

2009 Project Abstract

For the Period Ending June 30, 2012

PROJECT TITLE: State Parks Acquisitions (4a)
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FUNDING SOURCE: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund
LEGAL CITATION: M.L. 2009, Chap. 143, Sec. 2, Subd. 4(a)

APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$590,000

Overall Project Outcome and Results

The Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund funding allowed for the following:

- Ownership of approximately 87 acres in the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area. Acquisition of this parcel provides for unified ownership of park-managed land and includes a key access point into the recreation area. This parcel also has over one mile of water frontage on three lakes within the recreation area.
- Ownership of a 17-acre parcel in Whitewater State Park. Acquisition of this parcel provides protection on the Whitewater River and adjacent to the park visitor center. The current trail system lies close to the boundary and could now be extended for additional river resource interpretation. The parcel also provides a natural buffer between the visitor center and private development.
- Ownership of approximately 20 acres of land in Nerstrand Big Woods State Park due to partially funding from the Trust Fund. This property is identified by Minnesota County Biological Survey as having outstanding biodiversity significance and has not been logged in over 100 years. The spring ephemerals prevalent in this area of the park are now protected. The site is also key to maintaining the closed canopy and diverse understory characteristic of 'big woods' in Nerstrand Big Woods State Park.

All acquisitions are from willing sellers, and located within the statutory boundary of state parks.

Trust Fund 2009 Work Program Final Report

Date of Report: August 1, 2012

Date of Work program Approval: June 16, 2009

Date of Work program Extension Approval: July 1, 2011

Project Completion Date: June 30, 2012

I. PROJECT TITLE: State Parks Acquisition

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Location: Acquisitions include, but not limited to, 1) Central- Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area near Ironton in Crow Wing County and 2) Southeast– Whitewater SPK near Altura in Winona County and 3) Southern-Nerstrand State Park in Rice County. See attached map for locations.

Total Trust Fund Project Budget:	Trust Fund Appropriation:	\$ 590,000
	Minus Amount Spent:	\$ 590,000
	Equal Balance:	\$ -0-

Legal Citation: ML 2009, Chap.143, Sec. 2, Subd. 4A

Legal Citation: Carry forward ML 2011, Chap. 2, Sec.2, Subd.18a.

Appropriation Language: State Parks Acquisition has been extended to June 30, 2012

\$590,000 is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire in-holdings for state parks. Land acquired with this appropriation must be sufficiently improved to meet at least minimum management standards as determined by the commissioner of natural resources. A list of proposed acquisitions must be provided as part of the required work program.

II.FINAL PROJECT SUMMARY AND RESULTS: Trust Fund funding allowed for the following:

- Ownership of approximately 87 acres in the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area. Acquisition of this parcel provides for unified ownership of park-managed land and includes a key access point into the recreation

area. This parcel also has over one mile of water frontage on three lakes within the recreation area.

- Ownership of a 17-acre parcel in Whitewater State Park. Acquisition of this parcel provides protection on the Whitewater River and adjacent to the park visitor center. The current trail system lies close to the boundary and could now be extended for additional river resource interpretation. The parcel also provides a natural buffer between the visitor center and private development.
- Ownership of approximately 20 acres of land in Nerstrand Big Woods State Park due to partially funding from the Trust Fund. This property is identified by Minnesota County Biological Survey as having outstanding biodiversity significance and has not been logged in over 100 years. The spring ephemerals prevalent in this area of the park are now protected. The site is also key to maintaining the closed canopy and diverse understory characteristic of 'big woods' in Nerstrand Big Woods State Park.

See attached map for locations.

All acquisitions are from willing sellers, and located within the statutory boundary of state parks.

III. FINAL REPORT SUMMARY:

In December 30, 2009, the 87 acre parcel at Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area was appraised and anticipated to be acquired by February 2010. The 87 acre parcel at Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area was acquired on March 12, 2010.

In December 30, 2009, the 17 acre parcel at Whitewater State Park was in the acquisition process of being appraised with an anticipated completion date within the next 60 days. In October 22, 2010, the 17-acre parcel at Whitewater State Park appraisal was completed and an offer was made in April 2010. In December 30, 2010, on-going discussions between the MnDNR and Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota were occurring regarding the offer to purchase the property. The 17-acre parcel at Whitewater State Park was acquired on June 6, 2010.

On January 25, 2012, due to declining property values, MnDNR requested a workplan amendment to add the partial funding of Nerstrand State Park acquisition. On January 31, 2012, the workplan amendment was approved. On July 1, 2011, the Work program Extension Approval was given to extend the completion date to June 30, 2012. The 20 acre parcel at Nerstrand State Park was acquired on December 28, 2011.

IV. OUTLINE OF PROJECT RESULTS:

Result 1: Ownership of approximately 87 acres within the statutory boundary of Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area.

