

2009 Project Abstract

For the Period Ending June 30, 2011

PROJECT TITLE: Metro Conservation Corridors (MeCC) Phase V- The Trust for Public Land's Critical Lands Protection Program [M.L. 2009]

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FUNDING SOURCE: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

LEGAL CITATION: M.L. 2009, Chap. 143, Sec. 2, Subd. 4(f)

APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$380,000

Overall Project Outcome and Results

In its Critical Lands Protection Program, The Trust for Public Land (TPL) used **\$380,000**

ENRTF funds to secure fee title on **21.63 ENRTF acres** of 402 total acquired acres. TPL conveyed these lands to public agencies for permanent protection. Individual project successes include the following:

- TPL spent \$318,000 2009 ENRTF funds to protect 14.43 ENRTF acres of land as part of a larger 64-acre purchase of shoreline designated by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources as a "regionally significant ecological area." TPL conveyed the land to the City of Lindstrom to create the **Allemansratt Wilderness Park**.
- TPL spent \$62,000 2009 ENRTF to protect 7.2 ENRTF acres of land as part of a 338-acre acquisition of one of the largest undeveloped and contiguous tracts of open space in the Twin Cities Metro Area. TPL then conveyed the land to Anoka County. Located at the confluence of Cedar Creek and the Rum River, this land will be managed by the County as the **Cedar Creek Conservation Area**.

TPL leveraged **\$380,000** in TPL Metro Conservation Corridors (MeCC) 2009 funding on these projects with **\$992,000** in non-state funds to protect 87.79 additional pro-rated acres of land. \$652,000 of this was non-state public funds and \$339,500 of this was from private land value donations. Additionally, \$500,000 in state remediation grant funds were used to protect 22.7 pro-rated acres and \$1,900,000 in Outdoor Heritage Funds were used to protect 221.4 pro-rated acres. TPL's 2010 ENRTF funds in the amount of \$338,000 and DNR's 2008 ENRTF funds in the amount of \$200,000 were used to protect 39.4 pro-rated acres and 9.08 pre-rated acres respectively. All acres acquired total 402.

*Please note, since a portion of TPL's 2010 ENRTF funding was used for the Cedar Creek Conservation Area project, a portion of these results will also be reflected in TPL's 2010 MeCC Work Program update and Final Report.

Project Results Use and Dissemination

As conservation transactions were completed, The Trust for Public Land disseminated information on the TPL website, www.tpl.org, broadcast emails to Embrace Open Space (EOS) and TPL list serve members, distributed press releases, and included information in TPL's newsletters as appropriate. TPL also worked with the long-term stewards to ensure information was distributed to their listserves and posted on their websites as well.

Trust Fund 2009 Final Report and Trust Fund 2010 Work Program

Date of Report: October 29, 2010

Date of Next 2010 Progress Report: February 1, 2011

	M.L. 2009	M.L. 2010
Date of Work Program		
Approval:	June 16, 2009	June 2, 2010
Project Completion Date:	June 30, 2011	June 30, 2012

- I. PROJECT TITLE:** Metro Conservation Corridors (MeCC) Phase V—The Trust for Public Land’s Critical Lands Protection Program [M.L. 2009]
- Metro Conservation Corridors (MeCC) Phase V Supplemental –
The The Trust for Public Land’s Critical Lands Protection Program
(3.1) [M.L. 2010]

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Location: Within mapped Metro Conservation Corridors in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Goodhue, Hennepin, Isanti, LeSueur, Nicollet, Ramsey, Rice, Scott, Sherburne, Sibley, Washington and Wright (please see Metro Conservation Corridors map)

Total Trust Fund Project Budget:	M.L. 2009	M.L. 2010	Total
Trust Fund Appropriation	\$380,000	\$890,000	\$1,270,000
Minus Amount Spent:	\$380,000	\$338,000	\$ 718,000
Equal Balance:	\$0	\$552,000	\$552,000

Legal Citation:

M.L. 2009, Chap. 143, Sec. 2, Subd. 4(f)

Appropriation Language:

\$3,375,000 is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for the fifth appropriation for acceleration of agency programs and cooperative agreements. Of this appropriation, \$2,185,000 is for Department of Natural Resources agency programs and \$1,190,000 is for agreements as follows: \$380,000 with the Trust for Public Land; \$90,000 with Friends of the Mississippi River; \$155,000 with Great River Greening; \$250,000 with Minnesota Land Trust; \$225,000 with Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc.; and \$90,000 with Friends of the Minnesota Valley for the purposes of planning, restoring, and protecting important natural areas in the metropolitan area, as defined under Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2, and portions of the surrounding counties, through grants, contracted services, technical assistance, conservation easements, and fee title acquisition. Land acquired with this appropriation must be sufficiently improved to meet at

