



## Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) M.L. 2011 Work Plan

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**Date of Status Update:**

**Date of Next Status Update:** 12/1/2011

**Date of Work Plan Approval:** 8/11/2011

**Project Completion Date:** 6/30/2014

**Is this an amendment request?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Project Title:** State Parks and Trails Land Acquisition

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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)

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<b>Total ENRTF Project Budget:</b>	<b>ENRTF Appropriation \$:</b>	3,000,000
	<b>Amount Spent \$:</b>	<u>0</u>
	<b>Balance \$:</b>	3,000,000

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**Legal Citation:** M.L. 2011, First Special Session, Chp. 2, Art.3, Sec. 2, Subd. 04b

**Appropriation Language:**

\$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000 the second year are from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire state trails and critical parcels within the statutory boundaries of state parks. State park land acquired with this appropriation must be sufficiently improved to meet at least minimum management standards, as determined by the commissioner of natural resources. A list of proposed acquisitions must be provided as part of the required work program. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2014, by which time the project must be completed and final products delivered.

**I. PROJECT TITLE:**  
**State Parks and Trails Land Acquisition**

**II. PROJECT SUMMARY:**

Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund funding will allow for the:

The Department of Natural Resources to acquire approximately 210 acres of land within the statutory boundaries of the Minnesota State Parks and statutory designated State Trails System.

- Partially fund the acquisition of approximately 64 acres, 6.5 miles, of the Brown’s Creek Segment of the Willard Munger State Trail located in Washington County. This segment will connect the existing Gateway State Trail, which originates in St. Paul and terminates at Pine Point Regional Park, to the City of Stillwater. This acquisition consists of the entire segment of the legislatively authorized Brown’s Creek segment of the Willard Munger State Trail. This acquisition will also help protect a critical section of the Brown’s Creek trout stream and preserve a natural greenway. Once developed, this will become a heavily travelled trail corridor in the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan area.

DNR Option Agreement Amount	2009 LCCMR Work Plan Amount (Extension Approved)	2011-2012 LCCMR Proposal Amount	Washington Co. Offered Amount	Amount of Legacy Funding	Total Funding Amount
\$4,235,000	\$700,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,100,000	\$4,300,000

- Acquire approximately 75 acres of land in Mille Lacs Kathio State Park located in Mille Lacs County. This private parcel is located within the Kathio National Historic Landmark District and contains significant cultural resources. The parcel contains approximately 2/3rds of the lakeshore surrounding Warren Lake. State ownership will provide protection of the adjacent wetlands, lakeshore and the documented and undocumented prehistoric burial mounds.
- Acquire approximately 3 acres of land in Crow Wing State Park located in Cass County. This private parcel contains approximately 200 feet the Crow Wing River and is at high risk for development. It will provide additional shoreline protection and add to the recreational opportunities now offered in this area such as hiking and access to the river.
- Acquire approximately 48 acres of land in Tettegouche State Park located in Lake County. This property will preserve an intact historic north shore fish camp that includes many artifacts that may be eligible on the National Register and may be one of the last remaining historic property of this type on the North Shore. This acquisition also includes land that may serve as an important link on Gitchi Gami State Trail corridor alignment from Silver Bay to Tettegouche State Park.
- Acquire approximately 20 acres of land in Nerstrand Big Woods State Park located in Rice County. This property was identified as outstanding biodiversity significance by Minnesota County Biological Survey and has not been logged in over 100 years. The spring ephemerals are prevalent in this area of the park and the site is important to maintaining the closed canopy and diverse understory characteristic of ‘big woods’ in Nerstrand Big Woods State Park.

All acquisitions are from willing sellers and located within the statutory boundaries of state parks and within statutory authorized state trails at the time of purchase. Other critical parcels may be pursued as determined by the Commissioner.

This work program may ask for an amendment request to revise the project list. Each State Park has a Master Plan which includes an ecological inventory and assessment. Once acquired, the Department of Natural Resources plans to take the necessary steps to implement restoration management efforts according to the designated master plan.

