

## LCCMR Work Program Final Report

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

#### 4G: Campaign for Conservation - The Nature Conservancy

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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
Easement	-	\$87,914.00	-	-	\$250,000.00
Acquisition	-	\$262,086.00	-	-	\$305,143.84
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$350,000.00</b>	<b>\$350,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$450,000.00</b>	<b>\$555,143.84</b>

#### Work Program Summary

##### Overall Project Outcome and Results

The goal of our 'Campaign for Conservation' Phase III Work Program was to acquire up to 300 acres in large blocks to help piece together fragmented landscapes and natural communities and complement other partners' initiatives by protecting a variety of high quality habitat thus maximizing the benefit to the greatest number of species. Properties acquired were to be retained by the Conservancy as additions to or links between its preserves, transferred to the Department of Natural Resources as additions to the Wildlife Management Area system, or acquired collaboratively with and held by other Habitat Corridors partners. In this work program, partners had the option to acquire either fee-title or easement acquisition. For phase III, TNC expended \$87,914 on acquiring easements and \$262,086 was spent on fee-title acquisition.

The Conservancy received \$350,000 from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund for land acquisition. With these funds, the Conservancy acquired a conservation easement on 33 acres in the Mississippi Bluff Lands project area and acquired 95.08 acres in fee title in three projects in the Aspen Parklands, Central Lakes and Alexandria Moraine project areas.

In this time period, the Conservancy spent \$555,144 of its private funds and leveraged \$122,888 in additional partner funds on five land acquisition and conservation easement acquisition projects in the Mississippi Headwaters, Border Prairie, and Southern Lakes project areas, resulting in the permanent protection of an additional 523 acres.

##### Project Results Use and Dissemination

The Conservancy publicized its work on these projects via press releases, membership publications, presentations and the Conservancy's website. The Conservancy also participated in publicizing the overall accomplishments of the Habitat Corridors project as it reached significant mile marks.

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#### Acquisition Activities

**Project Name:** Maple Meadows WMA  
**Tract:** Martinson  
**Project Area:** 1 - Aspen Parklands  
**Description:** With a portion of its LCCMR Phase III funding, the Minnesota Chapter of The Nature Conservancy purchased 40 acres in Polk County on February 4, 2008. As soon as all conditions for transferring were met, this tract was conveyed to MN DNR as a gift for inclusion in the surrounding 1,350-acre Maple Meadows Wildlife Management Area. The Ida Martinson Trust tract was the last unprotected private land in this section and was at risk of being sold to a private party and further developed. The DNR Wildlife Program will demolish the abandoned house and restore the home site to the surrounding habitat, a mosaic of wet prairie, sedge meadow, brush thickets, and scattered groves of aspen. Eliminating private ownership within the boundaries of the WMA should also enable better stewardship of these fire-dependent systems.

			Acres	Grassland Acres	Woodland Acres	Wetland Acres	Shoreline Feet	Riparian Feet
Non-Prorated Totals:			40.00	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Funding Type	Funds Use	Funding Amount	Prorated Acres	Grassland Acres	Woodland Acres	Wetland Acres	Shoreline Feet	Riparian Feet
ETF	Fee-Title Acquisition Costs	\$48,000.00	40.00	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Professional Services	\$2,225.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total:</b>		\$50,225.00	40.00	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Project Name:** Bluestem Prairie  
**Tract:** Langseth  
**Project Area:** 3 - Border Prairie  
**Description:** The Langseth tract was an important in-holding in the Conservancy's 6,000-acre Bluestem Prairie Conservation Area. Although utilized for years for row-crop agriculture and haying, the tract buffers the surrounding grasslands on multiple sides. The current condition of the property provides some wetland and grassland functions of benefit to grassland-dependent bird species. Once restored to native wetland and grassland communities, the Conservancy will likely manage the tract with prescribed fire and grazing. TNC acquired this tract on December 8, 2006.