least minimum management standards as determined by the commissioner of natural resources. Expenditures are limited to the identified project corridor areas as defined in the work program. This appropriation may not be used for the purchase of residential structures, unless expressly approved in the work program. All conservation easements must be perpetual and have a natural resource management plan. Any land acquired in fee title by the commissioner of natural resources with money from this appropriation must be designated as an outdoor recreation unit under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.07. The commissioner may similarly designate any lands acquired in less than fee title. A list of proposed restorations and fee title and easement acquisitions must be provided as part of the required work program. All funding for conservation easements must include a long-term stewardship plan and funding for monitoring and enforcing the agreement. To the maximum extent practical, consistent with contractual easement or fee acquisition obligations, the recipients shall utilize staff resources to identify future projects and shall maximize the implementation of biodiverse, quality restoration projects in the project proposal into the first half of the 2010 fiscal year.

M.L. 2010, Chap. 362, Sec. 2, Subd. 4(g)

Appropriation Language:

\$1,750,000 is added to Laws 2009, chapter 143, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (f), from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for acceleration of agency programs and cooperative agreements. Of this appropriation, \$1,750,000 is for agreements as follows: \$890,000 with the Trust for Public Land; \$485,000 with Minnesota Land Trust; \$325,000 with Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc.; and \$50,000 with Friends of the Minnesota Valley for planning, restoring, and protecting important natural areas in the metropolitan area, as defined under Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2, and portions of the surrounding counties, through grants, contracted services, technical assistance, conservation easements, and fee title acquisition. Land acquired with this appropriation must be sufficiently improved to meet at least minimum management standards as determined by the commissioner of natural resources. Expenditures are limited to the identified project corridor areas as defined in the work program. This appropriation may not be used for the purchase of residential structures, unless expressly approved in the work program. All conservation easements must be perpetual and have a natural resource management plan. Any land acquired in fee title by the commissioner of natural resources with money from this appropriation must be designated as an outdoor recreation unit under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.07. The commissioner may similarly designate any lands acquired in less than fee title. A list of proposed restorations and fee title and easement acquisitions must be provided as part of the required work program. All funding for conservation easements must include a long-term stewardship plan and funding for monitoring and enforcing the agreement.

II. PROJECT SUMMARY AND RESULTS:

M.L.2009 Final Project Summary:

In its Critical Lands Protection Program, The Trust for Public Land (TPL) secured fee title on a total of **402 acres** of land worth \$4,310,000 and conveyed them to public agencies for permanent protection. Individual project successes include the following:

- TPL purchased 64 acres of shoreline designated by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources as a “regionally significant ecological area” and conveyed it to the City of Lindstrom to create the **Allemansratt Wilderness Park**. TPL spent \$318,000 2009 ENRTF funds to protect 14.43 (pro-rated) acres of land.

- TPL purchased 338 acres of one of the largest undeveloped and contiguous tracts of open space in the Twin Cities Metro Area and conveyed the land to Anoka County. Located at the confluence of Cedar Creek and the Rum River, this land will be managed by the County as the **Cedar Creek Conservation Area**. TPL spent \$62,000 2009 ENRTF to protect 7.2 (pro-rated) acres of land.

TPL leveraged \$380,000 in TPL Metro Conservation Corridors (MeCC) 2009 funding on these projects with \$992,000 in non-state funds to protect 87.79 (pro-rated) acres of land. \$652,000 of this was non-state public funds and \$339,500 of this was from private land value donations. Additionally, \$500,000 in state remediation grant funds and \$1,900,000 in Outdoor Heritage Funds were used to protect 22.7 (pro-rated) acres and 221.4 (pro-rated) acres respectively. TPL's 2010 ENRTF funds in the amount of \$338,000 and DNR's 2008 ENRTF funds in the amount of \$200,000 were used to protect 48.48 (pro-rated) acres out of 402 total acres.

*Please note, since a portion of TPL's 2010 ENRTF funding was used for the Cedar Creek Conservation Area project, a portion of these results will also be reflected in TPL's 2010 MeCC Work Program update and Final Report.

M.L. 2010:

The Trust for Public Land (TPL) will secure fee title on up to 33 acres of high quality habitat in the Metro Conservation Corridor areas. TPL will use \$890,000 of the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) funds for capital costs of acquisition and will leverage \$445,000 in non-state funds for this acquisition work. Acquired land will be conveyed or donated to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) or other qualified public or private land steward for long-term stewardship. TPL will prioritize potential land protection projects within the Metro Conservation Corridors based on the priorities established by the public agencies with which we work, on landowner willingness to sell, and will focus on shoreland, shallow lakes and other lands of highest ecological value. We will also consider resource mapping, stakeholder suggestions, and joint recommendations made by the coalition of groups involved in this overall effort. Unless necessary to protect priority lands and subject to work plan amendment at that time, TPL will not acquire residential structures.

