

Trust Fund 2010 Work Program

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Project Completion Date: June 30, 2012

I. PROJECT TITLE: Habitat Conservation Partnership – Phase VI (Supplemental)

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Location: Please see attached map. The Habitat Conservation Partnership will work in the nine defined project areas.

Total Trust Fund Project Budget:	Trust Fund Appropriation	\$1,344,000
	Minus Amount Spent:	\$ - 0 -
	Equal Balance:	\$1,344,000

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

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: Sustained funding and effort by public/private partnerships is essential to protection and restoration efforts aimed at restoring landscape and/or natural resource function. Much of our prairie, wetlands, shorelines, and watersheds have been degraded over a roughly 150-year period, and we cannot restore the “remarkable place known as Minnesota,” without a long-term view, ongoing funding, and focus from conservationists towards that goal. Minnesota’s Habitat Conservation Partnership is a sustained effort (est. in 2000) designed to restore and protect working landscapes & restore landscape function through such a long-term effort.

We will restore, manage or protect 2,094 acres within defined project areas, addressing many of the recommendations cited in the *Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan* which states “...**habitat issues are arguably the most important issues facing the conservation and preservation of natural resources throughout Minnesota.**” We address habitat issues by doing habitat restoration, habitat enhancement, and permanent habitat protection (easement & fee-title).

Eleven formal partners commit \$2,470,000 (1.76:1 ratio) in other non-state resources towards the project (an additional 1,813 acres will be restored, managed or protected with these non-state funds). Table 1 (attached) provides a summary of individual partner efforts to restore & protect land. The attached map describes project areas (identical to 2009 project areas) as depicts project locations since inception. Each individual partner outlined in Table 1 also has a detailed work plan outlining results and methods.

III. PROGRESS SUMMARY AS OF:

IV. OUTLINE OF PROJECT RESULTS:

Result 1: Project Coordination, Mapping, Data Management. Provide for the overall coordination, data management and mapping needs of the Habitat Conservation Partnership during the grant period. The 2009 HCP project coordination and mapping work plan will be used to cover 2010 grant coordination & mapping project costs.

Summary Budget Information for Result/Activity 1:

Trust Fund Budget: \$ - 0 -
Amount Spent: \$ - 0 -
Balance: \$ - 0 -

Deliverable/Outcome	Completion Date	Budget
1. Project Coordination	6/30/2012	\$0
2. Contract Mapping & Data Management	6/30/2012	\$0

Result Completion Date: 06/30/2012

Result Status as of 12/01/2010: All expenditures and accomplishments will be reported twice annually using the Habitat Conservation Partnership online reporting system.

Result Status as of 06/01/2011:

Result Status as of 12/01/2011:

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Result/Activity 2: Habitat Restoration and Management. Restore, enhance or manage 1,901 acres of wetland, prairie, oak savannah, lakeshore, shallow lake, forest, bluff land, stream, and river habitat (an additional 781 acres will be restored, enhanced or managed with \$146,967 of non-state funds). Please see Table 1 and the individual partner proposals for further detail. Partners will describe restoration and management plans that include the elements in the LCCMR guidelines for restoration plans in individual work programs. Copies of restoration and management plans are available upon request.

Summary Budget Information for Result/Activity 2:

Trust Fund Budget: \$ 517,500
Amount Spent: \$ - 0 -
Balance: \$ 517,500

Deliverable/Outcome	Completion Date	Budget
1. Restore, enhance, manage 1,901 acres	6/30/2012	\$517,500

Result Completion Date: 06/30/2012

Result Status as of 12/01/2010: All expenditures and accomplishments will be reported twice annually using the Habitat Conservation Partnership online reporting system.

Result Status as of 06/01/2011:

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Result /Activity 3: Habitat Protection – Easement Acquisition Acquire the perpetual rights to permanently protect 120 acres of wetland, shoreland, prairie, grassland, lakeshore, shallow lake, forest, bluff land, stream and river habitat (an additional 1,000 acres will be protected with \$2,045,000 of non-state funds). Recorded easements will be sent to LCCMR and long-term stewardship of easements will be described in individual proposals. Please see Table 1 and the individual partner proposals for further detail. Partners will describe restoration and management plans of protected properties that include the elements in the LCCMR guidelines for restoration plans in individual work programs. Copies of restoration and management plans are available upon request.

Summary Budget Information for Result 3: Trust Fund Budget: \$ 527,000
Amount Spent: \$ - 0 -
Balance: \$ 527,000

Deliverable/Outcome	Completion Date	Budget
1. Acquire 120 acres of easements	6/30/2012	\$527,000

Result Completion Date: 06/30/2012

Result Status as of 12/01/2010: All expenditures and accomplishments will be reported twice annually using the Habitat Conservation Partnership online reporting system.