			Acres	Grassland Acres	Woodland Acres	Wetland Acres	Shoreline Feet	Riparian Feet
Non-Prorated Totals:			80.00	80.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Funding Type	Funds Use	Funding Amount	Prorated Acres	Grassland Acres	Woodland Acres	Wetland Acres	Shoreline Feet	Riparian Feet
Other Funds	Fee-Title Acquisition Costs	\$88,000.00	79.97	79.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Site Development	\$22,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Fees	\$35.24	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Professional Services	\$3,525.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total:</b>		\$113,560.24	80.00	80.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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**Project Name:** Rothsay Prairie

**Tract:** Stubstad

**Project Area:** 3 - Border Prairie

**Description:** The 79-acre Stubstad tract is adjacent to the Conservancy's Town Hall Prairie preserve in the greater Rothsay Prairie complex in Wilkin County. The long-term goal is to restore this tract to native prairie and to manage it thru prescribed fire and grazing. Once restored, this property will buffer the remnant native prairie contained within the preserve from incompatible land use. TNC acquired this tract at public auction on October 10, 2007.

			Acres	Grassland Acres	Woodland Acres	Wetland Acres	Shoreline Feet	Riparian Feet
Non-Prorated Totals:			79.00	79.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Funding Type	Funds Use	Funding Amount	Prorated Acres	Grassland Acres	Woodland Acres	Wetland Acres	Shoreline Feet	Riparian Feet
Other Funds	Professional Services	\$1,975.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Site Development	\$25,950.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Fee-Title Acquisition Costs	\$86,500.00	79.00	79.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total:</b>		\$114,425.00	79.00	159.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Project Name:** Mississippi River Overlook

**Tract:** Barrett

**Project Area:** 4 - Central Lakes

**Description:** The Nature Conservancy provided \$100,000 of its Phase III funds toward a TPL-led acquisition of this important property.

			Acres	Grassland Acres	Woodland Acres	Wetland Acres	Shoreline Feet	Riparian Feet
Non-Prorated Totals:			63.00	13.00	48.00	3.50	0.00	2,700.00
Funding Type	Funds Use	Funding Amount	Prorated Acres	Grassland Acres	Woodland Acres	Wetland Acres	Shoreline Feet	Riparian Feet
ETF	Fee-Title Acquisition Costs	\$100,000.00	5.25	1.08	4.00	0.29	0.00	225.00
<b>Total:</b>		\$100,000.00	5.25	1.08	4.00	0.29	0.00	225.00

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<b>Project Name:</b> Sheepberry Fen								
<b>Tract:</b> Nugent								
<b>Project Area:</b> 7 - Alexandria Moraine								
<b>Description:</b> The Nature Conservancy purchased 280 acres of high quality native prairie and wetland habitat in Pope County for \$594,666, using its LCCMR Phase III and Phase IV funding and its privately raised funds for the balance. The Conservancy will retain ownership and manage this property as an addition to its Sheepberry Fen Preserve.								
		<b>Acres</b>	<b>Grassland Acres</b>	<b>Woodland Acres</b>	<b>Wetland Acres</b>	<b>Shoreline Feet</b>	<b>Riparian Feet</b>	
Non-Prorated Totals:		280.00	100.00	0.00	180.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Funding Type</b>	<b>Funds Use</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Prorated Acres</b>	<b>Grassland Acres</b>	<b>Woodland Acres</b>	<b>Wetland Acres</b>	<b>Shoreline Feet</b>	<b>Riparian Feet</b>
ETF	Fee-Title Acquisition Costs	\$105,839.88	49.83	17.80	0.00	32.04	0.00	0.00
<b>Total:</b>		\$105,839.88	49.83	17.80	0.00	32.04	0.00	0.00

<b>Project Name:</b> Cannon River Wilderness Area								
<b>Tract:</b> Demaster Estate								
<b>Project Area:</b> 10 - Southern Lakes								
<b>Description:</b> The Nature Conservancy acquired two separate, but adjoining properties at the Cannon River Wilderness Area (Demaster Estate and Pleshcourt 1). Both properties were transferred to the Friends of the Cannon River Wilderness Area. The Friends placed conservation easements on them with the Minnesota Land Trust. These properties abut Rice County park land.								
		<b>Acres</b>	<b>Grassland Acres</b>	<b>Woodland Acres</b>	<b>Wetland Acres</b>	<b>Shoreline Feet</b>	<b>Riparian Feet</b>	
Non-Prorated Totals:		9.10	0.00	9.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Funding Type</b>	<b>Funds Use</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Prorated Acres</b>	<b>Grassland Acres</b>	<b>Woodland Acres</b>	<b>Wetland Acres</b>	<b>Shoreline Feet</b>	<b>Riparian Feet</b>
Other Funds	Fee-Title Acquisition Costs	\$5,967.03	2.83	0.00	2.83	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Fee-Title Acquisition Costs	\$13,195.00	6.27	0.00	6.27	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total:</b>		\$19,162.03	9.10	0.00	9.10	0.00	0.00	0.00

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**Project Name:** Cannon River Wilderness Area  
**Tract:** Pleschourt 1  
**Project Area:** 10 - Southern Lakes  
**Description:** The Nature Conservancy acquired two separate, but adjoining properties at the Cannon River Wilderness Area (Demaster Estate and Pleschourt 1). Both properties were transferred to the Friends of the Cannon River Wilderness Area. The Friends placed conservation easements on them with the Minnesota Land Trust. These properties abut Rice County park land.

