2011Project Abstract

For the Period Ending June 30, 2014

PROJECT TITLE: Natural and Scenic Area Acquisition Grants

PROJECT MANAGER: Laura Preus

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FUNDING SOURCE: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

LEGAL CITATION: M.L. 2011, First Special Session, Chp. 2, Art.3, Sec. 2, Subd. 04k

APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$1,000,000

Overall Project Outcome and Results

The overall aim of this project is to ensure protection of natural and scenic resources by helping and encouraging local governments to acquire and protect land for appropriate public use, protection of natural communities, appreciation of scenic vistas, and scientific and environmental education purposes. This is achieved through competitive, matching grants through the Natural and Scenic Area Grant Program that provides financial incentive and ensures the land and natural resources are retained for public use in perpetuity.

The primary results of the project were:

- Six grants totaling \$975,000 resulted in the acquisition of 166.9 acres of natural and scenic areas. All grants were matched by local dollars of at least \$975,000.
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- Project administration for the program was completed for \$25,000. Two application cycles were completed, applications reviewed and site visits were completed. Active projects were monitored, financial review completed, projects closed out, and initial land acquisition reports filed. A total of 419 hours were spent administering the project over three years.

Project Results Use and Dissemination

Information about these natural and scenic areas has been added to the DNR website, under the Natural and Scenic Area Program, click on recent grants.



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) M.L. 2011 Natural and Scenic Area Acquisition Work Plan Final Report

Date of Status Update: 6/01/2014

Date of Next Status Update: Final Report

Date of Work Plan Approval: 8/11/2011

Is this an amendment request? N

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6/30/2014

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Project Completion Date:

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Location:

Counties Impacted: Statewide

Ecological Section Impacted: Lake Agassiz Aspen Parklands (223N), Minnesota and Northeast Iowa Morainal (222M), North Central Glaciated Plains (251B), Northern Minnesota and Ontario Peatlands (212M), Northern Minnesota Drift and lake Plains (212N), Northern Superior Uplands (212L), Paleozoic Plateau (222L), Red River Valley (251A), Southern

Superior Uplands (212J), Western Superior Uplands (212K)

Total ENRTF Project Budget: ENRTF Appropriation \$: 1,000,000

Amount Spent \$: 1,000,000

Balance \$: 0

Legal Citation: M.L. 2011, First Special Session, Chp. 2, Art.3, Sec. 2, Subd. 04(k)

Appropriation Language:

\$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the second year are from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources to provide matching grants to local governments for acquisition of natural and scenic areas, as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 85.019, subdivision 4a. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2014, by which time the project must be completed and final products delivered.

I. PROJECT TITLE: Natural and Scenic Area Acquisition Grants

II. FINAL PROJECT STATEMENT:

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III. PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:

Project Status as of *January 1, 2012*: Applications were solicited for FY12, reviewed and funding recommendations were made. Four applications were received and all of the projects were selected for funding with a proposed acquisition total of 149 acres, agreements have been completed and the funding encumbered (see attached Acquisition List and parcel level maps for each property).

Project Status as of *June 30, 2012*: Applications were solicited for FY13, reviewed and funding recommendations were made. Three applications were received and of those two projects were selected for funding, the City of Prior Lake, Pike Lake acquisition of 18 acres and the City of Maplewood, Fish Creek Natural Area which is an addition to the requested grant amount from FY12 for the same 48 acres. (See attached Acquisition List and parcel level maps for the City of Prior Lake, Pike Lake acquisition).

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one project. All grant dollars are encumbered under project agreements. The remaining projects are expected to be completed prior to appropriation end date.

Final Report Summary *June 30, 2014*: All six projects have been completed. 166.9 acres were acquired.

IV. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES:

ACTIVITY 1: Natural and Scenic Area Grants

Description: The requested funding will provide about two to six matching grants to cities, counties, townships and school districts for acquisition of approximately 100 – 200 acres for new or expanded natural and scenic areas. Two grant rounds are proposed. These grants require a 50% state and a 50% local match. The local match for projects funded at the requested level would meet or exceed \$975,000.

As a condition of subgrants awarded from this appropriation for fee title acquisitions, the grantees will submit the following information to the LCCMR and in one instance to Minnesota Management and Budget as described below as part of the application and grant agreement process to the DNR. The DNR will provide the information to the LCCMR in the following manner:

- 1. Proof that their elected board has approved the acquisition of the land being acquired in part with the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriation. Local Government resolutions are required as part of the application process approving the proposed acquisition. They are maintained in the project file and available upon request.
- 2. A restoration and management plan for the land being acquired that is consistent with LCCMR guidelines for restoration plans. The program is for land acquisition only and restoration is not a requirement of the program. In some instances restoration will occur at a later date but otherwise most are primarily maintaining the resources on the site which may be natural or scenic qualities. If applicable, a restoration plan will be required and maintained in the project file available upon request.

 3. Identify funding source(s) to implement the restoration and management plan. If applicable, the costs will be identified.
- 4. The results of an analysis to the LCCMR and Minnesota Management and Budget which identifies increased operations and maintenance costs likely to be incurred by the grantee as a result of the acquisition and how these costs will be paid. Long term operations and maintenance costs are provided by the applicant as part of the application and the grant agreement requires that the local government commit to operating and maintaining the site into perpetuity. The information is contained in the project file and available upon request.
- 5. Description of project selection process, including necessary project criteria and the decision making process used to sort/rank projects. The Natural and Scenic Area application process involved an RFP in the fall of 2010 and 2011 with an application deadline of March 31, 2011 and 2012. The projects are reviewed and ranked by program staff using selection criteria that were developed with guidance by a group of internal and external people when the program was created. The project review accesses the natural resource qualities of the site such as endangered, threatened, race or special concern species or communities, high quality native terrestrial or aquatic ecosystems, ecological viability, outstanding geological or physiographic features, protection of water quality and potential vulnerability to exotic species. Scenic qualities such as, blufflands or other elevated terrain that afford an opportunity for viewing scenic vistas, viewing unique natural features, viewing unique historical or cultural features, and shoreland properties that offer scenic vistas across lakes or streams will be accessed. Other review components include adjacent lands, educational and scientific values, open space and historical/cultural values and local government commitment.
- 6. A list of the proposed acquisitions will be provided once the grant awards have been made.
- 7. A parcel-scale map of the acquired land will be provided.

