

2008 Project Abstract

For the Period Ending June 30, 2010

TITLE: Habitat Acquisition for Minnesota Valley Wetland Management District, USFWS- 4(h)

PROJECT MANAGER: Deborah Loon

ORGANIZATION: Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc.

ADDRESS: 2312 Seabury Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55406

WEB SITE ADDRESS: NA

FUND: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

LEGAL CITATION: ML 2008, Chap. 367, Sec. 2, Subd. 3(c).

APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$50,000

Overall Project Outcome and Results

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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	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$85,681
Total	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$85,681

Work Program Summary

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The Trust paid the appraised value for this 80 acre parcel of \$131,200.

Transaction costs for this 80 acres and the adjacent 40 acre parcel acquired simultaneously from the seller were as follows:

- Appraisal – \$1,200
- Legal – \$1,590
- Title insurance, closing, recording fees -- \$1,487.80

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Acquisition Activities

Project Name:		Lincoln WPA Addition						
Tract:		2						
Project Area:		10 - Southern Lakes						
		Township: 107, Range: 29, Section: 26						
Acquisition Holder:		USFWS-WPA						
Description:		The MN Valley Trust has acquired 80 acres as an important addition to the Lincoln WPA. This parcel includes the head of the judicial ditch that runs through the WPA, allowing a full restoration of all wetlands on the WPA.						
Acquisition reported via LCCMR website:		No						
<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	\$50,000.00	30.49	22.87	0.00	7.62	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Fees	\$81,190.55	49.51	37.13	0.00	12.38	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Professional Services	\$4,490.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lincoln WPA Addition Total		\$135,680.55	80.00	60.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00

Acquisition Totals (By Funding Type)

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ENTF:	\$50,000.00	30.49	22.87	0.00	7.62	0.00	0.00
Other Funds:	\$85,680.55	49.51	37.13	0.00	12.38	0.00	0.00
Total:	\$135,680.55	80.00	60.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00

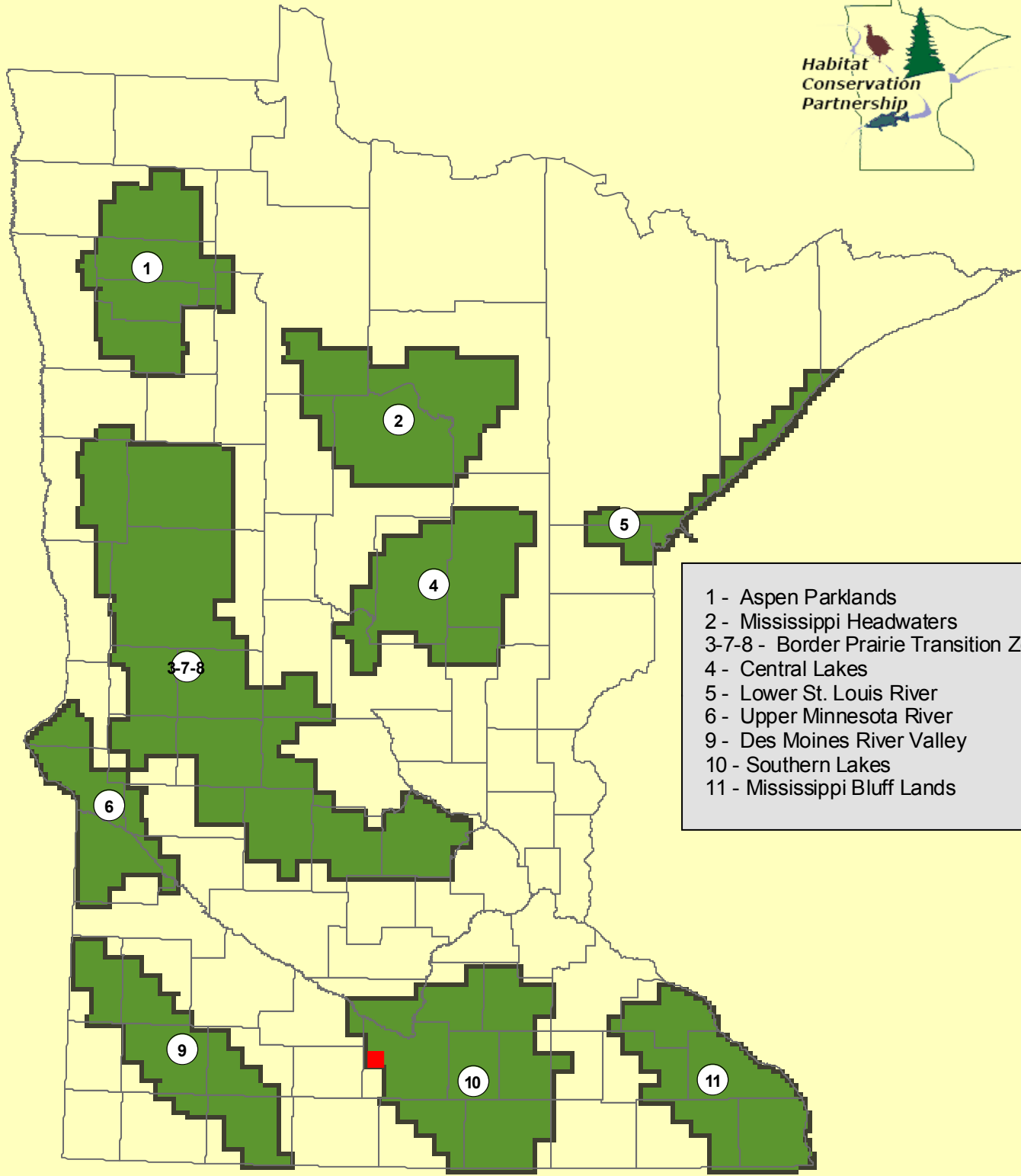
Funding Type Definitions

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 2008 Projects -					
Project Title: Habitat Acquisition for Minnesota Valley Wetland Management District, USFWS- 4(h)					
Project Manager Name: Deborah Loon, Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc.					
Trust Fund Appropriation: \$ 50,000					
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					
2008 Trust Fund Budget	<u>Result 1 Budget:</u>	Amount Spent	Balance as of Feb. 23, 2009	TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL BALANCE
	<i>Acquire 10 acres of priority habitat in focus area 10 for Minnesota Valley Wetland Management District, USFWS</i>				
BUDGET ITEM			0	0	0
Land acquisition	50,000	50,000	0	0	0
COLUMN TOTAL	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	0	\$0

Habitat Conservation Partnership Phase 5 Accomplishments

4H - Habitat Acquisition



Restorations Easements Acquisitions

