

## Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) 2010 Work Program

**Date of Report:** 11-24-2009  
**Date of Next Progress Report:** 11-01-2010  
**Date of Work Program Approval:**  
**Project Completion Date:** 6-30-2012

**I. PROJECT TITLE: HCP Phase VI Supplemental – Critical Lands Protection Program (4c)**

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**Location:** Statewide within Habitat Conservation Partnership Project Area boundaries. See attached map.

<b>Total ENRTF Project Budget:</b>	<b>ENRTF Appropriation</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
	<b>Minus Amount Spent:</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
	<b>Equal Balance:</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>

**Legal Citation: M.L. 2010, Chap. 362, Sec. 2, Subd. 4f4c**

**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:** The Trust for Public Land (TPL) will acquire approximately 100 acres, protecting and linking valuable, high quality habitat in Minnesota. TPL will use \$200,000 of Trust Fund dollars and \$800,000 in other public and private sources for this acquisition work. (The \$800,000 will be comprised of \$100,000 of non-state public and private dollars, and \$700,000 of state dollars the exact sources of which are currently unknown). No TPL transaction or personnel costs are included in this request. Acquired land will be conveyed or donated to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources or other partner agency for long-term stewardship. Potential land protection projects will be identified by TPL and/or identified and referred to TPL as part of the overall HCP focus area outreach based on the priorities of the public agencies with which we work. Priority will be given to lands that compliment and conserve existing critical habitat to facilitate plant/animal population sustainability. TPL will leverage and capture funds that would not otherwise be spent in these areas and catalyze others' conservation efforts. TPL will continue to further the overall HCP partnership goals as demonstrated by contributions here-to-date in outreach, government and public relations, collaboration, planning, communications, coordination and executive committee participation.

**III. PROGRESS SUMMARY AS OF** *[insert date of Work Program progress report]:*

**IV. OUTLINE OF PROJECT RESULTS:**

**RESULT/ACTIVITY 1:** Acquisition

**Description:** TPL may work in any one of the designated HCP project areas. Currently projects are underway in Cass, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Kandyiohi, Le Sueur, Olmsted, Otter Tail, Rice, and Wabasha Counties involving shoreline, wetlands, grasslands and woodlands. TPL will focus on habitat linkage projects that have the following characteristics: large, difficult and/or complex; multiple owners and multiple funding sources; proximity to regional growth centers; and/or, high risk of development. Priority will be given to lands with high quality natural resources, especially shoreland and other lands that provide natural buffers to water resources. The Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan will be used to help identify such lands. Final acreage protection will ultimately be affected by landowner willingness to sell key parcels. Because TPL is focusing on lands buffering water resources, the per acre cost is higher than that of non-riparian land.

**Summary Budget Information for Result/Activity 1:**

<b>ENRTF Budget:</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>Amount Spent:</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>Balance:</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>

Deliverable/Outcome	Completion Date	Budget
1. Acquire approximately 100 acres (20 acres allocated ENRTF) of habitat in designated project areas. See attached potential project list.	June 30, 2012	\$200,000

**Result Completion Date:** June 30, 2012

**Result Status as of November 1, 2011:**

**Result Status as of May 1, 2012:**

**Result Status as of November 1, 2012:**

**Result Status as of May 1, 2012:**

**Final Report Summary:**

**V. TOTAL ENRTF PROJECT BUDGET:**

**Personnel:** \$ N/A.

**Contracts:** \$ N/A.

**Equipment/Tools/Supplies:** \$ N/A.

**Acquisition (Fee Title or Permanent Easements):** \$ 200,000.

**Travel:** \$ N/A.

**Additional Budget Items:** \$ N/A.

**TOTAL ENRTF PROJECT BUDGET:** \$200,000.

**Explanation of Capital Expenditures Greater Than \$3,500:** N/A.

**VI. PROJECT STRATEGY:**

**A. Project Partners:** We are part of the Habitat Conservation Partnership Phase VII proposal. Please see main proposal for complete partner list. The Trust for Public Land will transfer land to the DNR or another appropriate public or nonprofit entity for long term stewardship.

**B. Project Impact and Long-term Strategy:** TPL believes that the success of conservation in Minnesota will depend on effective partnerships amongst nonprofit organizations and with public agencies. Through these public/private partnerships, greater conservation can be achieved with each partner bringing their own particular strengths to bear on the critical issues of protection, restoration, and long term stewardship and management. We believe that working within the Habitat Conservation Partnership allows us to better conserve, restore, enhance and manage habitat for the purpose of sustaining fish, wildlife and native plant communities for all generations. We

seek to do this with an emphasis on high quality natural resource lands buffering water resources that will provide outstanding access to nature for the public.

