

2008 Project Abstract

For the Period Ending June 30, 2010

PROJECT TITLE: Critical Lands Conservation Initiative - 4a - Habitat Conservation Partnership

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FUNDING SOURCE: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

LEGAL CITATION: ML 2008 First Special Section, Ch.367, Sec. 2 Subd. 3(c).

APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$350,000

Overall Project Outcome and Results

To help slow the loss of habitat and declining wildlife populations, Pheasants Forever purchased in fee-title 8 parcels totaling 289.27 acres to permanently protect quality wildlife habitat lands within Big Stone, Blue Earth, Chippewa, Faribault, Grant, Lincoln, Ottertail, and Pope Counties, MN. All lands have been or will be enrolled into the state Wildlife Management Area System and will be protected and managed in perpetuity by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. In addition, these newly acquired WMAs will provide access and recreational opportunities for ALL Minnesotans, so fundamentally important to our outdoor heritage.

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Project Results Use and Dissemination

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Total Biennial Project Budget

Result	ENTF Allocation	ENTF Funds Spent	ENTF Balance	Other Funds Proposed	Other Funds Spent
Acquisition	\$350,000	\$349,985	\$15	\$350,000	\$428,446
Total	\$350,000	\$349,985	\$15	\$350,000	\$428,446

Work Program Summary

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Land Acquisition Report Date of Submission:

- Alvstad WMA - 05/24/2010
- Benderberg WMA - 08/18/2010
- Cambria WMA - 05/24/2010
- Clare Johnson WMA - 08/18/2010
- Copeland WMA - 05/24/2010
- Milan WMA - 08/18/2010
- Rich Lake II WMA - 05/24/2010
- White Bear WMA - 05/24/2010

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Acquisition Activities

Project Name:	White Bear WMA							
Project Area:	3 - Border Prairie							
	Township: 125, Range: 39, Section: 4							
Acquisition Holder:	DNR-WMA							
Description:	This 50.3-acre addition includes wetland and grass with approximately 10 acres of farmland adjacent to the White Bear WMA in White Bear Lake Township, Pope County. This parcel helps to square up the existing unit and includes several wetlands that straddle the WMA boundary onto this property. Acquisition also will protect the creek drainage that flows from the WMA until the road. Acquisition will enable better WMA grassland and wetland management. Since this project straddles phases IV and V, prorated acre totals do not equal total project acres in this report.							
Acquisition reported via LCCMR website:	Yes							
		Acres	Grassland Acres	Woodland Acres	Wetland Acres	Shoreline Feet	Riparian Feet	
	Non Prorated Totals:	50.30	33.00	0.00	17.00	0.00	0.00	
<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funds Use</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	Fee-Title Acquisition Costs	\$21,408.01	7.91	5.19	0.00	2.67	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Donated Fee Value	\$22,918.00	8.47	5.56	0.00	2.86	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Fee-Title Acquisition Costs	\$12,556.00	4.64	3.04	0.00	1.57	0.00	0.00
White Bear WMA Total		\$56,882.01	21.02	13.79	0.00	7.11	0.00	0.00

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Project Name:	Benderberg WMA
Tract:	18
Project Area:	6 - Upper Minnesota River
	Township: 119, Range: 42, Section: 13
Acquisition Holder:	DNR-WMA
Description:	This tract consists of 20 acres of wetland and 62 acres of upland and croplands. The croplands will be permanently retired and restored with a high diversity prairie mix. This tract is 2 miles from the 9,000 acre Lac Qui Parle WMA, 1.5 miles away from the Milan WMA, and adjoins another WMA. The acquisition of this tract builds upon previous wildlife habitat investments, will provide quality wildlife habitat, and will provide outdoor recreation opportunities to all Minnesotans. This project was completed using both 2008 and 2009 ENTF appropriations.
Acquisition reported via LCCMR website:	Yes

			Acres	Grassland Acres	Woodland Acres	Wetland Acres	Shoreline Feet	Riparian Feet
Non Prorated Totals:			82.00	62.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	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	\$36,067.00	17.16	12.98	0.00	4.19	0.00	0.00
ENTF	Professional Services	\$978.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ENTF	Professional Services	\$76.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ENTF	Professional Services	\$1,060.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Fee-Title Acquisition Costs	\$62,563.00	29.77	22.51	0.00	7.26	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Fee-Title Acquisition Costs	\$9,300.00	4.43	3.35	0.00	1.08	0.00	0.00
Benderberg WMA Total		\$110,044.00	51.37	38.84	0.00	12.53	0.00	0.00

