

2008 Project Abstract

For the Period Ending June 30, 2010

PROJECT TITLE: 3.5: Fish and Wildlife Acquisition
Metro Conservation Corridors

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FUNDING SOURCE: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

LEGAL CITATION: ML 2008, CH 367, Sec. 2. Sub 3(a)

APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$557,000

Overall Project Outcome and Results

This project resulted in the completion of three fee title acquisition parcels on the Vermillion River in Dakota County. Totals for the 3 acquisitions equaled 323.3 acres, including 2.75 total miles of shoreline. One of the parcels on the Vermillion River was also paid for with 2009 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) acquisition dollars, resulting in both acres and miles being divided proportionately between the two phases. As part of this project, ENRTF dollars (\$556,388) directly acquired approximately 87.1 acres of the total, including 0.61 miles of stream. Other state dollars (\$774,000) acquired approximately 132.3 acres, including 1.1 miles of stream. Donation of value (\$568,205) accounted for 103.9 acres, including 1.0 miles of stream.

Project goals were to secure fee title or easements on approximately 50 acres, and leverage about 25 acres of acquisition through partner funds.

**2008 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF)
Final Work Program Report**

Date of Report: July 14, 2010
Date of Next Status Report: NA
Date of Work Program Approval: July 1, 2008
Project Completion Date: June 30, 2010

I. Project Title: Metro Conservation Corridors - Fish and Wildlife Acquisition (3.5)

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Location: Greater Metro Region (targeted portions of 15 counties)

Total ENRTF Project Budget:		ENRTF
	Appropriation:	\$ 557,000
	Minus Amount Spent:	\$ 556,388
	Equal Balance:	\$ 612

Legal Citation: ML 2008, Chap.367, Sec.2, Subd.3(a).

Appropriation Language: \$3,150,000 is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for the fourth appropriation for acceleration of agency programs and cooperative agreements. Of this appropriation, \$1,915,000 is for Department of Natural Resources agency programs and \$1,235,000 is for agreements as follows: \$475,000 with the Trust for Public Land; \$92,000 with Friends of the Mississippi River; \$111,000 with Great River Greening; \$225,000 with Minnesota Land Trust; \$225,000 with Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc.; and \$107,000 with Friends of the Minnesota Valley for the purposes of planning, restoring, and protecting important natural areas in the metropolitan area, as defined under Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2, and portions of the surrounding counties, through grants, contracted services, conservation easements, and fee title 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 corridor 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. All conservation easements must be perpetual and have a natural resource management plan. Any land acquired in fee title by the commissioner of natural resources with money from this appropriation must be designated as an outdoor recreation unit under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.07. The commissioner may similarly designate any lands acquired in less than fee title. A list of proposed restorations and fee title and easement acquisitions must be provided as part of the required work program. All funding for conservation easements must include a long-term stewardship plan and funding for monitoring and enforcing the agreement.

II. & III. FINAL PROJECT SUMMARY:

This project resulted in the completion of three fee title acquisition parcels on the Vermillion River in Dakota County. Totals for the three acquisitions equal 323.3 acres, including 2.75 total miles of shoreline. One of the parcels on the Vermillion River was also paid for with 09 ETF 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 (\$556,388) directly acquired approximately 87.1 acres of the total, including 0.61 miles of stream. Other state dollars (\$774,000) acquired approximately 132.3 acres, including 1.1 miles of stream. Donation of value (\$568,205) accounted for 103.9 acres, including 1.0 miles of stream.

Professional Services costs for 08 ETF acquisitions totaled \$31,888

IV. OUTLINE OF PROJECT RESULTS:

Acquisition will focus on linkages that provide both fish and wildlife habitat values. The acquired lands will be designated and managed as Wildlife Management Area (WMA) or Aquatic Management Area (AMA) or a combination of both. Any shoreline easements acquired will provide environmental protection of the shoreline and riparian zone as well as public angler access. A monitoring program will be implemented for all easements, and stewardship requirements will be funded with Fisheries project dollars.

Result 1: Fish and Wildlife Land Acquisition
Allocation \$556,388 Balance \$612 (back to ETF)

<u>Program Area/Result</u>	<u>Trust Dollars Spent</u>	<u>Trust Accomplishments</u>
	\$ 556,388	323.3 acres with 2.75 miles of shoreline

Professional services in the amount of \$31,888 related to land acquisition is included

Completion Date: June 30, 2010

Description: This project will secure fee title or easements on approximately 50 acres, and leverage about 25 acres of acquisition through partner funds. Priority will be given to acquiring regionally significant fish and wildlife habitat that will both build on the existing shoreline habitat and provide angler access. Project money is expected to generate additional non-state funded acres and shoreline miles, for a grand total of 75 acres and 1.6 miles of critical shoreline habitat. Collaborative partnerships will be promoted in order to acquire key lands. Projects may occur anywhere within the Southern and Eastern Focus areas including, but not limited to, Dakota County, Scott County, and Washington County depending on priorities, risk of development, and potential partners. Specifically, acquisition under this grant will be of high priority property at one or more of the following sites.

