

2007 Project Abstract

For the Period Ending October 22, 2008

PROJECT TITLE: Metropolitan Regional Park System Land Acquisition

PROJECT MANAGER: Arne Stefferud

AFFILIATION: Metropolitan Council

MAILING ADDRESS: 390 North Robert Street

CITY/STATE/ZIP: St. Paul, MN 55101

PHONE: 651-602-1360

FAX: 651-602-1467

E-MAIL: arne.stefferud@metc.state.mn.us

WEBSITE: www.metrocouncil.org

FUNDING SOURCE: Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

LEGAL CITATION: ML 2007, Chap. 30, Sec. 2, Subd. 4(f)

Overall Project Outcome and Results

This appropriation leveraged a total of \$18.1 million of other funds to acquire 528 acres for the Metropolitan Regional Park System as follows:

- 61 acres on the southern shore of Cedar Lake for Cedar Lake Farm Regional Park in Scott County (\$600,000 Environment Trust Funds, \$400,000 Metro Council bonds and \$3,526,192 of Scott County funds for a total of \$4,526,192).
- 8.2 acres including shoreline on the Mississippi River for Grey Cloud Island Regional Park in Washington County (\$109,256 Environment Trust Funds, \$72,838 Metro Council bonds, and \$273,141 Washington County funds for a total of \$455,235).
- 3 acres including shoreline on Lake Waconia for Lake Waconia Regional Park in Carver County (\$600,000 Environment Trust Funds, \$400,000 Metro Council bonds and \$1,530,000 Carver County funds for a total of \$2,530,000)
- 456 acres which encompasses the entire park for Empire Wetlands Regional Park in Dakota County (\$1,020,000 Environment Trust Funds, \$680,000 Metro Council bonds, \$800,000 other Metro Council grant approved in 2006, \$6 million of 2006 State bonds, \$3,444,000 of Dakota County funds for a total of \$11,940,000)
- 47 acres including shoreline of St. Catherines Lake for Doyle-Kennefick Regional Park in Scott County (\$170,744 Environment Trust Funds, \$677,625 Metro Council bonds and \$282,789 of FY 2009 Metro Greenways Grant for a total of \$1,113,158)

Project Results Use and Dissemination

Each regional park agency that received a grant or grants from this appropriation informs the public about the land acquisition with its own website and news releases. The Metropolitan Council also publishes a "Regional Parks Directory and Map" that informs the public about the recreation activities available at each regional park and trail and includes website addresses and phone numbers for each park agency for more information. Finally, the Metropolitan Council's website includes an interactive parks map that contains the same information as the paper version of the "Regional Parks Directory and Map" at www.metrocouncil.org/parks/r-pk-map.htm

Trust Fund 2007 Work Program Final Report

Date of Final Report: October 22, 2008

Date of Work program Approval: June 20, 2007

Project Completion Date: June 30, 2010

I. PROJECT TITLE: Metropolitan Regional Park System Land Acquisition

Project Manager: Arne Stefferud

Affiliation: Metropolitan Council

Mailing Address: 390 North Robert Street

City / State / Zip: St. Paul, MN 55101

Telephone Number: 651-602-1360

E-mail Address: arne.stefferud@metc.state.mn.us

FAX Number: 651-602-1674

Web Page address: www.metrocouncil.org

Location: 7-county Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. See attached map titled "Result 1: Acquisition Opportunity Grants" for locations of where land could be acquired. Land within the master plan boundaries and land where the Metropolitan Council has approved a master plan for a park or trail search area could be acquired with this appropriation.

Total Trust Fund Project Budget:	Trust Fund Appropriation:	\$	2,500,000
	Minus Amount Spent		
	(10/22/08):	\$	2,500,000
	Equal Balance (10/22/08):	\$	0

Legal Citation: ML 2007, Chap. 30, Sec. 2, Subd. 4(f).

Appropriation Language: \$2,500,000 is from the trust fund to the Metropolitan Council for subgrants for the acquisition of lands within the approved park unit boundaries of the metropolitan regional park system. This appropriation may not be used for the purchase of residential structures. Subdivision 12 applies to grants awarded in the approved workprogram. This appropriation must be matched by at least 40 percent of nonstate money and must be committed by December 31, 2007, or the appropriation cancels. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2010, 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 appropriation leveraged a total of \$18.1 million of other funds to acquire 528 acres for the Metropolitan Regional Park System as follows:

- 61 acres on the southern shore of Cedar Lake for Cedar Lake Farm Regional Park in Scott County (\$600,000 Environment Trust Funds, \$400,000 Metro Council bonds and \$3,526,192 of Scott County funds for a total of \$4,526,192).

