

Trust Fund 2010 Work Program

Date of Report: December 16, 2009
Date of Next Progress Report: June 2010
Date of Work Program Approval:
Project Completion Date: June 30, 2012

I. PROJECT TITLE: HCP Phase VI Supplemental – Fish Habitat Improvement (2h)

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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. 2010, Chp. 362, Sec. 2, Subd. 4f2h

Appropriation Language:

\$1,344,000 is added to Laws 2009, chapter 143, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (e), from the trust fund for the acceleration of agency programs and cooperative agreements. Of this appropriation, \$308,000 is to the commissioner of natural resources for agency programs and \$1,036,000 is for agreements as follows: \$425,000 with Ducks Unlimited, Inc.; \$50,000 with National Wild Turkey Federation; \$164,000 with the Nature Conservancy; \$102,000 with Minnesota Land Trust; \$200,000 with the Trust for Public Land; \$45,000 with Friends of Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District; and \$50,000 to the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe 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 an authorized 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.

II. PROJECT SUMMARY AND RESULTS: This project will work on an estimated 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.

II. PROGRESS SUMMARY AS OF

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, beaver 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 fleet, signage, design work, engineering and surveys. A portion of the funds will also be used to pay for experienced temporary staff that is seasonally called back to service when a project is available for them to do. If called back they would either do the work on approved projects or oversee that work. These crews will only be used when they are the best value and quality 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
2.13 acres or .5 miles total	6/30/2011	\$100,000
Projects being proposed:	Indiv. Dates	Indiv. budget

a. Fish passage: Hartley Lake near Grand Rapids	6/30/2012	\$100,000
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Result Completion Date: *June 30, 2012*

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: \$ 5,000 to pay for up to a .15 FTE seasonal employee(s) as needed to assist in installing projects or oversee the installation

Contracts: \$ 85,000 to private contractors as per the state competitive bidding process.

Other: \$ 10,000 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, 2009 \$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, 2012 as requested by the LCCMR.

IX. RESEARCH PROJECTS: NA

Attachment A: Budget Detail for 2010 Project					
Project Title: Phase VII - Fish Habitat Improvement (2H) Minnesota's Habitat Conservation Partnership					
Project Manager Name: Linda Erickson-Eastwood					
Trust Fund Appropriation: \$ 100,000 (VERSION Dec 16, 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. ...15 FTE)	5,000	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
Contracts					
Professional/technical? legal services, engineering, signage, fleet	10,000	0	10,000	10,000	10,000
Other contracts; low bid for habitat design or installation work being done or materials needed for fish habitat work	85,000	0	85,000	85,000	85,000
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	\$100,000

