

Trust Fund 2009 Work Program

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

I. PROJECT TITLE: Metro Conservation Corridors Phase V – Mapping and Coordination

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Location: 16 county metro area consisting of Wright, Hennepin, Dakota, Carver, Scott, Washington, Ramsey, Anoka, Chisago, Isanti, Goodhue and Sherburne.

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

Legal Citation: ML 2009, Chap. 143, Sec. 2, Subd. 4(f)1.1

Appropriation Language: \$3,375,000 is from then trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for the fifth appropriation for the acceleration of agency programs and cooperative agreements. Of this appropriation, \$2,185,000 is for the 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; \$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. 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 easements 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 title 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 part of the overall MeCC project brings improved prioritization through enhanced data base development and mapping of the corridors. It also provides coordination services to the partnership by DNR staff to improve partner communication and reporting through consolidated work programs.

III. PROGRESS SUMMARY AS OF

IV. OUTLINE OF PROJECT RESULTS:

Result 1: Partnership and Program Coordination

Description: This result provides assistance in coordinating the conservation efforts of the partners through facilitating partnership meetings and providing overall work program management. Coordination of the partnership, since its establishment in 2003, has focused on:

- 1) Convene meetings of the partnership (4 per year) and the executive committee (4 per year)
- 2) Compile overall work proposals, status reports (2 per year) and final reports
- 3) Identify and map focus areas where the partners will direct their restoration and protection efforts
- 4) Coordinate outreach efforts within the mapped focus areas
- 5) Assist with public relations promoting the partnership and its accomplishments

The coordination was carried out by the DNR Central Region Regional Operations until January of 2008 at which time the DNR Office of Management and Budget Services assumed the responsibilities.

The DNR, in consultation with the executive committee of the MeCC Partnership, will create a coordination framework for 2009-2011 and submit it to the LCCMR for approval in July.

Summary Budget Information for Result 1: Trust Fund Budget: \$50,000
Amount Spent: \$ 0
Balance: \$ 50,000

Deliverable	Completion	Budget
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	Date	
1.Complete overall work programs as required	6-30-2010	\$50,000*
2.Facilitate partner and executive meetings	6-30-2010	

*Covers both deliverables

Result Completion Date: June 30, 2010

Result Status as of December, 2010

Result Status as of July, 2011

Result Status as of December, 2011

Final Report Summary:

Result 2: Corridor Data Base Development, Project Tracking, and Mapping

Description: This result will be carried out by classified staff within the Department Management Information System (MIS) section supported by special projects funds that are cost-coded.

In 2008 the DNR Central Region contracted with the DNR MIS to develop a GIS-based database to track MeCC projects. In 2009 project partners began entering information into the database and DNR MIS scoped out additional database functions. Version 2 of the database, created under this result, will allow partners to generate tables and reports for status and accomplishment reporting for a variety of MeCC components – from project types, to funding sources, to activities, to partnerships, to location analysis. It will also create LCCMR Land Record Reports from the database and an improved web map where the public can see the locations of completed projects. Finally, MIS will be reimbursed for database server space and application maintenance.

A protocol for making edits to the MeCC Corridors map will also be developed and adopted by the partners.

Summary Budget Information for Result 2:	Trust Fund Budget: \$50,000
	Amount Spent: \$0
	Balance: \$50,000

Deliverable	Completion Date	Budget
1. MeCC Database Version 2		
a. Display MeCC projects on a public web map	August 2009	
b. Interface with the LCCMR Land Records reporting system	January 2011	
c. Partner tables and project maps	January 2011	\$35,000

d. Historical data entry assistance to partners e. Project administration	March 2011 June 2011	
2. Generate overall tables from the database a. Status report 1 b. Status report 2 c. Status report 3 d. Status report 4 e. Final report	August 2009 Feb. 2010 August 2010 Feb. 2011 July 2011	\$5,000
3. MeCC Corridor Map a. Draft a protocol for partner adoption b. Manage any edit requests	June 30, 2010	\$5,000
4. MeCC Database maintenance reimbursement	June 30,2011	\$5,000

V. TOTAL TRUST FUND PROJECT BUDGET: \$100,000

Personnel: \$100,000 (includes 0.5 FTE Classified ITS-3 within the Department Management Information System (MIS) section supported by special projects funds that are cost-coded for Result 2.)

Contracts: \$

Equipment/Tools/Supplies: \$

Acquisition, including easements: \$

Travel: \$

Other: \$

TOTAL TRUST FUND PROJECT BUDGET: \$100,000

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

VI. PROJECT STRATEGY:

A. Project Partners: Project partners include:

Trust for Public Land	Critical Land Protection Program
MN Land Trust	Protect Significant Habitat by Acquiring Conservation Easements
Friends of the Mississippi River	Mississippi River Valley Habitat Restoration
Friends of the Minnesota River	Lower Minn. River Watershed Restoration & Enhancement Project
MN Valley Nat. Wild. Refuge Trust	Expansion of MN Valley Nat. Wildlife Refuge
Great River greening	Restore/Enhance Significant Habitat
DNR Metro Greenways	Metro Greenways
DNR Fish and Wildlife	Acquisition and Restoration
DNR SNA Program	Scientific and Nat. Area Acquisition/Restoration

B. Project Impact and Long-term Strategy: Acquisitions and restorations will directly impact the health of species (plant, mammal and fish) using and residing in the 16 county area. The habitat provided will help meet species requirements resulting in larger and healthier species populations. Because this project includes the concepts of adjacency and density of habitat activities completed as a result of this project will have the added benefit of improving the productivity of lands already under protection in the corridors. This additional direct benefit may come from buffering habitat or enhancing the continuity of habitat complexes.

C. Other Funds Proposed to be Spent during the Project Period:

D. Spending History: \$24,800 of the 2007 LCCMR Overall Coordination Result 1. \$50,000 was appropriated in 2008 for coordination and mapping efforts through June 30, 2010.

VII. DISSEMINATION: The Metro Conservation Corridors partnership will periodically distribute information about the program through the widely broadcast e-mails to people on the regional greenways collaborative (RGC) database, through the RGC quarterly meetings, and meetings with local governments. As projects are completed, the partners involved will publicize accomplishments through press releases and organization newsletters and websites. The partnership is exploring development of a Metropolitan Conservation Corridors website.

VIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: Periodic work program progress reports will be submitted not later than December 2009; July 2010; and December 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:

Attachment A: Budget Detail for 2009 Projects - Summary and a Budget page for each partner (if applicable)								
Project Title: Metro Conservation Corridors Phase V - Mapping and Coordination 1.1								
Project Manager Name: Wayne Sames								
Trust Fund Appropriation: \$100,000								
2009 Trust Fund Budget	<u>Result 1 Budget:</u>	Amount Spent <i>(date)</i>	Balance May 2009	<u>Result 2 Budget:</u>	Amount Spent <i>(date)</i>	Balance May 2009	TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL BALANCE
BUDGET ITEM	Partnership & Program Coord.			Corridor Data Base, Project Tracking				
PERSONNEL: wages and benefits: Staff from OMBS (to be determined - time will be cost-coded) & staff from DNR Central Region	50,000	0	50,000	50,000	0	50,000	100,000	100,000
COLUMN TOTAL	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$100,000