



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

Date of Status Update:

Date of Next Status Update: 5/1/2012

Date of Work Plan Approval: 8/11/2011

Project Completion Date: 6/30/2014

Is this an amendment request? _____

Project Title: HCP VII - Restoration & Management - Wildlife Management Areas (2g)

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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 \$:	30,000
	Amount Spent \$:	0
	Balance \$:	30,000

Legal Citation: M.L. 2011, First Special Session, Chp. 2, Art.3, Sec. 2, Subd. 04j2g

Appropriation Language:

\$1,737,000 the first year and \$1,738,000 the second year are from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for the acceleration of agency programs and cooperative agreements. Of this appropriation, \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the second year are to the commissioner of natural resources for agency programs and \$3,225,000 is for agreements as follows: \$637,000 the first year and \$638,000 the second year with Ducks Unlimited, Inc.; \$38,000 the first year and \$37,000 the second year with Friends of Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District; \$25,000 the first year and \$25,000 the second year with Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe; \$225,000 the first year and \$225,000 the second year with Minnesota Land Trust; \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the second year with Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc.; \$242,000 the first year and \$243,000 the second year with Pheasants Forever, Inc.; and \$245,000 the first year and \$245,000 the second year with The Trust for Public Land 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 habitable 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. An entity who acquires a conservation easement with appropriations from the trust fund must have a long-term stewardship plan for the easement and a fund established for monitoring and enforcing the agreement. Money appropriated from the trust fund for easement acquisition may be used to establish a monitoring, management, and enforcement fund as approved in the work program. An annual financial report is required for any monitoring, management, and enforcement fund established, including expenditures from the fund. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2014, by which time the project must be completed and final products delivered.

I. PROJECT TITLE: 2g - HCP7- Restoration & Management – Wildlife Management Areas

II. PROJECT SUMMARY:

DNR, Wildlife management areas (WMAs) are part of Minnesota's outdoor recreation system and are established to protect those lands and waters that have a high potential for wildlife production, public hunting, trapping, fishing, and other compatible recreational uses. DNR, Section of Wildlife staff will administer and manage habitat restoration and development of infrastructure necessary for public access on lands acquired by partners for State Wildlife Management Areas (WMA). Habitat restoration and infrastructure development of new Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) needs to be tied to the proposed land acquisition efforts of the Habitat Conservation Partnership (HCP). This project funding component (2g) ensures that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will have funding available to complete the necessary initial site development and habitat restoration for these newly acquired lands when they are transferred from the partner organizations to the DNR for long term management. Refer to the partner proposals for a list of potential acquisition projects or sites. Adequate funding ensures that newly acquired lands can be entered into the WMA system on a timely basis.

DNR cannot start restoration and land management work until the HCP Partners have completed acquisition on each parcel. HCP Partners have estimated that 200 acres will be acquired and transferred to state ownership, 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.

III. PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:

Project Status as of *(February, 2012):*

Project Status as of *(August, 2012):*

Project Status as of *(February, 2013):*

Project Status as of *(August, 2013):*

IV. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES:

ACTIVITY 1: Restoration of habitat for wildlife

Description: HCP Partners have estimated that 200 acres will be acquired and transferred to DNR, but it is unknown how many final parcels will be acquired, or when the acquisitions will be completed. Habitat restoration for wildlife on the acquired land may include but is not limited to grassland development or improvement, wetland restoration or impoundment development, forest or woody cover development or improvement, brush land management, professional services, and food plot development. Temporary project staff or intermittent labor will be hired as needed to implement restoration on acquired lands. Cultural and environmental reviews in addition to necessary permits will be completed as required. Digital boundary, habitat inventory and facilities files will be developed as part of the management plans.

Summary Budget Information for Activity 1:

ENRTF Budget: \$ 18,000
Amount Spent: \$ 0
Balance: \$ 18,000

Activity Completion Date:

Outcome	Completion Date	Budget
1. <i>Personnel.</i>	June 30, 2013	\$ 3,000
2. <i>Professional/Technical Contracts: historical/cultural review of sites.</i>	June 30, 2013	\$ 1,000
3. <i>Service Contracts: contracts for labor and land management activities such as site prep, seeding, etc.</i>	June 30, 2013	\$ 1,000
4. <i>Equipment/Tools/Supplies: Estimate 200 acres of habitat restored</i>	June 30, 2013	\$10,000
5. <i>Travel Expenses in MN:</i>	June 30, 2013	\$ 3,000

Activity Status as of (May 25, 2011): No activity to date.

Final Report Summary: N/A.

ACTIVITY 2: Development of infrastructure necessary for public access on WMAs

Description: Infrastructure management may include but is not limited to boundary surveys, boundary signing, professional services, public access, parking lots, user facilities, and clean up of old buildings or wells. Temporary project staff or intermittent labor will be hired as needed to implement development on acquired lands. Cultural and environmental reviews in addition to necessary permits will be completed as required. Digital boundary, habitat inventory and facilities files will be developed as part of the management plans.