- 8.2 acres including shoreline on the Mississippi River for Grey Cloud Island Regional Park in Washington County (\$109,256 Environment Trust Funds, \$72,838 Metro Council bonds, and \$273,141 Washington County funds for a total of \$455,235).
- 3 acres including shoreline on Lake Waconia for Lake Waconia Regional Park in Carver County (\$600,000 Environment Trust Funds, \$400,000 Metro Council bonds and \$1,530,000 Carver County funds for a total of \$2,530,000)
- 456 acres which encompasses the entire park for Empire Wetlands Regional Park in Dakota County (\$1,020,000 Environment Trust Funds, \$680,000 Metro Council bonds, \$800,000 other Metro Council grant approved in 2006, \$6 million of 2006 State bonds, \$3,444,000 of Dakota County funds for a total of \$11,940,000)
- 47 acres including shoreline of St. Catherine's Lake for Doyle-Kennefick Regional Park in Scott County (\$170,744 Environment Trust Funds, \$677,625 Metro Council bonds and \$282,789 of FY 2009 Metro Greenways Grant for a total of \$1,1131,158)

IV. OUTLINE OF PROJECT RESULTS:

Result 1: Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grants

Description: Awarded subgrants to regional park agencies to acquire land within approved regional park unit boundaries when acquisition CIP funds had been spent by that agency. 528 acres were acquired. Grants were awarded when land was available to purchase. Trust Funds financed 60% of each subgrant and Metropolitan Council bonds financed 40% of each subgrant. The Metropolitan Council determined the maximum amount a regional park implementing agency could receive from this appropriation. The premise for the subgrant limit to a park agency is that it provides at least partial funding for large scale acquisitions in several locations. The limit per park agency has the affect of leveraging additional money beyond the Trust Funds and Metro Council funds. Regional park implementing agencies have identified up to \$28 million of land that could be acquired in the near future. Consequently limiting the amount an agency could receive from this appropriation and Council bond match is not a problem. The attached map illustrates the locations where land acquisition could have occurred. The "search areas" are eligible for acquisition funding if the park agency also submits and the Metropolitan Council approves a land acquisition master plan for that park or trail search area concurrently with a request for an acquisition opportunity fund grant.

October 22, 2008 Final Summary Budget Information for Result 1:

Trust Fund Budget:	\$2,500,000
Amount Spent (10/22/08):	\$2,500,000
Balance (10/22/08):	\$ 0

#	Deliverables	Completion Date	Budget	Status
1	61 acres	October 10, 2007	\$ 600,000	Grant closed
2	8 acres	November 2, 2007	\$ 109,256	Grant closed
3	2.94 acres	June 2008	\$ 600,000	Grant closed
4	456 acres	May 29, 2008	\$1,020,000	Grant closed
5	47 acres	October 2008	\$ 170,744	Grant closed

When the Metropolitan Council authorizes subgrants to regional park agencies to acquire land under this appropriation, a description of that land will be described as a “Deliverable”, along with the date it was acquired as the “Completion Date”, the amount of the appropriation spent on the land will be listed under “Budget”, and the status of the grant will be stated under “Status”. More detail on each acquisition, including the expenditure of the non-State match and related expenditures such as legal fees and property tax equivalency payments required to be paid on each acquisition is shown in Attachment A: Budget Detail.

Result Status as of March 21, 2007: Initial workprogram submittal.

Result Status as of October 22, 2008:

Deliverable 1: \$600,000 of Trust Fund appropriation matched with \$400,000 of Metropolitan Council bonds that partially financed acquisition of 61 acres including shoreline of Cedar Lake as part of Cedar Lake Farm Regional Park in Scott County. Scott County provided \$3,526,192 to fill the gap needed to acquire this land.

Deliverable 2: \$109,256 of Trust Fund appropriation matched with \$72,838 of Metropolitan Council bonds that partially financed 8 acres including shoreline of the Mississippi River at Grey Cloud Island Regional Park in Washington County. Washington County provided \$273,141 to fill the gap needed to acquire this land.