III. PROGRESS SUMMARY AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2010:

M.L. 2010: N/A

PROGRESS SUMMARY AND REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT AS OF AUGUST 1, 2010:

M.L. 2010: TPL has the Savage Fen--Credit River (SNA) property under option and is currently working through due diligence issues with a revised aim of closing within the coming months. TPL also has the 338-acre Cedar Creek Conservation Area (Phase II) property in West-Central Anoka County under option with the aim of closing within the coming months. Whichever transaction closes first will use the remaining \$62,000 of TPL's 2009 ENRTF dollars in addition to a portion of TPL's 2010 ENRTF dollars.

TPL therefore requests LCCMR approval to spend 2009 ENRTF funding concurrently with 2010 ENRTF funding on either the Savage Fen—Credit River (SNA) or the Cedar Creek Conservation Area (Phase II) conservation transaction, whichever happens first.

LCCMR approved this amendment on September 10, 2010.

PROGRESS SUMMARY AS OF October 29, 2010:

M.L. 2010: TPL closed on the acquisition of the 338-acre property at the confluence of Cedar Creek and the Rum River in west-central Anoka County. TPL immediately conveyed the property to Anoka County to be managed as part of the newly established Cedar Creek Conservation Area. TPL also still has the Savage Fen SNA addition property under option with the intent to close on the acquisition within the next month, thus closing out TPL's 2010 ENRTF balance.

IV. OUTLINE OF PROJECT RESULTS:

Result/Activity 1: Acquire Significant Habitat

Description: TPL is working in many communities within defined regionally significant Metro Conservation Corridors, with a priority on high quality natural resources or conservation lands that provide natural buffers to water resources, including shorelands and wetlands. Many of these areas include lakes that appear on the DNR's 2007 map of "Shallow Lakes in Minnesota" (50 acres or greater, maximum depth of 15 feet). Following is a list of projects and project areas, in priority order, on which TPL is focusing its efforts. The first two projects are the highest priority for the 2010 Phase V Supplemental funding due to landowner urgency/impending threat of loss of the resource. If matters do not progress as we hope for these two projects, project 3 below is highest priority for 2010 funding. As is the nature of land acquisitions for public ownership, conditions may change and therefore the following information may also change:

- 1) In southern Chisago County, TPL is working with the City of Lindstrom and multiple landowners to protect lakeshore and high quality forested lands designated by the DNR as "regionally significant ecological areas." The land would be owned by the City of Lindstrom and would be managed as a natural resource based park. The total estimate of acres protected would be approximately 64. ENRTF acres protected would be approximately 9-14. Approximately \$320,000 in non-state funds would be leveraged. COMPLETED with M.L. 2009 ENRTF funds.
- 2) In northern Scott County, TPL is working with a landowner, local partners including the City of Savage & Scott County, and the DNR's SNA Program to protect a number of parcels of land containing fen, wetlands, associated upland forest & bluffland, and stream frontage on a Minnesota River tributary. The total estimate of acres protected as an SNA through Phase I and Phase II of this effort would be 75. 2010 ENRTF dollars would protect approximately 7-10 acres. Approximately \$180,000 in non-state funding would be leveraged.
- 3) In west-central Anoka County, TPL is working with landowners and a local public agency partner to protect a large patch of regionally significant ecological lands including rivers shoreline, wetlands and forests and prairie habitat. Approximately 570 total acres would be protected; Anoka County would own and manage the property as a natural area. ENRTF dollars would protect approximately 35- 47 acres. Approximately \$400,000 in non-state funds would be leveraged. COMPLETED with M.L. 2009 and M.L. 2010 ENRTF funds.

- 4) In the St. Croix Valley (Washington and Chisago counties), TPL is working with several landowners, MeCC partners, and local public agency partners to protect sensitive ravines and high quality ecological areas – both important to St. Croix Valley water quality and habitat. Land would be owned and managed by the DNR, the local unit of government, or the National Park Service. Specific acres to be protected and funding needs not certain at this time.
- 5) In northern Washington County, the Trust for Public Land is working with local and state public agency partners to protect a lakeshore and high quality forest lands identified by the DNR as “regionally significant ecological areas. Land would be owned and managed by the DNR or the local unit of government. Specific acres to be protected and funding needs not certain at this time.

In completing its work under this appropriation, TPL will work with the long-term steward of land acquired with this appropriation to ensure a restoration and management plan is developed and that funding is identified for long-term stewardship. TPL will also provide documentation of transaction-related costs and will seek Commissioner approval before acquiring an interest of land to be conveyed to the DNR, as required.