			Acres	Grassland Acres	Woodland Acres	Wetland Acres	Shoreline Feet	Riparian Feet
Non-Prorated Totals:			10.90	0.00	10.90	0.00	0.00	0.00
Funding Type	Funds Use	Funding Amount	Prorated Acres	Grassland Acres	Woodland Acres	Wetland Acres	Shoreline Feet	Riparian Feet
Other Funds	Fee-Title Acquisition Costs	\$54,500.00	10.65	0.00	10.65	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Fee-Title Acquisition Costs	\$1,271.57	0.25	0.00	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total:</b>		\$55,771.57	10.90	0.00	10.90	0.00	0.00	0.00

Acquisition Project Totals							
Funding Type	Funding Amount	Prorated Acres	Grassland Acres	Woodland Acres	Wetland Acres	Shoreline Feet	Riparian Feet
ETF	\$253,839.88	95.08	58.88	4.00	32.33	0.00	225.00
Other Funds	\$305,143.84	179.00	159.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
State Funds	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Partner's State Leveraged Funds	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	\$558,983.72	274.08	217.88	24.00	32.33	0.00	225.00

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#### Easement Activities

<b>Project Name:</b> Sugar Hills								
<b>Tract:</b> Liila								
<b>Project Area:</b> 2 - Mississippi Headwaters								
<b>Description:</b> The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources acquired a working forest conservation easement from the Liila Forest Products, Inc., over a 1659.84-acre tract in the Sugar Hills landscape of Itasca County on May 11, 2007. This conservation easement will be monitored by the DNR's Forest Legacy Program. The purchase price paid by MN DNR was \$1,728,000, of which the Conservancy contributed \$250,000. The Conservancy's contribution generated \$122,888 in RIM Critical Habitat Match Funds that were used for the project. The Trust for Public Land brokered this transaction between Liila Forest Products, the Conservancy and MN DNR.								
			<b>Acres</b>	<b>Grassland Acres</b>	<b>Woodland Acres</b>	<b>Wetland Acres</b>	<b>Shoreline Feet</b>	<b>Riparian Feet</b>
Non-Prorated Totals:			344.00	0.00	344.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Funding Type</b>	<b>Funds Use</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Prorated Acres</b>	<b>Grassland Acres</b>	<b>Woodland Acres</b>	<b>Wetland Acres</b>	<b>Shoreline Feet</b>	<b>Riparian Feet</b>
Other Funds	Easement Acquisition Costs	\$250,000.00	230.63	0.00	230.63	0.00	0.00	0.00
Partners State Leveraged Funds	Easement Acquisition Costs	\$122,888.00	113.37	0.00	113.37	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$372,888.00</b>	<b>344.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>344.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

<b>Project Name:</b> Weaver Dunes								
<b>Tract:</b> Hammer								
<b>Project Area:</b> 11 - Mississippi Bluff Lands								
<b>Description:</b> TNC acquired a 33-acre conservation easement on a 40-acre tract in Minnieska Township, Wabasha County. The tract is adjacent to the Conservancy's 600-acre Weaver Dunes preserve. This easement will protect dry sand prairie system and important nesting ground for Blandings turtle.								
			<b>Acres</b>	<b>Grassland Acres</b>	<b>Woodland Acres</b>	<b>Wetland Acres</b>	<b>Shoreline Feet</b>	<b>Riparian Feet</b>
Non-Prorated Totals:			33.00	33.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Funding Type</b>	<b>Funds Use</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Prorated Acres</b>	<b>Grassland Acres</b>	<b>Woodland Acres</b>	<b>Wetland Acres</b>	<b>Shoreline Feet</b>	<b>Riparian Feet</b>
ETF	Professional Services	\$5,914.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ETF	Easement Acquisition Costs	\$82,000.00	33.00	33.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$87,914.00</b>	<b>33.00</b>	<b>33.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