Deliverable 3: \$600,000 of Trust Fund appropriation matched with \$400,000 of Metropolitan Council bonds granted on Feb. 27, 2008 that partially financed acquisition of 2.94 acres including 215 feet of Lake Waconia shoreline as part of Lake Waconia Regional Park in Carver County. Carver County will provide up to \$1,530,000 to fill the gap needed to acquire this land.

Deliverable 4: \$1,020,000 of Trust Fund appropriation matched with \$680,000 of Metropolitan Council bonds granted on April 23, 2008. It partially financed the acquisition of the 456 acre Empire Wetlands Regional Park in Dakota County. In addition to these funds the following amounts are being provided for this acquisition which will cost \$11,940,000:

- Dakota County up to \$3,440,000
- 2006 State bond appropriation of \$6 million
- Metro Council grant SG-06-123 of \$800,000

Deliverable 5: \$170,744 of Trust Fund appropriation matched with \$677,625 of Metropolitan Council bonds granted on June 25, 2008. It partially financed the acquisition of 47 acres including 3,500 feet of shoreline of St. Catherine’s Lake for Doyle-Kennefick Regional Park in Scott County. An FY 2009 Metro Greenways grant of \$282,789 completed the funding for the acquisition’s \$1,131,158 total cost.

V. TOTAL TRUST FUND PROJECT BUDGET: \$2,500,000

Staff or Contract Services: \$0. The non-State fund match will be used to finance staff or contract services related to acquiring the land financed with this appropriation.

Equipment: \$ 0 not applicable

Development: \$ 0 not applicable

Restoration: \$ 0 not applicable

Acquisition, including easements: \$ 2,500,000. 528 acres were acquired.

Explanation of Capital Expenditures Greater Than \$3,500:

No capital expenditures will be financed with this appropriation.

VI. OTHER FUNDS & PARTNERS:

A. Project Partners:

The following regional park implementing agencies are eligible to receive an Acquisition Opportunity Grant from this appropriation. The amount each agency actually receives is dependent on the amount needed for a particular subgrant and will be reported in future status reports in Attachment A: Budget Detail.

Regional Park Agency Contact	Regional Park Agency Name
John VondeLinde	Anoka County Parks Dept.
Randy Quale	City of Bloomington Parks Dept.
Marty Walsh	Carver County Parks Dept.
Steve Sullivan	Dakota County Parks Dept.
Mike Kimble	Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board
Greg Mack	Ramsey County Parks Dept.
Jody Martinez	City of St. Paul Parks Dept.
Mark Themig	Scott County Parks Dept.
Boe Carlson	Three Rivers Park District
John Elholm	Washington County Parks Dept.

B. Other Funds Proposed to be Spent during the Project Period:

\$1,666,000 of Metropolitan Council bonds will be used as a match to the \$2,500,000 Trust Funds. An accounting of the Council bonds along with its match to the Trust Funds appropriation is provided in Attachment A: Budget Detail for each acquisition subgrant when it was authorized by the Metropolitan Council.

C. Past Spending:

From 2001 to January 2007, the Metropolitan Council has authorized subgrants to regional park agencies financed with Metropolitan Council bonds to acquire land under its "Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant" program. A total of 980 acres have been purchased with the grants, which totaled \$5.3 million. The regional park

agencies have provided \$6.9 million, and other entities such as watershed districts have provided \$6.2 million to partially finance these acquisitions. There have also been donations via sales at below market prices which have a value of \$5.8 million.

D. Time:

All subgrants awarded with this appropriation will be authorized, and the land will be acquired between the time the appropriation goes into effect and June 30, 2010 unless the appropriation timeline is extended by future legislation.

VII. DISSEMINATION:

The Metropolitan Council will use its website www.metrocouncil.org to publish requests for subgrants financed with this appropriation as part of its consideration of those subgrant requests. The public may comment on those subgrant requests at meetings conducted by the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission and the Metropolitan Council.

VIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

Periodic work program progress reports will be submitted in January 2008, July 2008, January 2009, July 2009, January 2010 and a final report in August 2010.

