059	Douglas County Restoration	128	37	26	Grassland Restoration	\$616.00	4.60
	66632220084	Clay county Restoration	138	45	22	Wetland Restoration	\$37,360.90	27.20
	66632230005	Grant County Restoration	128	43	29	Grassland Restoration	\$10,269.60	60.00
	66632230005	Grant County Restoration	128	43	29	Wetland Restoration	\$16,305.00	25.00
	66632230014	Wilkin County Restoration	134	45	5	Wetland Restoration	\$9,652.44	45.60
	66632230015	Wilkin County Restoration	135	46	12	Grassland Restoration	\$54,239.66	189.50
	66632230032	Stevens County restoration	126	44	36	Grassland Restoration	\$3,574.00	12.60
	66632230032	Stevens County Restoration	126	44	36	Wetland Restoration	\$25,242.50	30.20

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94.90	\$21,913.00	Grassland Restoration	7	42	126	Grant County Restoration	66632230050
2.50	\$5,100.00	Wetland Restoration	7	42	126	Grant County restoration	66632230050
129.60	\$18,751.65	Grassland Restoration	7	45	135	Wilkin County restoration	66632230073
19.40	\$26,922.50	Wetland Restoration	7	45	135	Wilkin County Restoration	66632230073
116.10	\$4,425.09	Grassland Restoration	11	43	125	Stevens County restoration	66632230100
31.70	\$6,671.58	Grassland Restoration	27	43	127	Grant County Restoration	66632230117
43.50	\$5,785.50	Grassland Restoration	5	44	142	Clay County restoration	66632230130
6.40	\$12,351.90	Wetland Restoration	27	44	126	Stevens County Restoration	66632240003
46.50	\$35,803.34	Grassland Restoration	27	44	120	Stevens County restoration	66632240004
7.70	\$30,801.80	Grassland Restoration	12	44	125	Stevens County restoration	66632240005
129.80	\$14,871.60	Grassland Restoration	31	43	125	Stevens county restroation	66632240006
77.70	\$8,057.74	Grassland Restoration	29	46	125	Traverse County restoration	66632240009
37.10	\$3,829.10	Grassland Restoration	15	42	126	Stevens County restoration	66632240014
4.70	\$10,550.00	Wetland Restoration	15	42	126	Stevens County restoration	66632240014
100.40	\$10,090.44	Grassland Restoration	9	44	122	Big Stone County restoration	66632240015
22.50	\$17,119.50	Wetland Restoration	9	44	122	Big Stone County restoration	66632240015
40.80	\$4,234.07	Grassland Restoration	1	42	130	Grant County restoration	66632240022

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66632240023	Pope County restoration	126	36	21	Wetland Restoration	\$17,129.60	11.70
66632240037	Douglas County restoration	130	39	10	Grassland Restoration	\$3,940.35	27.80
66632240039	Freeborn County restoration	101	21	15	Grassland Restoration	\$3,957.81	19.30
66632240044	Stevens County restoration	125	43	11	Grassland Restoration	\$36,042.18	179.90
66632240045	Stevens County restoration	125	43	17	Grassland Restoration	\$1,131.00	39.00
66632240046	Becker County restoration	140	41	18	Grassland Restoration	\$6,639.20	7.60
66632240059	Stevens County Restoration	125	43	9	Wetland Restoration	\$52,867.00	15.70
66632240062	Big Stone County restoration	121	45	7	Grassland Restoration	\$14,400.00	43.90
66632240062	Big Stone County Restoration	121	45	7	Wetland Restoration	\$1,687.00	7.90
66632240063	Waseca County restoration	108	22	14	Grassland Restoration	\$29,901.07	85.30
66632240063	Waseca County Restoration	108	22	14	Wetland Restoration	\$10,925.00	6.90
66632240068	Stevens County restoration	125	43	2	Grassland Restoration	\$3,832.00	108.00
66632240069	Stevens County restoration	126	43	30	Wetland Restoration	\$77,492.90	55.90
66632240070	Stevens County restoration	124	43	4	Grassland Restoration	\$14,112.00	88.20
66632250004	Stevens County restoration	126	44	24	Grassland Restoration	\$16,647.94	44.10