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Project Name:	Milan WMA
Tract:	14
Project Area:	6 - Upper Minnesota River Township: 119, Range: 42, Section: 4
Acquisition Holder:	DNR-WMA
Description:	This 65 acre tract consists of 20 acres of wetland and 45 acres of upland prairie habitat. There is approximately 20 acres of remnant native prairie on this tract and directly adjoins an established permanently protected habitat complex consisting of WMAs and WPAs. The acquisition of this tract will permanently protect remnant native prairie, will provide quality wildlife habitat, and will provide outdoor recreation opportunities to all Minnesotans.
Acquisition reported via LCCMR website:	Yes

<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funds Use</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	Fee-Title Acquisition Costs	\$55,200.00	30.64	21.21	0.00	9.43	0.00	0.00
ENTF	Professional Services	\$92.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ENTF	Professional Services	\$999.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Fee-Title Acquisition Costs	\$55,200.00	30.64	21.21	0.00	9.43	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Fee-Title Acquisition Costs	\$6,700.00	3.72	2.57	0.00	1.14	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Professional Services	\$2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Milan WMA Total		\$120,691.50	65.00	45.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00

Project Name:	Clare Johnson WMA
Project Area:	9 - Des Moines River Valley Township: 113, Range: 45, Section: 7
Acquisition Holder:	DNR-WMA
Description:	PF purchased (fee title) 36.6 acre adjacent to the excellent wetland on the Clare Johnson WMA. This acquisition will provide quality wildlife habitat and also provide recreational opportunities. PF is in the process of transferring the property to the MNDNR to be managed as a WMA. Matching costs were \$2,500 for an appraisal. Total purchase price was \$85,000 with \$33,000 coming the ENRTF and the remaining from NAWCA and PF.
Acquisition reported via LCCMR website:	Yes

<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funds Use</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	Fee-Title Acquisition Costs	\$33,000.00	14.99	13.43	0.00	1.55	0.00	0.00
ENTF	Professional Services	\$1,279.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Fee-Title Acquisition Costs	\$33,000.00	14.99	13.43	0.00	1.55	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Fee-Title Acquisition Costs	\$19,000.00	8.63	7.73	0.00	0.89	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Professional Services	\$2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clare Johnson WMA Total		\$88,779.00	38.60	34.60	0.00	4.00	0.00	0.00

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Project Name:	Cambria WMA
Tract:	1
Project Area:	10 - Southern Lakes
	Township: 109, Range: 29, Section: 22
Acquisition Holder:	DNR-WMA
Description:	This parcel lies in NW Blue Earth County and contains 11-acres of remnant native prairie, 50 acres of mixed hardwoods, and shoreline of an oxbow of the Minnesota River. DNR area staff have catalogued more than 60 species of native prairie plants on this site. Funding partners include the seller who donated \$2,934 in land value, Nicollet/Blue Earth PF (\$50,000), MN Deer Hunter's Association (\$4,000), Alliance Pipeline (\$20,000), and the PF Minnesota Habitat Fund (\$20,000).
Acquisition reported via LCCMR website:	Yes

			Acres	Grassland Acres	Woodland Acres	Wetland Acres	Shoreline Feet	Riparian Feet
Non Prorated Totals:			81.00	31.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	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	\$134,200.00	47.03	18.00	29.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Donated Fee Value	\$2,934.00	1.03	0.39	0.63	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Fee-Title Acquisition Costs	\$94,000.00	32.94	12.61	20.33	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cambria WMA Total		\$231,134.00	81.00	31.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Project Name:	Rice Lake - Faribault County
Project Area:	10 - Southern Lakes
	Township: 104, Range: 27, Section: 21
Acquisition Holder:	DNR-WMA
Description:	PF acquired in fee 27 acres on the outlet of Rice Lake. This acquisition will allow water level management on the lake by installing a water control structure and fish barrier. Total acquisition cost was \$130,000 with \$59,750 coming from ENRTF. The remaining \$70,250 were other non-state funds. In addition, \$2,750 was match for the appraisal and 697.79 of ENRTF funds paid for closing costs.
Acquisition reported via LCCMR website:	Yes