Description: The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails will appraise, negotiate and acquire this parcel. This 87 acre parcel is completely surrounded by park-managed land and includes a key access point into the recreation area. This parcel also has over one mile of water frontage on three lakes within the recreation area.

Summary Budget Information for Result 1:

Trust Fund Budget:	\$280,000
Amount Spent:	\$280,000
Balance:	\$ -0-

Deliverable	Completion Date	Budget	Status
1. 87 Acres Acquired	June 30, 2012	\$280,000	Completed

Final Report Summary:

This acquisition was completed on March 12, 2010.

In December 30, 2009, the 87 acre parcel at Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area was appraised and anticipated to be acquired by February 2010. The 87 acre parcel at Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area was acquired on March 12, 2010.

Result 2: Ownership of a 17-acre parcel within the statutory boundary of Whitewater State Park

Description: The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails will appraise, negotiate and acquire this parcel. This 17 acre parcel straddles the Whitewater River and lies adjacent to the park visitor center. The current trail system lies close to the boundary and this property may be used to extended the trail for additional river resource interpretation. The parcel also provides a natural buffer between our visitor center and private development.

Summary Budget Information for Result 2:

Trust Fund Budget:	\$279,418
Amount Spent:	\$279,418
Balance:	\$ -0-

Deliverable	Completion Date	Budget	Status
1. 17 acres acquired	June 30, 2012	\$279,418	Completed

Final Report Summary:

This acquisition was completed on June 6, 2010

In December 30, 2009, the 17 acre parcel at Whitewater State Park was in the acquisition process of being appraised with an anticipated completion date within the

next 60 days. In October 22, 2010, the 17-acre parcel at Whitewater State Park appraisal was completed and an offer was made in April 2010. In December 30, 2010, on-going discussions between the MnDNR and Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota were occurring regarding the offer to purchase the property. The 17-acre parcel at Whitewater State Park was acquired on June 6, 2010.

Result 3: Ownership of approximately 20 acres within the statutory boundary of Nerstrand State Park.

Description: Partially fund the acquisition of approximately 20 acres of land in Nerstrand Big Woods State Park located in Rice County. This property was identified as outstanding biodiversity significance by Minnesota County Biological Survey and has not been logged in over 100 years. The spring ephemerals are prevalent in this area of the park and the site is important to maintaining the closed canopy and diverse understory characteristic of 'big woods' in Nerstrand Big Woods State Park.

Summary Budget Information for Result 3:	Trust Fund Budget:	\$30,582
	Amount Spent:	\$30,582
	Balance:	\$ -0-

Deliverable	Completion Date	Budget	Status
1. 20 Acres Acquired	June 30, 2012	\$30,582	Completed

Final Report Summary:

This acquisition was completed on December 28, 2011.

On January 25, 2012, due to declining property values, MnDNR requested a workplan amendment to add the partial funding of Nerstrand State Park acquisition. On January 31, 2012, the workplan amendment was approved on January 31, 2012. On July 1, 2011, the Work program Extension Approval was given to extend the completion date to June 30, 2012.

V. TOTAL TRUST FUND PROJECT BUDGET:

Staff or Contract Services: \$15,000 (Appraisal Services and Professional Services from DNR, Division of Lands and Minerals and the Attorney General's Office)

Acquisition, including easements: 125 Acres, The State of Minnesota (DNR)

TOTAL TRUST FUND PROJECT BUDGET: \$590,000

VI. OTHER FUNDS & PARTNERS:

A. Project Partners: Local state park support groups and the Parks and Trails Council of Minnesota. Project partners will only receive market value of project sites

in their ownership. Project partner may receive up to \$1,500 reimbursement for appraisal costs.

B. Other Funds Proposed to be Spent during the Project Period: Bonding 2006 and 2008 funds, RIM Match funds when appropriate

C. Past Spending:

Land Acquisition for the Division of Parks and Recreation

M.L. 2008 \$ 750,000

M.L. 2007 \$ 750,000

M.L. 2005 \$2,000,000

M.L. 2003 \$1,500,000

M.L. 2001 \$1,726,000

D. Time: To acquire by June 2012

VII. DISSEMINATION: Update state park maps and website as land becomes available for public use.

VIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

Periodic work program progress reports will be submitted no later than December 31, 2009, June 30, 2010 and December 30, 2010 . A final work program report and associated products will be submitted by June 30, 2012 as requested by the LCCMR

