



## 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:** 1/1/2012

**Date of Work Plan Approval:** 6/23/2011

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

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

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**Project Title: Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition**

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**Location:**

**Counties Impacted:** Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Scott, Washington

**Ecological Section Impacted:** Minnesota and Northeast Iowa Morainal (222M), Paleozoic Plateau (222L)

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<b>Total ENRTF Project Budget:</b>	<b>ENRTF Appropriation \$:</b>	2,250,000
	<b>Amount Spent \$:</b>	<u>0</u>
	<b>Balance \$:</b>	2,250,000

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

**Appropriation Language:**

\$1,125,000 the first year and \$1,125,000 the second year are from the trust fund to the Metropolitan Council for grants for the acquisition of lands within the approved park unit boundaries of the metropolitan regional park system. This appropriation may not be used for the purchase of residential structures. A list of proposed fee title and easement acquisitions must be provided as part of the required work program. This appropriation must be matched by at least 40 percent of nonstate money and must be committed by December 31, 2011, or the appropriation cancels. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2014, at which time the project must be completed and final products delivered, unless an earlier date is specified in the work program.

**I. PROJECT TITLE:** Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition

**II. PROJECT SUMMARY:** \$2,250,000 is appropriated to match \$1,500,000 of Metropolitan Council bonds and \$1,250,000 of funds provided by regional park implementing agencies to partially finance the acquisition of about 210 acres of land within approved regional park unit boundaries. The estimated acreage amount is based on projections provided by regional park agencies of land that could be acquired from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014. These funds help finance the long-range goal in the Metropolitan Council’s *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan* to acquire about 14,800 acres of land within Metropolitan Council-approved master plan boundaries for regional parks and trails.

The appropriation will finance new acquisitions only –no reimbursements will be financed for land already acquired. Land acquired with the appropriation will have high natural resource values with priority given to shore land, lands that provide important natural resource connections, and land containing unique natural resources. A list of proposed acquisitions is provided (see attached “Potential List of Parcels to be Acquired for Metropolitan Regional Park System”). Any permanent easements acquired with this appropriation will include a long term stewardship plan. Funding to monitor the easement—which is land within the approved park or trail boundary will be financed by other sources—not Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriations.

**III. PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:**

**Project Status as of May 17, 2011:**

Initial work program.

**IV. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES:**

**ACTIVITY 1:** Acquisition Opportunity Grants

**Description:**

A list of proposed acquisitions, fee title and easements, is provided as part of this workprogram (see attached “Potential List of Parcels to Be Acquired for Metropolitan Regional Park System”).

When the Metropolitan Council authorizes subgrants to regional park agencies to acquire land under this appropriation, a description of that land will be described as a “Deliverable”, along with the date it was acquired as the “Completion Date”, the amount of the appropriation spent on the land will be listed under “Budget”. More detail on each acquisition, including the expenditure of the non-State match and related expenditures such as legal fees and property tax equivalency payments required under MS 473.341 on each acquisition will be shown in Attachment A: Budget Detail.

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:

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.
2. A restoration and management plan for the land being acquired that is consistent with LCCMR guidelines for restoration plans.
3. Identify funding source(s) to implement the restoration and management plan.
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.
5. A reference and link to the adopted regional park or trail master plan that is applicable to the land being acquired to show that the land is consistent with the adopted master plan.
6. A parcel-scale map of the acquired land.

7. 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.
8. A copy of the recorded regional park restrictive covenant agreement between the Metropolitan Council 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.

As a condition of subgrants awarded from this appropriation for permanent easements, the grantees will submit the following information to the LCCMR and in one instance to Minnesota Management and Budget as described below:

1. An electronic copy of the permanent easement. The easement must contain provisions required by the LCCMR.
2. A description of the easement enforcement and monitoring (stewardship) program overview.
3. A statement of commitment regarding annual inspection and reporting on stewardship activities undertaken with regard to Trust Fund supported projects.
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 of the easement and how these costs will be paid.
5. Provide a reference and link to the adopted regional park or trail master plan that is applicable to the land being acquired under an easement agreement to show that the land is consistent with the adopted master plan.
6. Provide a parcel-scale map of the land acquired under the permanent easement.
7. Annual land acquisition report forms (initial and follow-up annual reports) which includes the transaction costs and revenue sources for acquiring the permanent easement.
8. A copy of the recorded regional park restrictive covenant agreement between the Metropolitan Council and the grantee containing provisions in MS 116P.15, Subd. 2, ( c ) for the land acquired in fee or a permanent easement which requires approval by the LCCMR if the land is proposed to be sold, transferred, pledged or otherwise disposed of or further encumbered.