Summary Budget Information for Result/Activity 1:

	M.L. 2009	M.L. 2010	Total
Trust Fund Budget:	\$380,000	\$890,000	\$1,270,000
Amount Spent:	\$ 380,000	\$338,000	\$718,000
Balance:	\$ 0	\$552,000	\$552,000

Deliverable/Outcome	Completion Date	Budget
1. M.L. 2009: Approx. seventeen (17) acres of high quality habitat protected	June 30, 2011	\$380,000
2. M.L. 2010: Approx. thirty three (33) acres of high quality habitat protected	June 30, 2012	\$890,000

Result Completion Date: M.L. 2009: June 30, 2011; M.L. 2010: June 30, 2012

Result Status as of February 1, 2010:

M.L. 2010: N/A

Result Status as of August 1, 2010:

M.L. 2010: TPL has the +/- 75 acre Savage Fen--Credit River (SNA) property under option and is currently working through due diligence issues with a revised aim of closing within the coming months. This property’s forest, wetlands, and stream frontage—adjacent to the Savage Fen SNA in Scott County—have been ranked by the State as an outstanding representation of biodiversity significance. The property contains a small portion of a calcareous fen (one of Minnesota’s most endangered plant communities) and seepage meadows, but also significant forested uplands that could be developed to the detriment of the sensitive fen area and to the Credit River, which flows through the

property to the Minnesota River. This area supports 18 known Species in Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN).

TPL also has the 338-acre Cedar Creek Conservation Area (Phase II) property in West-Central Anoka County under option with the aim of closing within the coming months. Once acquired, TPL would transfer ownership to Anoka County, which would manage the property as a natural area. This is the second phase in an effort to protect 550 acres of regionally significant ecological land including river shoreline, wetlands, forests and prairie habitat. 212 acres (Phase I) were protected earlier this year with non- ENRTF funds.

Whichever transaction closes first will use the remaining \$62,000 of TPL's 2009 ENRTF dollars in addition to a portion of TPL's 2010 ENRTF dollars. TPL is therefore seeking LCCMR approval to spend 2009 ENRTF funding concurrently with 2010 ENRTF funding on either the Savage Fen—Credit River (SNA) or the Cedar Creek Conservation Area (Phase II) conservation transaction, whichever happens first.

LCCMR approved this amendment on September 10, 2010.

Result Status as of October 29, 2010:

M.L. 2009 Final Report Summary:

Allemansratt Nature Reserve

The Trust for Public Land closed on the acquisition of the 64-acre Lindstrom Phase I property on March 31, 2010. TPL immediately conveyed the property to the City of Lindstrom, which will manage the property as the Allemansratt Nature Reserve.

Purchase of this land allows it to be protected in nearly the same condition as that which originally attracted Swedish emigrants to Chisago County in the 1850's. The site, which includes high quality forest designated by the DNR as a "regionally significant ecological area," provides wildlife habitat, water quality benefits, and public access in a high – growth area. The land abuts two popular fishing lakes with approximately a mile of shoreline. Ecological features include glacial eskers, high quality oak forest, eighteen wetlands (two ephemeral), and diverse wildlife, including many species- such as the Forster's tern- that are listed as being in greatest conservation need. The property has a greater impact on wildlife and connectivity because it is adjacent to 19 acres of land already protected by the City. The comprehensive plans of both the City and Chisago County identify this land as a unique resource to be protected.

TPL purchased the property for \$1,370,500 and sold the property to Lindstrom for \$1,053,500 (TPL's purchase price minus TPL's \$318,000 ENRTF contribution). In purchasing the property from TPL, the City of Lindstrom used \$500,000 from the State's Remediation Fund Grant Program; \$200,000 from Metro Greenways Grant Program (ENRTF 2008); and \$352,500 in City funds. The appraised fair market value of the property was \$1,410,000. The \$39,500 discount to fair market value that TPL was able to secure was passed along as a land value donation by TPL to the City of Lindstrom.

The total ENRTF funding used on this protection project was \$518,000 (please see chart below for a complete breakdown of project funding).

Allemansratt Nature Preserve Acquisition, Lindstrom, MN				
Funding Source*	Partner on Allemansratt project	Amount of funding for land acquisition costs	Allocated Acreage	Recipient of Grant Funds (if applicable)
State Funds				
State Remediation Grant Funds	DNR	\$500,000	22.70	City of Lindstrom
ENTF - Metro Greenways 2008 (DNR)	DNR	\$200,000	9.08	City of Lindstrom
ENTF - Metro Wildlife Corridors Phase IV 2009 (TPL)	TPL	\$318,000	14.43	TPL
	Sub Total	\$1,018,000		
Local Government Funds				
City of Lindstrom	City of Lindstrom	\$352,500	16.00	City of Lindstrom
	Sub Total	\$352,500		
Private Funds				
TPL Land Value Donation	TPL	\$39,500	1.79	N/A
	Sub Total	\$39,500		
	TOTAL	\$1,410,000	64.00	
*Please note that total ENRTF funding is				
		\$518,000		
total other state funding is		\$500,000		
total non-state public funding is		\$352,500		
total private funding is		\$39,500		
TOTAL funding & appraised fair market value of property is		\$1,410,000		

Cedar Creek Conservation Area

On September 22, 2010, TPL closed on the acquisition of a 338-acre property at the confluence of the Rum River and Cedar Creek. TPL immediately conveyed the property to Anoka County, which will manage the land as Cedar Creek Conservation Area. This was the second phase of a two-phase acquisition project. The first phase of 212 acres closed on March 17, 2010 and did not involve any ENRTF funds.

