

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

4C: Critical Lands Protection Program - The Trust for Public Land

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Total Biennial Project Budget

| Result | ENTF Allocation | ENTF Funds Spent | ENTF Balance | Other Funds * Proposed | Other Funds * Spent |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Acquisition | \$480,000 | \$480,000 | \$0 | \$135,000 | \$0 |
| Total | \$480,000 | \$480,000 | \$0 | \$135,000 | \$0 |

*Other Funds are classified as 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). Please note, however, that this work program has spent the following amounts not shown in the above table:

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|---------------------------------|--------------|
| State Funds: | \$175,000.00 |
| Partners State Leveraged Funds: | \$175,000.00 |

See the tables and funding type definitions at the end of this report for further explanation.

Work Program Summary

Overall Project Outcome and Results

On February 27, 2009, The Trust for Public Land (TPL) acquired 238 acres on Leech Lake in Cass County, Minnesota from members of the Beutow Family for \$1,025,000 and sold it to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for \$545,000. TPL used \$480,000 of 2007 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) (HCP Phase 4) money and DNR Fisheries used \$190,000 of 2008 ENRTF (HCP Phase 5) money towards this purchase. TPL negotiated the purchase of the property for \$175,000 less than its appraised fair market value of \$1,200,000, and thus \$175,000 of RIM funding could also be used. DNR Fisheries used \$180,000 of bonding money to fund the balance of the acquisition.

The Buetow AMA acquisition creates a new DNR Aquatic Management Area providing outstanding opportunities for public fishing, hunting and nature observation. The 238 acre parcel contains thousands of feet of shoreline on a shallow bay with a floating bog and extensive stands of wild rice and submerged vegetation. This diverse forest and wetland habitat also links a number of parcels of land already in public ownership (see attached map) ensuring a large landscape for wildlife to roam.

The multiple owners of this land had decided to sell the property and preliminary plans for a development with over 20 houses had been drafted. This threat of development to the important natural resources described above made this acquisition a priority for the DNR, the U. S. Forest Service, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, and the Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation. Although the property was listed for sale, TPL was able to quickly secure the property for less than its appraised fair market value, complete the due diligence process and work together with DNR Fisheries to assemble a funding package to protect this important water resource for fish, wildlife and future generations.

Project Results Use and Dissemination

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The Leech Lake Area Watershed encompasses nearly 800,000 acres of land and water critical to the water quality of Minnesota's lakes and rivers. It is under intense development pressure as more and more people seek to have second homes in the heart of Minnesota's Northwoods. TPL is working with the Minnesota DNR and interested stakeholders, such as the Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation, the U. S. Forest Service and the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, to protect the most sensitive lands in this area. In the near future, we hope to disseminate a press release describing these efforts including the Buetow AMA project and two other pending acquisitions.

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Acquisition Activities

Project Name: Buetow AMA
Tract: 1
Project Area: 2 - Mississippi Headwaters
 Township: 142, Range: 28, Section: 16
Acquisition Holder: DNR-AMA
Description: The Buetow AMA acquisition creates a new DNR Aquatic Management Area providing outstanding opportunities for public fishing, hunting and nature observation. The 238 acre parcel contains thousands of feet of shoreline on a shallow bay with a floating bog and extensive stands of wild rice and submerged vegetation. This diverse forest and wetland habitat also links multiple parcels of land already in public ownership ensuring a large landscape for wildlife to roam. Although the property was listed for sale, TPL was able to quickly secure the property for less than its appraised fair market value and work together with DNR Fisheries to assemble a funding package to protect this important water resource for fish, wildlife and future generations.