- 8. Annual land acquisition report forms (initial and follow-up annual reports) which includes the transaction costs and revenue sources for acquiring the parcel in fee or a permanent easement. The initial report will be submitted by the DNR with contact information for the local unit of government to submit the annual follow-up reports. The reporting requirement for the grantee is contained in our grant agreement between the DNR and grantee.
- 9. A copy of the recorded restrictive covenant agreement between the DNR and the grantee containing provisions in MS 116P.15, Subd. 2, (c) for the land which requires approval by the LCCMR if the land is proposed to be sold, transferred, pledged or otherwise disposed of or further encumbered will be provided.
- 10. Documentation regarding transactions costs and if any difference between the acquisition amount paid to the seller and the state-certified or state-reviewed appraisal. The Natural and Scenic Area grant program only covers up to 50% of the appraised value of the acquisition. No transaction costs are eligible however, we will collect all transaction costs from the grantee with the payment request. Program acquisition forms signed by the landowner include a Statement of Just Compensation, Written Offer to Purchased, Statement of Difference in Value, Statement of the Owner and a Attorney's Certificate of Title and 5-year Conveyance of Title. All transaction costs and forms are maintained in the project file and available upon request.

Summary Budget Information for Activity 1:

ENRTF Budget: \$975,000 Amount Spent: \$975,000

Balance: \$0

Activity Completion Date:

Outcome	Completion Date	Budget
1. Provide 2-6 matching grants	July 2011, 2012	\$ 975,000
2. Grantees Acquire 200-400 acres	June 2014	Cost above

Activity Status as of January 1, 2012: Applications were solicited for FY12, reviewed and funding recommendations were made. Four projects were selected for funding with a proposed acquisition total of 149 acres, agreements have been completed and the funding encumbered (see attached Acquisition List and parcel level maps for each property). Blue Earth County has closed on their acquisition of 41 acres adjacent to the Red Jacket Trail and the City of Brainerd has closed on their acquisition of 37 acres along the Mississippi River. The remaining two projects (Cites of Maplewood and Elk River) are in the negotiation stage of the acquisition process.

Activity Status as of *June 30, 2012*: Applications were solicited for FY13, reviewed and funding recommendations were made. Two projects were selected for funding, the City of Prior Lake, Pike Lake acquisition of 18 acres and the City of Maplewood, Fish Creek Natural Area which is an addition to the requested grant amount from FY12 for the same 48 acres. (See attached Acquisition List and parcel level maps for each property). The two remaining FY12 projects (City of Maplewood and Elk River) are moving forward with the acquisition process. The City of Maplewood received an additional FY13 grant award for \$96,000 for the same 48 acres parcel bringing their grant award total to the maximum \$500,000 grant limit. We will be processing grant agreements for the Cities of Maplewood and Prior Lake this summer.

Activity Status as of *January 1, 2013*: All grant agreements have been executed and grant funds encumbered. All projects are on schedule to be completed within the appropriation time frame.

Activity Status as of *June 30, 2013*: All grant agreements have been executed and grant funds encumbered. The City of Elk River has closed on the acquisition of 22.58 acres along the Mississippi and Elk Rivers. The project remains open pending the completion of a phase 1 archeological survey. The City of Prior Lake has closed on 18 acres of lakeshore property. The remaining projects are to the City of Maplewood and they are expected to close on the land acquisition this fall.

Activity Status as of *January 1, 2014*: The three remaining active grants include Elk River and two grant to the City of Maplewood. Elk River is finalizing a phase one archeological survey. The City of Maplewood closed on the acquisition of 48 acres of open space along Fish Creek in December and will be submitting the acquisition documentation and reimbursement request shortly. All projects will close within the project period.

Final Report Summary *June 30, 2014*: Six projects have been completed. 166.9 acres of natural and/or scenic areas were acquired. All projects were matched by at least 50% local match, met or exceeded \$975,000.

ACTIVITY 2: Administrative/Personal Costs

Description: The requested funding will be used to support personnel costs for administering the grant program. Grant staff persons are involved in grant solicitation, evaluation and ranking, grant agreement management, project billings, project inspections, and compliance monitoring.

As shown in the Attachment A Budget Detail, work program approval is requested for personnel expenses to be incurred by two DNR classified staff involved in administering this grant program. Payment of classified staff with Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund money will not result in supplanting of the regular budget. A cost coding system is used to document the hours spent by each staff person in administering the program. Two grants program staff would work an estimated 425-450 hours over the three year project period.

Summary Budget Information for Activity 2:

ENRTF Budget: \$25,000 Amount Spent: \$25,000 Balance: \$0

Activity Completion Date:

Outcome	Completion Date	Budget
1. Complete Application rounds	July 2011, 2012	\$10,000
2. Complete 2-6 grant agreements	Fall 2011, 2012	\$5,000
3. Project administration and closeouts	By June 2014	\$10,000

Activity Status as of *January 1, 2012*: Applications were solicited for FY12, reviewed and funding recommendations were made prior to the start of the approved work plan and not included in the administration costs to date. Since the work plan approval, four projects have been approved, Historical Society review, grant agreements, appraisal review and general applicant assistance has been completed. Also, FY13 RFP program and application information has been updated will be sent out the first of the year. Approximately 70 hours have been spent on program administration.