**III. PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:**

**Project Status as of December 31, 2011:**

**Project Status as of June 30, 2012:**

**Project Status as of December 31, 2013:**

**Project Status as of June 30, 2013:**

**IV. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES:**

**ACTIVITY 1:**

Acquire approximately 64 acres, 6.5 miles, of land for the Brown’s Creek Segment of Willard Munger State Trail located in Washington County.

**Description:**

The DNR proposes to acquire 64 acres, 6.5 miles, of the Browns Creek Segment of the Willard Munger State Trail. This funding request will partially fund the acquisition of approximately 64 acres, 6.5 miles, of the Brown’s Creek Segment of the Willard Munger State Trail located in Washington County. This segment will connect the existing Gateway State Trail, which originates in St. Paul and terminates at Pine Point Regional Park, to the City of Stillwater. This acquisition consists of the entire segment of the legislatively authorized Brown’s Creek segment of the Willard Munger State Trail. This acquisition will also help protect a critical section of the Brown’s Creek trout stream and preserve a natural greenway. Once developed, this will become a heavily travelled trail corridor in the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan area. The property was formerly used by the Minnesota Zephyr Dinner Train. The requested funds will supplement the 2009 LCCMR proposal for \$700,000 (extension approved), \$1,000,000 offered by Washington County, and approximately \$1,100,000 from Parks and Trails Legacy funds.

**Summary Budget Information for Activity 1:**

**ENRTF Budget: \$ 1,500,000**  
**Amount Spent: \$ -0-**  
**Balance: \$ 1,500,000**

**Activity Completion Date:**

<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>	<b>Budget</b>
1. Appraise Parcels	Completed	\$
2. Negotiate Acquisition Amount	Completed	\$
3. Acquire Parcels	November 1, 2011	\$

**Activity Status as of December 31, 2011:**

**Activity Status as of June 30, 2012:**

**Activity Status as of December 31, 2013:**

**Activity Status as of June 30, 2013:**

**Final Report Summary:**

**ACTIVITY 2:**

Acquire approximately 75 acres of land in Mille Lacs Kathio State Park located in Mille Lacs County.

**Description:**

The DNR proposes to acquire property located in Mille Lacs Kathio State Park. This private parcel is also located within the Kathio National Historic Landmark District, the Mille Lacs Kathio State Park is within this district, and there are known significant cultural resources present on this site. The parcel contains approximately 2/3rds of the lakeshore surrounding Warren Lake. State ownership will provide protection of the adjacent wetlands, lakeshore as well as documented and undocumented prehistoric burial mounds.

**Summary Budget Information for Activity 2:**

**ENRTF Budget: \$ 250,000**  
**Amount Spent: \$ -0-**  
**Balance: \$ 250,000**

**Activity Completion Date:**

<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>	<b>Budget</b>
1. Appraise Parcels	December 31, 2011	\$
2. Negotiate Acquisition Amount	June 30, 2012	\$
3. Acquire Parcels	December 31, 2013	\$

**Activity Status as of December 31, 2011:**

**Activity Status as of June 30, 2012:**

**Activity Status as of December 31, 2013:**

**Activity Status as of June 30, 2013:**

**Final Report Summary:**

**ACTIVITY 3:**

Acquire approximately 3 acres of land in Crow Wing State Park located in Cass County.

**Description:**

The DNR proposes to acquire property located in Crow Wing State Park. This property contains one parcel totalling approximately 200 feet of the Crow Wing River. This acquisition is at high risk for development and will provide additional shoreline protection and add to the recreational opportunities now offered in this area such as hiking and access to the river.

**Summary Budget Information for Activity 3:**

**ENRTF Budget: \$ 250,000**  
**Amount Spent: \$ -0-**  
**Balance: \$ 250,000**

**Activity Completion Date:**

<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>	<b>Budget</b>
1. Appraise Parcels	June 30, 2012	\$
2. Negotiate Acquisition Amount	December 31, 2012	\$
3. Acquire Parcels	June 30, 2013	\$

**Activity Status as of December 31, 2011:**

**Activity Status as of June 30, 2012:**

**Activity Status as of December 31, 2013:**

**Activity Status as of June 30, 2013:**

**Final Report Summary:**

**ACTIVITY 4:**

Acquire approximately 48 acres of land in Tettegouche State Park located in Lake County.

