

## **2009 Project Abstract**

For the Period Ending June 30, 2011

**PROJECT TITLE:** HCP VI – Melvin Slough Landscape Restoration 2a

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**FUNDING SOURCE:** Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

**LEGAL CITATION:** M.L. 2009, Chp. 143, Sec. 2, Subd. 4e2a

**APPROPRIATION AMOUNT:** \$ 50,000.00

### **Overall Project Outcome and Results**

#### **Project Summary and Results**

MDHA funding restored a total of 2 oak savannahs (grassland enhancement) consisting of 35 acres on the Winger WPA. Federal WPA's are managed for waterfowl production and are open to public hunting and other recreation consistent with the National Wildlife Refuge System. This restoration to the oak savannahs will create suitable habitat for deer, turkey, ruffed grouse, and other cavity nesting birds.

Specifically, on the Winger WPA (Polk County Winger Township 147, Range 42, Section 2) we restored 2 oak savannahs for 35 acres by shearing and piling undesirable trees such as boxelder, cottonwood, willow, and aspen which opened the landscape to promote savannah habitat. Large and small oak trees were not cut and the seedlings were flagged to prevent accidental damage.

All work was done in partnership with the USFWS Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District and other funds were secured and provided by the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association Hides for Habitat funds.

#### **Project Results Use and Dissemination**

MDHA has restored a total of 2 oak savannahs (35 acres total) on public land that is permanently protected and open to public hunting. These restored oak savannahs provide upland habitat for a variety of wildlife with a large scale benefit to hundreds of acres on the Winger WPA as well as the surrounding private land habitats. Future management of grasslands will be conducted by the USFWS Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District.

Since this initial project was submitted, MDHA changed project managers from Phase IV. In phase V our funds from matching came mostly from the Hides for Habitat funds through MDHA which is why there are less "other funds" contributed to this Phase V work plan. MDHA strives to identify projects that capitalize on our chapter system and will improve on this into the future.

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**Total Biennial Project Budget**

Result	ENTF Allocation	ENTF Funds Spent	ENTF Balance	Other Funds * Proposed	Other Funds * Spent
<b>Restoration</b>	\$50,000	\$49,969	\$31	\$37,500	\$1,000
<b>Total</b>	\$50,000	\$49,969	\$31	\$37,500	\$1,000

\*Other Funds are classified as 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). Please note, however, that this work program has spent the following amounts not shown in the above table:

Partners State Leveraged Funds: \$14,196.28

See the tables and funding type definitions at the end of this report for further explanation.

**Work Program Summary**

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USFWS funds that were proposed as match were far less than pledged due to work that wasn't available to be completed due to wet conditions on the Winger WPS. The work in the amount of \$27,000 that was pledged will be completed when the conditions are favorable.

There was a remaining \$31 from ENTFF that can be returned.

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**Restoration Activities**

Project Area - 1 - Aspen Parklands

**Project Name:** Melvin Slough Restoration - Winger WPA  
Township: 147, Range: 42, Section: 2

**Activity:** Grassland Enhancement  
**Landtype:** Public - WPA  
**Description:** As identified by Habitat and Population Evaluation Team through the Working Lands Initiative priority areas, this project will restore approximately 10 prairie wetland basins (approximately 13 acres). Work will take place on designated locations and utilize low ground pressure D-4 and D-6 Dozers that will remove fill/silt from wetland basins and fill-in existing drainage ditches with fill from wetlands. Seeding will also be done to restore the native plant communities.

November 1st, 2010 Amendment Request

The Phase VI wetland restorations will not be able to be completed by the deadline of June, 2011 due to the wet conditions on the Winger WPA. We are requesting an Amendment to this work program to continue Oak Savannah restoration efforts on the Winger WPA in approximately 20 acres. Work to be completed under the amendment will be removing unwanted vegetation in the area.

Amendment Approved November 19, 2010.

