

## Trust Fund 2009 Work Program

**Date of Report:** 4 June 2009

**Date of Next Progress Report:** 30 September 2009

**Date of Work Program Approval:**

**Project Completion Date:** September 30, 2010

### **I. PROJECT TITLE:** State Trail Acquisition

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**Location:** Acquisitions include, but not limited to (1) Northwest – Paul Bunyan State Trail – in the City of Bemidji. (2) Central – Browns Creek Segment of the Munger State Trail. See attached map for locations. See attached map for locations.

<b>Total Trust Fund Project Budget:</b>	<b>Trust Fund Appropriation</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>
	<b>Minus Amount Spent:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-0-</b>
	<b>Equal Balance:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>

### **Legal Citation: M.L. 2009, Chp.143, Sec.2, Subd. 4b**

#### **Appropriation Language:**

\$1,000,000 is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources to assist in the acquisition of the Brown's Creek segment of the Willard Munger Trail in Washington County and Paul Bunyan State Trail in the City of Bemidji.

### **II. PROJECT SUMMARY AND RESULTS:** Trust Fund funding will allow for the:

- Acquisition of approximately 1.25 miles of the Paul Bunyan State Trail. The property to be acquired is comprised entirely of former industrial property, located adjacent to the shoreline of Lake Bemidji. This proposed acquisition will provide the necessary connection to the Paul Bunyan State Trailhead on the southeastern corner of Lake Bemidji.
- Acquisition of approximately 6 miles of the Browns Creek Segment of the Munger State Trail. The property is comprised entirely of the right-of-way of the former Minnesota Zephyr Dinner Trail and traverses the margins of the St. Croix River floodplain adjacent to T.H. 95, the gently to steeply

sloping bluffs of the river valley and gently rolling uplands that are interspersed with residential and commercial development.

Parcels in this work program may be revised during the course of this funding cycle due to an inability to complete the negotiations or other factors.

**III. PROGRESS SUMMARY AS OF:**

**IV. OUTLINE OF PROJECT RESULTS:**

**Result 1:** Acquire approximately 1.25 miles of the Paul Bunyan State Trail.

**Description:** The DNR proposes to acquire a single narrow linear parcel located along the southeastern shoreline of Lake Bemidji, and which containing 13.5 acres extending over approximately 1.25 miles. The property to be acquired is comprised entirely of former industrial property, located adjacent to the shoreline of Lake Bemidji. This proposed acquisition will provide the necessary connection Paul Bunyan State Trailhead on the southeastern corner of Lake Bemidji and the segment of the State Trail currently beginning acquired through the City of Bemidji. Funding provided through Capital Bonding (2005 and 2008) will also be used for this project.

**Summary Budget Information for Result 1:** Trust Fund Budget: \$300,000  
Amount Spent: \$ -0-  
Balance: \$ 300,000

Deliverable	Completion Date	Budget
1. 1.25 miles of trail corridor acquired	June 30, 2011	\$300,000

**Result Completion Date:** June 30, 2011

**Result Status as of:** December 30, 2009

**Result Status as of:** June 30, 2010

**Result Status as of:** December 30, 2010

**Final Report Summary:** June 30, 2011

**Result 2:** Acquire 6 miles of the Browns Creek Segment of Munger State Trail.

**Description:** The DNR proposes to acquire a single narrow linear property, containing approximately 70 acres and extending over approximately 6 miles between the existing Gateway State Trail Corridor and Downtown Stillwater. The property is comprised entirely of the right-of-way of the former Minnesota Zephyr Dinner Trail and traverses the margins of the St. Croix River floodplain adjacent to

T.H. 95, the gently to steeply sloping bluffs of the river valley and gently rolling uplands that are interspersed with residential and commercial development. Washington County and the City of Stillwater are current partners with the DNR in this project. The acquisition parcel referenced represents the entire Browns Creek Trail corridor as Legislatively Authorized. No additional acquisition would be required to complete the Browns Creek Segment of Willard Munger State Trail.