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	66632250005	Stevens County restoration	126	43	31	Grassland Restoration	\$15,021.25	65.9
	66632250006	Stevens County restoration	126	43	31	Grassland Restoration	\$39,451.27	179.8
	66632250010	Stevens County restoration	126	43	30	Grassland Restoration	\$30,041.50	147.0
	66632250025	Clay County restoration	140	44	30	Grassland Restoration	\$15,171.00	63.2
	66632250025	Clay County restoration	140	44	30	Wetland Restoration	\$3,493.50	75.6
	66632250039	Stevens County restoration	125	43	32	Grassland Restoration	\$9,728.00	53.80
	66632250040	Stevens County restoration	125	43	33	Grassland Restoration	\$9,072.00	56.70
	66632250052	Stevens County restoration	126	44	27	Grassland Restoration	\$5,762.80	29.20
	66632250052	Stevens County restoration	126	44	27	Wetland Restoration	\$5,333.16	4.10
	rea 3 Total:						\$818,318.44	2,722.50
6	66632210016	Big Stone County	123	45	20	Wetland Restoration	\$28,168.84	48.2
	66632240053	Restoration Stevens County restoration	123	44	5	Grassland Restoration	\$6,992.00	29.6
	66632240053	Stevens County restoration	123	44	5	Wetland Restoration	\$9,750.00	5.10
Project Ar	rea 6 Total:			!			\$44,910.84	82.90
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	66632220098	Dougla County Restoration	127	36	4	Wetland Restoration	\$26,758.85	17.80
	66632250013	Pope County restoration	124	37	17	Grassland Restoration	\$3,666.60	12.60
	66632250030	Stevens County restoration	126	43	36	Grassland Restoration	\$6,636.50	36.70
Project Ar	rea 7 Total:						\$37,061.95	67.10
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	66632220102	Jackson County Restoration	101	37	31	Grassland Restoration	\$21,592.00	17.80
	66632230002	Jackson County restoration	104	38	22	Grassland Restoration	\$43,033.15	30.50
Project A	Area 9 Total:						\$64,625.15	48.30
10	66632200005	Blue Earth County Restoration	105	26	8	Wetland Restoration	\$4,967.75	36.00
	66632200021	Steele County Restoration	105	21	24	Wetland Restoration	\$23,475.83	32.20
	66632210010	Freeborn County Restoration	101	21	23	Wetland Restoration	\$23,430.00	27.70
	66632210011	Freeborn County Restoration	101	21	25	Wetland Restoration	\$66,949.90	23.80
	66632210035	Freeborn County Restoration	104	20	16	Wetland Restoration	\$1,277.45	14.50
	66632210043	Freeborn County Restoration	101	21	25	Wetland Restoration	\$9,838.86	24.00
	66632220017	Freeborn County Restoration	104	21	11	Wetland Restoration	\$36,800.00	88.20
	66632220026	Freeborn County Restoration	104	19	31	Wetland Restoration	\$27,720.31	53.50
	66632220074	Freeborn County Restoration	104	19	31	Wetland Restoration	\$28,127.69	60.90
	66632230027	Freeborn County Restoration	101	21	33	Wetland Restoration	\$22,970.75	15.40
	66632230058	Steele County restoration	105	19	4	Grassland Restoration	\$29,109.22	51.70
	66632230058	Steele County Restoration	105	19	4	Wetland Restoration	\$66,401.00	77.70

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	66632240050	Freeborn County restoration	101	22	13	Grassland Restoration	\$8,590.00	7.40
	66632250008	Steele County Restoration	105	20	22	Grassland Restoration	\$18,328.08	23.00
	66632250008	Steele County restoration	105	20	22	Wetland Restoration	\$53,333.00	38.00
	66632252009	Freeborn County restoration.	103	19	15	Grassland Restoration	\$15,525.00	64.20
	66632252010	Freeborn County Restoration	103	19	15	Grassland Restoration	\$138.84	0.40
	66632252011	Freeborn County Restoration	103	19	15	Grassland Restoration	\$3,371.81	13.30
	66632277008	Steele County Restoration	105	20	22	Wetland Restoration	\$32,617.67	32.90
	66632288002	Freeborn County Restoration	101	21	25	Wetland Restoration	\$23,532.50	98.20
	66632288834	Freeborn County Restoration	101	21	31	Wetland Restoration	\$1,162.50	60.20
Project Are	a 10 Total:					<u> </u>	\$497,668.16	843.20

Restoration Project Totals (By Funding Type)

Funding Type	Funding Amount	Prorated Acres	Shoreline Feet
Other Funds:	\$2,508,115.91	6,335.00	0.00
Total:	\$2,508,115.91	6,335.00	0.00