**Description:** The DNR proposes to acquire property located in Tettegouche State Park. This property will preserve an intact historic North Shore commercial fishing camp that includes many artifacts and may be eligible on the National Register as possibly the last remaining historic property of this type on the North Shore. The acquisition of this historic fishing camp would be an excellent asset to interpret and share the natural and cultural significance of commercial fishing in the State of Minnesota. This property also contains land to provide an important link of the Gitchi Gami State Trail corridor connection from the city of Silver Bay to Tettegouche State Park.

**Description:**

**Summary Budget Information for Activity 4:**

**ENRTF Budget: \$ 800,000**  
**Amount Spent: \$ -0-**  
**Balance: \$ 800,000**

**Activity Completion Date:**

<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>	<b>Budget</b>
1. Appraise Parcels	June 30, 2012	\$
2. Negotiate Acquisition Amount	December 31, 2012	\$
3. Acquire Parcels	June 30, 2013	\$

**Activity Status as of December 31, 2011:**

**Activity Status as of June 30, 2012:**

**Activity Status as of December 31, 2013:**

**Activity Status as of June 30, 2013:**

**Final Report Summary:**

**ACTIVITY 5:**

Acquire approximately 20 acres of land in Nerstrand Big Woods State Park located in Rice County.

**Description:**

The DNR proposes to acquire property located in Nerstrand Big Woods State Park. This property was identified as outstanding biodiversity significance by Minnesota County Biological Survey and has not been logged in over 100 years. The spring ephemerals are prevalent in this area of the park and the site is important in maintaining the closed canopy and diverse understory characteristic of 'big woods' in Nerstrand Big Woods State Park. Within the park there are over 160 wildflowers, 260 identified mushrooms, and over 150 bird species including and an uncommon forest colony of nesting Great Blue Heron located northwest of this parcel.

**Summary Budget Information for Activity 5:**

**ENRTF Budget: \$ 200,000**  
**Amount Spent: \$ -0-**  
**Balance: \$ 200,000**

**Activity Completion Date:**

<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>	<b>Budget</b>
1. Appraise Parcels	Completed	\$
2. Negotiate Acquisition Amount	December 31, 2011	\$
3. Acquire Parcels	June 30, 2012	\$

**Activity Status as of December 31, 2011:****Activity Status as of June 30, 2012:****Activity Status as of December 31, 2013:****Activity Status as of June 30, 2013:****Final Report Summary:****V. DISSEMINATION:****Description:**

Update state park and state trail maps and website as land and the new trail corridor becomes available for public use. Possible media event at time of acquisition closing.

**VI. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY:****A. ENRTF Budget:**

<b>Budget Category</b>	<b>\$ Amount</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Fee Title or Permanent Easement Acquisition:	\$ 2,950,000	Acquire approximately 210 acres in Fee Title or Permanent Easements that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will hold title.
Professional Services for Acq:	\$ 50,000	Appraisal Services and Professional Services from DNR, Division of Lands and Minerals and the Attorney General's Office
Other:	\$	
<b>TOTAL ENRTF BUDGET:</b>	<b>\$ 3,000,000</b>	

**Explanation of Use of Classified Staff: N/A**

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

**Number of Full-time Equivalent (FTE) funded with this ENRTF appropriation: -0-**

**Number of Full-time Equivalent (FTE) estimated to be funded through contracts with this ENRTF appropriation: -0-**

**B. Other Funds:**

Source of Funds	\$ Amount Proposed	\$ Amount Spent	Use of Other Funds
<b>Non-state</b>			
	\$1,000,000	\$-0-	Washington County
<b>State</b>			
	\$1,100,000	\$-0-	Parks and Trails Legacy
	\$ 700,000	\$ 40,883	2009 ENTF
<b>TOTAL OTHER FUNDS:</b>	<b>\$2,800,000</b>	<b>\$ 40,883</b>	

**VII. PROJECT STRATEGY:**

**A. Project Partners:**

Local state parks and trails support groups. It is also anticipated that the Parks and Trails Council of Minnesota will continue to play a critical role in the negotiation and timely acquisition prior to State acquisition.