- Vermillion River (Dakota County),
- Brown’s Creek Washington County), and/or
- Eagle Creek (Scott County)

Gores AMA, Parcel 1, Dakota County

Trust Acres	Trust Miles	Trust \$	Other St. \$	Other \$	Other St. Acres	Other St. Miles	Other Acres	Other Miles	Total Acres	Total Miles
18.3	0.19	\$100,000	\$344,000	\$568,205	62.8	0.65	103.8	1.06	185	1.90

Vermillion River, Parcel 7, Dakota County

Trust Acres	Trust Miles	Trust \$	Other St. \$	Other \$	Other St. Acres	Other St. Miles	Other Acres	Other Miles	Total Acres	Total Miles
37.2	0.27	\$204,500	\$200,000	\$0	36.4	0.26	0	0	73.55	0.53

Vermillion River, Parcel 5, Dakota County

Trust Acres	Trust Miles	Trust \$	Other St. \$	Other \$	Other St. Acres	Other St. Miles	Other Acres	Other Miles	Total Acres	Total Miles
31.6	0.16	\$220,000	\$230,000	\$0	33.1	0.16	0	0	64.7	0.32

Total

87.1	0.61	\$524,500	\$774,000	\$568,205	132.3	1.1	103.8	1.1	323.3	2.75
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Professional Services Total: Grand Total (Trust only): \$ 31,888

**Summary Budget Information for Result 1: Trust Fund Budget: \$557,000
Balance: \$ 612**

V. OTHER FUNDS & PARTNERS:

A. Project Partners: Metro Conservation Corridor partners (see Table A) and private landowners, local governments, regional, state and federal agencies, nonprofit organizations and citizen groups.

B. Other Funds Being spent during the Project Period:

Year	Funding Source	Fisheries	Wildlife
2008	Bonding	\$1,000,000	\$5,000,000
Total		\$1,000,000	\$5,000,000

C. Past Spending

Year	Funding Source	Fisheries	Wildlife
1997	ETF	\$ 567,000	\$ 500,000
2001	ETF – Outstate	\$2,000,000	
2003	ETF – Metro	\$ 384,000	\$ 240,000
2003	ETF – Outstate	\$ 600,000	\$
2005	ETF – Metro	\$ 290,000	\$
2005	ETF – Outstate	\$ 280,000	\$ 27,350
2005	ETF - Bonding	\$1,050,000	\$10,000,000
2006	ETF - Bonding	\$2,000,000	\$14,000,000

Total \$7,471,000 \$24,767,350

D. Time: Fisheries plans to expend these funds within 12-15 months of their availability. July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2010 (if needed).

VII. DISSEMINATION: Fisheries in cooperation with its partners will issue a press release and/or publicize a dedication event for each acquisition completed through this project. Other dissemination of information will be through Metro Corridors partnership, Embrace Open Space, and on the Metro Corridors website.

VIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

Periodic work program progress reports will be submitted not later than February 1st and August 1st of each year. A final work program report and associated products will be submitted between June 30 and August 1, 2009 or 2010 as requested by the LCCMR

IX. RESEARCH PROJECTS: NA

Attachment A: Budget Detail for 2008 Projects - Final					
Project Title: Metro Conservation Corridors (MeCC) Phase IV: DNR Fish and Wildlife (3.5)					
Project Manager Name: Mike Halverson					
Trust Fund Appropriation: \$ 557,000					
2008 Trust Fund Budget	<u>Result 1</u> <u>Budget:</u>	Amount Spent (<i>June</i> <i>30, 2010</i>)	Balance (<i>June</i> <i>30,2010</i>)	TOTAL BUDGET	BALANCE
BUDGET ITEM	Acquisition				
PERSONNEL: wages and benefits			\$ -		
Land acquisition	\$ 522,000	\$ 524,500	\$ (2,500)	\$ 522,000	\$ (2,500)
Professional Services for Acq.	\$ 35,000	\$ 31,888	\$ 3,112	\$ 35,000	\$ 3,112
Improvement of Acquired Lands			\$ -		
COLUMN TOTAL	\$ 557,000	\$ 556,388	\$ 612	\$ 557,000	\$ 612