Activity Status as of *June 30, 2012*: FY13 RFP was processed, applications received and reviewed; site visits completed and funding recommendations were made. Applicants were notified by letter of the RFP results. Two projects for FY 13 have been approved. Active projects have been monitored and status reports received. Approximately 124 hours have been spent on program administration

Activity Status as of *January 1, 2013*: Final project agreements completed, active projects have been monitored and status reports received. Approximately 38 hours have been spent on project administration this reporting period.

Activity Status as of *June 30, 2013*: Active projects have been monitored; status reports received and project close outs completed. Approximately 94 hours have been spent on project administration this reporting period.

Activity Status as of *January 1, 2014*: Active projects have been monitored and project assistance provided, status reports received, SHIPO and project compliance completed. Approximately 51 hours have been spent on project administration this reporting period.

Final Report Summary *June 30, 2014:* Active projects have been monitored, financial review completed and projects closed out, SHIPO and archeological survey review completed, initial land acquisition reports filed. Approximately 42 hours have been spent on project administration this reporting period. A total of 419 hours were spent administering the program.

V. DISSEMINATION:

Description: Each year the DNR Division of Parks and Trails distributes information on the various grant programs and application materials to local governments and organizations throughout the state. A general electronic mailing is made at the beginning of each application period, usually in the fall, and individual requests are handled on a case-by-case basis. Grant information is also available on the DNR web site and requests for applications can be completed and submitted on line. The web site contains specific information about the Natural and Scenic Area grant program, as well as many other sources of financial assistance within the DNR. A list of awarded projects will be posted on the program web page.

Status as of *January 1, 2012*: A list of awarded projects for FY12 has been posted on the DNR Natural and Scenic Area program webpage. The second application round materials are being completed, notice of the FY13 application round will be announced on the Natural and Scenic Area program webpage, a press release and a general electronic mailing will be sent the first week of January.

Status as of *June 30, 2012*: A list of awarded projects for FY12 and FY 13 has been posted on the DNR Natural and Scenic Area program webpage.

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Final Report Summary *June 30, 2014*: A list of awarded projects for FY12 and FY 13 is posted on the DNR Natural and Scenic Area program webpage, click on recent grants.

VI. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY:

A. ENRTF Budget:

Budget Category	\$ Amount	Explanation
Personnel:	\$ 25,000	425-450 Staff hours, portion of two classified DNR
		staff positions.
Fee Title Acquisition:		Grants to Local units of government and/or school
		districts for acquisition in VIII.
TOTAL ENRTF BUDGET:	\$1,000,000	

Explanation of Use of Classified Staff: Any classified position paid for with LCCMR funds will either be 1) backfilled with a new position or 2) the work previously done by this position will be delayed, eliminated, or completed by the start of the project.

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

Number of Full-time Equivalent (FTE) funded with this ENRTF appropriation: 0.22 FTE

Number of Full-time Equivalent (FTE) estimated to be funded through contracts with this ENRTF appropriation: N/A

B. Other Funds:

Source of Funds	\$ Amount Proposed	\$ Amount Spent	Use of Other Funds
State		- 1	
General funds and other funds as appropriate	\$300	\$50	Shared Services (operations support governance) are services that the DNR relies on in order to conduct business and support the work of the department. These services are more efficient when shared.
Non-state			
Local Government and/or School Districts cash and/or	\$975,000	\$42,500	Fee Title Land Acquisition
donation of land value.			
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS:	\$975,300	\$42,550	

VII. PROJECT STRATEGY:

A. Project Partners: Partners are local governments and school districts. They will acquire, own and manage the natural and scenic areas. They will provide match dollars as well as covering costs of appraisals, any required archeological/historical surveys, permits, etc. They will also assume all operations and maintenance costs.

B. Project Impact and Long-term Strategy: The long-term strategy for the Natural and Scenic Area Grant program is to provide an incentive to local governments to protect natural and scenic resources that do not qualify for state designation, but have important regional or local significance. These areas

complement state protected areas and provide close-to-home opportunities for nature study, science and environmental education, species protection, outdoor recreation, and appreciation of scenic vistas. These areas can play a role in addressing the increasing disconnect between people and nature.

C. Spending History:

Funding Source	M.L. 2005	M.L. 2007	M.L. 2008	M.L. 2009	M.L. 2010
	or FY 2006-07	or FY 2008	or FY 2009	or FY 2010	or FY 2011
ETF	\$100,000 Subd. 6(j)	\$336,000 Subd. 2(g)	1 1 2003	112010	112011
Bonding	\$675,000	- Caba: 2(g)			

VIII. ACQUISITION/RESTORATION LIST: Information provided for all projects, see attached.

IX. MAP(S): Maps have been submitted for all funded projects.

X. RESEARCH ADDENDUM: N/A

XI. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

Periodic work plan status update reports will be submitted not later than January 1, 2012, June 30, 2012, January 1, 2013, June 30, 2013, and January 1, 2014. A final report and associated products will be submitted between June 30 and August 1, 2014 as requested by the LCCMR.