This land has long been a conservation priority for Anoka County and many other organizations and individuals. On June 13, 2000, the Anoka County Board adopted the Cedar Creek Greenway Corridor Plan after a lengthy planning process involving the County, the Cities of Oak Grove and Andover, the Anoka Conservation District, the Rum River Watershed Management Organization, the DNR, the University of Minnesota, and a Citizens Advisory Committee. The study was funded in part by the DNR Metro Greenways program and recognized the creek as an outstanding natural resource and habitat corridor that should be protected.

The 550- acre property (Phase I and Phase II) at the confluence of the Rum River and Cedar Creek offers exceptional quality wildlife habitat and public recreational opportunities with a diversity of topography, aquatic systems, plant communities and wildlife. The rolling land has a rich mix of woodlands, wetlands, prairie remnants and fields. It contains 1.5 miles of shoreline on the Rum River, an outstanding fishery and a component of the state wild and scenic river system. It also contains ¾ of a mile of land along Cedar Creek in a recognized wildlife corridor. The acquisition not only conserves one of the largest undeveloped and contiguous tracts of open space in the Twin Cities metropolitan area, but also more than doubles the amount of public open space in the area as the property is directly across the river from the existing 434-acre Rum River Central Regional Park.

As a new County Conservation Area, this land will provide excellent hunting, fishing and wildlife observation opportunities close to home for many citizens in a quickly developing area. The County has developed a detailed management plan that includes restoring over 150 acres to native prairie.

The second phase of 338 acres closed on September 22, 2010 and was purchased for \$2,600,000. The appraised fair market value of the property was \$2,900,000. TPL immediately conveyed the property to Anoka County. The acquisition was funded with \$400,000 TPL had received in 2009 ENRTF funding, an additional \$1,900,000 in OHF funding Anoka County had received, and \$300,000 of the County's own funds. Please see the following chart for a complete breakdown.

Cedar Creek Conservation Area, Anoka, MN				
Funding Source*	Partner on project	Amount of funding for land acquisition costs	Allocated Acreage	Recipient of Grant Funds (if applicable)
PHASE II				
State Funds				
2010 OHF	Anoka County	\$1,900,000	221.4	Anoka County
ENRTF - Metro Wildlife Corridors Phase V 2009 (TPL)	TPL	\$62,000	7.2	TPL
ENRTF - Metro Wildlife Corridors Phase V Supp. 2010 (TPL)	TPL	\$338,000	39.4	TPL
	Sub Total	\$2,300,000		
Local Government Funds				
Anoka County	Anoka County	\$300,000	35	N/A
	Sub Total	\$300,000		
Private Funds				
TPL Land Value Donation	TPL	\$300,000	35	N/A
	Sub Total	\$300,000		
	TOTAL PHASE II	\$2,900,000	338	
	TOTAL PHASES I & II	\$4,800,000	550	

*Please note that total ENRTF funding is	\$400,000		
total other state funding is	\$2,238,000		
total non-state public funding is	\$300,000		
total private funding is	\$300,000		
TOTAL funding & appraised fair market value of property is	\$2,900,000		

M.L. 2010: TPL closed on the acquisition of Cedar Creek Conservation Area using \$338,000 of TPL's 2010 ENRTF funds as described above in the M.L. 2009 Final Report Summary. TPL also continues to have the Savage Fen--Credit River (SNA) property under option with the aim of closing within the next month.

Result Status as of February 1, 2011:

Result Status as of August 1, 2011:

Result Status as of February 1, 2012:

M.L. 2010 Final Report Summary:

V. TOTAL TRUST FUND PROJECT BUDGET:

M.L. 2009:

Personnel: \$0

Contracts: \$0

Equipment/Tools/Supplies: \$0

Acquisition, including easements: \$380,000 (Capital costs for 21.63 pro-rated ENRTF acres of fee title acquisition; TPL transferred interests in land to two local units of government for long term protection).