Summary Budget Information for Activity 2:

ENRTF Budget: \$ 12,000
Amount Spent: \$ 0
Balance: \$ 12,000

Activity Completion Date:

Outcome	Completion Date	Budget
1. <i>Personnel.</i>	June 30, 2013	\$ 2,000
2. <i>Professional/Technical Contracts: historical/cultural review of sites.</i>	June 30, 2013	\$ 2,000
3. <i>Service Contracts: contracts for labor and land management activities such as parking lot installation, fencing, signing, etc.</i>	June 30, 2013	\$ 1,000
4. <i>Equipment/Tools/Supplies. Estimate 2 facilities developed such as parking lots on 200 acres acquired.</i>	June 30, 2013	\$5,000
5. <i>Travel Expenses in MN:</i>	June 30, 2013	\$ 2,000

Activity Status as of (May 25, 2011): No activity to date.

Final Report Summary: N/A.

V. DISSEMINATION:

Description: Accomplishment Reports and press releases will be made available at the Habitat Conservation Partnership website <http://www.mnhabitatcorridors.org> and the LCCMR website. Periodic work program progress reports will be submitted as required. A final work program report and associated products will be submitted as requested by the LCCMR staff.

Status as of (May 25, 2011): N/A.

Final Report Summary:

VI. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY:

A. ENRTF Budget:

Budget Category	\$ Amount	Explanation
Personnel:	\$ 5,000	Temporary or intermittent staff for initial site facility development and habitat restoration work.
Professional/Technical Contracts:	\$ 3,000	DNR engineering services, land surveys, historical/cultural review contracts.
Service Contracts	\$ 3,000	Land management service contracts for labor, spraying, vegetation management.
Equipment/Tools/Supplies:	\$ 15,000	For initial facility development and restoration of acquired acres using DNR equipment such as drills, seeders, and hand tools. Supplies include gravel for parking lots, posts, signs and seed.
Travel Expenses in MN:	\$ 5,000	Fleet costs for vehicles and equipment.
Other:	\$	
TOTAL ENRTF BUDGET:	\$ 30,000	

Explanation of Use of Classified Staff: No full-time permanent classified DNR staff will be paid from this budget. Personnel budget is for temporary or seasonal staff.

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

Number of Full-time Equivalent (FTE) funded with this ENRTF appropriation: 0.25 FTE

Number of Full-time Equivalent (FTE) estimated to be funded through contracts with this ENRTF appropriation: Best estimate is .25 FTE.

B. Other Funds:

Source of Funds	\$ Amount Proposed	\$ Amount Spent	Use of Other Funds
Non-state			
	\$	\$	
State			
230 – Game & Fish Funds	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	Personnel, existing equipment, and supplies.
230 – Game & Fish Funds	\$ 378	\$	Shared Services (operations support governance) are services that DNR relies on in order to conduct business and support the work of the department. These services are more efficient when shared.
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS:	\$ 5,378	\$	

VII. PROJECT STRATEGY:

A. Project 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

State the dollar amount each partner will receive from the appropriation (the following partners are receiving funds from this appropriation):

Organization	Appropriation Amount
Pheasants Forever – HCP Coordination	\$55,000
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	\$50,000
DNR – 2g-HCP7	\$30,000
DNR - 2h-HCP7	\$200,000
Friends of the Detroit Lakes Wetland Mgmt Div	\$75,000
MN Land Trust	\$450,000
Ducks Unlimited – Shallow Lakes	\$500,000
Ducks Unlimited – WRP	\$775,000
Pheasants Forever – Acquisition	\$430,000
The Trust For Public Land	\$490,000
MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust Inc.	\$400,000
DNR – 4i-HCP7	\$20,000

B. Project Impact and Long-term Strategy: This project is needed as long as the partnership exists and lands are being acquired by the partners that will be transferred to the DNR as part of the WMA system. The DNR needs to budget the amount necessary to manage, restore and maintain these newly acquired units.

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
ENRTF	\$28,751	\$47,185	\$29,102	\$50,000	

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VIII. ACQUISITION/RESTORATION LIST:

Please refer to the DNR’s Biennial Acquisition Plans available on the DNR website. New acquisitions must be approved by the DNR before accepted from the partner organization. DNR cannot start work until the Partners have completed acquisition and transferred legal ownership of new parcels. DNR and Partners have estimated that 200 acres will be acquired and transferred to state ownership, 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.

IX. MAP(S):

The project focuses programs and resources on identified project focus areas that have high potential for restoring and enhancing functional habitats benefiting Minnesota. *See attached Map titled, "Habitat Conservation Partnership Proposed phase VII Project Areas."*

X. RESEARCH ADDENDUM:

XI. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

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

Attachment A: Budget Detail for M.L. 2011 (FY 2012-13) Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Projects