**B. Project Impact and Long-term Strategy:**

Acquire critical parcels within State Park statutory boundaries and within statutory authorized State Trail corridors. The state currently owns about 84% of the 268,000 acres within State Park boundaries and expects approximately to \$5 million available parcels from willing sellers each year. With the continued support of the LCCMR, the Department of Natural Resources Division of Parks and Trails expects to keep moving forward to acquire critical parcels for preservation, recreation, education and habitat restoration.

**C. Spending History:**

Funding Source	M.L. 2005 or FY 2006-07	M.L. 2007 or FY 2008	M.L. 2008 or FY 2009	M.L. 2009 or FY 2010	M.L. 2010 or FY 2011
ENTF	2,000,000	750,000	1,500,000	590,000	1,750,000
Capital Bonding	3,000,000		2,400,000		2,150,000

**VIII. ACQUISITION/RESTORATION LIST:**

See Attached

**IX. MAP(S):**

See Attached

**X. RESEARCH ADDENDUM:**

N/A

**XI. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:**

**Periodic work plan status update reports will be submitted not later than December 31, 2011, June 30, 2012, and December 31, 2012. A final report and associated products will be submitted between June 30 and August 1, 2013 as requested by the LCCMR.**



## 2011-2012 Acquisition List for Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposal

**Project Title:** State Parks and Trails Land Acquisition

**Project Manager Name:** Jennifer Christie

**Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund \$ Request:** \$ 3,000,000

**Final Title Holder(s):** Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

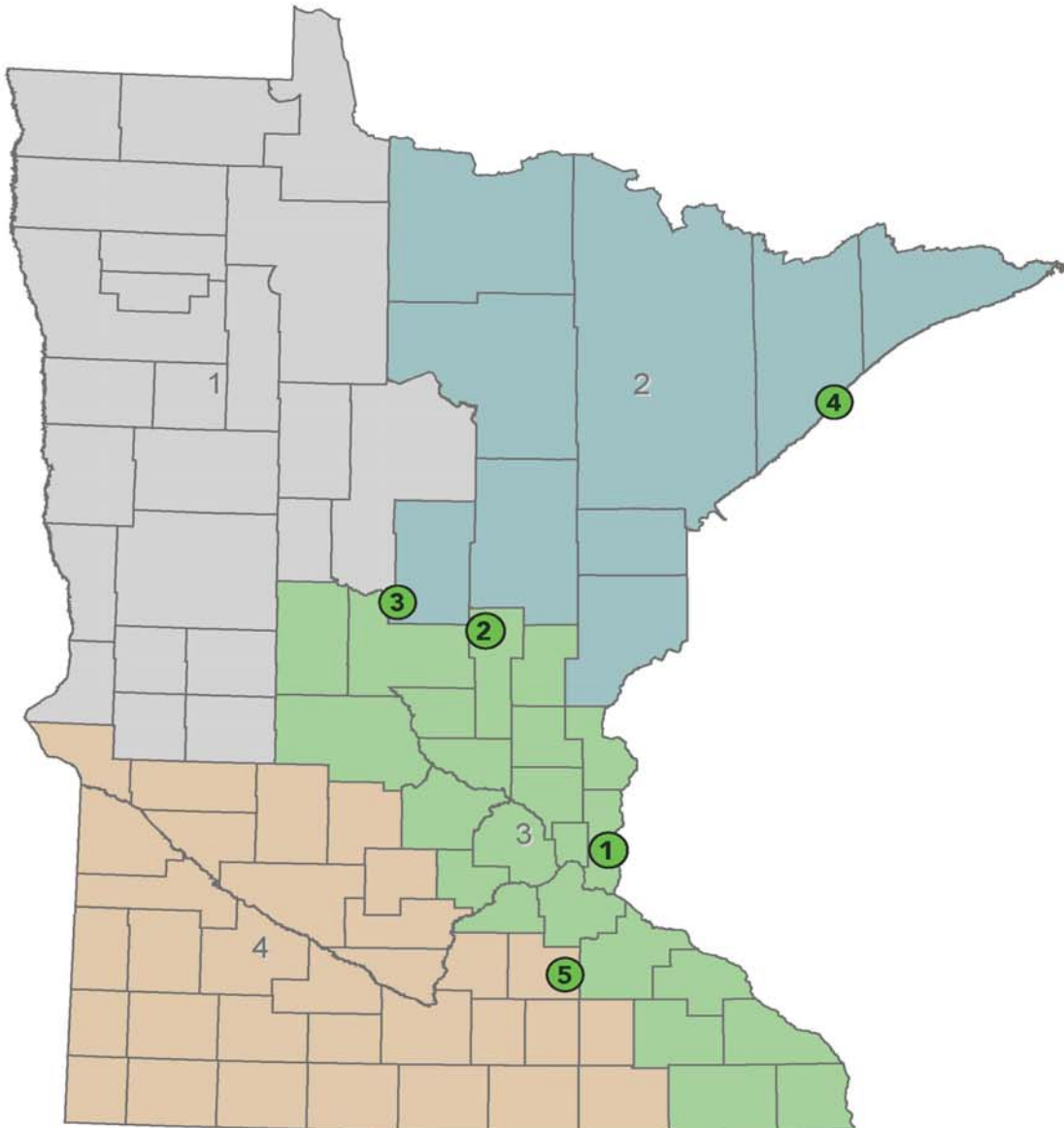
#	Parcel Name	Acquisition Type (Fee-Title OR Conservation Easement)	County	Estimated # of Acres	Geographical Coordinates (Provide Latitude/Longitude OR UTM-X/UTM-Y)			
					Latitude	Longitude	UTM-X	UTM-Y
