

2008 Project Abstract

For the Period Ending June 30, 2010

PROJECT TITLE: Conservation Partners/Environmental Partnerships Matching Grant Program

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LEGAL CITATION: M.L. 2008, Chap. 367, Sec. 2, Subd. 3(k)

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APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$150,000

Overall Project Outcome and Results

A total of seven projects were completed for a total grant amount of \$123,000. Five Conservation Partners habitat projects were completed for \$87,000. The projects included reforestation and invasive species removal in Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park; improving the aquatic ecology of a 130 acre shallow lake in Kandiyohi County; restoration of 1,300 feet of Minnesota River shoreline in Mankato; a 15 acre restoration of prairie, savanna and wetland in Ramsey County; and implementation of several lake shore conservation projects in Stearns County.

Two Environmental Partnership projects were completed for \$36,000. The projects involved implementation of innovative storm water management and interpretation at Square lake Regional Park and demonstration of innovative storm water management practices with environmental interpretation by the Washington County Conservation District.

Two projects originally awarded grants were withdrawn by the applicants.

Administration of the grants was completed by DNR local grants staff for a total of \$10,000. A summary of the funded projects is attached.

Project Results Use and Dissemination

Grant recipients are required to submit a final report on the project to the DNR. This information is maintained in the project file and is available on request. Some projects involve the development of informational signing, brochures, booklets, etc., that are made available to the public.

Trust Fund 2008 Work Program Final Report

Date of Report: October 11, 2010

Final Report

Date of Work Program Approval: June, 2008

Project Completion Date: June 30, 2010

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Location: Statewide

Total Trust Fund Project Budget:	Trust Fund Appropriation:	\$ 150,000
	Minus Amount Spent:	<u>\$ 133,000</u>
	Equal Balance:	\$ 17,000

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Appropriation Language:

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II. and III. FINAL PROJECT SUMMARY: A total of seven projects were completed for a total grant amount of \$123,000. Five Conservation Partners habitat projects were completed for \$87,000. The projects included reforestation and invasive species removal in Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park; improving the aquatic ecology of a 130 acre shallow lake in Kandiyohi County; restoration of 1,300 feet of Minnesota River shoreline in Mankato; a 15 acre restoration of prairie, savanna and wetland in Ramsey County; and implementation of several lake shore conservation projects in Stearns County.

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IV. OUTLINE OF PROJECT RESULTS:

Result 1: Conservation Partners Grants

Final Report Summary: Five projects were completed for a total of \$87,000. One grant totaling \$8,000 was withdrawn by the applicant because of a timing issue involving a larger project. See the attached project summary for details of the completed projects.

Summary Budget Information for Result 1:

Trust Fund Budget:	\$95,000
Amount Spent:	\$87,000
Balance:	\$8,000

Result 2: Environmental Partnerships Grants

Final Report Summary: Two projects were completed for a total of \$36,000. One grant totaling \$9,000 was withdrawn by the applicant. See the attached project summary for details of the completed projects.

Summary Budget Information for Result 2:

Trust Fund Budget:	\$45,000
Amount Spent:	\$36,000
Balance:	\$9,000

Result 3. Administrative Costs

Final Report Summary: A total of seven grants were successfully solicited, managed and closed out according to the terms of the grant agreements.

Summary Budget Information for Result 3:

Trust Fund Budget:	\$10,000
Amount Spent:	\$10,000
Balance:	\$0

V. TOTAL TRUST FUND PROJECT BUDGET:

Staff or Contract Services: \$10,000

This funding supported DNR personnel costs for administering the two grant programs. The grant staff, consisting of the grants program manager, two grant specialists, and various financial transactions staff, were involved in grant solicitation, evaluation and ranking, grant agreement management and project billings. A collective full time equivalent for all of the DNR staff involved over a one year period would equal about .125 FTE, or about one-sixteenth FTE per year.

Equipment: \$0

Development: \$0

Restoration: \$87,000

Acquisition, including easements: \$0

Other: \$36,000 (for innovative storm water management projects and related interpretive projects)

Unspent Balance: \$17,000

TOTAL TRUST FUND PROJECT BUDGET: \$150,000

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

VI. OTHER FUNDS & PARTNERS:

- A. Project Partners:** Partners were local governments and watershed or conservation districts. They provided match dollars as well as in-kind and volunteer contributions. They will also assume all long-term maintenance costs for restorations or similar ongoing projects.
- B. Other Funds Proposed to be Spent during the Project Period:** Grant recipients provided a match of at least \$133,000.
- C. Past Spending:** The 2005 Trust Fund appropriation for these two grant programs was \$500,000. The local match was at least \$460,000 (\$40,000 was for administrative costs).
- D. Time:** Ending the project period on June 30, 2010 helped to provide one full season for restoration projects.