Of the \$1,200,000 needed to purchase this property, DNR used \$370,000(30.83%) and TPL used \$830,000(69.17%). Therefore, of the 238 acres and 11,000 feet of shoreline protected with this project, DNR and TPL's prorated accomplishments are 73.4(acres)\3,480(shoreline feet) and 164.6(acres)\7,520(shoreline feet). See below. Please note that Professional Services are not used in determining the prorated accomplishment credits.

| | DNR | TPL | Total |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Expenditures | \$370,000 | \$830,000 | \$1,200,000 |
| Prorated % | 30.83% | 69.7% | 100% |
| Acres | 73.4 | 164.6 | 238 |
| Shoreline(feet) | 3,480 | 7,520 | 11,000 |

TPL used \$480,000 of 2007 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) (HCP Phase 4) money and DNR Fisheries used \$190,000 of 2008 ENRTF (HCP Phase 5) money towards this purchase. TPL negotiated the purchase of the property for \$175,000 less than its appraised fair market value of \$1,200,000, and thus \$175,000 of RIM funding could also be used. DNR Fisheries used \$180,000 of bonding money to fund the balance of the acquisition.

Acquisition reported via LCCMR website: Yes

| | Acres | Grassland Acres | Woodland Acres | Wetland Acres | Shoreline Feet | Riparian Feet |
|----------------------|--------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| Non Prorated Totals: | 238.00 | 0.00 | 115.00 | 123.00 | 3,480.00 | 0.00 |

| Funding Type | Funds Use | Funding Amount | Prorated Acres | Grassland Acres | Woodland Acres | Wetland Acres | Shoreline Feet | Riparian Feet |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| ENTF | Fee-Title Acquisition Costs | \$480,000.00 | 95.20 | 0.00 | 46.00 | 49.20 | 1,392.00 | 0.00 |
| Partners State Leveraged Funds | Donated Fee Value | \$175,000.00 | 34.71 | 0.00 | 16.77 | 17.94 | 507.50 | 0.00 |
| State Funds | Fee-Title Acquisition Costs | \$175,000.00 | 34.71 | 0.00 | 16.77 | 17.94 | 507.50 | 0.00 |
| Buetow AMA Total | | \$830,000.00 | 164.62 | 0.00 | 79.54 | 85.08 | 2,407.00 | 0.00 |

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Acquisition Totals (By Funding Type)

| <i>Funding Type:</i> | <i>Funding Amount</i> | <i>Prorated Acres</i> | <i>Grassland Acres</i> | <i>Woodland Acres</i> | <i>Wetland Acres</i> | <i>Shoreline Feet</i> | <i>Riparian Feet</i> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| ENTF: | \$480,000.00 | 95.20 | 0.00 | 46.00 | 49.20 | 1,392.00 | 0.00 |
| Partner's State Leverage Funds: | \$175,000.00 | 34.71 | 0.00 | 16.77 | 17.94 | 507.50 | 0.00 |
| State Funds: | \$175,000.00 | 34.71 | 0.00 | 16.77 | 17.94 | 507.50 | 0.00 |
| Total: | \$830,000.00 | 164.62 | 0.00 | 79.54 | 85.08 | 2,407.00 | 0.00 |

Funding Type Definitions

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| 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) |

FINAL Attachment A: Budget Detail for 2007 Projects

Project Title: Minnesota Habitat Corridors Partnership—Phase IV—TPL’s Critical Lands Protection Program (4C)