1	Willard Munger State Trail Brown's Creek Segment	Fee Title	Washington	64			511834	4991007
2	Mille Lacs Kathio State Park	Fee Title	Mille Lacs	75			442849	5108470
3	Tettegouche State Park	Fee Title	Lake	48			633178	5245319
4	Crow Wing State Park	Fee Title	Cass Wing	3			397167	5126063
5	Nerstrand State Park	Fee Title	Rice	20			491173	4909947
<b>NOTES:</b>								

Attachment A: Budget Detail for 2010 Projects - Summary and a Budget page for each partner (if applicable)																	
Project Title: <i>State Parks and State Trails Land Acquisition</i>																	
Project Manager Name: <i>Jennifer Christie</i>																	
Trust Fund Appropriation: \$ <i>3,000,000</i>																	
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																	
2011-2012 Trust Fund Budget	Result 1 Budget:	Amount Spent (date)	Balance	Result 2 Budget:	Amount Spent (date)	Balance	Result 3 Budget:	Amount Spent (date)	Balance	Result 4 Budget:	Amount Spent (date)	Balance	Result 4 Budget:	Amount Spent (date)	Balance	TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL BALANCE
	<i>Acquire a portion of 64 acres for Brown's Creek Segment of Willard Munger State Trail</i>			<i>Acquire 119 acres in Mille Lacs Kathio State Park</i>			<i>Acquire 3 acres at Crow Wing State Park</i>			<i>Acquire 48 acres at Tettegouche State Park</i>			<i>Acquire 20 acres at Nerstrand Big Woods State Park</i>				
<b>BUDGET ITEM</b>																	
Land acquisition	1,500,000	0	1,500,000	250,000	0	250,000	250,000	0	250,000	800,000	0	800,000	200,000	0	200,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
Professional Services for Acq.																	
Other In-Kind Contribution-Staff Time																	
<b>COLUMN TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$800,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>