Result Status as of 06/01/2011:

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Result/Activity 4: Habitat Protection – Fee-title Acquisition Acquire fee-title to permanently protect 73 acres of wetland, shoreline, prairie, grassland, lakeshore, shallow lake, forest, bluff land, stream and river habitat (an additional 32 acres will be acquired with \$278,033 of non-state funds). Acquisitions are from willing sellers and follow the Appendix F requirements for land acquisition. Partners will also follow LCCMR requirements for transaction cost reporting and will also report land acquisition on the LCCMR web reporting form. Please see Table 1 and the individual partner proposals for further detail. Partners will describe restoration and management plans of protected properties that include the elements in the LCCMR guidelines for restoration plans in individual work programs. Copies of restoration and management plans are available upon request.

Summary Budget Information for Result/Activity 4:
Trust Fund Budget: \$355,500
Amount Spent: \$ - 0 -
Balance: \$355,500

Deliverable/Outcome	Completion Date	Budget
1. Acquire 73 acres	6/30/2012	\$355,500

Result Completion Date: 06/30/2012

Result Status as of 12/01/2010: All expenditures and accomplishments will be reported twice annually using the Habitat Conservation Partnership online reporting system.

Result Status as of 06/01/2011:

Result Status as of 12/01/2011:

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V. TOTAL TRUST FUND PROJECT BUDGET:

Personnel: \$ 233,332

Contracts: \$ 289,750

Equipment/Tools/Supplies: \$ 28,918

Restoration: \$ 0

Acquisition, including easements: \$ 771,500

Travel: \$ 16,500

Other: \$ 60,000

Please refer to individual partner proposals for further detail.

TOTAL TRUST FUND PROJECT BUDGET: \$1,400,000

Explanation of Capital Expenditures Greater Than \$3,500: This will be described in individual work programs if applicable.

VI. PROJECT STRATEGY:

A. Project Partners: There are eleven active partners in this proposal phase. They include: Ducks Unlimited, Friends of the Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (Wildlife, Fisheries, Ecological Services), Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund, Minnesota Land Trust, National Wild Turkey Federation, Pheasants Forever, The Nature Conservancy, Trust For Public Land, and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. The nature of our work includes dozens and perhaps hundreds of partners coming into contact with the LCCMR and Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund including private landowners, local conservation interests, corporations, local government, civic groups, and donors. It also engages over 100,000 individual members and volunteers of NGO partners (MDHA, DU, NWTF, TNC, & PF). Please see the Table 1 attachment for a summary of partners proposed work.

B. Project Impact and Long-term Strategy: The work outlined in this proposal intends to supplement our 2009 funding and build upon our previous conservation

investments within the landscape. This work also moves to address several goals outlined in existing habitat/resource plans including: Aquatic Management Area Plan, Wildlife Management Area Plan, Statewide Duck Recovery Plan, Minnesota Pheasant Plan, Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan, and several others. The impact of our work can be seen on the landscape through this partnership effort, several examples have been presented to the LCMR and LCCMR showing how the focused, partnership approach that leverages additional funds to build upon existing habitats to increase function and connection is working. Species impacts are varied, but we are protecting and restoring habitats that provide for hundreds of species of concern and importance to Minnesotans. We are in year eight of a proposed 10-biennia partnership. The pressure on the land continues to increase, and the need for habitat restoration and protection is more important than ever. We appreciate greatly the partnership with LCCMR and the vision for these dollars and this partnership to be a catalyst for the long term restoration and protection of our diverse habitat and natural resources.

C. Other Funds Proposed to be Spent during the Project Period: \$2,470,000 in other non-state funds are committed to this effort of restoring, enhancing, managing and protecting an additional 1,813 acres of habitat important to Minnesota.

D. Spending History:

2001 - \$11,739,723 expended; \$11,745,000 allocated

2003 - \$4,681,431 expended; \$4,850,000 allocated

2005 - \$4,032,779 expended; \$4,062,000 allocated

2007 – \$4,121,730 expended; \$4,200,000 allocated

2008 - \$1,915,046 expended; \$3,150,000 allocated (Project ends 6/30/2010)

2009 - \$139,603 expended; \$3,375,000 allocated (Project ends 6/30/2011)

VII. DISSEMINATION: All update and final reports will be available at www.mnhabitatcorridors.org . In addition, all partners are encouraged to work with LCCMR staff to promote accomplishments and projects completed through this partnership in the media. We will forward any media coverage to LCCMR staff for distribution to Members.

VIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: Periodic work program progress reports will be submitted not later than 12/01/2010, 06/01/2011 & 12/01/2011. 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

2011-2012 Detailed Project Budget

Habitat Conservation Partnership - Overall Budget - Phase 7

IV. TOTAL TRUST FUND REQUEST BUDGET 2 years

<u>BUDGET ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Personnel: All personnel expenditures are detailed within individual proposals.	\$ 579,902
Contracts: All contract expenditures are detailed within individual proposals.	\$ 421,000
Equipment/Tools/Supplies: All equipment expenditures are detailed within individual proposals.	\$ 43,098
Professional/Technical Services: All professional/technical services expenditures are detailed within individual proposals.	\$ 1,300,000
Acquisition (Fee Title or Permanent Easements): 1,100 acres of Easements (Held by DU and MLT). 600 acres of Fee Title acquisition (Held by TPL, PF, MNDNR, and USFWS).	\$ 4,987,000
Travel: All travel expenditures are detailed within individual proposals.	\$ 31,000
Easement Stewardship: Stewardship for long-term monitoring and management on approximately 10 conservation easements.	\$ 230,000
TOTAL ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND \$ REQUEST	\$ 7,592,000

V. OTHER FUNDS

<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>Status</u>
Other Non-State \$ Being Applied to Project During Project Period: Sources of these funds are non-state (such as federal funds and private funds) and will not leverage any other state funds. Expenditures are detailed within individual proposals.	\$10,807,000	<i>Secured and/or Pending</i>
Other State \$ Being Applied to Project During Project Period: Other state funds may come from bonding or other state conservation grants. Expenditures are detailed within individual proposals.	\$ 548,200	<i>Secured and/or Pending</i>
In-kind Services During Project Period: Detailed in individual proposals.	\$ 82,698	
Remaining \$ from Current ENRTF Appropriation (if applicable): Phase V (2008) - \$1,235,954 ETF Phase VI (2009) - \$3,235,397 ETF Phase VI Supplement (2010) - \$1,400,000 ETF	\$ 5,871,351	<i>Unspent, Committed and/or Legally Obligated</i>
Funding History: Phase II (2003) - \$4,850,000 ETF and \$19,550,504 other non-state funds - complete Phase III (2005) - \$4,062,000 ETF and \$12,321,671 other non-state funds - complete Phase IV (2007) - \$4,200,000 ETF and \$11,881,964 other non-state funds - complete Phase V (2008) - \$3,150,000 ETF and \$6,732,580 other non-state funds - Grant period ending June 30, 2010 Phase VI (2009) - \$3,375,000 ETF and at least \$3,725,513 other non-state funds - Grant period ending June 30, 2011 Phase VI Supplement (2010) - \$1,400,000 ETF and at least \$2,470,000 other non-state funds - Grant period ending June 30, 2012 ** Total \$21,037,000 ETF and \$56,682,232 other non-state funds**	\$21,037,000	

Table 1. 2010 - Habitat Conservation Partnership Project Budget Summary (Phase VI Supplemental)

		ENRTF Funding	Non-State Funds	Total Funding	Grant Acres	Partner Acres
1. Project Coordination, Mapping, Data Management						
a) Project Coordination and Mapping ²	Pheasants Forever	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	0
SUBTOTAL		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	0
2. Restoration & Management						
b) Partners for Wildlife	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	0
c) Shallow Lake Enhancement	Ducks Unlimited	-	-	-	0	0
d) Shallow Lake Assessment and Management	DNR Wildlife	45,000	-	45,000	0	0
f) Shallow lakes, impoundments, wild rice & waterfowl	Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	50,000	20,000	70,000	200	0
g) Wildlife Areas Management ¹	DNR Wildlife	-	-	-	0	0
h) Fisheries Habitat Restoration	DNR Fisheries	100,000	-	100,000	0	0
p) Bluffland Restoration	National Wild Turkey Federation	50,000	-	50,000	45	0
k) Prairie Management	DNR Ecological Services	63,000	-	63,000	225	0
n) Campaign for Conservation - Restoration	The Nature Conservancy	164,000	81,967	245,967	1416	766
o) Working Lands Partnership	Friends of Detroit Lakes WMD	45,000	45,000	90,000	15	15
SUBTOTAL		517,000	146,967	663,967	1,901	781
3. Conservation Easement Programs						
a) Shoreland Protection Program	Minnesota Land Trust	102,000	500,000	602,000	100	0
c) Shallow Lake Easements	Ducks Unlimited	\$ 75,000	\$ 25,000	100,000	20	0
d) Wetlands Reserve Program	Ducks Unlimited/USDA NRCS	350,000	1,520,000	1,870,000	0	1000
SUBTOTAL		\$ 527,000	\$ 2,045,000	\$ 2,572,000	120	1000
4. Habitat Acquisition Programs						
b) Fisheries Land Acquisition	DNR Fisheries	\$ 100,000	\$ 50,000	150,000	40	0
c) Critical Lands Protection Program	Trust for Public Land	200,000	100,000	300,000	20	10
SUBTOTAL		\$ 300,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 450,000	60	10
TOTAL		\$ 1,344,000	\$ 2,341,967	\$ 3,685,967	2081	1791

1 - Any partners purchasing WMA's would be responsible for the initial site development of new parcels

2 - This assumes that PF would use HCP's 2009 grant to cover 2010 coordination & mapping direct to project costs