

**Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund
2011-2012 Request for Proposals (RFP)**

Subd: 4j4i

Project Title: 4i - HCP 7 - Habitat Acquisition – DNR Professional Services

Category: D. Land Acquisition for Habitat and Recreation

Total Project Budget: \$ 20,000

Proposed Project Time Period for the Funding Requested: 3 yrs, July 2011 - June 2014

Other Non-State Funds (secured): \$ 0

Summary:

This proposal is directly tied to the land acquisition efforts of the Habitat Conservation Partners, and ensures that newly acquired lands can be transferred into the WMA system.

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Location:

Region: Statewide

Ecological Section: Statewide

County Name: Statewide

City / Township:

2011-2012 MAIN PROPOSAL

PROJECT TITLE: HCP7-4i Habitat Acquisition – DNR Professional Services

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I. PROJECT STATEMENT

This proposal is directly tied to the land acquisition efforts of the Habitat Conservation Corridor Partners, and ensures that newly acquired lands can be entered into the WMA system, and that restoration and development of newly acquired lands can begin on a timely basis. This proposal includes only professional services costs. Development costs will be covered under a separate proposal through HCP.

II. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Activity 1: Habitat Acquisition – Professional Services **Budget:** \$20,000

The Minnesota DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife will provide professional services and pay the associated costs of conveying lands acquired by partners under this project to the Department. Professional services include the following: staff time for the Division of Lands and Minerals (\$80/hour) and the Attorney General's Office (\$110/hour), survey costs, recording and abstracting fees, and deed tax. The total cost to process and complete the estimated land conveyances to the DNR under this program is approximately 10% of the total value of these acquisitions.

DNR cannot start work until the Partners have completed acquisition on each parcel. DNR and Partners have estimated that **400 acres** will be acquired and turned over to DNR, but it is unknown how many final parcels will be acquired, or when the acquisitions will be completed. The work completed under this proposal is dependent on the acres, types, and condition of lands acquired by the partners. All work will be completed by June 30, 2013.

Summary Budget Information for Activity 1:	Trust Fund Budget:	\$20,000
	Amount Spent:	\$ 0
	Balance:	\$20,000

Outcome	Completion Date
1. Professional Services paid on 400 acres of critical wildlife habitat	6/30/2013

III. PROJECT STRATEGY

A. Project Team/Partners

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife Division (FAW) is a partner in the nonprofit organization of Habitat Conservation Partnership. The mission of Minnesota's Habitat Conservation Partnership is to restore, enhance, and conserve habitat for the purpose

of sustaining fish, wildlife and native plant communities for all generations. Member Organizations include: Ducks Unlimited * Fond du Lac Reservation * Friends of the Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe * Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources * Minnesota Deer Hunters Association * Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Minnesota Land Trust * Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc. * National Wild Turkey Federation * Pheasants Forever * Red Lake Band of Chippewa * The Nature Conservancy * Trust for Public Land * U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service * U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Pheasants Forever (PF) is the main organization that has identified parcels for acquisition that would be transferred to DNR-FAW. Joe Pavelko, PF MN Director of Conservation Programs, is the lead contact for PF for land acquisitions and transfers.

B. Timeline Requirements

We propose a two year grant beginning July 1, 2011 and ending on June 30, 2013.

C. Long-Term Strategy and Future Funding Needs

This project is needed as long as the partnership exists, and lands are being acquired to become part of the WMA system.