**C. Other Funds Proposed to be Spent during the Project Period:** The \$100,000 in other funds may come from a variety of sources including federal (LWCF, forest legacy, ACUB, NAWCA, transportation), local (dedication, bonds or other), and private dollars (donations including land value donation). It is also anticipated that \$700,000 of state dollars (the exact sources of which are currently unknown) will be used on this project.

**D. Spending History: ENRTF Spending:** 2001: \$900,000; 2003: \$328,030; 2005: \$425,000; 2007: \$480,000. **Other Funds Spending:** 2001: \$371,000; 2003: \$202,000; 2005: \$677,270; 2007: \$0 "Other Funds," (but \$355,000 in other state funds, \$190,000 in partner ENRTF funds and \$175,000 in RIM leveraged land value donations).

## **VII. DISSEMINATION:**

**VIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:** Periodic work program progress reports will be submitted not later than December 2010, June 2011, December 2011, and June 2012. A final work program report and associated products will be submitted between June 30 and August 1, 2012 as requested by the LCCMR. All reports will be generated using the HCP online reporting system.

**IX. RESEARCH PROJECTS:** N/A.

Potential Project List\*  
Habitat Conservation Partnership Phase 6 Supplemental  
November 24, 2009

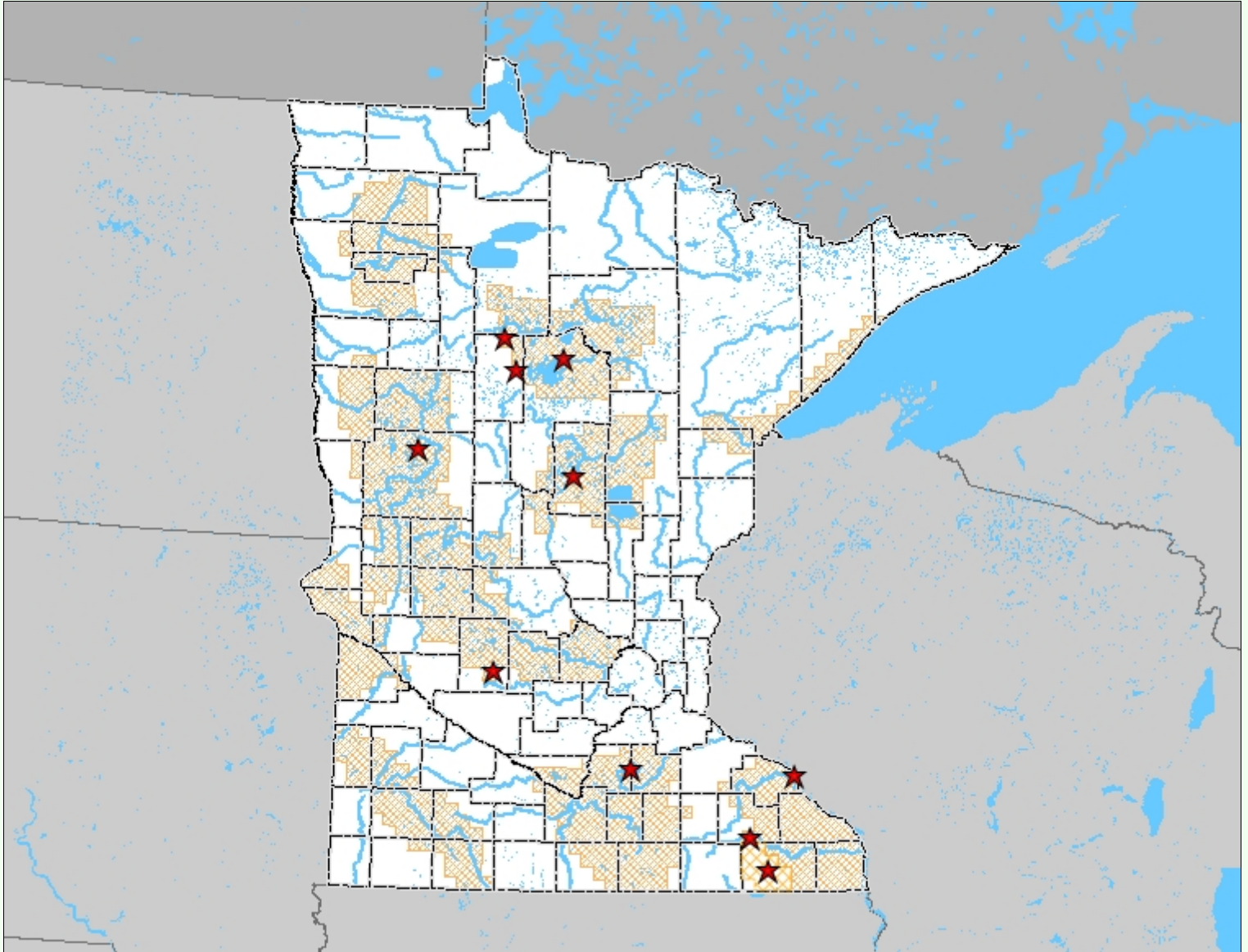
**TPL's Critical Lands Protection Program**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Type of work</b>	<b>Estimated Acres</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Project Area</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1. Leech Lake	Acquisition	50	Cass	2	Approximately 50 acres on Leech Lake in Cass County containing significant forested shoreline habitat for fish and wildlife.
2. Lester Lake SNA/WMA	Acquisition	440	Hubbard	2	Approximately 440 acres of forest and wetlands surrounded by state forest land and recognized as a site of high biodiversity significance by the MCBS and containing all of a small lake with a stream flowing in and out of it.
3. Plantagenet Lake	Acquisition	100	Hubbard	2	Approximately 100 acres on a deep lake in Hubbard County containing wetlands and a designated trout stream connecting existing public land to the lake.
4. Cannon River	Acquisition	1,000	Rice, LeSueur	10	Approximately 1000 acres on the headwaters of the Cannon River in Rice and Le Sueur Counties with MCBS mapped areas.
5. McCarthy Lake	Acquisition	500	Wabasha	11	Approximately 500 acres next to an existing WMA and SNA in Wabasha County.
6. Root River II	Acquisition	35	Olmsted	11	Approximately 35 acres of bluff land along the Root River in Olmsted County connecting approximately 300 acres of public land.
7. Dead Lake WMA II	Acquisition	200	Otter Tail	3, 7, 8	A 200 acre peninsula with 3.6 miles of shoreline on Dead Lake in Otter Tail County next to an existing WMA on a shallow bay providing habitat for bald eagles and other species.
8. Reid Woods	Acquisition	650	Kandiyohi	3, 7, 8	Approximately 650 acres of wetlands, prairie and forest on the shores of a chain of shallow lakes in Kandiyohi County containing many SNA quality features.
9. Wykoff Balsam SNA	Acquisition	100	Fillmore	11	Approximately 1 mile of a designated trout stream adjacent to an existing SNA.
10. Mississippi River Northwoods	Acquisition	2000	Crow Wing	3, 7, 8	Approximately 2.7 miles of Mississippi River frontage linking multiple parcels of public land with critical habitat for a variety of species