**Summary Budget Information for Activity 1:**

**ENRTF Budget: \$ 2,250,000**  
**Amount Spent: \$ 0**  
**Balance: \$ 2,250,000**

**Activity Completion Date:**

Outcome	Completion Date	Budget
1. Initial workprogram submittal. As funds are granted, this table will describe the land that is acquired, the park agency that receives the grant, the date of the grant award and the grant amount under "Budget". Updates to the work program will include the date the grant funds were disbursed as the "completion date".		\$

**Activity Status as of May 17, 2011:** Initial workprogram submittal.

**Final Report Summary:**

Initial workprogram submittal.

**V. DISSEMINATION:**

**Description:** Requests for Park Acquisition Opportunity grants are reviewed and considered by the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission and Metropolitan Council. The Metropolitan Council

posts these requests and staff analysis of the requests as part of agenda packets for applicable meetings on the Metropolitan Council's website [www.metrocouncil.org](http://www.metrocouncil.org)

**Final Report Summary:**

Initial workprogram submittal.

**VI. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY:**

**A. ENRTF Budget:**

Budget Category	\$ Amount	Explanation
Fee Title Acquisition:	\$ 2,137,500	Finance portion of purchase price of parcel with remainder funded with Metro Council bonds and park agency funds.
Easement Acquisition:	\$	No amount listed as fee title acquisition is normally done. Amendments to the work program will provided if permanent easements are used to acquire land instead of fee title.
Professional Services for Acq:	\$ 112,500	Maximum amount for appraisal and closing costs (e.g. title search, legal fees)
<b>TOTAL ENRTF BUDGET:</b>	<b>\$ 2,250,000</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:** N/A

**B. Other Funds:**

Source of Funds	\$ Amount Proposed	\$ Amount Spent	Use of Other Funds
<b>Non-state</b>			
Metropolitan Council bonds	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 0	40% match to Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriation
Regional park agency funds	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 0	25% match to grants approved by the Metropolitan Council that are comprised of the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriation and Metropolitan Council bonds
<b>TOTAL OTHER FUNDS:</b>	<b>\$ 2,750,000</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	

**VII. PROJECT STRATEGY:**

**A. Project Partners:**

The following regional park implementing agencies are eligible to receive an Acquisition Opportunity Grant from these appropriations. The amount each agency actually receives is dependent on the amount needed for a particular subgrant and will be reported in future status reports in Attachment A: Budget Detail.

Regional Park Agency Contact	Regional Park Agency Name
John VondeLinde	Anoka County Parks Dept.

Randy Quale	City of Bloomington Parks Dept.
Marty Walsh	Carver County Parks Dept.
Steve Sullivan	Dakota County Parks Dept.
Jennifer Ringold	Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board
Greg Mack	Ramsey County Parks Dept.
Jody Martinez	City of St. Paul Parks Dept.
Mark Themig	Scott County Parks Dept.
Boe Carlson	Three Rivers Park District
John Elholm	Washington County Parks Dept.

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

These funds help finance the long-range goal in the Metropolitan Council's *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan* to acquire about 14,800 acres of land within Metropolitan Council-approved master plan boundaries for regional parks and trails. Two dollars of Metropolitan Council bonds match every three dollars of the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriation. Regional park agencies must finance 25% of each acquisition with their own funds. Consequently, the share from each funding source for land acquisitions is:

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Percent of Acquisition Cost</b>
Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund	45%
Metropolitan Council bonds	30%
Regional Park Agency funds	25%

The Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriations have been restricted by law to acquire only land containing high quality natural resources with no residential structures on them. Other funding sources such as the Parks and Trails Fund and Metropolitan Council bonds have been used to acquire land that had low quality natural resources and/or included structures—both residential and non-residential. Long-term strategies for ongoing financial support include continued public sector investment of State, regional and local sources and private sector donations through the Regional Parks Foundation of the Twin Cities that the Legislature authorized in 2007 (2007 Laws of Minnesota, Chap. 113).