# Land Acquisition Proposed Projects

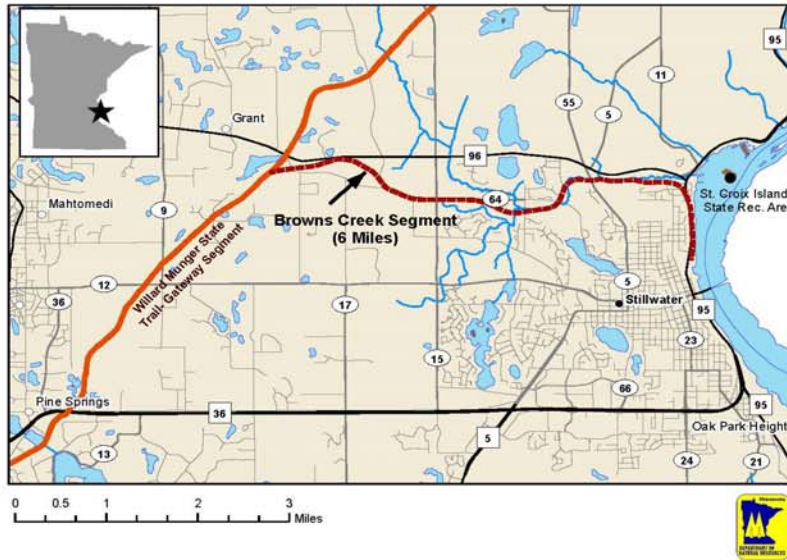
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DIVISION OF PARKS AND TRAILS  
LCCMR 2011-2012



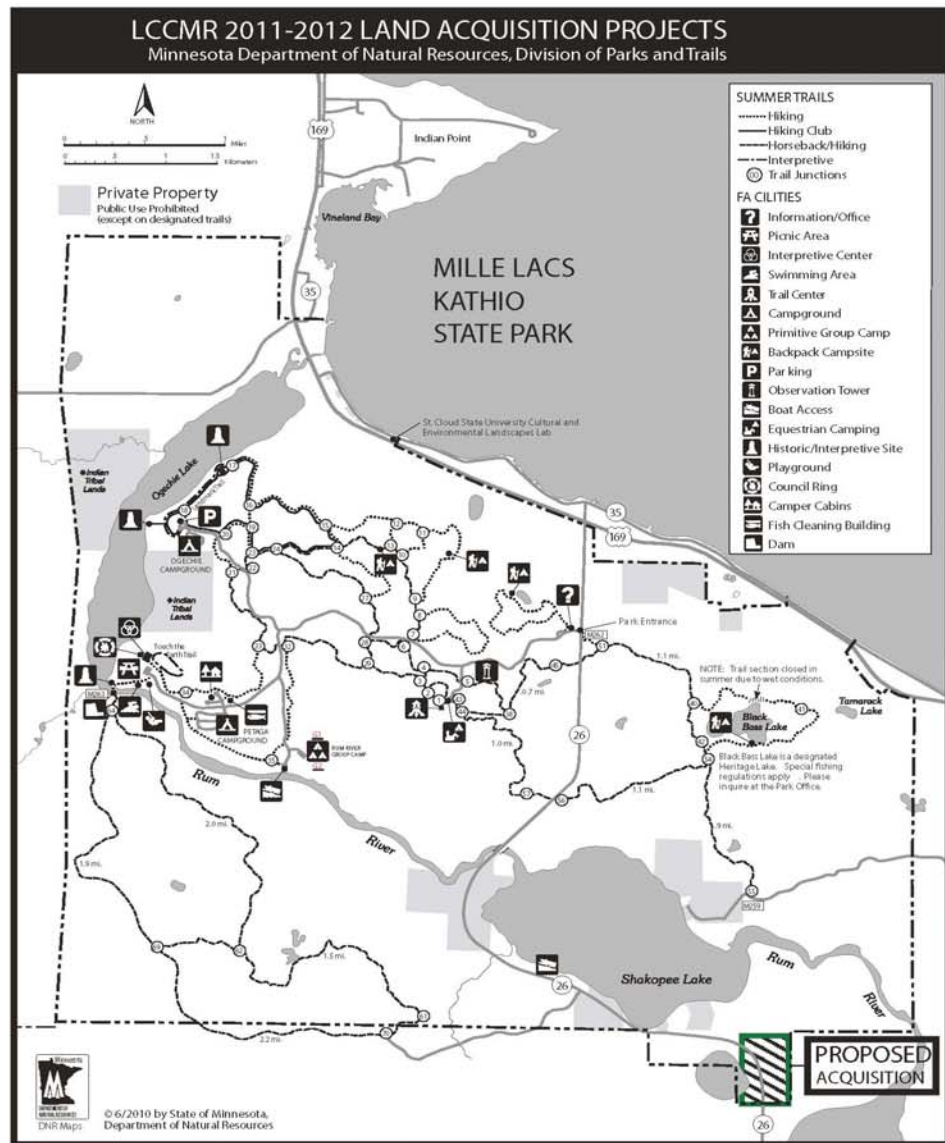
Map #	Facility name	County
①	Willard Mungar State Trail- Brown's Creek Segment	Washington
②	Mille Lacs Kathio State Park	Mille Lacs
③	Crow Wing State Park	Cass
④	Tettegouche State Park	Lake
⑤	Nerstrand Big Woods State Park	Rice

