

Trust Fund 2009 Work Program

Date of Report: June 1, 2009 amendment
Date of Next Progress Report: Dec. 1, 2009
Date of Work Program Approval:
Project Completion Date: June 30, 2011

I. I. PROJECT TITLE: **Phase VI - Fish Habitat Improvement (2H)** **Minnesota's Habitat Conservation Partnership**

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Location: All fish habitat improvement work will be completed within the nine project area boundaries identified in the attached map (please see the 1a Project Area Coordination and Mapping work plan).

Total Trust Fund Project Budget:	Trust Fund Appropriation	\$	100,000
	Minus Amount Spent:	\$	0
	Equal Balance:	\$	100,000

Legal Citation: M.L. 2009, Chap. 143, Sec. 2, Subd. 4e2h

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: This project will work on up to 13 acres and/ or 0.5 miles of critical shoreland and/or aquatic habitat. Priority will be given to restoring regionally significant fish and wildlife habitat.

III. PROGRESS SUMMARY AS OF May 8, 2009 All Habitat Conservation Partnership progress summaries (twice annually) will be generated by the Partnership online reporting system. This system provides an accomplishment, expenditure and narrative update to LCCMR for each individual work plan

IV. OUTLINE OF PROJECT RESULTS: This project will focus on habitat linkages that endeavor to improve fish habitat and protect water quality on streams and lakes. Examples of projects include stream channel restorations, bear control, installation of aeration systems, spawning area development, dam modifications, bank stabilization, and fish barrier projects that occur adjacent to or in lakes and streams
Result 1: Fish Habitat Improvement

Description: Project money will be used to work on up to 13 acres and/ or 0.5 miles of critical habitat. Funds will be used to pay for professional services as needed, such as the costs of signage, design work, engineering and surveys. A portion of the funds will also be used to pay for our SE Habitat Construction Crew and Statewide Construction Crew staff time when working on approved projects. These crews will only be used when they are cheaper than contracting with an outside vendor or when no outside vendors have the expertise to do that type of work. Some funds may need to be used to pay for attorney fees to review contracts and deeds to ensure that easement language and boundaries are confirmed and to pay for Department of Natural Resources engineering services. Contracts for habitat work installation or materials will be done through the standard state procedures.

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

Deliverable	Completion Date	Budget
1.13 acres or .5 miles total	6/30/2011	\$100,000
Projects being proposed:	Indiv. Dates	Indiv. budget
a. Shoreline restoration and native plantings	6/30/2011	\$25,000
b. Stream restoration and channel modifications	6/30/2011	\$25,000
c. Dam modifications	6/30/2011	\$25,000
d. Fish passage	6/30/2011	\$25,000

Result Completion Date: *June 30, 2011*

Result Status as of May 8, 2009 All Habitat Conservation Partnership progress summaries will be generated by the Partnership online reporting system. This system provides an accomplishment, expenditure and narrative update to LCCMR for each individual work plan.

Final Report Summary: The final report will be generated by the Partnership online reporting system and will include the project abstract, and detailed accounting of expenditures and accomplishments for individual work plans.

V. TOTAL TRUST FUND PROJECT BUDGET:

Personnel: \$ 20,000 to pay for up to a .25 FTE seasonal employee(s) as needed to assist in installing projects

Contracts: \$ 65,000 to private contractors as per the state bidding process

Equipment/Tools/Supplies: \$

Acquisition, including easements: \$

Travel: \$

Other: \$ 15,000 professional services for legal services and engineering from the state and Department of Natural Resources.

TOTAL TRUST FUND PROJECT BUDGET: \$100,000

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

VI. PROJECT STRATEGY:

A. Project Partners: Habitat Conservation Corridor partners (see Table A)

B. Project Impact and Long-term Strategy: This project will engage in activities which further the following strategic objectives:

- a. Complement existing public and private investments in habitat for wildlife, fish and native plant communities.
- b. Conserve and build upon existing critical habitat, such as sensitive shoreline work.

- c. Facilitate plant/animal population sustainability and movement (habitat size, corridors, proximity, etc.)
- d. Facilitate joint, collaborative efforts and efficiencies.
- e. Complement other statewide planning and implementation efforts around aquatic habitat needs.

C. Other Funds proposed to be spent during the Project Period: The Section of Fisheries spends approximately 1.5 million from Game and Fish and Heritage funds to do aquatic plant management and habitat improvement projects around the state.

D. Spending History: Past ETF Spending: 2007: \$200,000, 2008 \$100,000

VII. DISSEMINATION: Accomplishment Reports and press releases will be made available at <http://www.mnhabitatcorridors.org>

VIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: Periodic work program progress reports will be submitted not later than December 1 and May 1 of each year. 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

Attachment A: Budget Detail for 2009 Projects					
Project Title: Phase VI - Fish Habitat Improvement (2H) Minnesota's Habitat Conservation Partnership					
Project Manager Name: Linda Erickson-Eastwood					
Trust Fund Appropriation: \$ 100,000 (VERSION June 1,2009)					
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 (date)	Balance (date)	TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL BALANCE
	Habitat Improvement				
BUDGET ITEM					
PERSONNEL: for seasonal staff to be hired as needed (approx. .25 FTE)	20,000		20,000	20,000	
Contracts					
Professional/technical? legal services, engineering, signage	15,000		15,000	15,000	
Other contracts; low bid for habitat design or installation work being done or materials needed for fish habitat work	65,000		65,000	65,000	
Other direct operating costs (for what? – be specific)					
Non-capital Equipment / Tools (what equipment? Give a general description and cost)					
Office equipment & computers - NOT ALLOWED unless unique to the project					
Capital equipment over \$3,500 (list specific items)					
Land acquisition					
Easement acquisition					
Professional Services for Acq.					
Printing					
Supplies (list specific categories)					
Travel expenses in Minnesota					
Travel outside Minnesota (where?, for what purpose?)					
Other (Describe the activity and cost) be specific					
COLUMN TOTAL	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0