**C. Spending History:**

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>M.L. 2005 or FY 2006-07</b>	<b>M.L. 2007 or FY 2008</b>	<b>M.L. 2008 or FY 2009</b>	<b>M.L. 2009 or FY 2010</b>	<b>M.L. 2010 or FY 2011</b>
Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund		\$2,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,290,000	
Metropolitan Council bonds		\$3,030,463	\$1,000,000	\$ 860,000	
Park Agency Funds		\$8,769,333	\$ 833,242	\$ 717,000	
State bonds to partially finance one parcel. Earmarked appropriation.		\$6,000,000			
Environment & Natural Resources Trust Fund (Metro Greenways)		\$ 282,789			
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$20,582,585</b>	<b>\$3,333,242</b>	<b>\$2,867,000</b>	

**VIII. ACQUISITION/RESTORATION LIST:**

See attached "2011-2014 Acquisition List for Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition".

**IX. MAP(S):**

See attached map titled "Land Acquisition Areas That Would Be Eligible for Acquisition Opportunity Grant Fund"

**X. RESEARCH ADDENDUM:**

N/A

**XI. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:**

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

## 2011-2014 Acquisition List for Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition

**Project Title:** Metropolitan Regional Park System Land Acquisition

**Project Manager Name:** Arne Stefferud

**Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Appropriation:** \$2,250,000

**Final Title Holder(s):** See "Title Holder" below

#	Park or Trail Name Where Parcel is located	Acquisition Type (Fee-Title OR Conservation Easement)	"Title Holder" Regional Park Agency	Estimated # of Acres	Property Tax ID#	Geographical Coordinates (Provide Latitude/Longitude OR UTM-X/UTM-Y)			
						Latitude	Longitude	UTM-X	UTM-Y
1	Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve	Fee Title	Anoka County	40	353222130001				
2	Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve	Fee Title	Anoka County	40	353222120001				
3	Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve	Fee Title	Anoka County	40	263222240001				
4	Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve	Fee Title	Anoka County	80	233222310001, 233222340001				
5	Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve	Fee Title	Anoka County	40	233222130001				
6	Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve	Fee Title	Anoka County	36	233222140001				
7	Baylor Regional Park	Fee Title	Carver County	20	20340600				
8	Baylor Regional Park	Fee Title	Carver County	40	20270900 This site is 40 acres of an 89 acre parcel				
9	Miesville Ravine PR	Fee Title	Dakota County	79	09-02200-010-75				
10	Miesville Ravine PR	Fee Title	Dakota County	77	09-03600-010-76 09-03600-010-77 46031000 (Goodhue Cty.)				
11	Lebanon Hills Regional Park	Fee Title	Dakota County	1.62	10-02600-010-54				
12	Spring Lake Park Reserve	Fee Title	Dakota County	35.71	30-02200-010-27, 010-00, 020-00 030-00, 040-00, 050-00, 060-00				
13	Mississippi River Regional Trail	Fee Title	Dakota County	28.8	8.8 miles involving numerous property owners				
14	Above The Falls Regional Park	Fee Title	Mpls. Park Bd.	0.20	15-029-24-11-0047				
15	Above The Falls Regional Park	Fee Title	Mpls. Park Bd.	0.44	15-029-24-11-0048				
16	Above The Falls Regional Park	Fee Title	Mpls. Park Bd.	0.15	15-029-24-11-0049				
17	Above The Falls Regional Park	Fee Title	Mpls. Park Bd.	0.47	15-029-24-11-0050				
18	Above The Falls Regional Park	Fee Title	Mpls. Park Bd.	0.42	15-029-24-13-0014				
19	Above The Falls Regional Park	Fee Title	Mpls. Park Bd.	0.08	15-029-24-13-0005				
20	Doyle-Kennefick RP	Fee Title	Scott County	76.96	39020020				
21	Rush Creek Regional Trail	Fee Title	Three Rivers Park Dist.	12.75	Brockton Lane, Dayton (Nelson)				