IX. RESEARCH PROJECTS: NA

SEE ATTACHMENT A - LCCMR 2009 Budget Detail

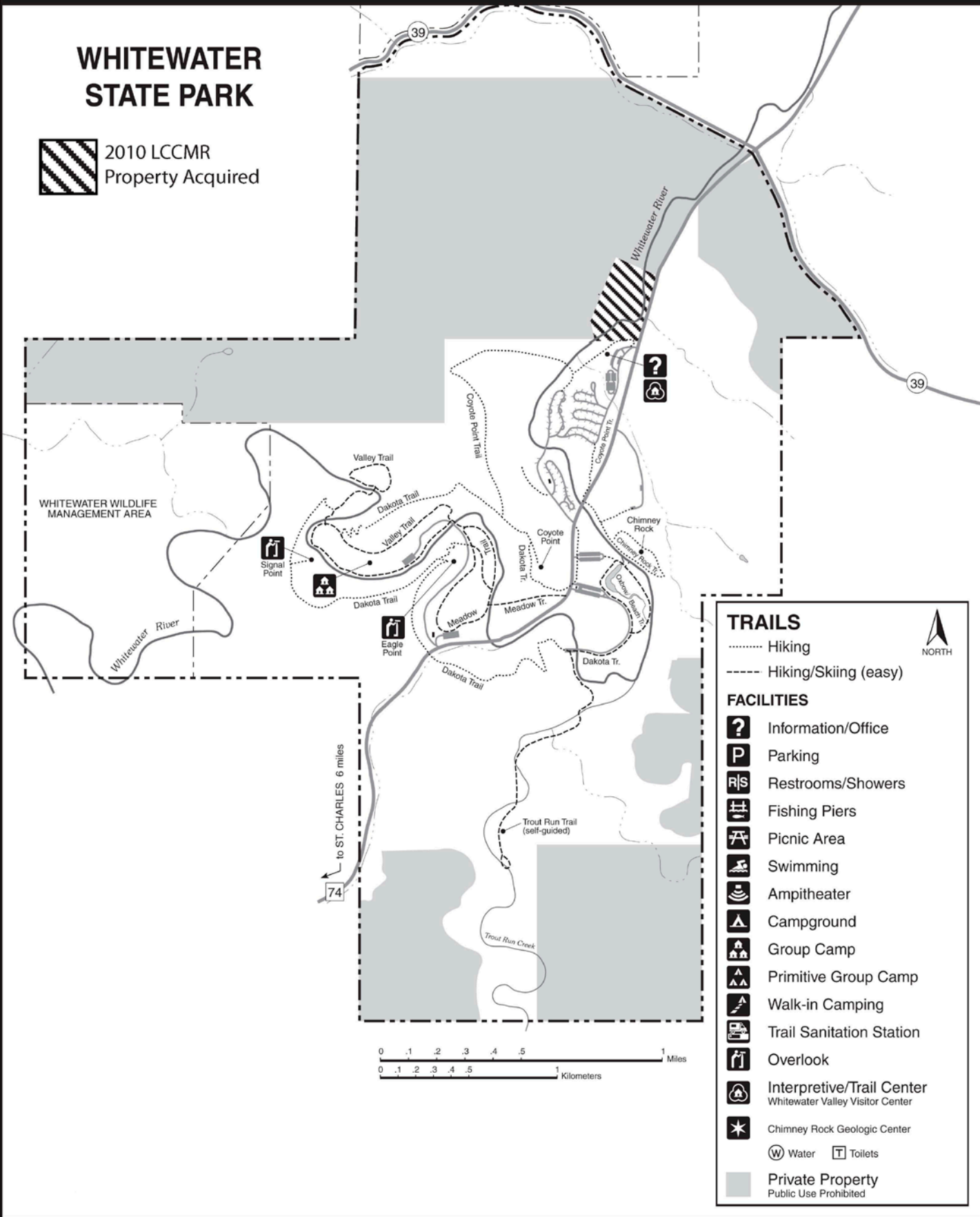
2009 LCCMR Acquired Property

State Parks Land Acquisition

WHITEWATER STATE PARK



2010 LCCMR
Property Acquired



TRAILS


- Hiking
- Hiking/Skiing (easy)

FACILITIES

- Information/Office
- Parking
- Restrooms/Showers
- Fishing Piers
- Picnic Area
- Swimming
- Ampitheater
- Campground
- Group Camp
- Primitive Group Camp
- Walk-in Camping
- Trail Sanitation Station
- Overlook
- Interpretive/Trail Center
Whitewater Valley Visitor Center
- Chimney Rock Geologic Center
- Water
- Toilets
- Private Property
Public Use Prohibited

