

2005 Project Abstract

For the Period Ending June 30, 2008

PROJECT TITLE: Metropolitan Area Wildlife Corridors – Phase II: DNR Fish & Wildlife Acquisition & Development (3.5)

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FUNDING SOURCE: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

LEGAL CITATION: ML 2005 First Special Session, Chap. 1, Art. 2, Sec. 11, Subd. 5B.

APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$290,000

Overall Project Outcome and Results

This project resulted in fee title acquisition of two additional parcels on the Vermillion River in Dakota County, a parcel on Rush Lake in Washington County, and a parcel on Brown's Creek in Washington County. Totals for the four acquisitions equal 135.2 acres, including 1.42 total miles of shoreline. One of the parcels on the Vermillion River was also paid for with Phase III acquisition dollars, resulting in both acres and miles being divided proportionately between the two phases. As part of this project, Environmental and Natural Resources Trust dollars (\$265,000) directly acquired approximately 103.9 acres of the total, including 1.15 miles of stream. Other state dollars (\$30,000) acquired approximately 3.7 acres, including 0.03 miles of stream. Other non-state dollars (\$222,000) acquired approximately 27.6 acres, including 0.24 miles of stream.

As part of this project, Environmental and Natural Resources Trust dollars (\$25,000) directly resulted in site clean-up, access, parking areas, and gates on Parcels acquired during Phase I.

Professional Services costs for Phase II acquisitions totaled \$30,000

Project Results Use and Dissemination

Metro Corridors periodically distributed information about the program through widely broadcasted emails to people on the Regional Greenways Collaborative (RGC) database, through the RGC quarterly meetings, and jointly held county meetings. As projects were completed, counties were notified and acquisitions are published in the State Register.

**LCCMR Final Work Program Report – 2005
Metropolitan Area Wildlife Corridors – Phase II**

Date of Report: September 9, 2008
LCMR Work Program Update Report: NA
Date of Next Status Report: June 30, 2008
Date of Work program Approval: July, 2005
Project Completion Date: June 30, 2008

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Location: Within the mapped Southeast and East Focus Areas, including Dakota, Goodhue, parts of Winona, Chisago, and Washington Counties. See Figure 1.

Total Biennial LCMR Project Budget:	LCMR Appropriation:	\$290,000
	Minus Amount Spent:	<u>\$290,000</u>
	Equal Balance:	<u>\$ 0</u>

Legal Citation: ML 2005 First Special Session, Chap. 1, Art. 2, Sec. 11, Subd. 5B.

Appropriation Language: Metropolitan Area Wildlife Corridors – Phase II. \$1,765,000 the first year and \$1,765,000 the second year are from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for the second biennium for acceleration of agency programs and cooperative agreements with the Trust for Public Land, Ducks Unlimited, Inc., Friends of the Mississippi River, Great River Greening, Minnesota Land Trust, Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc., Pheasants Forever, Inc. and Friends of the Minnesota Valley for the purposes of planning, improving, and protecting important natural areas in the metropolitan region, as defined by Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2 and portions of the surrounding counties, through grants, contracted services, conservation easements, and fee acquisition. Land acquired with this appropriation must be sufficiently improved to meet at least minimum management standards as determined by the commissioner of natural resources. Expenditures are limited to the identified project areas as defined in the work program. This appropriation may not be used for the purchase of residential structures, unless expressly approved in the work program.

Any land acquired in fee title by the commissioner of natural resources with money from this appropriation must be designated: (1) as an outdoor recreation unit under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.07; or (2) as provided in Minnesota Statutes, sections 89.018, subdivision 2, paragraph (a); 97A.101; 97A.125; 97C.001; and 97C.011. The commissioner may similarly designate any lands acquired in less than fee title. 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:

This project resulted in fee title acquisition of two additional parcels on the Vermillion River in Dakota County, a parcel on Rush Lake in Washington County, and a parcel on Brown’s Creek in Washington County. Totals for the four acquisitions equal 135.2 acres, including 1.42 total miles of shoreline. One of the parcels on the Vermillion River was also paid for with Phase III acquisition dollars, resulting in both acres and miles being divided proportionately between the two phases. As part of this project, Environmental and Natural Resources Trust dollars (\$265,000) directly acquired approximately 103.9 acres of the total, including 1.15 miles of stream. Other state dollars (\$30,000) acquired approximately 3.7 acres, including 0.03 miles of stream. Other non-state dollars (\$222,000) acquired approximately 27.6 acres, including 0.24 miles of stream.

As part of this project, Environmental and Natural Resources Trust dollars (\$25,000) directly resulted in site clean-up, access, parking areas, and gates on Parcels acquired during Phase I.

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IV. OUTLINE OF PROJECT RESULTS

Result 1: Fish and Wildlife Land Acquisition

Allocation \$265,000 Balance \$0

The acquisition of wildlife management areas and aquatic management areas adjacent to lakes and streams will ensure the protection of critical riparian habitat, angler access, and management access. The monies will be used to secure fee title or easements on approximately 50 acres and/or 2 miles of lakeshore and stream shoreline including sensitive watershed, riparian, or headwaters areas. These lands will be used for angler access and protection of critical habitats. Spending of trust monies and parcel information will be reported as it occurs under each result.

