

2009 Project Abstract

For the Period Ending June 30, 2011

PROJECT TITLE: Critical Lands Conservation Initiative - 4a – Pheasants Forever, Inc.

PROJECT MANAGER: Joe Pavelko

AFFILIATION: Pheasants Forever, Inc.

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FUNDING SOURCE: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

LEGAL CITATION: M.L. 2009, Chp. 143, Sec. 2, Subd. 4e4a

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 2 parcels totaling 93 acres to permanently protect quality wildlife habitat lands within Chippewa and Lac Qui Parle Counties, MN. These lands have been or are in the process of being 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.

More specifically, a total of 38 acres were acquired using \$72,987.29 of Environment and Natural Resources Trust Funds that were matched with \$56,000 of non-state funds to acquire an additional 55 acres totaling 93 acres. Of those total acres, 49 acres are grassland (including native prairie) and 43 acres of wetlands. Striving to build landscape level habitat complexes that will protect and sustain wildlife populations, both projects are additions to existing WMAs and build upon past investments in wildlife habitat conservation. Due to the volatile real estate market and county board approval requirements, a balance of funds were left. A project by project accounting and supporting context can be found in the final work program report and all accomplishment reports are available at www.mnhabitatcorridors.org.

Accomplishments were achieved by working with many local, state, and federal partners. Effective partnerships are the backbone of conservation in Minnesota. Through this project we have continued the effort to build and enhance effective conservation partnerships that provide wildlife and recreation benefits to all Minnesotans.

Project Results Use and Dissemination

All projects acquired through the Habitat Conservation Partnership acknowledge the funding from the Minnesota Environment & Natural Resources Trust Fund. These new public land additions will be incorporated into the DNR Wildlife Management Area System and will be added to appropriate maps, websites, and other WMA information dissemination outlets. Detailed accomplishment report information is available at www.mnhabitatcorridors.org.

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| Affiliation: | Pheasants Forever | |
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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 | \$72,987 | \$277,013 | \$350,000 | \$56,000 |
| Total | \$350,000 | \$72,987 | \$277,013 | \$350,000 | \$56,000 |

Work Program Summary

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Acquisition Activities

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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: | | | 88.00 | 64.00 | 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 | \$64,370.00 | 32.88 | 23.91 | 0.00 | 7.47 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Benderberg WMA Total | | \$64,370.00 | 32.88 | 23.91 | 0.00 | 7.47 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

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| Project Name: | Florida Creek WMA |
| Tract: | 1 |
| Project Area: | 6 - Upper Minnesota River Township: 116, Range: 45, Section: 17 |
| Acquisition Holder: | DNR-WMA |
| Description: | This tract lies directly adjacent to the existing Florida Creek WMA. This parcel is dominated by wet meadow with relatively flat topography and Florida Creek meanders through the parcel. Acquisition of this parcel will allow for additional public recreation, straighten boundaries, reduce land owner conflicts with beaver, allow for potential water management options in the future, and provide quality wildlife habitat. |
| Acquisition reported via LCCMR website: | No |

| Funding Type | Funds Use | Funding Amount | Prorated Acres | Grassland Acres | Woodland Acres | Wetland Acres | Shoreline Feet | Riparian Feet |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| ENTF | Fee-Title Acquisition Costs | \$5,000.00 | 4.92 | 2.05 | 0.00 | 2.87 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Other Funds | Fee-Title Acquisition Costs | \$56,000.00 | 55.08 | 22.95 | 0.00 | 32.13 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Florida Creek WMA Total | | \$61,000.00 | 60.00 | 25.00 | 0.00 | 35.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Acquisition Totals (By Funding Type)

| Funding Type: | Funding Amount | Prorated Acres | Grassland Acres | Woodland Acres | Wetland Acres | Shoreline Feet | Riparian Feet |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| ENTF: | \$69,370.00 | 37.79 | 25.96 | 0.00 | 10.34 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Other Funds: | \$56,000.00 | 55.08 | 22.95 | 0.00 | 32.13 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

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| Total: | \$125,370.00 | 92.88 | 48.91 | 0.00 | 42.47 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
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Work Program Expenditures (Not Attributable to Specific Projects)

| FundingType | Category | Amount | Description |
|---------------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| ENTF | Personnel Expenditures | \$3,617.29 | Personnel direct bill hours |
| Total: | | \$3,617.29 | |

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

| Funding Type | Amount |
|---------------|-------------------|
| ENTF: | \$3,617.29 |
| Total: | \$3,617.29 |

Work Program Expenditures Breakdown

| Funding Type: | Acquisition Projects | Not Attributable to Specific Projects | Total |
|---------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| ENTF: | \$69,370.00 | \$3,617.29 | \$72,987.29 |
| Other Funds: | \$56,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$56,000.00 |
| Total: | \$125,370.00 | \$3,617.29 | \$128,987.29 |

Funding Type Definitions

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| 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 2009 Projects - Final Report | | | | | |
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| Project Manager Name: Joe Pavelko | | | | | |
| Trust Fund Appropriation: \$ 350,000 | | | | | |
| 2009 Trust Fund Budget | <u>Result 1</u> <u>Budget:</u> | Amount Spent June 30, 2011 | Balance June 30, 2011 | TOTAL BUDGET | TOTAL BALANCE |
| BUDGET ITEM | Fee Title Acquisition | | | | |
| PERSONNEL: wages and benefits (0.2 FTE For Regional Representative direct to project) | 25,000 | 3,617 | 21,383 | 25,000 | 21,383 |
| Land acquisition (including eligible expenses such as appraisal, survey, title, closing, etc) | 325,000 | 69,370 | 255,630 | 325,000 | 255,630 |
| COLUMN TOTAL | \$350,000 | \$72,987 | \$277,013 | \$350,000 | \$277,013 |