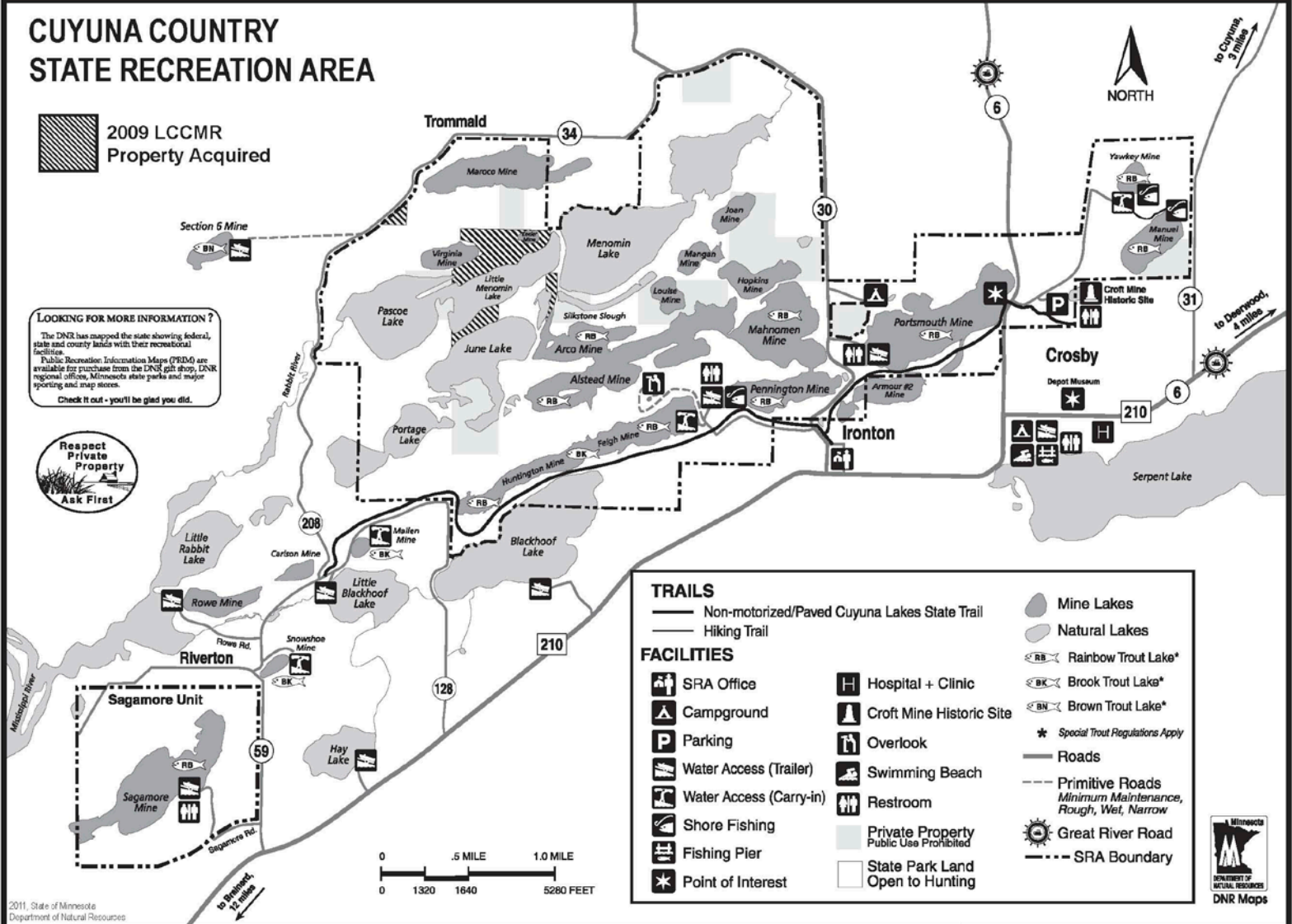
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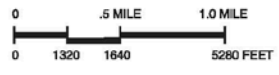
 2009 LCCMR
Property Acquired

LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION ?

The DNR has mapped the state showing federal, state and county lands with their recreational facilities. Public Recreation Information Maps (PRIM) are available for purchase from the DNR gift shop, DNR regional offices, Minnesota state parks and major sporting and map stores.
Check it out - you'll be glad you did.



TRAILS		FACILITIES		MINE LAKES	
	Non-motorized/Paved Cuyuna Lakes State Trail		Hospital + Clinic		Mine Lakes
	Hiking Trail		Croft Mine Historic Site		Natural Lakes
	SRA Office		Overlook		Rainbow Trout Lake*
	Campground		Swimming Beach		Brook Trout Lake*
	Parking		Restroom		Brown Trout Lake*
	Water Access (Trailer)		Private Property Public Use Prohibited		Special Trout Regulations Apply
	Water Access (Carry-in)		Roads		Primitive Roads Minimum Maintenance, Rough, Wet, Narrow
	Shore Fishing		Great River Road		SRA Boundary
	Fishing Pier		State Park Land Open to Hunting		
	Point of Interest				



2011, State of Minnesota
Department of Natural Resources



Nerstrand State Park Proposed Acquisition 2009 and 2010 LCCMR Funds

