

**Table 1. Phase VI - Habitat Conservation Partnership Project Budget and Accomplishments**

		ENRTF	Other Funds	Total	ENRTF Acres	Partner Acres
<b>1. Project Coordination, Mapping, Data Management</b>						
a) Project Coordination and Mapping	Pheasants Forever	\$ 100,000	0	\$ 100,000	0	0
SUBTOTAL		\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000	0	0
<b>2. Restoration &amp; Management</b>						
a) Hides for Habitat - Restoration	Minnesota Deer Hunter's Association	\$ 50,000	\$ 37,500	\$ 87,500	37	0
b) Partners for Wildlife	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	50,000	50,000	\$ 100,000	110	110
c) Shallow Lake Enhancement	Ducks Unlimited	225,000	100,000	\$ 325,000	150	150
d) Shallow Lake Assessment and Management	DNR Wildlife	145,000	0	\$ 145,000	0	0
g) Wildlife Areas Management	DNR Wildlife	50,000	0	\$ 50,000	0	0
h) Fisheries Habitat Restoration	DNR Fisheries	100,000	0	\$ 100,000	13	0
i) Set Out Seedlings/Bluffland Restoration	National Wild Turkey Federation	85,000	73,000	\$ 158,000	180	140
j) Lakescaping	DNR Ecological Services	75,000		\$ 75,000	8 sites	
k) Prairie Management	DNR Ecological Services	75,000	-	\$ 75,000	750	0
n) Campaign for Conservation - Rest	The Nature Conservancy	315,000	72,450	\$ 387,450	2261	520
o) Working Lands Partnership	Friends of Detroit Lakes WMD	50,000	50,000	\$ 100,000	50	50
SUBTOTAL		1,220,000	382,950	1,602,950	3,551	970
<b>3. Conservation Easement Programs</b>						
a) Shoreland Protection Program	Minnesota Land Trust	\$ 210,000	500,000	\$ 710,000	100	200
c) Shallow Lake Easements	Ducks Unlimited	250,000	250,000	\$ 500,000	100	100
d) Wetlands Reserve Program	Ducks Unlimited/USDA NRCS	420,000	1,500,000	\$ 1,920,000	-	3,000
SUBTOTAL		\$ 880,000	\$ 2,250,000	\$ 3,130,000	200	3300
<b>4. Habitat Acquisition Programs</b>						
a) Critical Lands Conservation Initiative	Pheasants Forever	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 700,000	100	100
b) Fisheries Land Acquisition	DNR Fisheries	300,000	0	\$ 300,000	120	0
c) Critical Lands Protection Program	Trust for Public Land	350,000	350,000	\$ 700,000	25	25
f) Campaign for Conservation	The Nature Conservancy	50,000	292,563	\$ 342,563	20	95
h) MN Valley Refuge Expansion	MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust	100,000	100,000	\$ 200,000	20	20
i) Professional Services	DNR Wildlife	25,000	-	\$ 25,000	-	-
SUBTOTAL		\$ 1,175,000	\$ 1,092,563	\$ 2,267,563	285	240
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 3,375,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,725,513</b>	<b>\$ 7,100,513</b>	<b>4,036</b>	<b>4,510</b>

## Trust Fund 2009 Work Program

**Date of Report:** 5/27/2009

**Date of Next Progress Report:** 12/01/2009

**Date of Work Program Approval:**

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

**I. PROJECT TITLE:** Habitat Conservation Partnership – Phase VI

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**Location:** Please see attached map. The Habitat Conservation Partnership will work in the nine defined project areas.

<b>Total Trust Fund Project Budget:</b>	<b>Trust Fund Appropriation</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,375,000</b>
	<b>Minus Amount Spent:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>- 0 -</b>
	<b>Equal Balance:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,375,000</b>

**Legal Citation:** M.L. 2009, Chap. 143, Sec. 2, Subd. 4e

### **Appropriation Language:**

\$3,375,000 is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for the sixth appropriation for acceleration of agency programs and cooperative agreements. Of this appropriation, \$770,000 is for the Department of Natural Resources agency programs and \$2,605,000 is for agreements as follows: \$450,000 with Pheasants Forever; \$50,000 with Minnesota Deer Hunters Association; \$895,000 with Ducks Unlimited, Inc.; \$85,000 with National Wild Turkey Federation; \$365,000 with the Nature Conservancy; \$210,000 with Minnesota Land Trust; \$350,000 with the Trust for Public Land; \$100,000 with Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc.; \$50,000 with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service; and \$50,000 with Friends of Detroit Lakes Watershed Management District to plan, restore, and acquire fragmented landscape corridors that connect areas of quality habitat to sustain fish, wildlife, and plants. The United States Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service is a cooperating partner in the appropriation. Expenditures are limited to the project corridor areas as defined in the work program. Land acquired with this appropriation must be sufficiently improved to meet at least minimum habitat and facility management standards as determined by the commissioner of natural resources. 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.