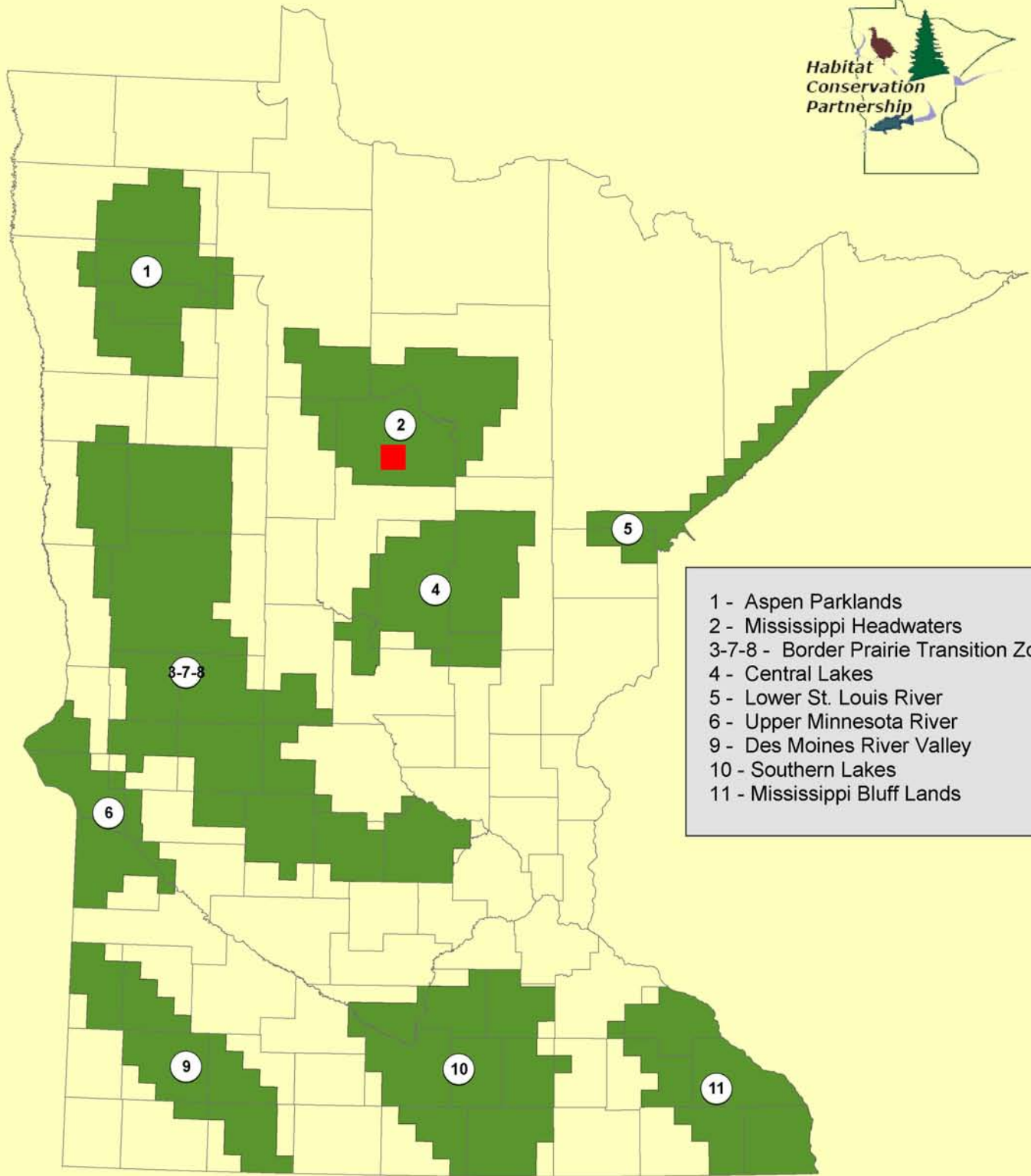
Project Manager Name: Robert McGillivray

Trust Fund Appropriation: \$480,000

| 2007 Trust Fund Budget | <u>Result 1 Budget:</u> <u>Habitat Acquisition</u> <u>programs</u> | Amount Spent 2-27-09 | Balance 2-27-09 | TOTAL BUDGET | TOTAL BALANCE |
|------------------------|--|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | | | | |
| BUDGET ITEM | Acquisition | | | | |
| Land acquisition | \$480,000 | \$480,000 | \$0 | \$480,000 | \$0 |
| | | | | | |
| COLUMN TOTAL | \$480,000 | \$480,000 | \$0 | \$480,000 | \$0 |

Habitat Conservation Partnership Phase 4 - Accomplishments

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- 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

Restorations Easements Acquisitions