Attachment A: Budget Detail for M.L. 2011 (FY 2012-13	3) Environmer	nt and Natural	Resources Tru	ıst Fund Proje	cts			
Project Title: Natural and Scenic Area Acquisition Grants								
Legal Citation: M.L. 2011, Chapter , Section , Subd. 4k								
Project Manager: Laura Preus								
M.L. 2011 (FY 2012-13) ENRTF Appropriation: \$ 1,000,000.	00							
Project Length and Completion Date: 3 years: June 30, 201	14							
Date of Update: June 01, 2014								
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST	Activity 1			Activity 2			TOTAL	TOTAL
FUND BUDGET	Budget	Amount Spent	Balance	Budget	Amount Spent	Balance	BUDGET	BALANCE
BUDGET ITEM	Natural and So	enic Area Gran	ts	Administrative	/Personnel cost	's		
Personnel (Wages and Benefits)				25,000	25,000	0	25,000	0
Two grants staff in the Parks and Trails Division will work an								
estimated 425-450 hour for this project.								
Fee Title Acquisition	975,000	975,000	0				975,000	0
COLUMN TOTAL	\$975,000	\$975,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0

Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund M.L. 2011 Acquisition/Restoration List

Project Title: Natural and Scenic Area Grants
Project Manager Name: Laura Preus
M.L. 2011 ENRTF Appropriation: \$1,000,000

	Acquisition or	Geographical Coordinates (Provide Latitude/Longitude OR UTM-X/UTM-Y)		(Provide Latitude/Longitude OR UTM-X/UTM-Y)		(Provide Latitude/Longitude OR UTM-X/UTM-Y)							Proposed Fee Title	
#	Restoration Parcel Name	Latitude or UTM-X	Longitude or UTM-Y	Ecosystem Description	Ecological Significance	Activity Description	# of Acres	Miles (if applicable)	or Easement Holder (if applicable)	Status				
1	Red Jacket Acquisition	44.11477 N		Forest	"Big Woods" Geographical area. Open space, scenic vista	Fee Title	41.3		Blue Earth County	Complete				
2	Fish Creek Natural Area	44.89614 N	93.00214 W	Woodland, prairie	Greenway, buffer, open space, habitat corridor, scenic vista	Fee Title	48		City of Maplewood	Complete				
3	Rotary Riverside Park	46.33967 N	94.21703 W	Floodplain deciduous forest	River shoreline, habitat corridor, scenic vista	Fee Title	37	1300 ft	City Of Brainerd	Complete				
4	Bailey Point Acquisition	45.30128 N	93.57355 W	Flooded wetland, oak savanna	River shoreline, scenic vista	Fee Title	22.6	3,300 ft	City of Elk River	Complete				
5	Pike Lake	44.75211 N	93.43033 W	Forest, wetland	Lake shoreline, scenic vista	Fee Title	18	1,545 ft	City of Prior Lake	Complete				
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Natural and Scenic Area Grant Program 2011 4k Grants

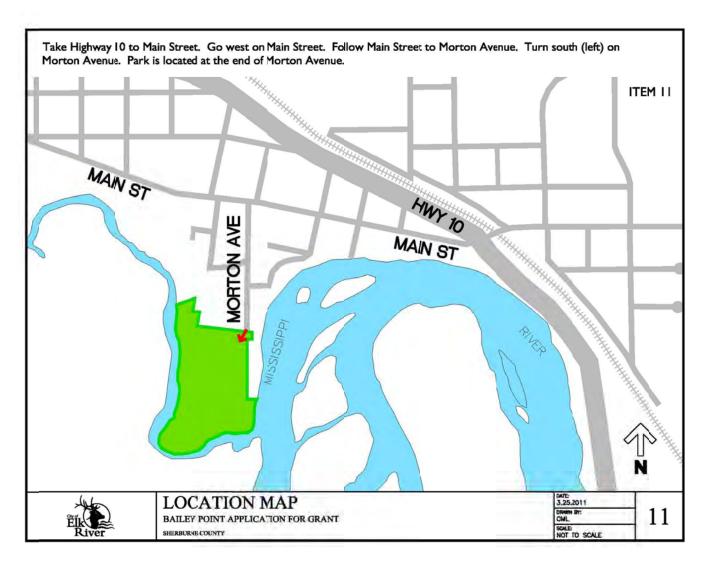
Year	Title - Recipient	Scope	Acres	Award
2012	County of Blue Earth Red Jacket Acquisition	Acquisition of approximately 41 acres of land adjacent to the Red Jacket Trail. The property includes wooded hillsides, meadows and a meandering creek that flows into the LeSueur River.	41.3	\$25,000
2012	City of Brainerd Rotary Riverside Park	Acquire 37 acres along the Mississippi River within the City of Brainerd to provide opportunities for low impact outdoor recreation such as cross country skiing, snow shoeing, boating, walking and nature study.	37	\$17,500
2012	City of Elk River Bailey Point Acquisition	Acquire a 22.58-acre parcel of historic and scenic property with over 3,300 feet of natural, largely untouched shoreline at the confluence of the Mississippi and Elk Rivers.	22.58	\$39,000
2012	City of Maplewood Fish Creek Natural Area	Acquisition of approximately 48 acres of land contiguous to 148 acres of Ramsey County open space along Fish Creek. The property is contains rolling hills, bluff top and steep slopes. Views from the bluff tops look out over the Mississippi River Valley and Fish Creek.	48	\$406,000
2013	City of Maplewood Fish Creek Natural Area	Acquisition of 48 acres of land contiguous to 148 acres or Ramsey County open space along Fish Creek. The property is contains rolling hills, bluff top and steep slopes. Views from the bluff tops look out over the Mississippi River Valley and Fish Creek.	48	\$94,000
2013	City of Prior Lake Pike Lake Nature Area	Acquire approximately 18 acres with approximately 1,545 feet of lakeshore and 100 feet of shoreline on Prior Creek in the City of Prior Lake.	18	\$393,500
Statewi	de Total: 6 Projects			\$975,000