**Summary Budget Information for Result 2: Trust Fund Budget: \$700,000**  
**Amount Spent: \$ -0-**  
**Balance: \$ 700,000**

<b>Deliverable</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>1. 6 miles of trail corridor acquired</b>	<b>June 30, 2011</b>	<b>\$700,000</b>

**Result Completion Date: June 30, 2011**

**Result Status as of: December 30, 2009**

**Result Status as of: June 30, 2010**

**Result Status as of: December 30, 2010**

**Final Report Summary: June 30, 2011**

**V. TOTAL TRUST FUND PROJECT BUDGET:**

**Personnel: \$10,000 (Professional Services from DNR, Division of Lands and Minerals and the Attorney General's Office)**  
**Contracts: \$20,000 (Appraisal Services)**  
**Equipment/Tools/Supplies: \$ -0-**  
**Acquisition, including easements: \$ 970,000**  
**Travel: \$ -0-**  
**Other: \$ -0-**

**TOTAL TRUST FUND PROJECT BUDGET: \$1,000,000**

**Explanation of Capital Expenditures Greater Than \$3,500:**

**Personnel:** Department of Natural Resources Lands and Minerals Division Staff and the staff of the Minnesota Attorney General's Office will conduct all activities associated with each of the land acquisition transactions.

**Contracts:** The Department of Natural Resources will contract with private appraisal firms within Minnesota to complete the appraisals necessary to acquire the property referenced.

**Acquisition:** Payments to the private and public landowners of the two segment of trail corridor referenced.

## **VI. PROJECT STRATEGY:**

**A. Project Partners:** The City of Bemidji will assist the DNR in trail corridor acquisition planning for the Paul Bunyan State Trail. It is currently anticipated that both the City of Stillwater and Washington County will assist the DNR, Division of Parks and Trails in the acquisition of former Minnesota Zephyr railroad corridor. It is anticipated that the Parks and Trails Council of Minnesota will play a critical role in the negotiation and timely acquisition of the Browns Creek Trail corridor prior to State acquisition.

**B. Project Impact and Long-term Strategy:** (1) The acquisition of the approximately 1.25 miles trail corridor within the City of Bemidji will provide a critical link for the Paul Bunyan State Trail in the City of Bemidji, providing the necessary connection between the existing Paul Bunyan State Trailhead on the southeastern corner of Lake Bemidji and the Trail corridor which currently terminates south of TH 197 in Bemidji. (2) The acquisition of approximately 6 miles of the Browns Creek Segment of the Munger State Trail will provide a much needed connection between the Gateway State Trail and the City of Stillwater, representing one of the only viable potential "off-road" pedestrian/bicycle trail corridors in this area.

**C. Other Funds Proposed to be Spent during the Project Period:** Washington County has committed up to \$1,000,000 for the acquisition of the former Minnesota Zephyr railroad corridor for use as the Browns Creek Segment of the Willard Munger State Trail. Funding provided through Capital Bonding (2005 and 2008) will also be used for the acquisition of the Paul Bunyan State Trail segment within the City of Bemidji.

**D. Spending History:** Land Acquisition for the Division of Parks and Trails State Trail property acquisition efforts have been supported by legislative appropriations through Capital Bonding, Dedicated User Accounts, the General Fund, the Legislative Commission of Minnesota Resources and Federal appropriations through the Federal Highway Administration.