The work was completed on the Winger WPA as described in the approved amendment request. There were a total of 6 sites (S-1, S-2, S-3, S-5, S-7 and S-8) that had 20 acres that were treated for unwanted species. Work also included flagging smaller oak species and leaving behind larger oaks. Work was completed on these sites in mid February and entailed 134.5 hours on the Skidster, 31 hours on the Trackhoe and 34 hours on the skidder. The entire invoiced amount was \$29,937.96 of which the USFWS paid the overage amount of \$9,937.96 as match.

<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funds Use</i>	<i>Funding Amount</i>	<i>Prorated Acres</i>	<i>Prorated Shoreline</i>
ENTF	Restoration	\$20,000.00	20.00	0.00
ENTF	Restoration	\$29,969.00	15.00	0.00
Grassland Enhancement Total		\$49,969.00	35.00	0.00
<b>Melvin Slough Restoration - Winger WPA Total</b>		<b>\$49,969.00</b>	<b>35.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**Restoration Project Totals (By Funding Type)**

<b>Funding Type</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Shoreline Feet</b>
ENTF:	\$49,969.00	35.00	0.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$49,969.00</b>	<b>35.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

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**Work Program Expenditures - Not Attributable to Specific Projects**

<i>FundingType</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Description</i>
Other Funds	Personnel Expenditures	\$1,000.00	Grant administration costs for MDHA staff.
Partners State Leveraged Funds	Personnel Expenditures	\$14,196.28	USFWS Matching Funds spent on Winger WPA.
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$15,196.28</b>	

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

<b>Funding Type</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Other Funds	\$1,000.00
State Funds	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,196.28</b>

**Work Program Expenditures Breakdown**

<b>Funding Type:</b>	<b>Restoration Projects</b>	<b>Not Attributable to Specific Projects</b>	<b>Total</b>
ENTF	\$49,969.00	\$0.00	\$49,969.00
Other Funds	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$49,969.00</b>	<b>\$15,196.28</b>	<b>\$65,165.28</b>

