

LCCMR Work Program Final Report
Restoring Minnesota's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Corridors Phase 4
Habitat Conservation Partnership

2A:Hides for Habitat Restoration - MDHA

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Total Biennial Project Budget

Result	ENTF Allocation	ENTF Funds Spent	ENTF Balance	Other Funds Proposed	Other Funds Spent
Restoration	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000	\$24,379
Total	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000	\$24,379

Work Program Summary

Overall Project Outcome and Results

ENRTF funding restored a total of 32 wetland basins consisting of 18.5 acres on the Buchl, Kruger, and Donley/Tillman waterfowl production areas (WPA'S). Also, 25.3 acres of oak savannah habitats were enhanced on the Winger WPA bringing the work completed under this project to 43.8 –acres. Federal WPA's are managed for waterfowl production and are open to public hunting and other recreation consistent with the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Specifically, on Kruger WPA (Becker County Callaway Township Section's 15, 16, 21, 22) we restored 20 basins for 12.5 acres, on Buchl WPA (Becker County-Riceville Township Section 10) we restored 1 basin for 0.5 acres, and on Donley Tillman WPA (Becker County- Riceville Township Section's 13 & 14) we restored 11 basins for 5.5 acres. In addition, we enhanced 25.31-acres of oak savannah (grassland enhancement) on Winger WPA (Polk County-Winger Township, Section 2) by shearing and piling undesirable trees and opening the landscape to promote savannah habitat. All work was done in partnership with the USFWS Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District and other funds were secured and provided for through North American Wetlands Conservation Act grants and are federal in origin.

Project Results Use and Dissemination

MDHA has restored a total of 32 wetland basins (18.5 acres total) and 25.31 acres of oak savannah on public land that is permanently protected and open to public hunting. These restored wetlands and oak savannahs provide wetland and upland habitat for a variety of wildlife with a large scale benefit to hundreds of acres on four separate WPA's as well as the surrounding private land habitats. Future management of wetlands and grasslands will be conducted by the USFWS Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District.

Since this initial project was submitted, MDHA changed project managers and has received further guidance on "other funds" as it relates to our work plans. In phase IV, our matching dollars have been limited to mainly to NAWCA grants on the WPA's which is why there are less "other funds" contributed to this Phase IV work plan than originally proposed. MDHA strives to identify projects that capitalize on our chapter system and will improve on this into the future.

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Restoration Activities

Project Area - 1 - Aspen Parklands

Project Name:	Winger WPA Township: 147, Range: 42, Section: 2			
Activity:	Grassland Enhancement			
Landtype:	Public - WMA			
Description:	Tree Removal - Shear & Pile All boxelder, cottonwood, willow, aspen, etc to restore scattered oak savannas. All smaller oaks flagged to prevent accidental damage.			
	<p>\$50,620.76 in the phase IV (2007 Appropriation) project was spent on the restoration of these areas. Being that the phase V (2008 Appropriation) work plan was accepted, we continued into the phase V (2008) funds in fall of 2008. We are going to utilize the remaining \$621 from the phase V (2008) project funds for a Winger WPA work day. With the help of local Minnesota Deer Hunters Association Chapter volunteers in fall 2009, we will select natural growth oak seedlings and then mat and tube them for release. The funds would be used to purchase supplies(matting & tubing) for the work day.</p>			
			Acres	Shoreline
		Non Prorated Totals	40.00	0.00
<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funds Use</i>	<i>Funding Amount</i>	<i>Prorated Acres</i>	<i>Prorated Shoreline</i>
ENTF	Restoration	\$50,620.76	25.31	0.00

Project Area - 3 - Border Prairie

Project Name:	Buchl WPA Township: 141, Range: 42, Section: 10			
Activity:	Wetland Restoration			
Landtype:	Public - WPA			
Description:	Project included the restoration of 1 small wetland basin to complete an 89 basin restoration begun in Phase III on the Buchl WPA. Restoration included the rebuilding of the wetland by clearing and excavation, and allowing it to refill naturally. Location of basin was determined by early conservation service photo's prior to ditching.			
<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funds Use</i>	<i>Funding Amount</i>	<i>Prorated Acres</i>	<i>Prorated Shoreline</i>
ENTF	Restoration	\$606.33	0.25	0.00
Other Funds	Restoration	\$606.33	0.25	0.00
Buchl WPA Total		\$1,212.66	0.50	0.00

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Project Area - 3-7-8 - Border Prairie Transition Zone

Project Name:	Donley/Tillman WPA Township: 141, Range: 42, Section: 13
Activity:	Wetland Restoration
Landtype:	Public - WPA
Description:	Project included the restoration of 11 wetland basin on the Donley/Tillman WPA. Each basin was located based on early conservation service photo's and was then cleared and excavated to replicate the earlier identified basins. Basins are allowed to refill naturally.

<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funds Use</i>	<i>Funding Amount</i>	<i>Prorated Acres</i>	<i>Prorated Shoreline</i>
ENTF	Restoration	\$5,570.80	2.75	0.00
Other Funds	Restoration	\$5,570.80	2.75	0.00
Donley/Tillman WPA Total		\$11,141.60	5.50	0.00

Project Name:	Kruger WPA Township: 141, Range: 41, Section: 16
Activity:	Wetland Restoration
Landtype:	Public - WPA
Description:	This project included the restoration of 20 wetland basins on the Kruger WPA. Wetland basins were located based on early conservation photo's and were then cleared and excavated. Basins are allowed to fill naturally with some native grass seeding along edges of basins.