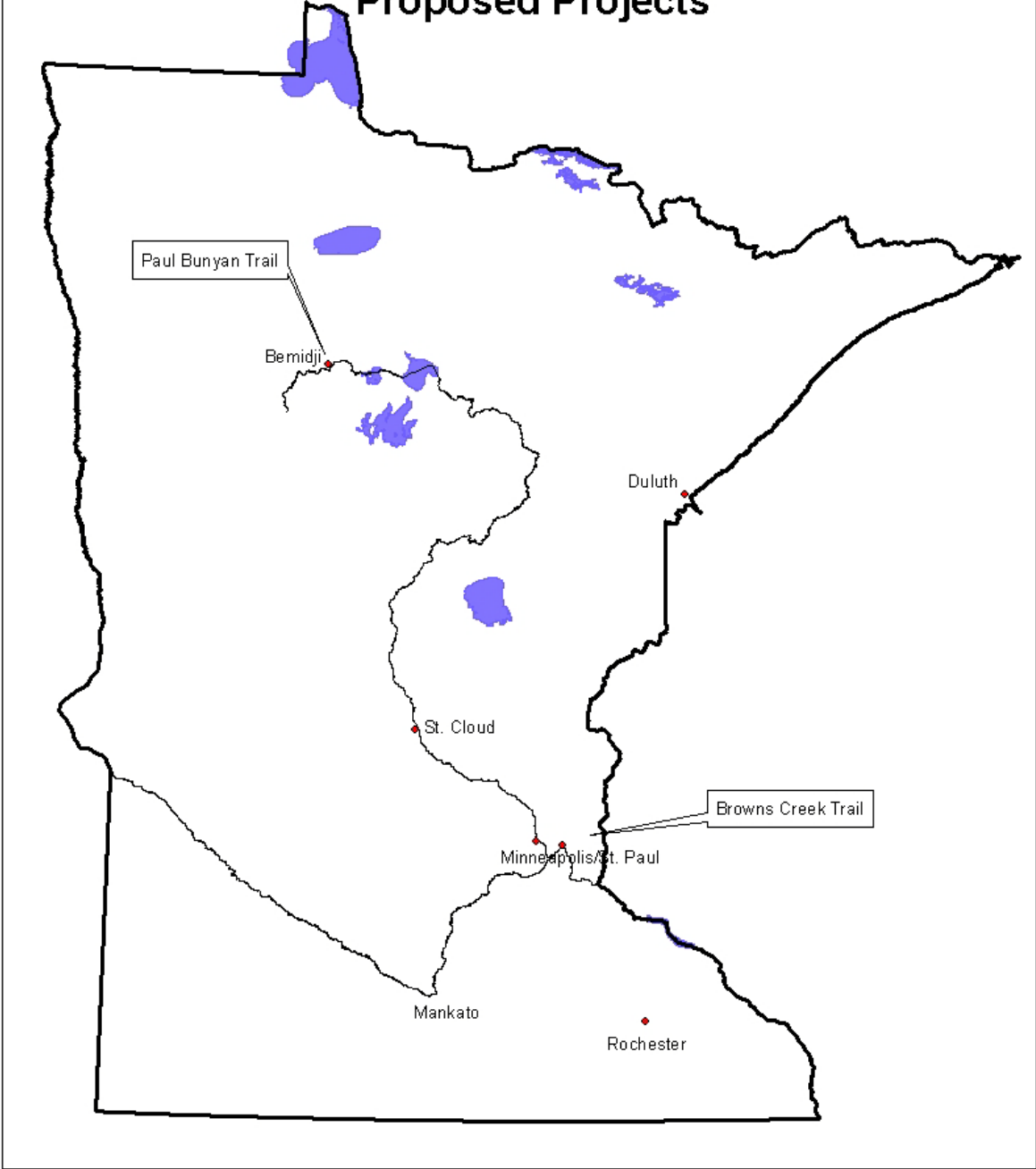
M.L. 2005 - \$400,000 – Paul Bunyan State Trail Connection in the City of Bemidji

**VII. DISSEMINATION:** No projected news releases at this time. State Trails maps and website will be updated as new trail corridor is available for public use.

**VIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:** Periodic work program progress reports will be submitted not later than December 30, 2009, June 30, 2010 and December 30, 2010. A final work program report and associated products will be submitted between June 30 and August 1, 2011 as requested by the LCCMR.