2011-2012 Detailed Project Budget

HCP7-4i Habitat Acquisition – DNR Professional Services

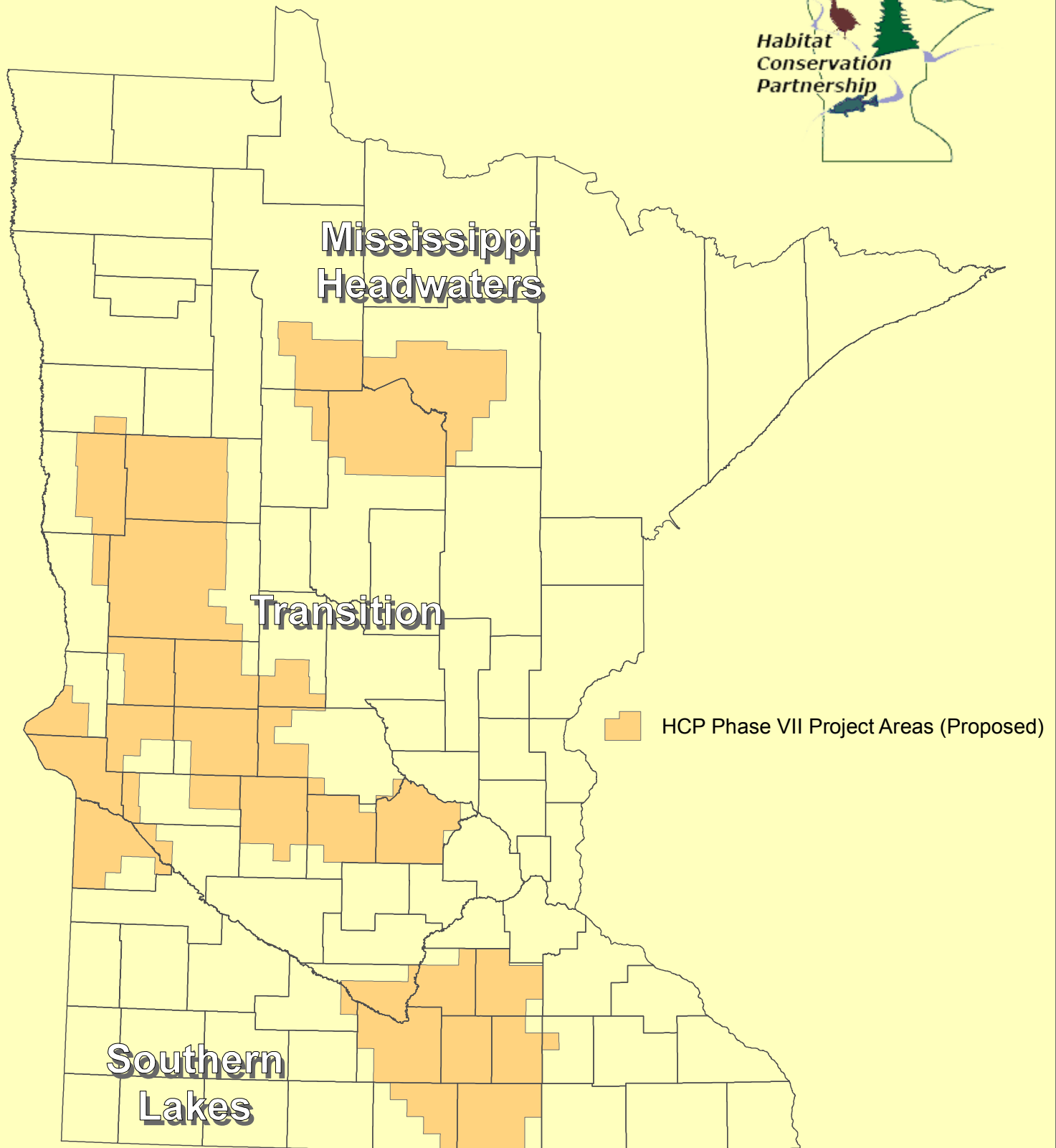
IV. TOTAL TRUST FUND REQUEST BUDGET - Two years

<u>BUDGET ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Acquisition (Permanent Easements):	\$0
Professional Services: Legal Fees, survey costs, negotiations, closings, etc. Anticipated to be approximately 5% of total acquisition.	\$20,000
TOTAL ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND \$ REQUEST	\$20,000

V. OTHER FUNDS

<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>Status</u>
Other Non-State \$ Being Applied to Project During Project Period: Partner funds will acquire approximately 400 acres of land for conveyance to DNR as WMAs.	\$0	Pending
Funding History: All funds listed are ETF and related to HCP projects.	\$40,000 \$28,000 \$38,000 \$30,000 \$25,000	2004 Completed 2005 Completed 2007 Completed 2008 Completed 2009 \$23,000 rememain

Habitat Conservation Partnership Proposed Phase VII Project Areas



2011-2012 LCCMR PROJECT MANAGER QUALIFICATIONS AND ORGANIZATION FORM

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Project Manager Qualifications

DNR Fish and Wildlife Acquisition position administers the work plans and LCCMR grants to the DNR, for acquisition of State Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) and Aquatic Management Areas (AMA) so that program goals and legal requirements are met.