

Trust Fund 2009 Work Program

Date of Report: June 11, 2009
Date of Next Status Report: December 1, 2009
Date of Work Program Approval:
Project Completion Date: June 30, 2011

**I. PROJECT TITLE: Phase VI – Habitat Acquisition – Professional Services (4i)
Minnesota’s Habitat Conservation Partnership**

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Location: Work may be completed within any of the nine Project Areas.

Total Trust Fund Project Budget:	Trust Fund Appropriation:	\$	25,000
	Minus Amount Spent:	\$	0
	Equal Balance:	\$	25,000

Legal Citation: M.L. 2009, Chap. 143, Sec. 2, Subd. 4e4i

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 provide professional services for the acquisition of 6 to 8 tracts of land that are being transferred by Habitat Conservation Partners to DNR as Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs).

III. PROGRESS SUMMARY AS OF: 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:

Project money will cover the professional service costs associated with accepting land acquired by Habitat Conservation Partners with Environmental Trust Fund dollars and subsequently conveyed to DNR.

Result 1: Habitat Acquisition

Project money will provide professional services and pay the associated costs of conveying lands acquired by partners under this project to the Department. Professional services include the following: staff time for the Division of Lands and Minerals (\$80/hour) and the Attorney General's Office (\$110/hour), survey costs, recording and abstracting fees, deed tax, and any property taxes due the subsequent year following conveyance to the DNR. The total cost to process and complete the estimated land conveyances to the DNR under this program is approximately 10% - 15% of the total value of these acquisitions.

Enforcement and stewardship requirements become part of the regular workload and are funded with Wildlife project dollars.

Summary Budget Information for Result 1: Trust Fund Budget: \$25,000
Amount Spent: \$ 0
Balance: \$25,000

Deliverable	Completion Date	Budget
1. 6 – 8 tracts of land transferred to DNR	6/30/11	\$25,000

Completion Date: June 30, 2011

Result Status: 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:

Habitat Acquisition: \$25,000 (towards professional service fees for 6 – 8 tracts of land that are accepted by DNR from Habitat Corridor Partners).

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VI. PROJECT STRATEGY:

A. Project Partners: Habitat Conservation Corridor partners (see Table A) and private landowners, local governments, regional, state and federal agencies, nonprofit organizations and citizen groups.

B. Project Impact and Long-term Strategy: Long term strategy is to insure that money is available for conveying land acquired with Environmental Trust Fund dollars to DNR.

C. Other Funds Proposed to be Spent during the Project Period: Acquisition projects are estimated to leverage approximately \$300,000 (including donated lands/easements, local, other state (eg. bonding), and federal funding).

D. Past ETF Spending

<u>Year</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	
2007	ETF – Outstate	\$ 50,000
2008	ETF – Outstate	\$ 30,000
Total		\$ 80,000

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, 2009, June 1, 2010, and December 1, 2010. A final work program report and associated products will be submitted between June 30 and August 1, 2011 as requested by the LCCMR. All reports will be generated using the HCP online reporting system.

IX. RESEARCH PROJECTS: NA

Attachment A: Budget Detail for 2009 Projects - Summary and a Budget page for each partner					
Project Title: Habitat Acquisition - Professional Services (4i)					
Minnesota's Habitat Conservation Partnership (VI)					
Project Manager Name: Mike Halverson					
Trust Fund Appropriation: \$ 25,000					
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					
2008 Trust Fund Budget	<u>Result 1 Budget:</u>	Amount Spent (date)	Balance (date)	TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL BALANCE
	Land Acquisition				
BUDGET ITEM			0	0	0
PERSONNEL: wages and benefits			0	0	0
Contracts			0	0	0
Professional/technical			0	0	0
Other contracts			0	0	0
Other direct operating costs			0	0	0
Equipment / Tools			0	0	0
Office equipment & computers			0	0	0
Other Capital equipment			0	0	0
Land acquisition		0	0	0	0
Land rights acquisition			0	0	0
Professional Services for Acq.	25,000		25,000	25,000	25,000
Printing			0	0	0
Other Supplies			0	0	0
Travel expenses in Minnesota			0	0	0
Travel outside Minnesota			0	0	0
Construction			0	0	0
Other land improvement			0	0	0
Other			0	0	0
COLUMN TOTAL	\$25,000	\$0	06/23/2009	\$25,000	25,000