

2009 Project Abstract

For the Period Ending June 30, 2011

PROJECT TITLE: Minnesota's Habitat Conservation Partnership (HCP) - Phase VI 4F:
Campaign for Conservation - The Nature Conservancy

PROJECT MANAGER: Rich Johnson

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FUNDING SOURCE: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

LEGAL CITATION: ML 2009, Chapter 143, Section 2, Subd. 4(e)

APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$50,000

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The Conservancy spent an additional \$235,754.57 of its private funds in transaction-related expenses for these fee title acquisition projects.

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Project Results Use and Dissemination

All acquired lands are open to the public. The Conservancy publicizes its work on these projects via press releases, membership publications, presentations and/or the Conservancy's website. TNC has also participated in publicizing the overall accomplishments of the Habitat Corridors Partnership project as it has reached significant milestones.

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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	\$292,563	\$235,755
Total	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$292,563	\$235,755

Work Program Summary

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Acquisition Activities

Project Name:	Weaver Dunes Preserve Addition - Carroll
Tract:	Carroll-Fitzgerald
Project Area:	11 - Mississippi Bluff Lands Township: 109, Range: 9, Section: 18
Acquisition Holder:	TNC-Preserve
Description:	The Nature Conservancy purchased 21.7 acres of outstanding native prairie and converted land in Wabasha County for \$95,000, using its LCCMR Phase VI (2009) acquisition funding and privately-raised funds. The Conservancy will retain ownership and manage this property as an addition to its Weaver Dunes SNA preserve.
	Other Funds contributed to this project total \$125,174.10. This amount includes TNC's privately-raised acquisition funds; a stewardship endowment and start-up funds for site development; an appraisal; a survey; an environmental assessment document; and various other costs associated with closing. See the detailed breakdown provided below.
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	Fee-Title Acquisition Costs	\$19,000.00	3.60	3.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Fee-Title Acquisition Costs	\$95,533.10	18.10	18.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Professional Services	\$2,590.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Other Funds	Professional Services	\$225.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Site Development	\$23,750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Weaver Dunes Preserve Addition -		\$144,174.10	21.70	21.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Project Name:	Weaver Dunes Preserve Addition - Cox
Tract:	Cox
Project Area:	11 - Mississippi Bluff Lands Township: 109, Range: 9, Section: 8
Acquisition Holder:	TNC-Preserve
Description:	The Nature Conservancy purchased 30.6 acres of outstanding native prairie and converted land in Wabasha County for \$95,000, using its LCCMR Phase VI (2009) acquisition funding and privately-raised funds. The Conservancy will retain ownership and manage this property as an addition to its Weaver Dunes SNA preserve.
	Other Funds contributed to this project total \$110,580.47. This amount includes TNC's privately-raised acquisition funds; a stewardship endowment and start-up funds for site development; an appraisal; an environmental assessment document; and various other costs associated with closing. See the detailed breakdown provided below.
Acquisition reported via LCCMR website:	Yes

Funding Type	Funds Use	Funding Amount	Prorated Acres	Grassland Acres	Woodland Acres	Wetland Acres	Shoreline Feet	Riparian Feet
ENTF	Fee-Title Acquisition Costs	\$31,000.00	8.42	8.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Fee-Title Acquisition Costs	\$81,615.02	22.18	22.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Professional Services	\$3,980.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Professional Services	\$1,010.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Professional Services	\$225.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Site Development	\$23,750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Weaver Dunes Preserve Addition -		\$141,580.47	30.60	30.60	0.00	0.00	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:	\$50,000.00	12.02	12.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Funds:	\$235,754.57	40.28	40.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total:	\$285,754.57	52.30	52.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