IX. RESEARCH PROJECTS: Not applicable.

Result 1: Acquisition Opportunity Grants

Land Acquisition Areas That Would Be Eligible for Acquisition Opportunity Grant Fund

\$2.5 million Trust Funds

\$1.6 million Met Council Bonds

Purchase approx. 210 acres



RP = Regional Park
 PR = Park Reserve
 RT = Regional Trail
 Search Area = Proposed park location;
 boundary determined by master plan
 Search Corridor = Proposed trail alignment;
 location determined by master plan

Deliverable 1: Acquire 61 acres including shoreline of Cedar Lake as part of Cedar Lake Farm Regional Park in Scott County



Deliverable 2: Acquire 8 acres including shoreline of the Mississippi River at Grey Cloud Island Regional Park in Washington County



Deliverable 3: Acquire 2.94 acres including 215 feet of Lake Waconia shoreline as part of Lake Waconia Regional Park in Carver County



Deliverable 4: Acquire 456 acre Empire Wetlands Regional Park in Dakota County



Deliverable 5: Acquire 47 acres including 3,500 feet of shoreline of St. Catherine's Lake for Doyle-Kennefick Regional Park in Scott County



Attachment A: Budget Detail for 2007 Projects - Summary and Budget Page								
Status Report Date: October 22, 2008								
Project Title: Metropolitan Regional Park System Land Acquisition, 4(f)								
Project Manager Name: Arne Stefferud								
Trust Fund Appropriation: \$2,500,000								
1) See list of non-eligible expenses, do not include any of these items in your budget sheet								
2) Remove any budget item lines not applicable								
2007 Trust Fund Budget	Result 1 Budget:	Deliverable 1 amount spent (April 9, 2008)	Deliverable 2 amount spent (April 9, 2008)	Deliverable 3 amount spent (October 22, 2008)	Deliverable 4 amount spent (October 22, 2008)	Deliverable 5 amount spent (October 22, 2008)	TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT (October 22, 2008)	TOTAL BALANCE (October 22, 2008)
Trust Funds	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 109,256	\$ 600,000	\$ 1,020,000	\$ 170,744	\$ 2,500,000	\$ -
Metro Council bond match	\$ 1,666,666	\$ 400,000	\$ 72,838	\$ 400,000	\$ 680,000	\$ 113,828	\$ 1,666,666	\$ -
Total	\$ 4,166,666	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 182,094	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 284,572	\$ 4,166,666	\$ -
BUDGET ITEM								
Park agency recipient of subgrant and description of land acquired with subgrant (grant number, park unit name, acres acquired)		Scott County, Grant SG-2007-33, Cedar Lake Farm Regional Park, 61 acres	Washington County, Grant SG-2007-114, Grey Cloud Island Regional Park, 8.19 acres	Carver County, Grant SG-2008-013, Lake Waconia Regional Park, 2.94 acres	Dakota County, Amendment to Grant SG-2006-138, Empire Wetlands Regional Park, 456 acres	Scott County, Grant SG-2008-086, Doyle-Kennefick Regional Park, 47 acres	575.13 acres acquired	
Trust Fund used to partially finance subgrant for deliverable		\$ 600,000	\$ 109,256	\$ 600,000	\$ 1,020,000	\$ 170,744		
Metro Council match to Trust Funds for that subgrant		\$ 400,000	\$ 72,838	\$ 400,000	\$ 680,000	\$ 113,828		
Land acquisition (portion of purchase price)		\$ 1,000,000	\$ 182,094	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 284,572		
Land rights acquisition (less than fee)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Professional Services for Acq. (list legal fees for services related to acquiring the land, appraisal fees, and related fees for obtaining clear title)	Subgrant not used for this expense	Subgrant not used for this expense	Subgrant not used for this expense	Subgrant not used for this expense	Subgrant not used for this expense	Subgrant not used for this expense	Subgrant not used for this expense	Subgrant not used for this expense
Payment in Lieu of Property Tax as required by State law	Subgrant not used for this expense	Subgrant not used for this expense	Subgrant not used for this expense	Subgrant not used for this expense	Subgrant not used for this expense	Subgrant not used for this expense	Subgrant not used for this expense	Subgrant not used for this expense
Other land improvement for stewardship activities such as capping wells	Subgrant not used for this expense	Subgrant not used for this expense	Subgrant not used for this expense	Subgrant not used for this expense	Subgrant not used for this expense	Subgrant not used for this expense	Subgrant not used for this expense	Subgrant not used for this expense
COLUMN TOTAL FOR RESULTS	\$ 4,166,666	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 182,094	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 284,572	\$ 4,166,666	\$ -