Travel: \$0

Other: \$0

TOTAL M.L. 2009 TRUST FUND PROJECT BUDGET: \$380,000

M.L. 2010:

Personnel: \$0

Contracts: \$0

Equipment/Tools/Supplies: \$0

Acquisition (Fee Title or Permanent Easements): \$890,000

Travel: \$0

Additional Budget Items: \$0

TOTAL ENRTF PROJECT BUDGET: \$890,000

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

VI. PROJECT STRATEGY:

A. Project Partners: TPL works closely with private landowners and with the public agency or non-profit partner to which TPL will transfer the land and which will serve as the long-term steward of the land interest that TPL purchases using ENRTF funds. Long-term

stewards and other project partners may include local governments, regional agencies, state agencies, water-related agencies, federal agencies, and private nonprofit organizations. We also work closely with citizen groups and coordinate our work with other Metro Conservation Corridor partners (See Table A). When TPL transfers interests in land to a long-term steward, TPL will donate to the land steward the land value of the ENRTF funds.

B. Project Impact and Long-term Strategy: The Trust for Public Land is working toward a vision that in the next 25 years, every one of us—in particular every child—will have a nearby natural area, park, garden, or playground to visit. Our region’s parks system will be expanded into an interconnected web of public parks, gardens, trails, lakes, rivers and natural areas in the Twin Cities area stretching from the vibrant central business districts of Minneapolis and St. Paul through our inner city neighborhoods to our growing suburban and exurban fringe. The Metro Conservation Corridors Program provides the opportunity to positively impact the quality of life of the estimated sixty percent of the state’s population that lives in the counties served by this overall project. By focusing on protecting and restoring high quality natural areas that are close to home for millions of Minnesotans, this program will provide: recreation opportunities and physical health; economic well-being; and a healthy and working natural resource system that in turn will provide safe drinking water for people and healthy habitat for fish, birds and other wildlife—especially for Species of Greatest Conservation Need, as described in the report Tomorrow’s Habitat for the Wild and Rare.

C. Other Funds Proposed to be Spent during the Project Period: M.L. 2009: TPL leveraged 380,000 2009 ENRTF funds with \$3,930,000 in other state and non-state funds for this acquisition work. Additional acquisition funding was contributed by: the City of Lindstrom, Anoka County, state agencies, and landowners as outlined in detail above. M.L. 2010: TPL aims to leverage ENRTF funds with \$445,000 in non-state funds for this acquisition work from sources including: cities, counties, regional park districts, federal agencies, and landowners and/or other private donors.

D. Spending History: Past allocations of ENRTF funding through the Metro Conservation Corridors Program have been spent to create and/or protect the following:

Land Protected	ENRTF Appropriation Year	ENRTF Amount Spent by TPL	ENRTF Amount Spent by Partners	Non-ENRTF Amount Leveraged
East Rush Lake AMA/WMA	2005	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$303,000
Horseshoe Lake Regional Park	2005	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$956,000
Franconia Bluffs SNA	2005	\$420,000	\$0	\$105,000
Franconia Bluffs SNA	2007	\$ 10,000	\$0	
Camp Ojiketa on Green Lake	2007	\$410,000	\$100,000	\$3,215,000