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Easement Activities

Project Area	Project Name	Description	Funding Amount	Acres	Grassland Acres	Woodland Acres	Wetland Acres	Shoreline	Riparian
1	-								
	66632240028	WRP Polk Co	\$96,720.00	180.00	5.90	0.00	174.10	0.00	0.00
	66632250011	WRP Polk Co	\$592,334.00	1,276.20	317.00	0.00	959.20	0.00	0.00
	66632250054	WRP Polk Co	\$772,666.00	1,395.60	295.60	0.00	1,100.00	0.00	0.00
Project A	Project Area 1 Total		\$1,461,720.00	2,851.80	295.60	0.00	2,233.30	0.00	0.00
3	66632250001	Stevens Co WRP Easement	\$217,094.00	119.00	93.80	0.00	25.20	0.00	0.00
	66632250025	WRP Clay Co	\$170,043.00	138.80	87.30	0.00	51.50	0.00	0.00
	66632266007	Stevens Co WRP Easement	\$132,912.00	135.00	91.00	0.00	44.00	0.00	0.00
	66632266016	Becker County WRP Easement	\$86,991.00	121.30	93.30	3.00	25.00	0.00	0.00
Project A	rea 3 Total		\$607,040.00	514.10	93.30	3.00	145.70	0.00	0.00
,	66632250013	WRP Pope Co	\$31,515.00	17.00	12.60	0.00	4.40	0.00	0.00
	66632250029	WRP Stevens Co	\$73,576.00	48.80	23.30	0.00	25.50	0.00	0.00
	66632250030	WRP Stevens Co	\$130,525.00	71.10	45.80	0.00	25.30	0.00	0.00
Project A	rea 7 Total		\$235,616.00	136.90	45.80	0.00	55.20	0.00	0.00
10	66632240050	WRP Freeborn	\$131,145.00	63.90	20.20	0.00	43.70	0.00	0.00
	66632240052	WRP Freeborn Co	\$105,805.00	54.20	0.00	0.00	54.20	0.00	0.00
	66632250008	WRP Steele Co	\$188,741.00	61.20	27.70	0.00	33.50	0.00	0.00
	66632250033	WRP Freeborn Co	\$453,155.00	188.70	99.30	0.00	89.40	0.00	0.00
	66632252009	WRP Freeborn Co	\$206,722.00	73.10	58.10	0.00	15.00	0.00	0.00
	66632252010	WRP Freeborn Co	\$16,450.00	5.10	0.00	0.00	5.10	0.00	0.00

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	66632252011	WRP Freeborn Co	\$57,916.00	19.70	12.10	0.00	7.60	0.00	0.00
Project A	Area 10 Total		\$1,159,934.00	465.90	12.10	0.00	248.50	0.00	0.00

Easement Totals (By Funding Type) Wetland Shoreline Riparian Funding Prorated Grassland Woodland Funding Type: Feet Amount Acres Acres Acres Acres Feet \$3,464,310.00 3,968.70 1,283.00 3.00 2,682.70 0.00 0.00 Other Funds \$3,464,310.00 3,968.70 1,283.00 3.00 2,682.70 0.00 0.00 **Total**

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Work Program Expenditures (Not Attributable to Specific Projects)

Funding Type	Category	Amount	Description
ETF	Personnel Expenditures	\$411,000.00	Personnel Expenditures
ETF	Supplies and Misc	\$1,907.57	Supplies and Misc
ETF	Admin	\$25,043.77	Administration - DU staff administers this program, coordinates with NRCS and hires and supervises technicians.
ETF	Travel	\$9,491.75	Travel
	Total:	\$447,443.09	

Work Program Expenditures (Not Attributable to Specific Projects) By Funding Type

Funding Type	Amount
ETF	\$447,443.09
Total	\$447,443.09

Work Program Expenditures Breakdown

Funding Type	Restoration Projects	Easement Projects	Not Attributable To Specific Projects	Total	
ETF	\$ 0.00	\$0.00	\$447,443.09	\$447,443.09	
Other Funds	\$2,508,115.91	\$3,464,310.00	\$0.00	\$5,972,425.91	
Total	\$2,508,115.91	\$3,464,310.00	\$447,443.09	\$6,419,869.00	

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)
Partner's State Leveraged 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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Project Manager Name: Roger L. Pederson.							
LCCMR Dollars: \$450,000							
1) non-eligible expenses are not included in	budget sheet						
2005 LCMR Project Biennial Budget	Result 1 Budget: Result 1 Previously Current Invoice		Result 1 Balance	PROJECT TOTAL			
	Habitat Restoration						
BUDGET ITEM					Budget Total:	Expense Total:	BALANCE TOTAL:
PERSONNEL: Staff Expenses, wages, salaries – (Project Administration)	\$ 26,500.00	\$ 21,459.34	\$ 3,584.43	\$ 1,456.23	\$ 26,500.00	\$ 25,043.77	\$ 1,456.23
Contracts							
Professional/technical (wetland restoration techs and contract engineering to administer all aspects of the WRP)	\$ 411,000.00	\$ 344,579.38	\$ 66,420.62	\$ -	\$ 411,000.00	\$ 411,000.00	\$ -
Supplies and Misc. (e.g., necessary field supplies such as suvey equipment batteries, cables, accessories and materials, etc.)	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,829.78	\$ 77.79	\$ 592.43	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,907.57	\$ 592.43
Travel (tech expenses in Minnesota)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 6,964.95	\$ 2,526.80	\$ 508.25	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,491.75	\$ 508.25
COLUMN TOTAL	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 374,833.45	\$ 72,609.64	\$ 2,556.91	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 447,443.09	\$ 2,556.91

Habitat Conservation Partnership Phase III Accomplishments

-Wetlands Reserve Program-

Ducks Unlimited & NRCS