Funding Type	Funds Use	Funding Amount	Prorated Acres	Grassland Acres	Woodland Acres	Wetland Acres	Shoreline Feet	Riparian Feet
ENTF	Fee-Title Acquisition Costs	\$59,750.00	12.41	10.11	0.00	2.30	0.00	0.00
ENTF	Professional Services	\$697.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Fee-Title Acquisition Costs	\$70,250.00	14.59	11.89	0.00	2.70	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Professional Services	\$2,750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rice Lake - Faribault County Total		\$133,447.79	27.00	22.00	0.00	5.00	0.00	0.00

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Project Name:	Alvstad WMA
Project Area:	3-7-8 - Border Prairie Transition Zone Township: 128, Range: 41, Section: 1
Acquisition Holder:	DNR-WMA
Description:	This acquisition squares off the existing Alvstad WMA unit. It improves nesting cover for grassland birds along with providing improved parking and access to the existing Alvstad Wildlife Management Area. Since this project straddles phase IV and V, the prorated acres totals do not equal the total project totals in this report. Professional services included under Phase V are legal fees.
Acquisition reported via LCCMR website:	Yes

			Acres	Grassland Acres	Woodland Acres	Wetland Acres	Shoreline Feet	Riparian Feet
Non Prorated Totals:			10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funds Use</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	Professional Services	\$159.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Donated Fee Value	\$32,275.00	5.27	5.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Alvstad WMA Total		\$32,434.50	5.27	5.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Project Name:	Copeland WMA
Tract:	3
Project Area:	3-7-8 - Border Prairie Transition Zone Township: 131, Range: 44, Section: 32
Acquisition Holder:	DNR-WMA
Description:	Marsh and upland habitat adjacent to Copeland WMA located in the Southwest Otter Tail County beach ridge habitat corridor. In addition to adding and preserving habitat in this important corridor, acquisition of this tract will enable additional public use and access to the unit from the south. Professional services included appraisal, appraisal addenda, closing costs and survey.
Acquisition reported via LCCMR website:	Yes

			Acres	Grassland Acres	Woodland Acres	Wetland Acres	Shoreline Feet	Riparian Feet
Non Prorated Totals:			32.00	7.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funds Use</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	Fees	\$17.93	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
Copeland WMA Total		\$17.93	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00

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:	\$344,984.73	130.15	80.93	29.03	20.15	0.00	0.00

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Other Funds:	\$428,446.00	159.11	109.57	20.97	28.49	0.00	0.00
Total:	\$773,430.73	289.27	190.50	50.00	48.64	0.00	0.00

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Work Program Expenditures (Not Attributable to Specific Projects)

FundingType	Category	Amount	Description
ENTF	Personnel Expenditures	\$5,000.00	Personnel cost
Total:		\$5,000.00	

Work Program Expenditures (Not Attributable to Specific Projects) By Funding Type