<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funds Use</i>	<i>Funding Amount</i>	<i>Prorated Acres</i>	<i>Prorated Shoreline</i>
ENTF	Restoration	\$18,202.11	6.25	0.00
Other Funds	Restoration	\$18,202.11	6.25	0.00
Kruger WPA Total		\$36,404.22	12.50	0.00

Restoration Project Totals (By Funding Type)

Funding Type	Funding Amount	Acres	Shoreline Feet
ENTF:	\$75,000.00	34.56	0.00
Other Funds:	\$24,379.24	9.25	0.00
Total:	\$99,379.24	43.81	0.00

Funding Type Definitions

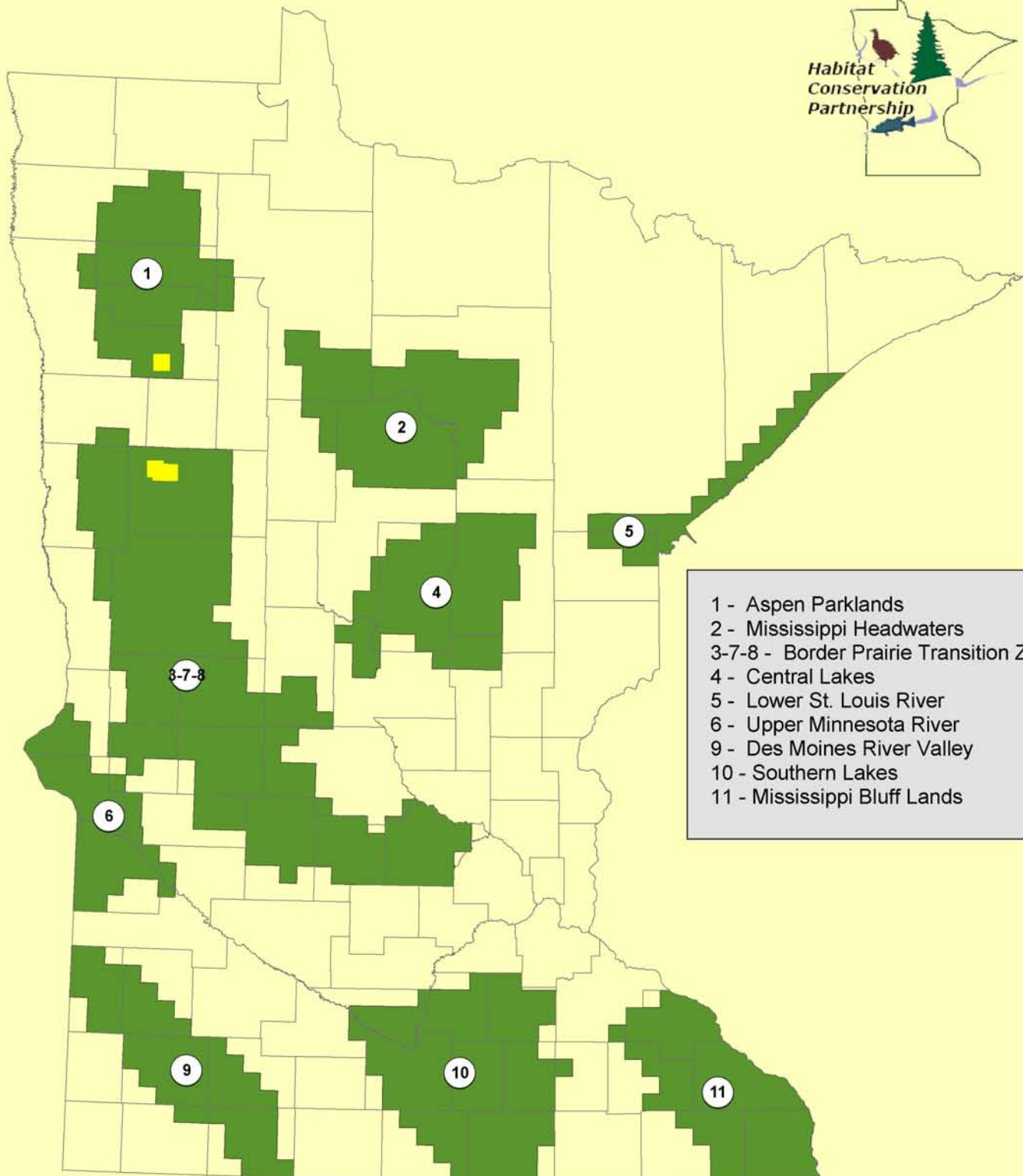
ENTF:	Grant dollars provided through the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund
Other Funds:	Non-state, non-state leveraged dollars (if partner funds are leveraging State Funds (e.g. RIM) they are not eligible to be considered Other Funds)
State Funds:	State Funds expended on HCP projects (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)

Attachment A: Budget Detail for 2007 Projects**Project Title:** *Hides for Habitat Restoration 2A - Phase IV***Project Manager Name:** Kim Hanson**Trust Fund Appropriation:** \$75,000

2007 Trust Fund Budget	<u>Result 1 Budget:</u>	Amount Spent	Balance	TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL BALANCE
	<i>Restoration</i>				
BUDGET ITEM					
Other land improvement - Restoration	75,000	0	75,000	75,000	75,000
COLUMN TOTAL	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000

Habitat Conservation Partnership Phase 4 - Accomplishments

2J - Lakescaping - MN DNR - Division of Ecological Services



- 1 - Aspen Parklands
- 2 - Mississippi Headwaters
- 3-7-8 - Border Prairie Transition Zone
- 4 - Central Lakes
- 5 - Lower St. Louis River
- 6 - Upper Minnesota River
- 9 - Des Moines River Valley
- 10 - Southern Lakes
- 11 - Mississippi Bluff Lands

 Restoration	 Easement	 Acquisition
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