Willard Munger State Trail- Browns Creek Segment

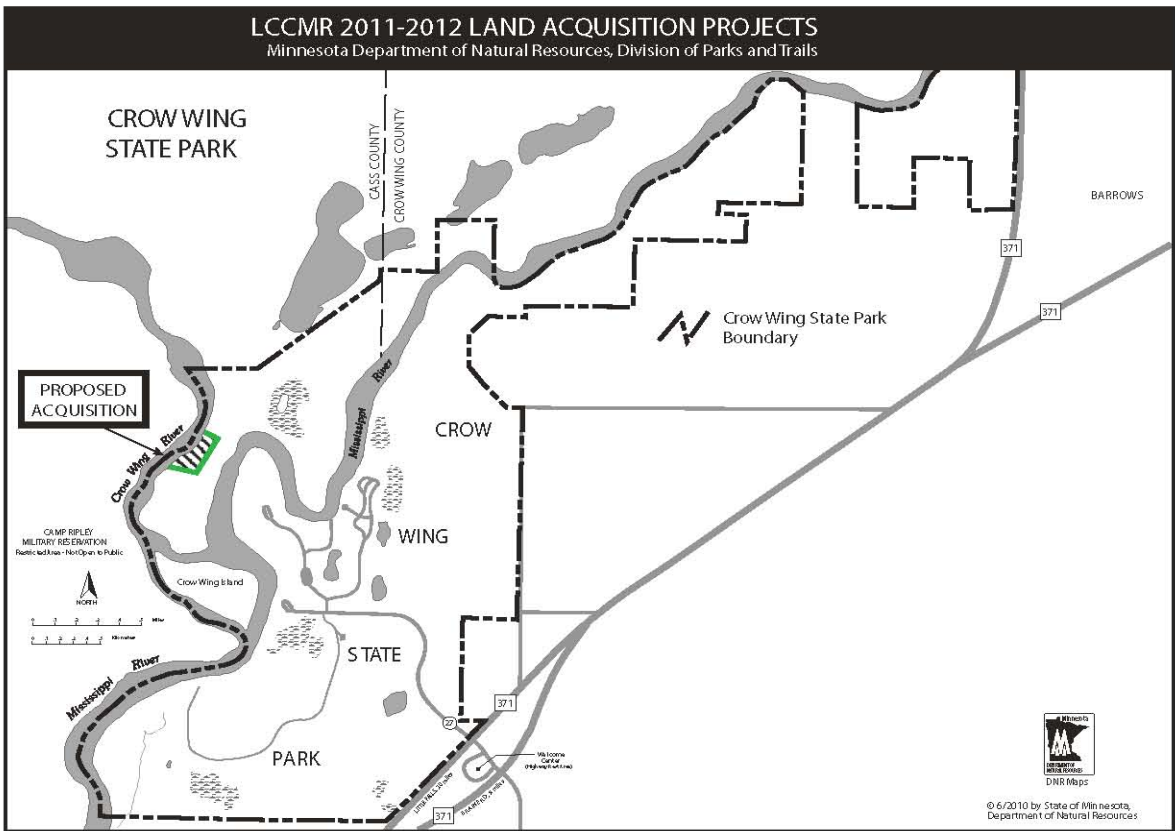
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