Project Title: 2g - HCP 7 - Restoration & Management - Wildlife Management Areas

Legal Citation: *Pending*

Project Manager: Suzann Willhite

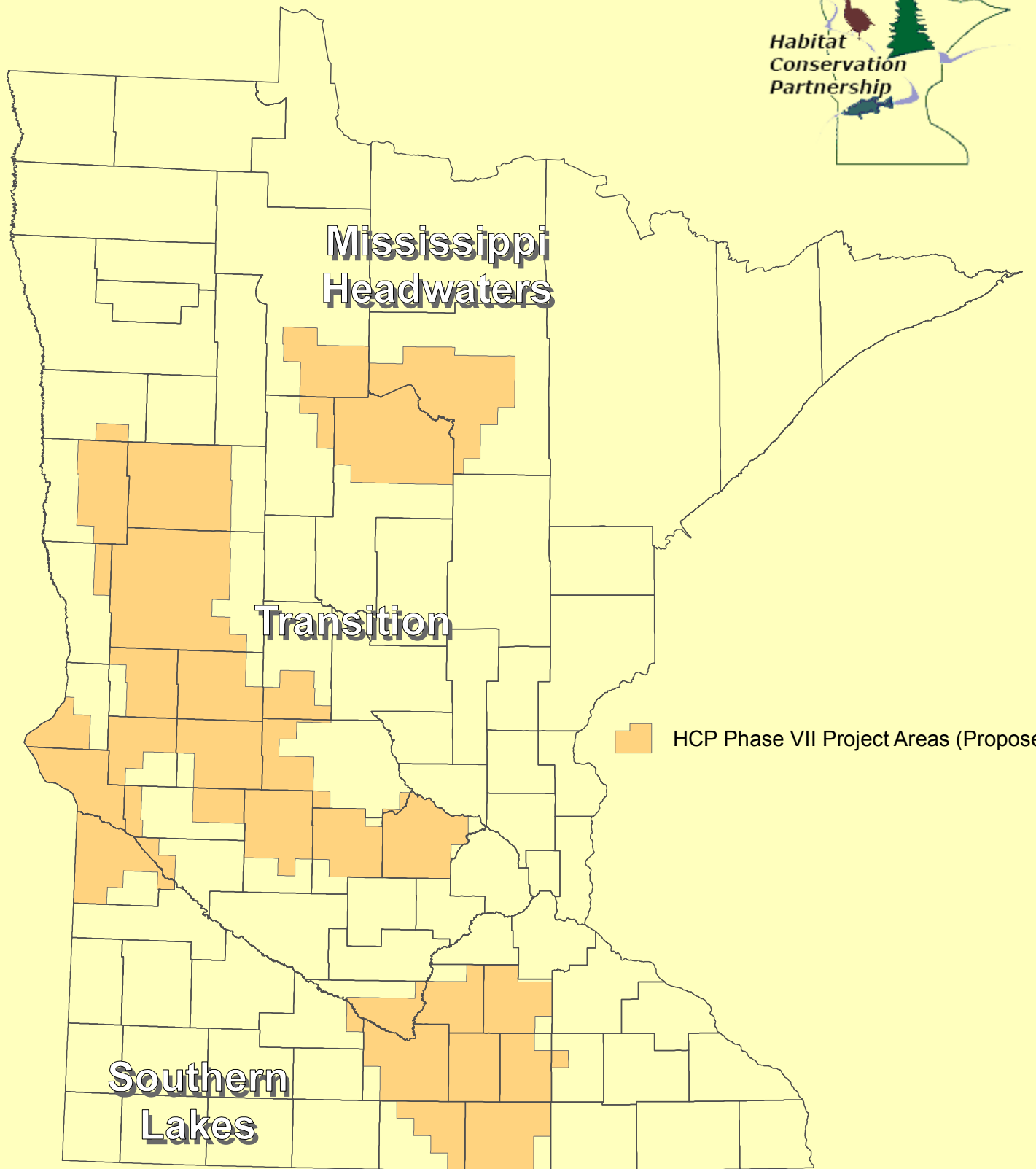
M.L. 2011 (FY 2012-13) ENRTF Appropriation: \$ 30,000

Project Length and Completion Date: June 30, 2013

Date of Update: June 28, 2011

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BUDGET	Activity 1 Budget	Amount Spent	Balance	Activity 2 Budget	Amount Spent	Balance	TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL BALANCE
BUDGET ITEM	<i>Restoration of habitat for wildlife</i>			<i>Development of infrastructure necessary for public access on WMAs</i>				
Personnel (Wages and Benefits) <i>Temporary or intermittent staff for initial site facility development and habitat restoration work.</i>	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Professional/Technical Contracts <i>DNR engineering services, land surveys, historical/cultural review contracts.</i>	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Service contracts <i>Land management service contracts for labor, spraying, vegetation management.</i>	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Equipment/Tools/Supplies <i>For initial facility development and restoration of acquired acres using DNR equipment such as drills, seeders, and hand tools. Supplies include gravel for parking lots, posts, signs and seed.</i>	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Travel expenses in Minnesota <i>Fleet costs for vehicles and equipment.</i>	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
COLUMN TOTAL	\$18,000	\$0	\$18,000	\$12,000	\$0	\$12,000	\$30,000	\$30,000


Habitat Conservation Partnership Proposed Phase VII Project Areas



**Mississippi
Headwaters**

Transition

**Southern
Lakes**

 HCP Phase VII Project Areas (Proposed)