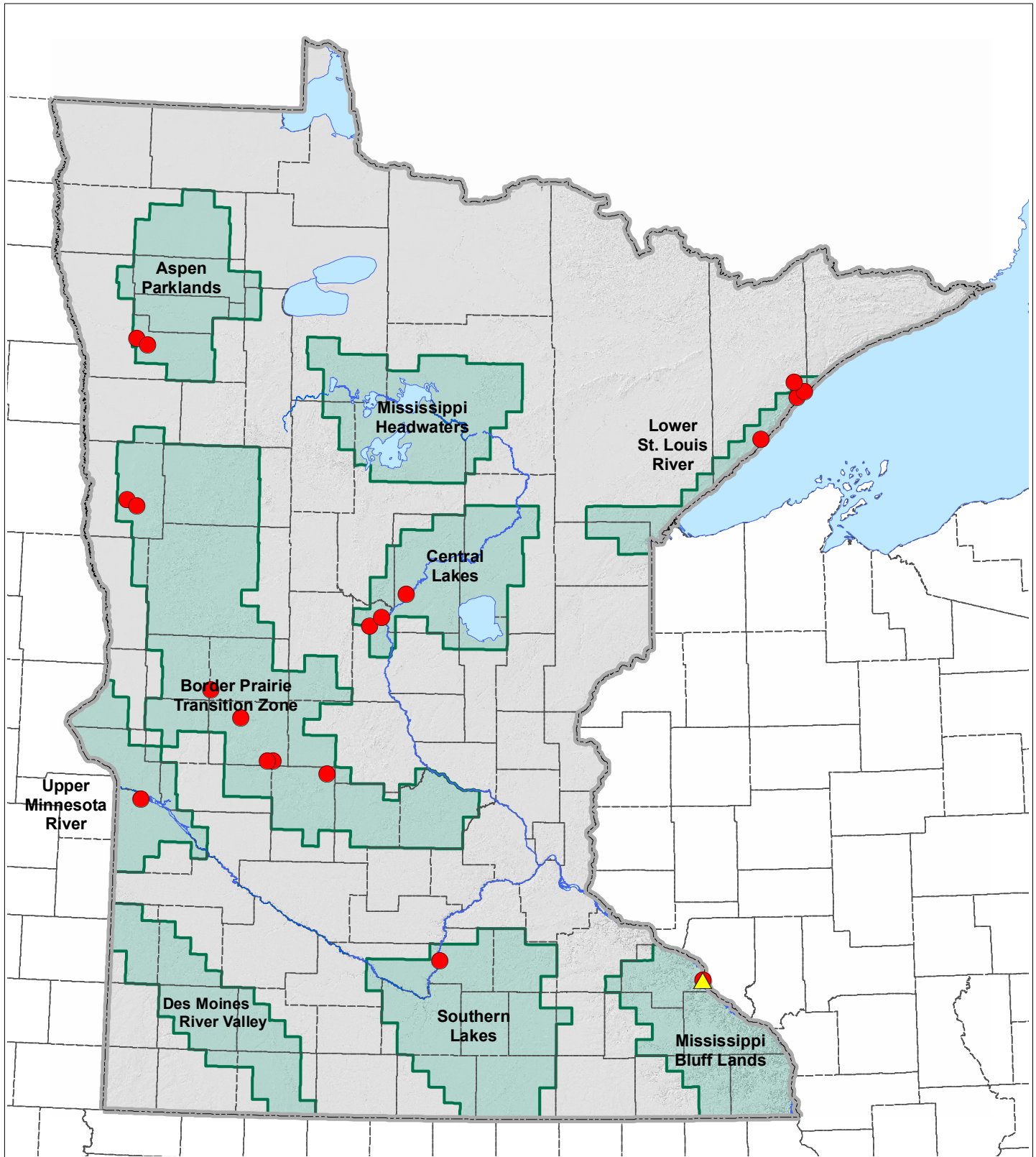
Funding Type Definitions

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 2009 Projects								
Project Title: Campaign for Conservation (4e 2n/4f) Minnesota's Habitat Conservation Partnership								
Project Manager Name: Rich Johnson								
Trust Fund Appropriation: \$365,000								
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								
2009 Trust Fund Budget	Result 1 Budget:	Amount Spent (6/30/11)	Balance (6/30/11)	Result 2 Budget (Revision Approved 5/9/2011)	Amount Spent (6/30/11)	Balance (6/30/11)	TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL BALANCE
	<i>Fee Title Acquisition</i>			<i>Restoration</i>				
BUDGET ITEM								
PERSONNEL: wages and benefits - This figure includes a seasonal, short-term staff of 8 employees (3.20 FTE) at \$12.00 per hour, for 5840 hours, plus 750 hours overtime at \$18.00 per hour plus allowable fringe benefits. An existing, long-term Conservancy burn crew (0.15 FTE) will also work on these projects.	0	0	0	96,858	102,082	-5,224	96,858	-5,224
Contracts								
Professional/technical - Vendor contractors TBD. Work will include seed harvesting/cleaning/sowing, seedbed preparation, sowing, mowing, tree planting, prescribed burns, herbicide application, installation of conifer restoration exclosures, ditch removal, removing/leveling abandoned structures, fencing & trees, woody vegetation removal.	0	0	0	198,142	192,518	5,624	198,142	5,624
Supplies - Estimated costs include \$7,500 for conifer restoration supplies, \$6,000 for fuel for torches, chainsaws and vehicles dedicated 100% to the project, \$2,000 for herbicide, \$2,500 for monitoring supplies, \$1,500 for brush cutting materials, \$2,000 for tools and personal protection gear for spraying, \$1,500 for general machinery parts & repairs.	0	0	0	20,000	20,062	-62	20,000	-62
Land acquisition	50,000	50,000	0		0	0	50,000	0
COLUMN TOTAL	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$315,000	\$314,662	\$338	\$365,000	\$338
*Budget clarification as of 6/1/2010 WP Update: The \$3,000 for fuel includes fuel for vehicles that are dedicated 100% to the project.								

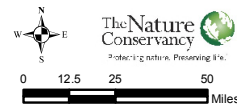
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2009 Appropriation (Phase 6) Accomplishments



Legend

- Restoration Project Locations
- ▲ Acquisition Project Locations
- Habitat Conservation Partnership Project Areas



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