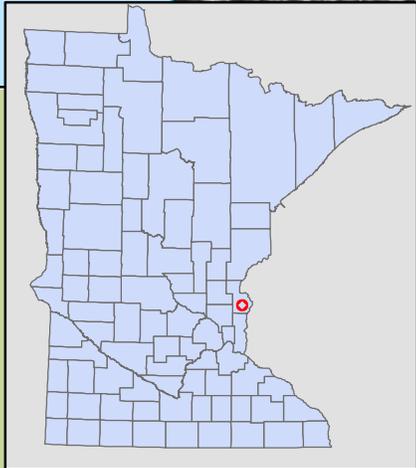
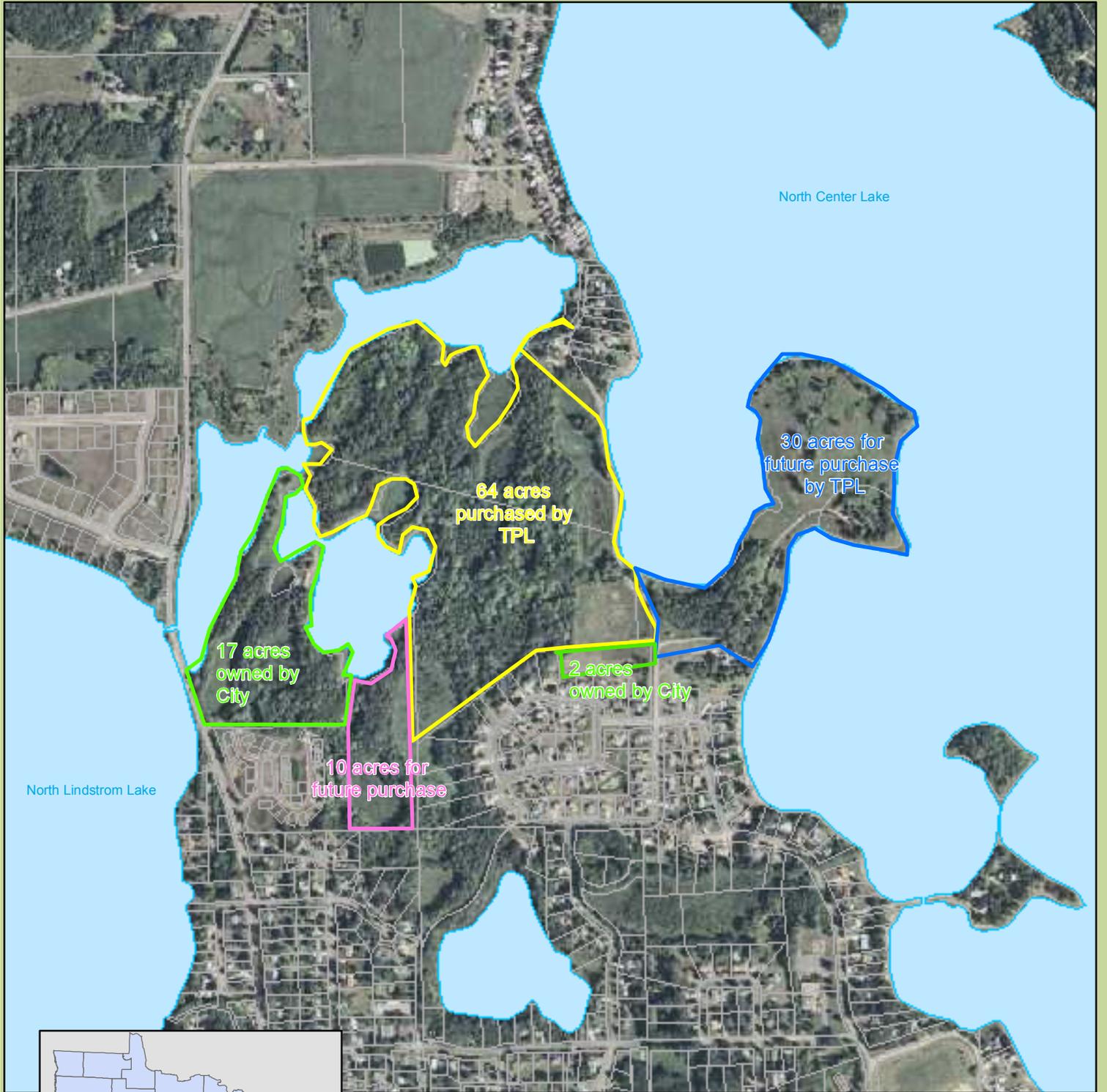
Camp Ojiketa on Green Lake	2008	\$475,000		
Total		\$1,515,000	\$400,000	\$4,579,000

VII. DISSEMINATION: As conservation transactions are completed, The Trust for Public Land will disseminate information on the TPL website, www.tpl.org, broadcast emails to Embrace Open Space (EOS) and TPL list serve members, distribute press releases, and include information in TPL's newsletters as appropriate. TPL will also work with the long-term steward to ensure information is distributed to its listserves and on its website as well.

VIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: For the 2009 and 2010 appropriations, periodic work program progress reports will be submitted February 1st and August 1st of each year. A final work program report and associated products for the 2009 appropriation will be submitted not later than August 1, 2011. A final work program report and associated products for the 2010 appropriation will be submitted not later than August 1, 2012.

IX. RESEARCH PROJECTS: N/A

Attachment A: Budget Detail for 2009 Metro Conservation Corridors Project				10/29/2010	
Project Title: <i>Metropolitan Area Conservation Corridors Phase 5-- The Trust for Public Land's Critical Lands Protection Program</i>					
Project Manager Name: <i>Becca Nash</i>					
Trust Fund Appropriation: <i>\$380,000</i>					
<i>1) See list of non-eligible expenses, do not include any of these items in your budget sheet</i>					
<i>2) Remove any budget item lines not applicable</i>					
2009 Trust Fund Budget	<u>Result 1 Budget:</u>	Amount Spent <i>10/29/10</i>	Balance <i>10/29/10</i>	TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL BALANCE
	<i>Acquire significant habitat</i>				
BUDGET ITEM					
Land acquisition	380,000	380,000	0	380,000	0
Easement acquisition					
COLUMN TOTAL	\$380,000	\$380,000	\$0	\$380,000	\$0

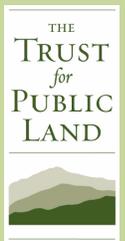
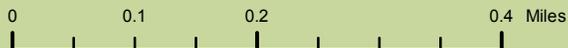