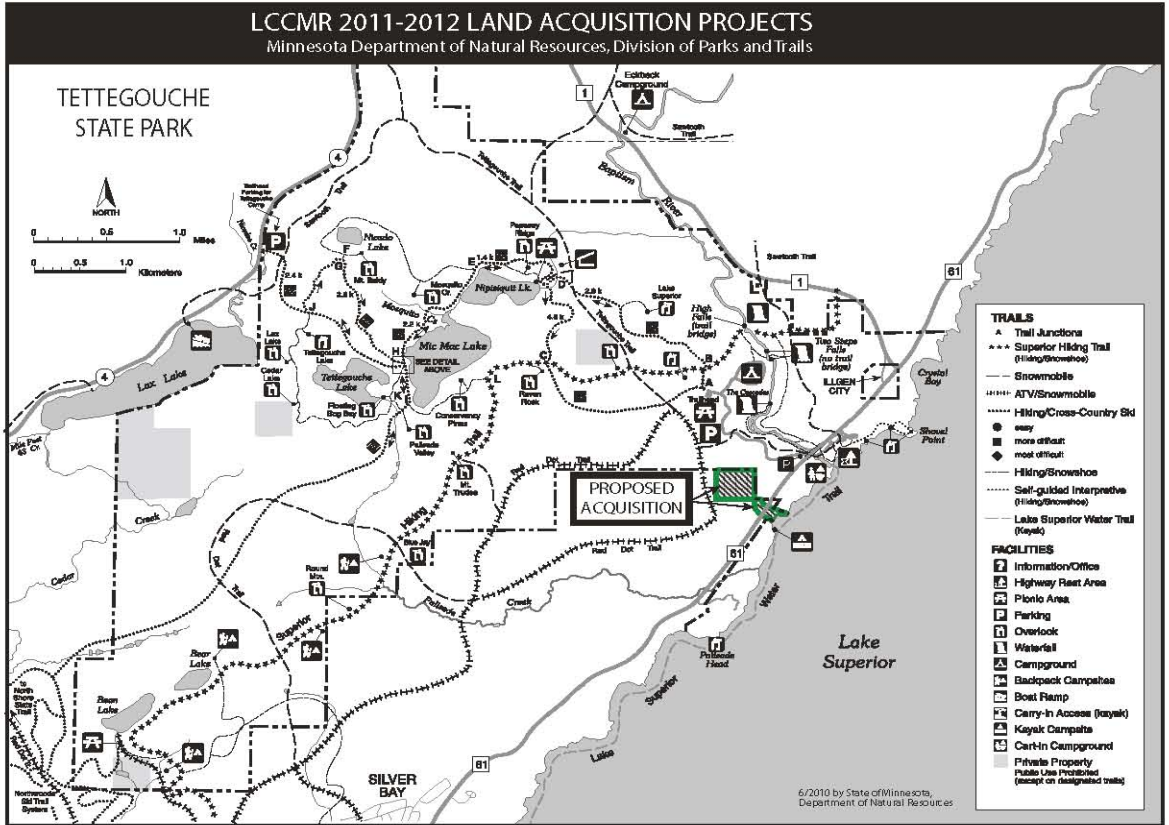
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# LCCMR 2011-2012 LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails