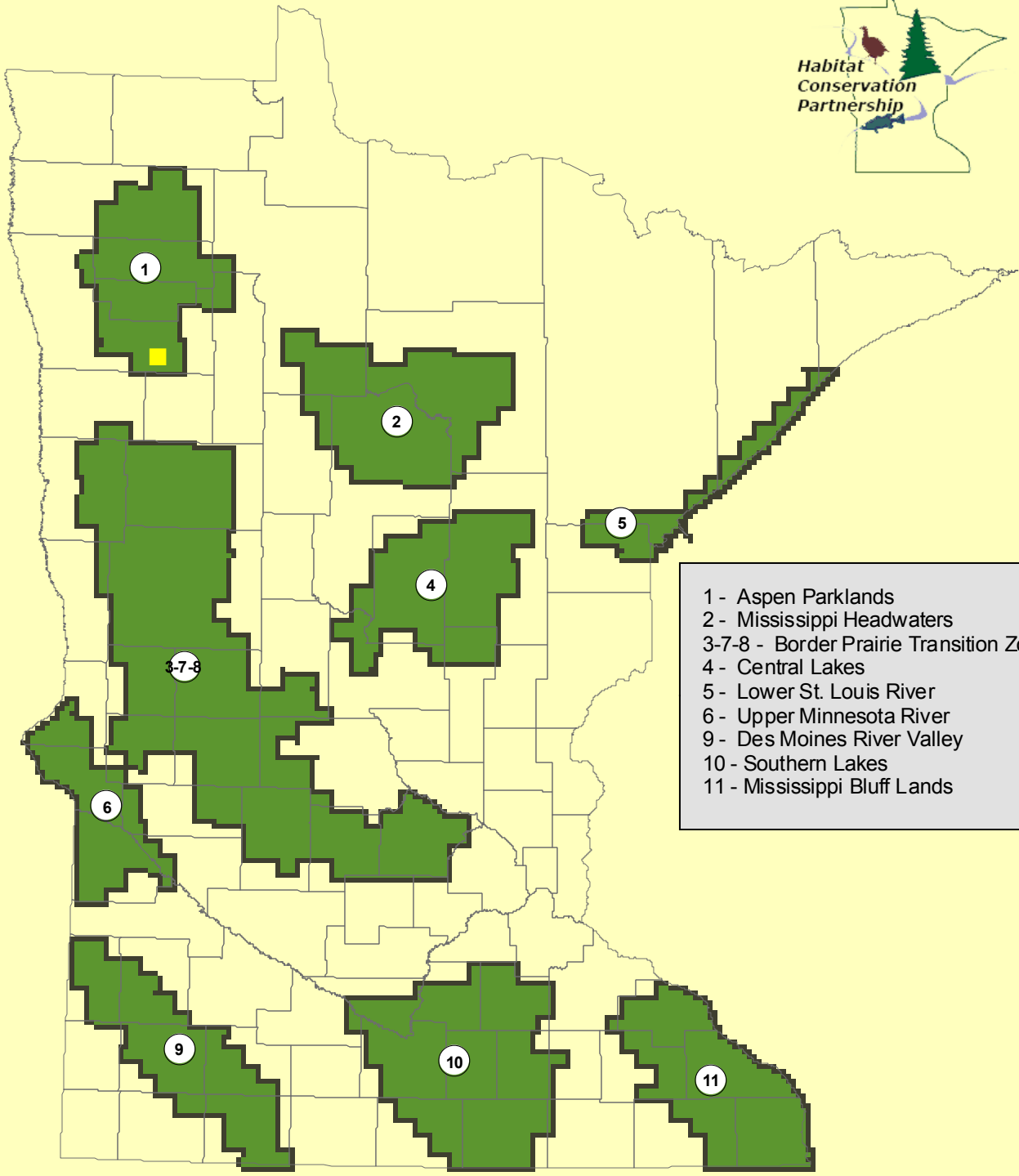
**Funding Type Definitions**

<b>ENTF:</b>	Grant dollars provided through the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund
<b>Other Funds:</b>	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)
<b>State Funds:</b>	State Funds expended on HCP projects (not eligible for use as Other Funds commitment)
<b>Partner's State Leveraged Funds:</b>	Non State Funds that have leveraged State Funds as part of an HCP project (not eligible for use as Other Funds commitment)
<b>Other:</b>	Any other expenditures (e.g. grant income funds)




<b>Attachment A: Budget Detail for 2009 Project</b>									
<b>Project Title:</b> <i>Winger WPA, Polk County, Savannas Restoration Site S-4 &amp; S-6</i>									
<b>Project Manager Name:</b> <i>Kim Hanson</i>									
<b>Trust Fund Appropriation:</b> \$ 50,000									
<b>2009 Trust Fund Budget</b>	<b><u>Result 1 Budget:</u></b>	<b><u>Result 1 Budget</u></b> <b><u>REVISED 11/1/2010</u></b>	<b>Amount Spent</b> <i>(11/1/10)</i>	<b>Balance</b> <i>(11/1/10)</i>	<b><u>Result 2 Budget:</u></b>	<b>Amount Spent</b> <i>(date)</i>	<b>Balance</b> <i>(date)</i>	<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>TOTAL BALANCE</b>
	<i>Wetland Restoration</i>	<i>Oak Savannah Restoration</i>	\$20,000		<i>Oak Savanna Restoration</i>		\$50,000.00	<b>50,000</b>	
<b>BUDGET ITEM</b>									
<b>PERSONNEL: wages and benefits</b>									
<b>Contracts</b>	20,000	20,000	20,000		30,000	29,969	31	50,000	
<b>Professional/technical</b>									
<b>Other contracts - Strom Construction Inc.</b>	D-4, D-6 Low Ground Pressure Dozers, Excavators for removal & replacement of ditches	Tree Shears, Back Hoe and skidder for Removal of Vegetation			Tree Shears, Back Hoe for Removal of Vegetation				
<b>COLUMN TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>\$29,969</b>	<b>\$31</b>	<b>\$49,969</b>	<b>\$31</b>

# Habitat Conservation Partnership Hides for Habitat - Restoration

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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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# Winger WPA LCCMR Funded Sites