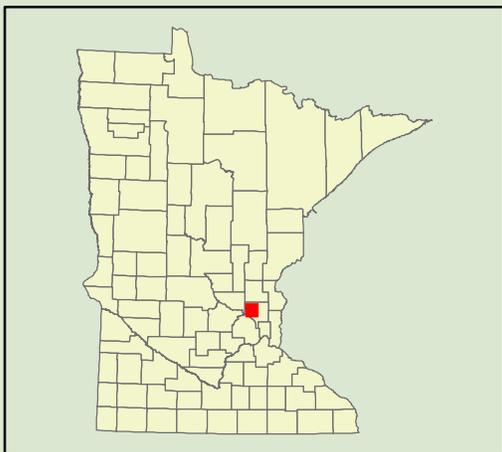
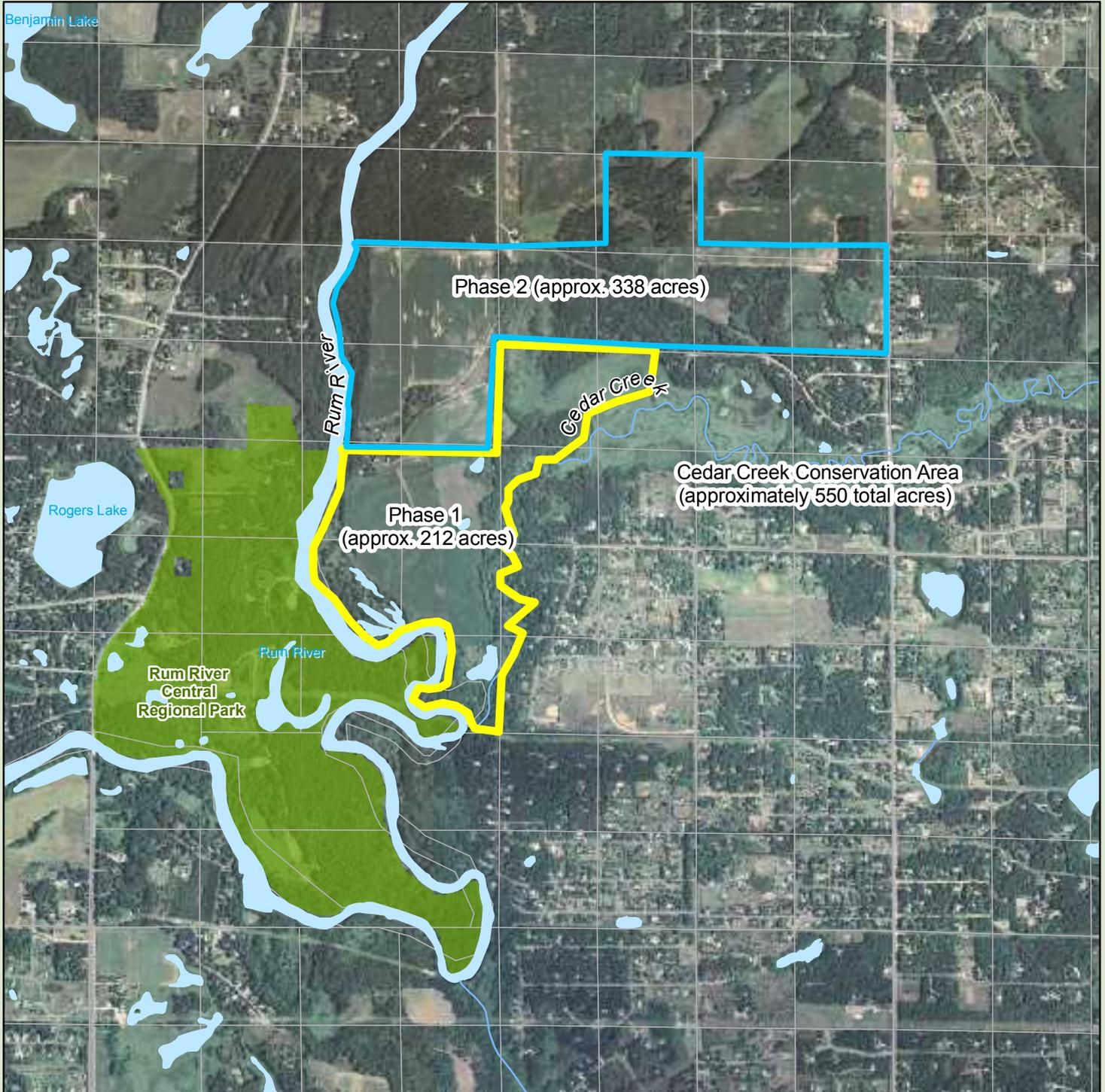
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