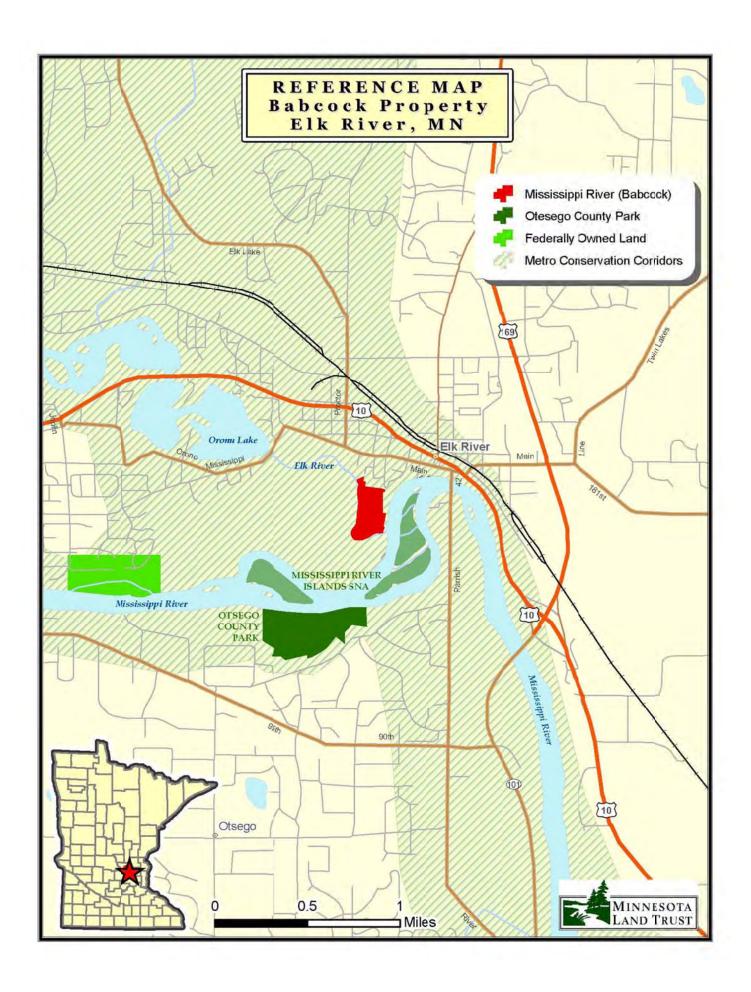
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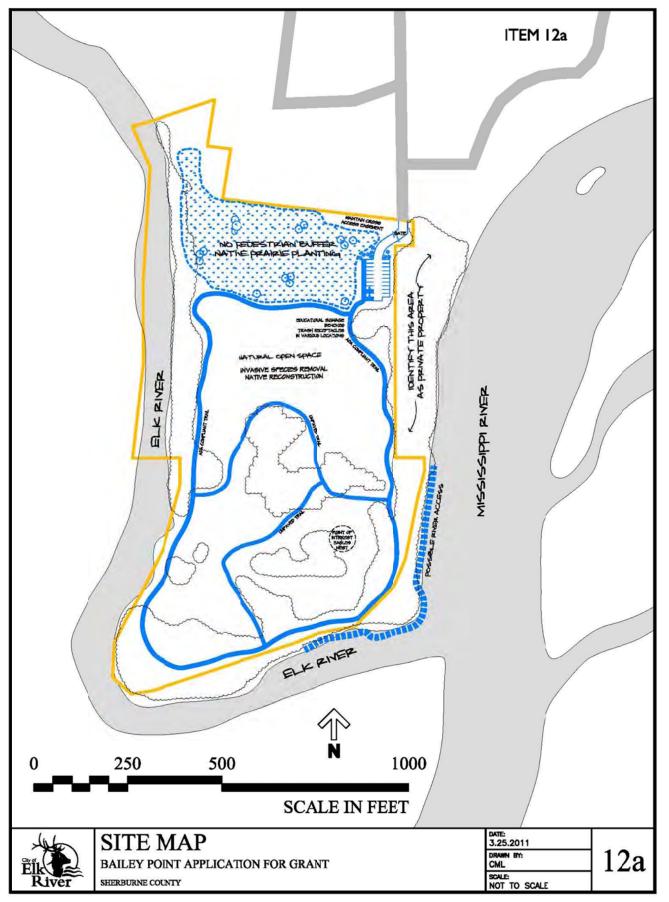
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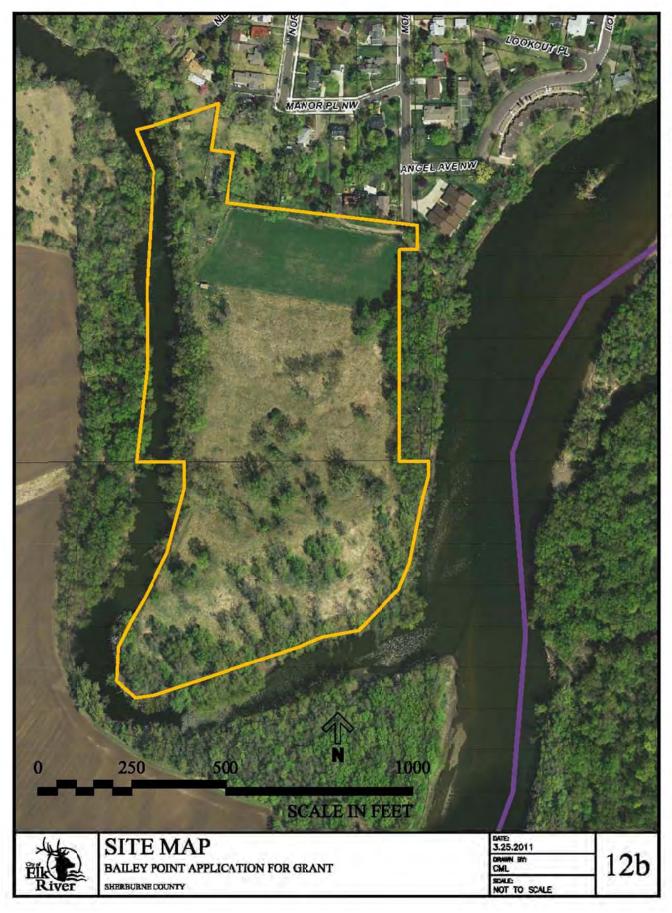
ITEM 11 - LOCATION MAP

Provide a location map that shows how to drive to the proposed natural and scenic area. If necessary, please provide written directions with your map.