\*Please note that these are potential projects & just because a project is listed, does not mean it will be completed.  
All projects are done on public lands or in cooperation with willing private landowners  
Projects not on this list that meet the strategic objectives of the Partnership may be added at any time via submittal of a project list amendment

<b>Attachment A: Budget Detail for 2010 Projects</b>			
<b>Project Title: TPL's Critical Lands Protection Program (4c)</b>			
<b>Minnesota's Habitat Conservation Partnership (VII)</b>			
<b>Project Manager Name: Robert McGillivray</b>			
<b>Trust Fund Appropriation: \$200,000</b>			
<b>2010 Trust Fund Budget</b>	<b><u>Result 1 Budget:</u></b>	<b>Amount Spent</b>	<b>Balance (date)</b>
	Acquisition		
<b>BUDGET ITEM</b>			0
Land acquisition	200,000		200,000
<b>COLUMN TOTAL</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>



# TPL's HCP Phase 6 Supplemental Potential Projects



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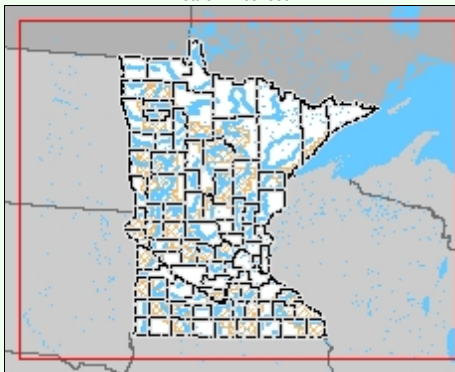


## Legend

-  County Boundary
-  Major Rivers
-  Major Waterbodies
-  State Wildlife Corridors

## Map Notes:

Area of Interest



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