#	Park or Trail Name Where Parcel is located	Acquisition Type (Fee-Title OR Conservation Easement)	"Title Holder" Regional Park Agency	Estimated # of Acres	Property Tax ID#	Geographical Coordinates (Provide Latitude/Longitude OR UTM-X/UTM-Y)			
						Latitude	Longitude	UTM-X	UTM-Y
22	Rush Creek Regional Trail	Fee Title	Three Rivers Park Dist.	4.03	16855 106th Place, Maple Grove				
23	St.Croix Regional Trail	Fee Title	Washington Co.	0.23	Portion of parcel 0902620240004				
24	Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	2.1	Portion of parcel 2202721430001				
25	Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	31.72	Portion of parcel 1402721120001				
26	Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	9.02	Portion of parcel 1402721130001				
27	Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	40.19	Portion of parcel 1402721240001				
28	Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	40.21	Portion of parcel 1402721230001				
29	Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	2.67	3203220440011				
30	Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	1.88	3203220440012				
31	Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	4.99	3303220330002				
32	Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	2.72	3303220330003				
33	Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	79.79	603120110001				
34	Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	2.72	503120110009				
35	Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	39.54	503120330001				
36	Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	39.47	603120440001				
37	Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	2.94	3203220440007				
38	Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	1.41	3203220440009				
39	Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	2.27	503120430002				
40	Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	18.54	503120430001				
41	Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	3.94	503120110007				
42	Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	39.57	703120110001				
43	Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	78.95	Portion of parcel 703120130001				
44	Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	25.83	Portion of parcel 703120440001				
45	Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	32.45	803120120001				
46	Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	78.69	803120210001				
47	Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	39.34	803120220001				
48	Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	39.17	803120230001				
49	Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	39.53	803120310001				
50	Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	43.24	803120320001				
51	Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	35.24	803120340001				
52	Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	40.02	803120430001				
53	Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	19.62	1703120110001				
54	Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	22.81	1703120120001				
55	Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	34.09	1703120130001				
56	Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	17.69	1703120210001				



#	Park or Trail Name Where Parcel is located	Acquisition Type (Fee-Title OR Conservation Easement)	"Title Holder" Regional Park Agency	Estimated # of Acres	Property Tax ID#	Geographical Coordinates (Provide Latitude/Longitude OR UTM-X/UTM-Y)			
						Latitude	Longitude	UTM-X	UTM-Y
57	Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	19.71	1703120220001				
58	Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	38.53	Portion of parcel 1703120230001				
59	Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	28.9	1703120240001				
60	Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	38.69	Portion of parcel 1803120110001				
61	Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	22.78	803120110001				
62	Grey Cloud Island Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	19.96	2502722310004				
63	Grey Cloud Island Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	39.96	2502722320001				
64	Grey Cloud Island Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	10.23	3202721310001				
65	Grey Cloud Island Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	19.53	502621110001				
66	Grey Cloud Island Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	39.46	502621210001				
67	Grey Cloud Island Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	18.82	602621110001				
68	Grey Cloud Island Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	15.52	602621120001				
69	Grey Cloud Island Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	11.93	602621210001				
70	Grey Cloud Island Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	20	2502722330001				
71	Grey Cloud Island Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	39.97	2502722340001				
72	Grey Cloud Island Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	40.09	2602722440001				
73	Grey Cloud Island Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	81.57	3102721120001				
74	Grey Cloud Island Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	3.1	3102721140001				
75	Grey Cloud Island Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	34.8	3102721410003				
76	Lake Elmo Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	6.91	260292140003				
77	St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	0.15	2202720130002				
78	St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	41.7	2202720310001				
79	St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	36.41	2202720420001				
			<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>2,194.95</b>					

**NOTES:** Parcels listed are those that have high quality natural resources on them such as wetlands, river or lake shoreline, significant forest or prairie vegetation. In some instances a structure is on the parcel but it has little value (under \$20,000). No Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriations would finance the cost of any structure. Matching funds provided by the Metropolitan Council and the acquiring park agency would finance any costs of structures.

<b>Attachment A: Budget Detail for M.L. 2011 (FY 2012-13) Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Projects</b>											
<b>Project Title:</b> Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition											
<b>Legal Citation:</b> Legal Citation pending enactment											
<b>Project Manager:</b> Arne Stefferud											
<b>M.L. 2011 (FY 2012-13) ENRTF Appropriation:</b> \$ 2,250,000											
<b>Project Length and Completion Date:</b> July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014											
<b>Date of Update:</b> May 17, 2011											
<b>ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BUDGET</b>	<b>Activity 1 Budget</b>	<b>Amount Spent</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Activity 2 Budget</b>	<b>Amount Spent</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Activity 3 Budget</b>	<b>Amount Spent</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>TOTAL BALANCE</b>
<b>BUDGET ITEM</b>	Acquire parcels within approved boundaries of Metropolitan Regional parks or trails			<i>Fill in your activity title here.</i>			<i>Fill in your activity title here.</i>				
<b>Fee Title Acquisition</b>	\$ 2,137,500	\$ -	\$ 2,137,500							\$ 2,137,500	\$ 2,137,500
<b>Easement Acquisition</b>	Unknown at this time									Unknown at this time	Unknown at this time
<b>Professional Services for Acquisition</b>	\$ 112,500	\$ -	\$ 112,500							\$ 112,500	\$ 112,500
<b>COLUMN TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,250,000</b>		<b>\$2,250,000</b>							<b>\$2,250,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,250,000</b>