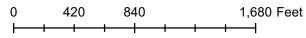
FISH CREEK ITEM 10 - USGS TOPOGRAPHICAL MAP

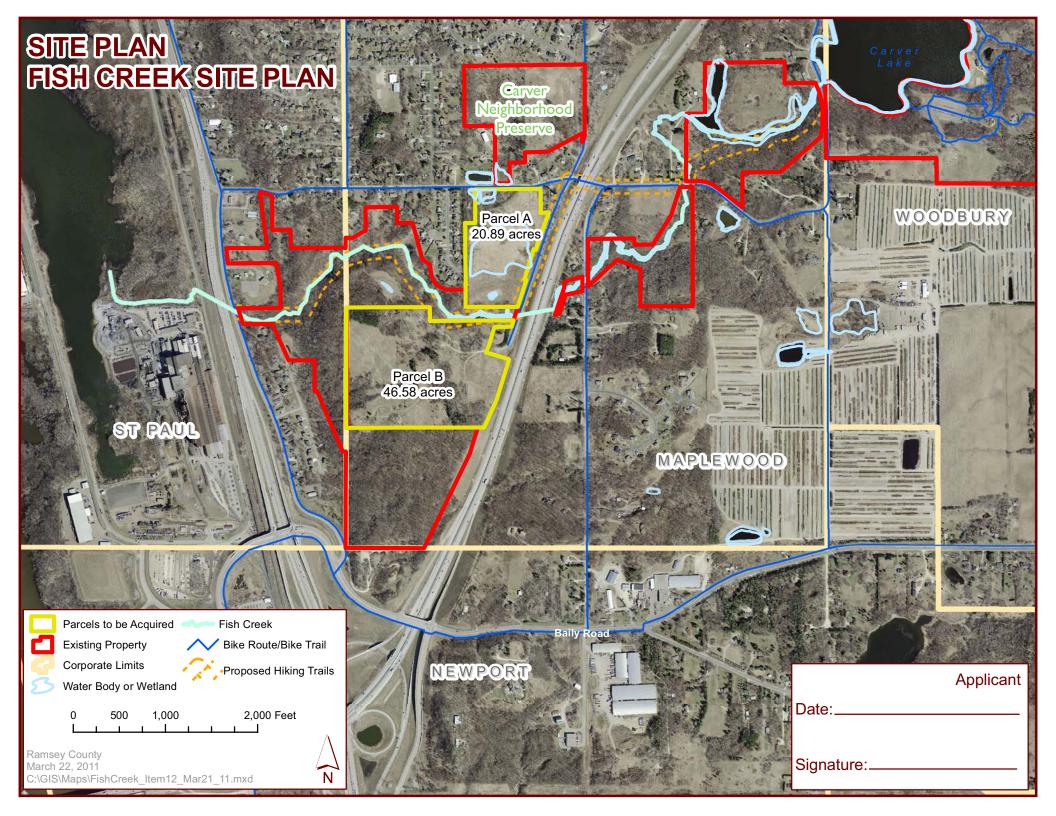