**II. PROJECT SUMMARY AND RESULTS:** A total of 8,546 acres will be restored, enhanced or protected through this proposal. Please see the attached Table 1 and individual partner proposals for detail. The Partnership addresses many of the recommendations cited in the *Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan Final Plan – Phase II, June 30, 2008* (SCPP) and it agrees with the plan when it states “...**habitat issues are arguably the most important issues facing the conservation and preservation of natural resources throughout Minnesota.**” Our approach addresses habitat loss, habitat degradation and habitat fragmentation in a focused way towards improving the connectivity and the functionality of priority habitat while providing public benefits of wildlife, soil, water, access, and quality of life. We address habitat issues by doing habitat restoration, habitat enhancement, and permanent habitat protection (easement & fee-title).

The work outlined by this proposal directly achieves the partnership’s strategic objectives of bringing resources and strategies together to work in focused areas while leveraging additional resources to connect and restore Minnesota’s fragmented habitats. We are fifteen formal partners bringing a committed \$3.725 million (greater than 1:1 ratio) in other non-state resources to bear on our natural resources. The design and makeup of our project areas reflect areas of great need and opportunity to make a difference for wildlife habitat. Please see the attached Phase VI project area map which delineates where all Phase VI Partnership activities described in this proposal will occur. There are two additions to the Phase VI project area map that are noted in the updated project area map history.

**III. PROGRESS SUMMARY AS OF**

**IV. OUTLINE OF PROJECT RESULTS:**

**Result 1: Project Coordination, Mapping, Data Management.** Provide for the overall coordination, data management and mapping needs of the Habitat Conservation Partnership during the grant period.

**Summary Budget Information for Result 1:** Trust Fund Budget: \$100,000  
Amount Spent: \$ - 0 -  
Balance: \$100,000

Deliverable	Completion Date	Budget
1. Project Coordination	6/30/2011	\$45,000
2. Contract Mapping & Data Management	6/30/2011	\$55,000

**Result Completion Date:** 06/30/2011

**Result Status as of 12/01/2009:** All expenditures and accomplishments will be reported twice annually using the Habitat Conservation Partnership online reporting system.

**Result Status as of 06/01/2010:**

**Result Status as of 12/01/2010:**

**Final Report Summary:** 09/01/2012

**Result 2: Habitat Restoration and Management.** Restore, enhance or manage 4,521 acres (3,501 ETF, 920 Other Funds) of wetland, prairie, oak savannah, lakeshore, shallow lake, forest, bluff land, stream, and river habitat. Please see Table 1 and the individual partner proposals for further detail. A total of \$382,950 of other non-state funds are committed to complete this work. Partners will have a restoration plan on file that includes the components outlined in the appropriation.

**Summary Budget Information for Result 2:** Trust Fund Budget: \$1,220,000  
Amount Spent: \$ - 0 -  
Balance: \$1,220,000

Deliverable	Completion Date	Budget
1. Restore, enhance, manage 4,521 acres	6/30/2011	\$1,220,000

**Result Completion Date:** 06/30/2011

**Result Status as of 12/01/2009:** All expenditures and accomplishments will be reported twice annually using the Habitat Conservation Partnership online reporting system.

**Result Status as of 06/01/2010:**

**Result Status as of 12/01/2010:**

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**Result 3: Habitat Protection – Easement Acquisition** Acquire the perpetual rights to permanently protect 3,500 acres (250 ETF, 3,350 Other Funds) of wetland, shoreland, prairie, grassland, lakeshore, shallow lake, forest, bluff land, stream and river habitat. Partners will bring \$2,280,000 in other non-state funds to this habitat protection effort. Recorded easements will be sent to LCCMR and long-term stewardship of easements will be described in individual proposals. Please see

Table 1 and the individual partner proposals for further detail. Restoration and management plans for protected properties will be on file including the components requested in the appropriation.

**Summary Budget Information for Result 3:** Trust Fund Budget: \$ 880,000  
 Amount Spent: \$ - 0 -  
 Balance: \$ 880,000

Deliverable	Completion Date	Budget
1. Acquire 3,500 acres of easements	6/30/2011	\$880,000

**Result Completion Date:** 06/30/2011

**Result Status as of 12/01/2009:** All expenditures and accomplishments will be reported twice annually using the Habitat Conservation Partnership online reporting system.

**Result Status as of 06/01/2010:**

**Result Status as of 12/01/2010:**

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**Result 4: Habitat Protection – Fee-title Acquisition** Acquire fee-title to permanently protect 525 acres (285 ETF, 240 Other Funds) of wetland, shoreline, prairie, grassland, lakeshore, shallow lake, forest, bluff land, stream and river habitat. Acquisitions are from willing sellers and follow the Appendix F requirements for land acquisition. Partners will also follow LCCMR requirements for transaction cost reporting and will also report land acquisition on the LCCMR web reporting form. Partners are bringing \$1,092,563 in other non-state funds to protect Minnesota habitat under this result. Please see Table 1 and the individual partner proposals for further detail. Restoration and management plans for protected properties will be on file including the components requested in the appropriation.

**Summary Budget Information for Result 4:** Trust Fund Budget: \$1,175,000  
 Amount Spent: \$ - 0 -  
 Balance: \$1,175,000

Deliverable	Completion Date	Budget
1. Acquire 525 acres	6/30/2011	\$1,175,000

**Result Completion Date:** 06/30/2011

**Result Status as of 12/01/2009:** All expenditures and accomplishments will be reported twice annually using the Habitat Conservation Partnership online reporting system.

**Result Status as of 06/01/2010:**  
**Result Status as of 12/01/2010:**  
**Final Report Summary: 09/01/2012**

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

**Personnel:** \$ 694,624  
**Contracts:** \$ 884,376  
**Equipment/Tools/Supplies:** \$ 24,000  
**Restoration:** \$311,000  
**Acquisition, including easements:** \$ 1,355,000  
**Other:** \$ 106,000

**TOTAL TRUST FUND PROJECT BUDGET: \$3,375,000**

**Explanation of Capital Expenditures Greater Than \$3,500:** This will be described in individual work programs if applicable.

**VI. PROJECT STRATEGY:**

**A. Project Partners:** There are fifteen active partners in this proposal phase. They include: Ducks Unlimited, Friends of the Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District, Minnesota Deer Hunter's Association, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (Wildlife, Fisheries, Ecological Services), Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund, Minnesota Land Trust, Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc., National Wild Turkey Federation, Pheasants Forever, The Nature Conservancy, Trust For Public Land, U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. The nature of our work includes dozens and perhaps hundreds of partners coming into contact with the LCCMR and Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund including private landowners, local conservation interests, corporations, local government, civic groups, and donors. It also engages over 100,000 individual members and volunteers of NGO partners (MDHA, DU, NWTf, TNC, & PF). Please see the Table 1 attachment for a summary of partners proposed work.

**B. Project Impact and Long-term Strategy:** The work outlined in this proposal moves to address several goals outlined in existing habitat/resource plans including: Aquatic Management Area Plan, Wildlife Management Area Plan, Statewide Duck Recovery Plan, Minnesota Pheasant Plan, Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan, and several others. The impact of our work can be seen on the landscape through this partnership effort, several examples have been presented to the LCMR and LCCMR showing how the focused, partnership approach that leverages additional funds to build upon existing habitats to increase function and connection is working. Species impacts are varied, but we are protecting and restoring habitats that provide for hundreds of species of concern and import to Minnesotans. We are in year seven of a proposed 10-biennia partnership. The pressure on the land continues to increase, and the need for habitat restoration and protection is more

important than ever. We appreciate greatly the partnership with LCCMR and the vision for these dollars and this partnership to be a catalyst for the long term restoration and protection of our diverse habitat and natural resources

**C. Other Funds Proposed to be Spent during the Project Period:** \$3,725,513 in other non-state funds are committed to this effort of restoring, enhancing, managing and protecting 8,546 acres of habitat important to Minnesota.

**D. Spending History:** In 2007 (phase IV), a total of \$1.4M remain as of the 12/01/08 update report, with all funds to be spent on or before June 30, 2009. 2008 (phase V) – A total of \$2.9M remain as of the 12/01/08 report with all funds to be spent on or before June 30, 2010.

**VII. DISSEMINATION:** All update and final reports will be available at [www.mnhabitatcorridors.org](http://www.mnhabitatcorridors.org). In addition, all partners are encouraged to work with LCCMR staff to promote accomplishments and projects completed through this partnership in the media. We will forward any media coverage to LCCMR staff for distribution to Members.

**VIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:** Periodic work program progress reports will be submitted not later than 12/01/2009, 06/01/2010 & 12/01/2010. 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

# Habitat Conservation Partnership Proposed Phase VI Project Areas

-Restoring Minnesota's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Corridors-