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Easement Project Totals							
FundingType	Funding Amount	Prorated Acres	Grassland Acres	Woodland Acres	Wetland Acres	Shoreline Feet	Riparian Feet
ETF	\$87,914.00	33.00	33.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	\$250,000.00	230.63	0.00	230.63	0.00	0.00	0.00
State Funds	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Partner's State Leveraged Funds	\$122,888.00	113.37	0.00	113.37	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$460,802.00</b>	<b>377.00</b>	<b>33.00</b>	<b>344.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

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#### Work Program Expenditures Not Attributable to Specific Projects

Funding Type	Funding Category	Amount	Description
ETF	Personnel Expenditures	\$739.22	Salary and benefits for land acquisition specialist from July 1, 2006 thru May 1, 2007.
ETF	Professional Services	\$225.00	Environmental hazards assessment - government records search for Upper Cormorant Lake (Chenze), DNR Fisheries project.
ETF	Personnel Expenditures	\$2,067.02	Salary and benefits for TNC land protection staff from May 2 to September 30, 2007.
ETF	Professional Services	\$1,200.00	Appraisal for Anna Gronseth (Beckman) property. Negotiations failed over price.
ETF	Professional Services	\$1,300.00	Appraisal and appraisal update for Pembina Beach Ridges (Chapman) property. Negotiations failed over price.
ETF	Personnel Expenditures	\$2,714.88	Salary and benefits for land acquisition specialists from October 1, 2007 thru February 29, 2008.
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$8,246.12</b>	

#### Summary of Work Program Expenditures not Attributable to Specific Projects (by Funding Type)

Funding Type	Funding Amount
ETF	\$8,246.12
Other Funds	\$0.00
State Funds	\$0.00
Partner's State Leveraged Funds	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,246.12</b>

#### Work Program Expenditures Breakdown

Expenditure	ETF Funds	Other Funds	State Funds	Partners State Leveraged Funds	Other
Easement Projects	\$87,914.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$122,888.00	\$0.00
Acquisition Projects	\$253,839.88	\$305,143.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Not Attributable to Specific Projects	\$8,246.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$350,000.00</b>	<b>\$555,143.84</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$122,888.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>



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#### Funding Type Definitions

<b>ETF:</b>	Grant dollars provided through the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund
<b>Other Funds:</b>	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)
<b>State Funds:</b>	State Funds expended on HCP projects (not eligible for use as other funds commitment)
<b>Partners State Leveraged Funds:</b>	Non state funds that have leveraged state funds as part of an HCP project (not eligible for use as other funds commitment)
<b>Other:</b>	Any other expenditures (e.g. grant income funds)

Attachment A: Budget Detail for 2005 Projects

Proposal Title: Campaign for Conservation - 4(g)

Project Manager Name: Michael Pressman

LCMR Requested Dollars: \$350,000

2005 LCMR Proposal Budget	Result 1 Budget:	Amount Spent (thru 2/29/08)	Balance (thru 2/29/08)	Result 1 Revised Budget:	Result 2 Budget:	Amount Spent (thru 2/29/08)	Balance (thru 2/29/08)	Result 2 Revised Budget:	Result 3 Budget:	Amount Spent (date)	Balance (date)	
	Land Acquisition				Personnel				NA			
<b>BUDGET ITEM</b>												<b>TOTAL FOR REVISED BUDGET ITEM</b>
PERSONNEL: Staff expenses, wages, salaries					7,143	4,045	3,098	4,045				4,045
PERSONNEL: Staff benefits					2,857	1,476	1,381	1,476				1,476
Contracts												
Professional/technical												
Other contracts												
Other direct operating costs												
Equipment / Tools												
Other Capital equipment												
Land acquisition	\$340,000	340,000	\$0	\$344,479								\$344,479
Land rights acquisition												
Other Supplies												
Travel expenses in Minnesota												
Construction												
Other land improvement												
Other												
<b>COLUMN TOTAL</b>	<b>\$340,000</b>	<b>\$340,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$344,479</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$5,521</b>	<b>\$4,479</b>	<b>\$5,521</b>	<b>\$</b>			<b>\$350,000</b>

# Habitat Conservation Partnership 4G - Phase III Accomplishments -Campaign for Conservation- *The Nature Conservancy*