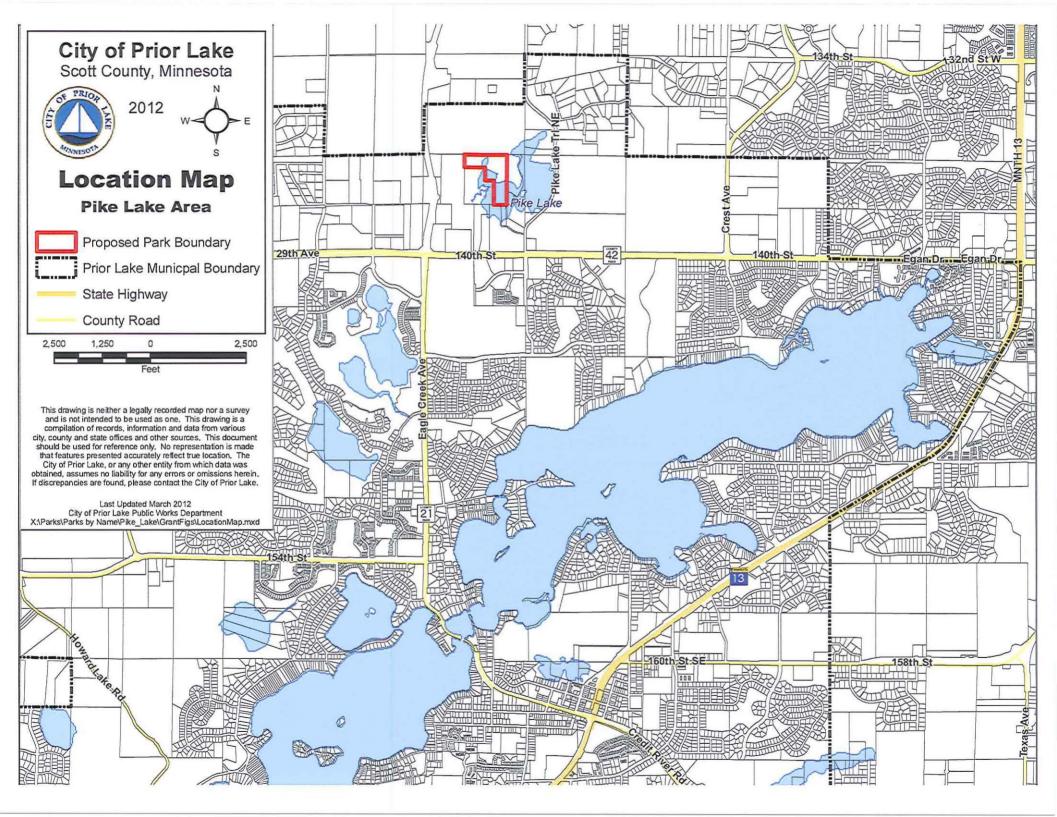












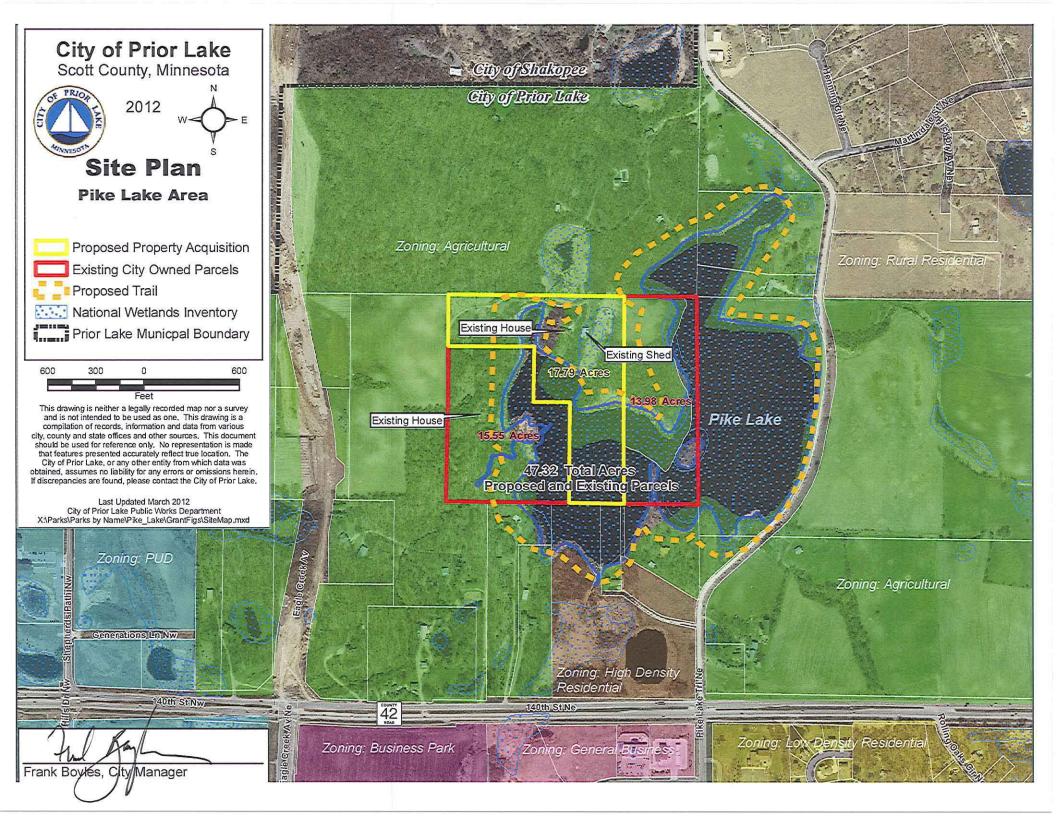
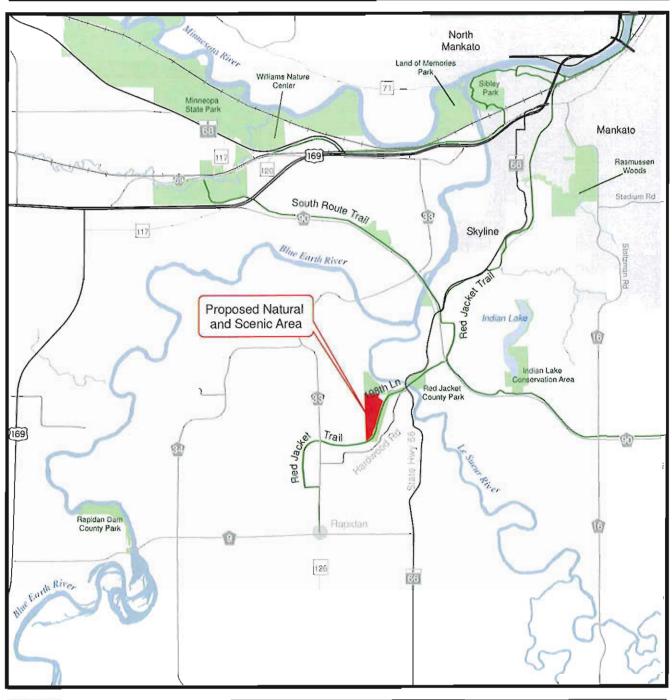