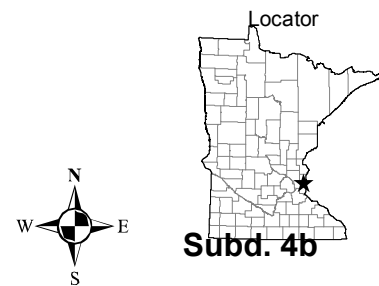
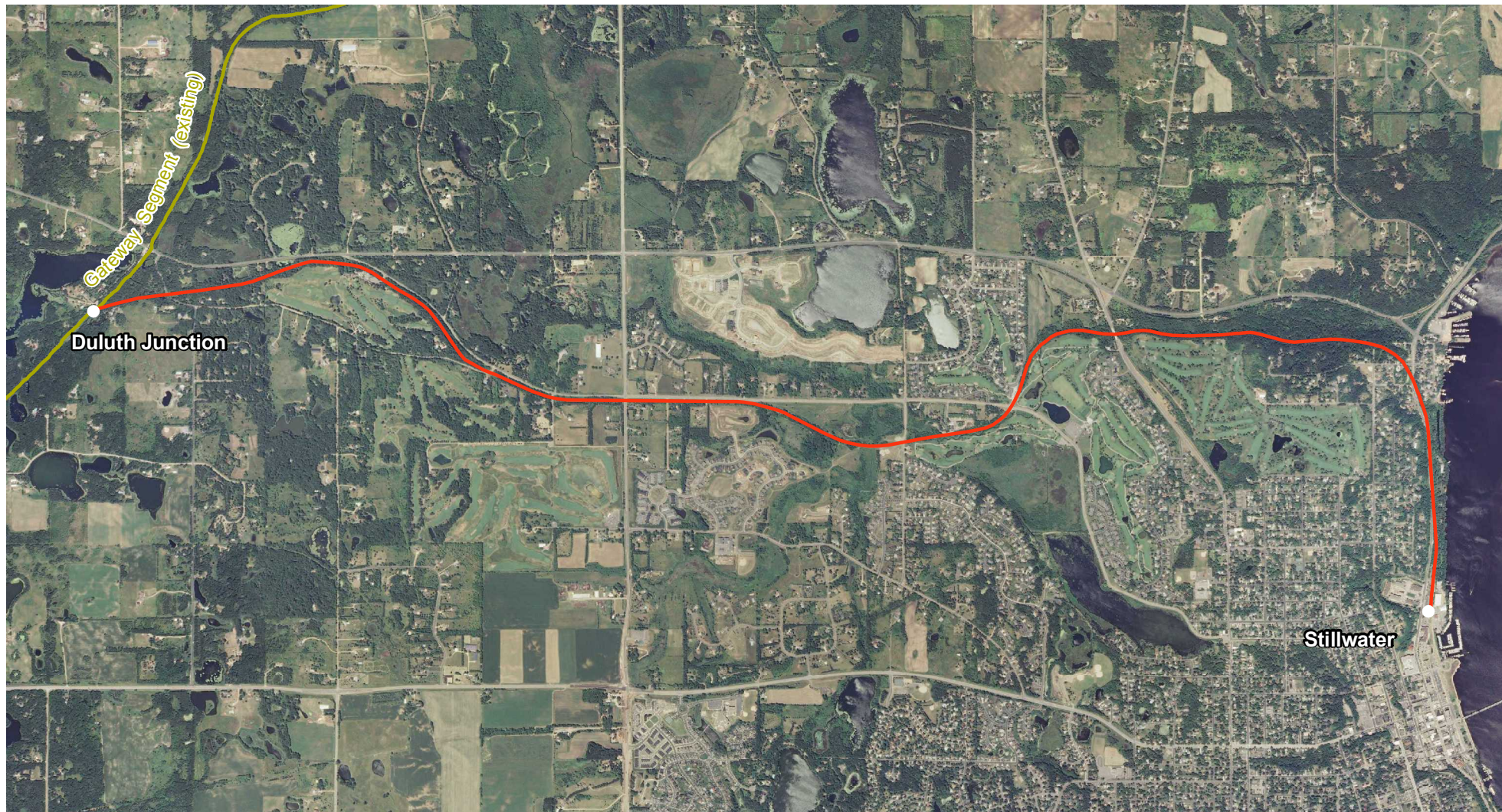
**IX. RESEARCH PROJECTS:** NA

# LCCMR 2009 State Trail Land Acquisition Proposed Projects

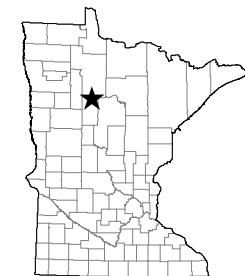
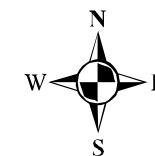


Attachment A: Budget Detail for 2009 Projects - 2009 State Trail Acquisition											
Project Title: B08 State Trail Acquisition											
Project Manager Name: Stan Linnell											
Trust Fund Appropriation: \$ 1,000,000											
2009 Trust Fund Budget	Result 1 Budget:	Amount Spent (date)	Balance (17 May 09)	Result 2 Budget:	Amount Spent (date)	Balance (17 May 09)	Result 3 Budget:	Amount Spent (date)	Balance (date)	TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL BALANCE
	Paul Bunyan State Trail Land Acq. - Bemidji			Browns Creek State Trail Land Acq.							
BUDGET ITEM											
Land acquisition		290,000	290,000			680,000				970,000	970,000
Professional Services for Acq. Such as Contract Appraisal, Survey, Title Work and Professional Services		10,000	10,000			20,000				30,000	30,000
<b>COLUMN TOTAL</b>		<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>		<b>\$700,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$700,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Attachment A: Budget Detail for 2009 Projects - 2009 State Trail Acquisition (Project Partner)											
Project Title: B08 State Trail Acquisition											
Project Manager Name: Stan Linnell / Project Partner - Washington County											
Appropriation: \$ 1,000,000											
2009 Trust Fund Budget	Result 1 Budget:	Amount Spent (date)	Balance (17 May 09)	Result 2 Budget:	Amount Spent (date)	Balance (17 May 09)	Result 3 Budget:	Amount Spent (date)	Balance (date)	TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL BALANCE
	Paul Bunyan State Trail Land Acq. - Bemidji			Browns Creek State Trail Land Acq.							
BUDGET ITEM											
Land acquisition						1,000,000				1,000,000	1,000,000
<b>COLUMN TOTAL</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

# 2009 Proposed Trail Acquisition Willard Munger State Trail - Browns Creek Segment



# 2009 Proposed Trail Acquisition Paul Bunyan State Trail - Corridor through Bemidji



Subd. Locator