<u>Program Area/Result</u>	<u>Trust Dollars Spent</u>	<u>Trust Accomplishments</u>
Southeast Area	<u>\$ 175,990</u>	<u>94.1 acres with 1.05 miles of shoreline</u>
East Area	<u>\$ 90,010</u>	<u>41.1 acres with 0.37 miles of shoreline</u>

Professional services in the amount of approximately \$30,000 related to land acquisition is included. (Southeast area = \$15,990 East Area = \$14,010)

Completion Date: June 30, 2008

Description: The monies will be used to secure fee title or easements on approximately 50 acres and/or 2 miles of lakeshore and stream shoreline including sensitive watershed, riparian, or headwaters areas. These lands will be used for angler access and protection of critical habitats.

Southeast Area

Vermillion River, Parcel 2, Dakota County

Trust Acres	Trust Miles	Trust \$	Other St. \$	Other \$	Other St. Acres	Other St. Miles	Other Acres	Other Miles	Total Acres	Total Miles
1.1	0.02	\$5,000	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	1.1	0.02

Vermillion River, Parcel 4, Dakota County

Trust Acres	Trust Miles	Trust \$	Other St. \$	Other \$	Other St. Acres	Other St. Miles	Other Acres	Other Miles	Total Acres	Total Miles
8.7	0.08	\$70,000	\$30,000	\$222,000	3.73	0.03	27.57	0.24	40	0.35

East Area

Chisago, East Rush Lake, Parcel 1

Trust Acres	Trust Miles	Trust \$	Other St. \$	Other \$	Other St. Acres	Other St. Miles	Other Acres	Other Miles	Total Acres	Total Miles
92.8	0.98	\$100,000	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	92.8	0.97

Washington, Browns Creek, Parcel 5

Trust Acres	Trust Miles	Trust \$	Other St. \$	Other \$	Other St. Acres	Other St. Miles	Other Acres	Other Miles	Total Acres	Total Miles
1.3	0.08	\$60,000	0		0	0	0	0	1.3	0.08

Total

103.9	1.15	\$235,000	\$30,000	\$222,000	3.73	0.03	27.58	0.24	135.2	1.42
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Professional Services Total:

Grand Total (Trust only) \$ 30,000

Result 2: Fish and Wildlife Land Acquisition Development

Allocation \$25,000

Balance \$ 0

This project will bring lands purchased with Metropolitan Area Wildlife Corridors dollars up to minimum management standards. Dollars will be used for improvements such as site clean-up, access, parking areas, gates, and habitat improvement. Development will be conducted on lands acquired with both Metropolitan Area Wildlife Corridors Phase I and Phase II dollars.

Program Area/Result	Trust Dollars Spent	Trust Accomplishments
Southeast Area	\$25,000	site clean-up, access, parking areas, gates

Acquisition Total:	<u>\$265,000</u>
Professional Services Total:	<u>\$ 30,000</u>
Development Total:	<u>\$ 25,000</u>
Grand Total expenditures:	<u>\$290,000</u>
Remaining funds	<u>\$ 0</u>

TOTAL LCMR PROJECT BUDGET: \$290,000

V. OTHER FUNDS & PARTNERS: Other Fish & Wildlife funds may be used to compliment LCMR monies, including, Trout Stamp, Heritage, RIM, or Fish & Wildlife Bonding.

A. Project Partners: See Table 1.

B. Other Funds being Spent during the Project Period:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Fisheries</u>	<u>Wildlife</u>
2003	ETF* – Metro	\$ 384,000	\$ 240,000
2005	ETF	\$1,050,000	\$10,000,000
Total		\$1,434,000	\$10,240,000

C. Required Match (if applicable): NA

D. Past Spending:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Fisheries</u>	<u>Wildlife</u>
1995	ETF*	\$ 300,000	\$ 510,000
1995	ERF**		\$ 140,000
1997	ETF	\$ 567,000	\$ 500,000
2001	ETF	\$2,000,000	
2003	ETF – Metro	\$ 384,000	\$ 240,000
2003	ETF – Outstate	\$ 600,000	
Total		\$3,851,000	\$1,390,000

*Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

**Future Resources Fund

E. Time: 3 years, until June 30, 2008.

VII. DISSEMINATION: Metro Corridors will periodically distribute information about the program through the widely broadcasted emails to people on the Regional Greenways Collaborative (RGC) database, through the RGC quarterly meetings,

and jointly held county meetings. As projects are completed, Counties will be notified and acquisitions will be published in the State Register.

VIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: Periodic work program progress reports will be submitted not later than February 1st and August 1st each year, starting with February 1st, 2006. A final work program report will be submitted by July 1st, 2008.

IX. RESEARCH PROJECTS: NA