Exhibit 1A Location Map



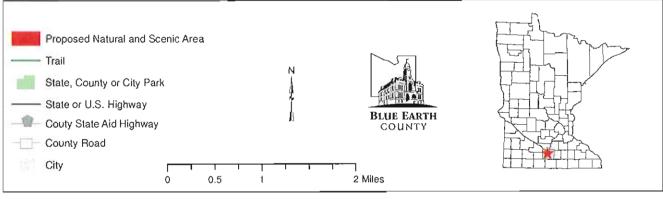


Exhibit 1B Site Map - Present Land Use

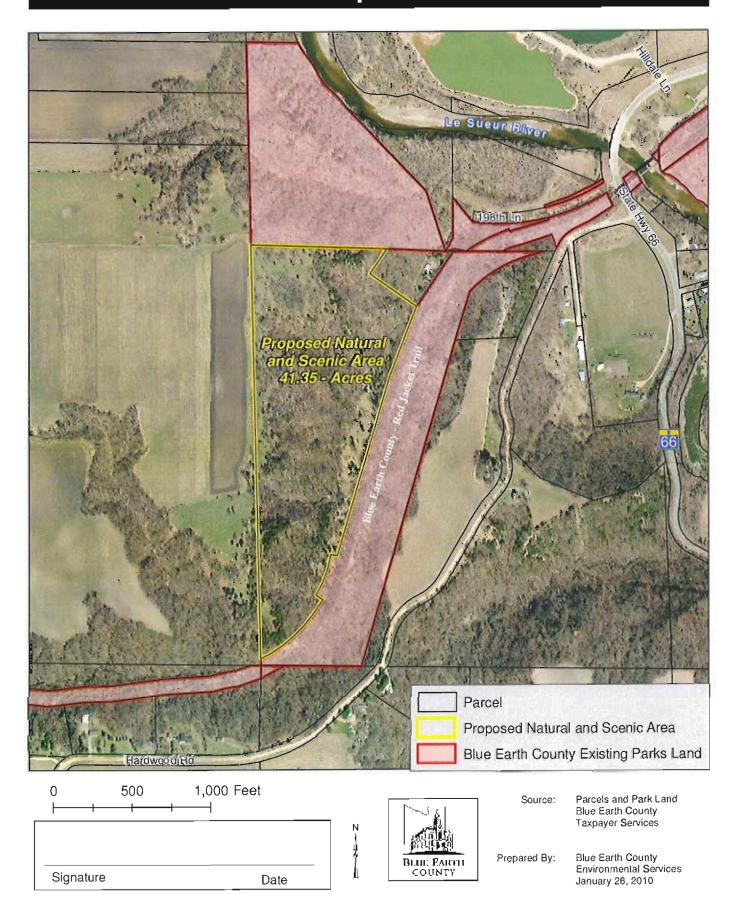
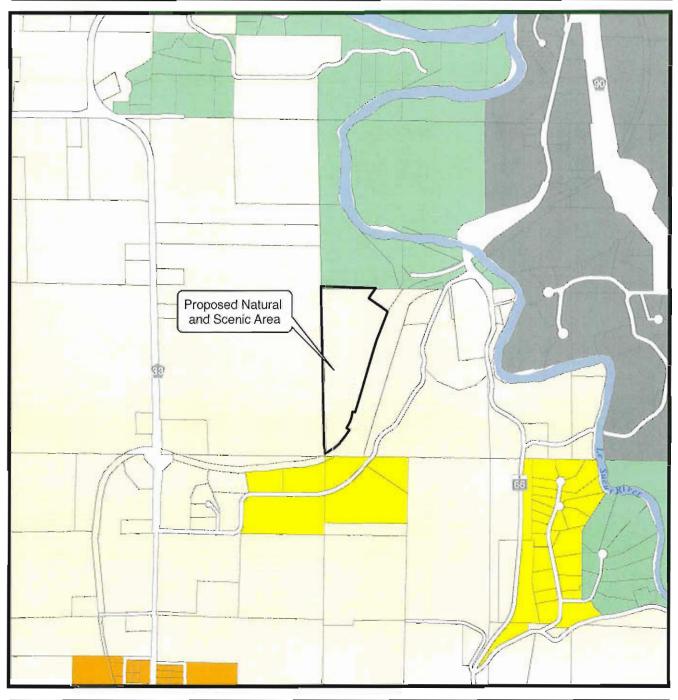


Exhibit 1H - Blue Earth County Zoning



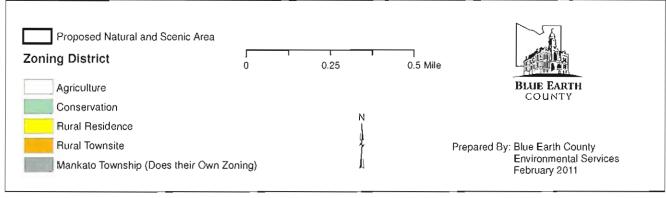
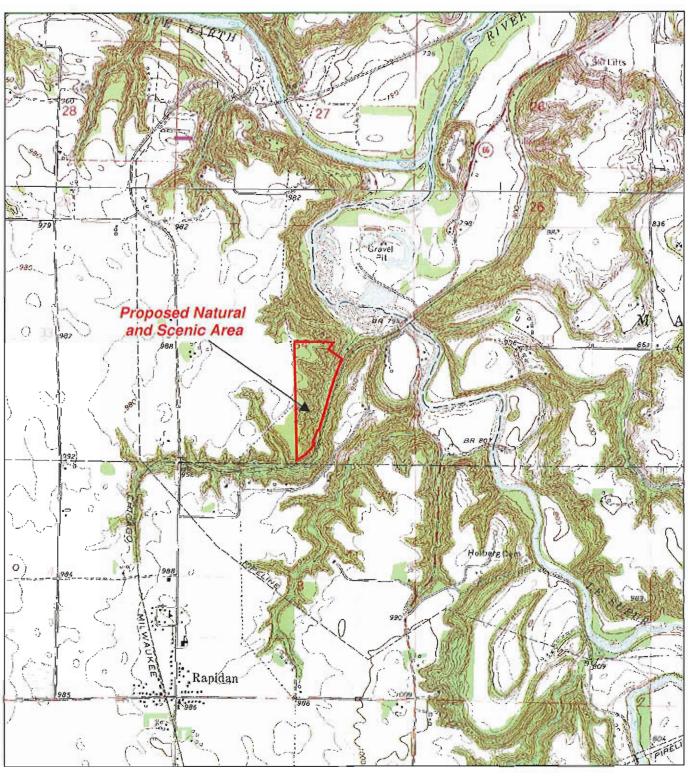


Exhibit 11 - USGS Topographic Map



Source: USGS DRG

Prepared By: Blue Earth County
Environmental Service

Environmental Services February 15, 2010