VII. DISSEMINATION: Grant recipients are required to submit a final report on the project to the DNR. This information is maintained in the project file and is available on request. Some projects involve the development of informational signing, brochures, booklets, etc. that are made available to the public.

VIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

Periodic work program progress reports will be submitted no later than December 31, 2008; June 30, 2009; and December 31, 2009. A final work program report and associated products was submitted on October 11, 2010 as requested by the LCCMR.

2009 LCMR Project History - Final Report
 Conservation Partners and Environmental Partnerships Grant Programs
 October 11, 2010

Conservation Partners

CP09-001	Anoka	Reforestation Initiative	\$18,000
CP09-003	Mankato	Minnesota River Bank Restoration	\$18,000
CP09-002	Ducks Unlimited	Olson Lake Enhancement	\$15,000
CP09-004	Ramsey	Teal Pond Restoration	\$18,000
CP09-006	Stearns County SWCD	Fish & Wildlife Habitat Conservation	\$18,000
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Projects: 5		Total Program Award:	\$87,000

Environmental Partnerships

EP09-001	Camelion Marine St. Croix Watershed District	Square Lake Park Water Quality Initiative	\$18,000
EP09-003	Washington Conservation District	Storm water Treatment Project	\$18,000
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Projects: 2		Total Program Award:	\$36,000

Appropriation Summary:

Appropriation Total:	140,000
Project Awards:	123,000
Balance:	17,000
Total Projects Funded:	7

Attachment A: Budget Detail for 2008 Projects - Summary and a Budget page for each partner (if applicable)											
Project Title: Conservation Partners/Environmental Partnerships Matching Grant program											
Project manager name: Wayne Sames											
Trust Fund Appropriation: \$150,000											
2008 Trust Fund Budget	<u>Result 1 Budget:</u>	Amount Spent <i>(date)</i>	Balance Dec. 2007	<u>Result 2 Budget:</u>	Amount Spent <i>(date)</i>	Balance Dec. 2007	<u>Result 3 Budget:</u>	Amount Spent	Balance Dec. 2007	TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL BALANCE
	<i>Conservation Partner Grants</i>			<i>Environmental Partnership Grants</i>			<i>Admin. Costs</i>				
BUDGET ITEM											
Personnel: wages and benefits (includes classified staff)							10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0
Other Land Improvement: Fish, wildlife and native plant habitat	95,000	87,000	8,000							95,000	8,000
Other: Various conservation projects (education/interpretive; monitoring; sampling; research; clean-up; etc.)			0	45,000	36,000	9,000				45,000	9,000
COLUMN TOTAL	\$95,000	\$87,000	\$8,000	\$45,000	\$36,000	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$150,000	\$17,000

**Conservation Partners and Environmental Partnerships
2008 Program Results
OMB / Local Grants Unit**

County	Year	Title - Recipient	Scope	Award
Anoka	2009	County of Anoka Reforestation Initiative	Removal of invasive species and reforestation in areas affected by Dutch Elm Disease and Oak Wilt in Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park. Reforestation efforts would be focused on the planting of bare root trees and spring ephemera's utilizing native plant materials.	\$18,000
Kandiyohi	2009	Ducks Unlimited Olson Lake Enhancement	This project will improve Orson Lake, a 130-acre meandered shallow lake basin that is very turbid and provides little wildlife habitat, by installing a water control structure and drawdown pipe to allow temporary water level drawdowns to rejuvenate the basin's aquatic ecology.	\$15,000
Blue Earth	2009	City of Mankato Minnesota River Bank Restoration	Construction of bend way weirs and re-grading and restoration of 1300 feet of riverbank along the Minnesota River to repair erosion problem. Restoration will be with native plantings and stone.	\$18,000
Ramsey	2009	County of Ramsey Teal Pond Restoration	The 15 acre project will include a 6-acre prairie restoration, a 4-acre savanna, 3.4 acres of undesirable tree removal surrounding a 3.5 acre wetland.	\$18,000
Stearns	2009	Stearns County SWCD Fish & Wildlife Habitat Conservation	Enhance fish and wildlife habitat by addressing lakeside area resource concerns through implementation of conservation practices in areas identified by the Stearns County Lakeside Project. Approximately five project sites will be identified by locating priority areas and implementing conservation projects using grant funds.	\$18,000
Washington	2009	Carnelian Marine St. Croix Square Lake Park Water Quality Initiative	Innovative storm water management and interpretation at Square Lake Park.	\$18,000
Washington	2009	Washington Conservation Storm water Treatment Project	Demonstration of innovative storm water management practices with environmental interpretation.	\$18,000
Statewide Total		7 Projects		\$123,000