Funding Type	Amount
ENTF:	\$5,000.00
Total:	\$5,000.00

Work Program Expenditures Breakdown

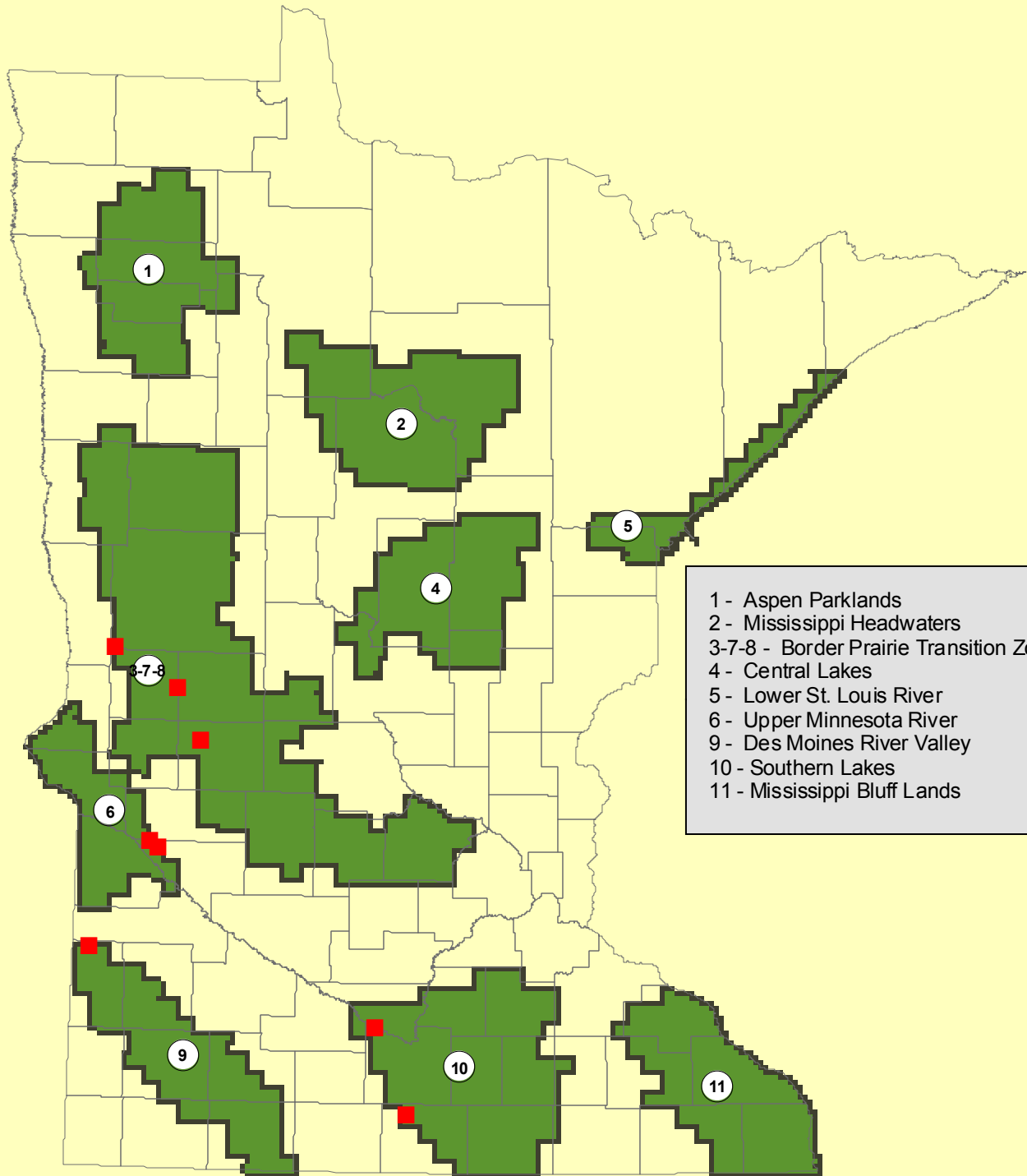
Funding Type:	Acquisition Projects	Not Attributable to Specific Projects	Total
ENTF:	\$344,984.73	\$5,000.00	\$349,984.73
Other Funds:	\$428,446.00	\$0.00	\$428,446.00
Total:	\$773,430.73	\$5,000.00	\$778,430.73

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)

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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
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Attachment A: Budget Detail for 2008 Projects - Summary and a Budget page for each partner								
Project Title: Critical Lands Conservation Initiative (CLCI), Pheasants Forever, HCP V - 2008								
Minnesota's Habitat Conservation Partnership (V)								
Project Manager Name: Eran Sandquist, Regional Wildlife Biologist								
Trust Fund Appropriation: \$								
\$350,000								
2008 Trust Fund Budget	<u>Result 1 Budget:</u>	Amount Spent	Balance	<u>Result 2 Budget:</u>	Amount Spent	Balance	TOTAL	TOTAL BALANCE
	<i>Acquisition</i>	<i>(date)</i>	<i>6/30/10</i>	<i>Personnel</i>	<i>(date)</i>	<i>6/30/10</i>	BUDGET	
BUDGET ITEM								
PERSONNEL: wages and benefits			0	5,000	5,000	0	5,000	0
Land acquisition	345,000	344,985	15			0	345,000	15
COLUMN TOTAL	\$345,000	\$344,985	\$15	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$350,000	\$15

