



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 - TPLs Critical Lands Protection Program (4c)

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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 \$:	490,000
	Amount Spent \$:	0
	Balance \$:	490,000

Legal Citation: M.L. 2011, First Special Session, Chp. 2, Art.3, Sec. 2, Subd. 04j4c

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: HCP7-4c, TPL’s Critical Lands Protection Program

II. PROJECT SUMMARY:

Working within the Habitat Conservation Partnership (HCP), The Trust for Public Land (TPL) will acquire approximately 100 acres, protecting and linking valuable, high quality habitat in Minnesota. TPL will use \$440,000 of Trust Fund dollars and \$560,000 in other public and private sources as capital for this acquisition work. (The Trust Fund dollars will be used to purchase approximately 44 acres out of the anticipated 100-acre total.) No TPL transaction or personnel costs are included in this request. Acquired land will be conveyed or donated to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for long-term stewardship. Written approval from the DNR commissioner will be obtained prior to the acquisition. County board approval will also be obtained. The DNR will develop and implement management (and any necessary restoration or enhancement) plans for these sites using various funding sources depending on the site. This request contains \$50,000 that has been budgeted to provide to DNR for restoration funding that may be needed. Funding for DNR land acquisition costs and initial site development is contained in DNR’s proposals as part of the HCP proposal (see HCP proposals 2(g) and 4(i)). An analysis will be provided to the LCCMR and the Office of Management and Budget identifying increased operations and maintenance costs likely to be incurred by public entities as a result of each acquisition and how these costs will be paid. Potential land protection projects will be identified by TPL and/or identified and referred to TPL as part of the overall HCP focus area outreach. Priority will be given to lands that compliment and conserve existing critical habitat to facilitate plant/animal population sustainability and provide multiple benefits to multiple resources. TPL will leverage funds and catalyze others’ conservation efforts. TPL will continue to further the overall HCP partnership goals as demonstrated by contributions here-to-date in outreach, government and public relations, collaboration, planning, communications, coordination and executive committee participation.

III. PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:

Project Status as of November 1, 2011:

Project Status as of May 1, 2012:

Project Status as of November 1, 2012:

Project Status as of May 1, 2013:

IV. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES:

ACTIVITY 1: Acquisition

Description: Projects are currently underway in Cass, Hubbard, Kandiyohi, Le Sueur, and Rice Counties involving protection of shoreline, wetlands, grasslands and woodlands. TPL will focus on habitat linkage projects that have the following characteristics: large, difficult and/or complex; multiple owners; a need for multiple funding sources; proximity to regional growth centers; and/or, high risk of development. Priority will be given to lands with high quality natural resources, especially shoreland and other lands that provide natural buffers to water resources. The Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan, the Aquatic Management Area Acquisition Plan, the Wildlife Strategic Plan, the SNA Program Long Range Plan, and other natural resource plans will be used to help identify such lands. Final acreage protection will ultimately be affected by landowner willingness to sell key parcels. Because TPL is focusing on lands buffering water resources, the per acre cost is higher than that of non-riparian land. A list of projects TPL is working on is attached.

Summary Budget Information for Activity 1:

ENRTF Budget:	\$ 490,000
Amount Spent:	\$ 0
Balance:	\$ 490,000

Activity Completion Date:

Outcome	Completion Date	Budget
1. Acquire/protect 44 acres of high quality habitat	6-30-2013	\$ 490,000

Activity Status as of November 1, 2011:

Activity Status as of May 1, 2012:

Activity Status as of November 1, 2012:

Activity Status as of May 1, 2013:

Final Report Summary:

V. DISSEMINATION:

Description: As conservation transactions are completed, The Trust for Public Land will disseminate information on the TPL website, www.tpl.org, broadcast emails to TPL list serve members, distribute press releases, and include information in TPL's newsletters and publications as appropriate. TPL will also work with the DNR to ensure information is distributed to its listserves and on its website as well.

Status as of November 1, 2011:

Status as of May 1, 2012:

Status as of November 1, 2012:

Status as of May 1, 2013:

Final Report Summary:

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

Budget Category	\$ Amount	Explanation
Fee Title Acquisition:	\$ 440,000	Acquisition capital for land to be conveyed to the DNR.
Other:	\$ 50,000	Funds to be provided to DNR if needed for restoration.
TOTAL ENRTF BUDGET:	\$ 490,000	

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
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Non-state			
Land value donations, private contributions, federal funds.	\$150,000	\$	Fee acquisition capital. Details regarding the exact source and amount of funds are not known at this time but will be provided as they become available.
State			
Bonding, Outdoor Heritage Fund, RIM.	\$410,000	\$	Fee acquisition capital. Details regarding the exact source and amount of funds are not known at this time but will be provided as they become available.
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS:	\$560,000	\$	

VII. PROJECT STRATEGY:

A. Project Partners: We are part of the Habitat Conservation Partnership proposal. Please see main proposal for complete partner list. The Trust for Public Land will transfer land to the DNR for long-term stewardship.

B. Project Impact and Long-term Strategy: Much of our prairie, wetlands, shorelines, and watersheds have been developed or degraded over a roughly 150-year period, and we cannot restore the “remarkable place known as Minnesota,” without a long-term view, ongoing funding, and focus from conservationists towards that goal. As noted in the Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan, “habitat issues are arguably the most important issues facing the conservation and preservation of natural resources throughout Minnesota.” Minnesota’s Habitat Conservation Partnership is a sustained effort to protect and restore these landscapes through a long-term effort. TPL believes that the success of conservation in Minnesota will depend on effective partnerships amongst nonprofit organizations and with public agencies like HCP. Through these public/private partnerships, greater conservation can be achieved with each partner bringing their own particular strengths to bear on the critical issues of protection, restoration, and long term stewardship and management. We believe that working within the Habitat Conservation Partnership allows us to better conserve, restore, enhance and manage habitat for the purpose of sustaining fish, wildlife and native plant communities for all generations. We seek to do this with an emphasis on high quality natural resource lands buffering water resources that will provide outstanding access to nature for the public.

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

STATUS	Spent	Spent	Spent	Committed	Pending
ENRTF	\$425,000 Subd. 5(a)	\$480,000 Subd. 4(b)	\$350,000 Subd. 3(c)	\$350,000 Subd. 4(e)	\$200,000 Subd. 4(c)
Other Partner's ENRTF	100,000	190,000	100,000		
Outdoor Heritage Fund			533,800		
Bonding	746,607	180,000	390,000		
RIM	100,000	175,000	16,200		
Clean Water Legacy Act	100,000				
DNR WMA Surplus Sale Proceeds	236,000				
NAWCA	177,320				
ACUB	260,000				
LAWCON	260,123				
City	240,000				
Private/Land Value Donation	55,000	175,000	60,000		

VIII. ACQUISITION/RESTORATION LIST: See attached list.

IX. MAP(S): A statewide map with all of the projects on our acquisition list is attached, as well as a parcel scale map for the Cannon River projects, which are the #1 and #2 priorities on our list. The other two potential projects on our acquisition list are not as far along and are more sensitive. Submitting a parcel map at this time on these two projects might be detrimental to them. Such a map will be provided when appropriate as these projects progress and if all of the funding is not used on the first two parcels on the list.

X. RESEARCH ADDENDUM: N/A.

XI. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

Periodic work plan status update reports will be submitted not later than December 2011, June 2012, December 2012, and June 2013. 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: HCP7-4c, TPL's Critical Lands Protection Program, The Trust for Public Land

Project Manager Name: Robert McGillivray

Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund \$ Request: \$490,000

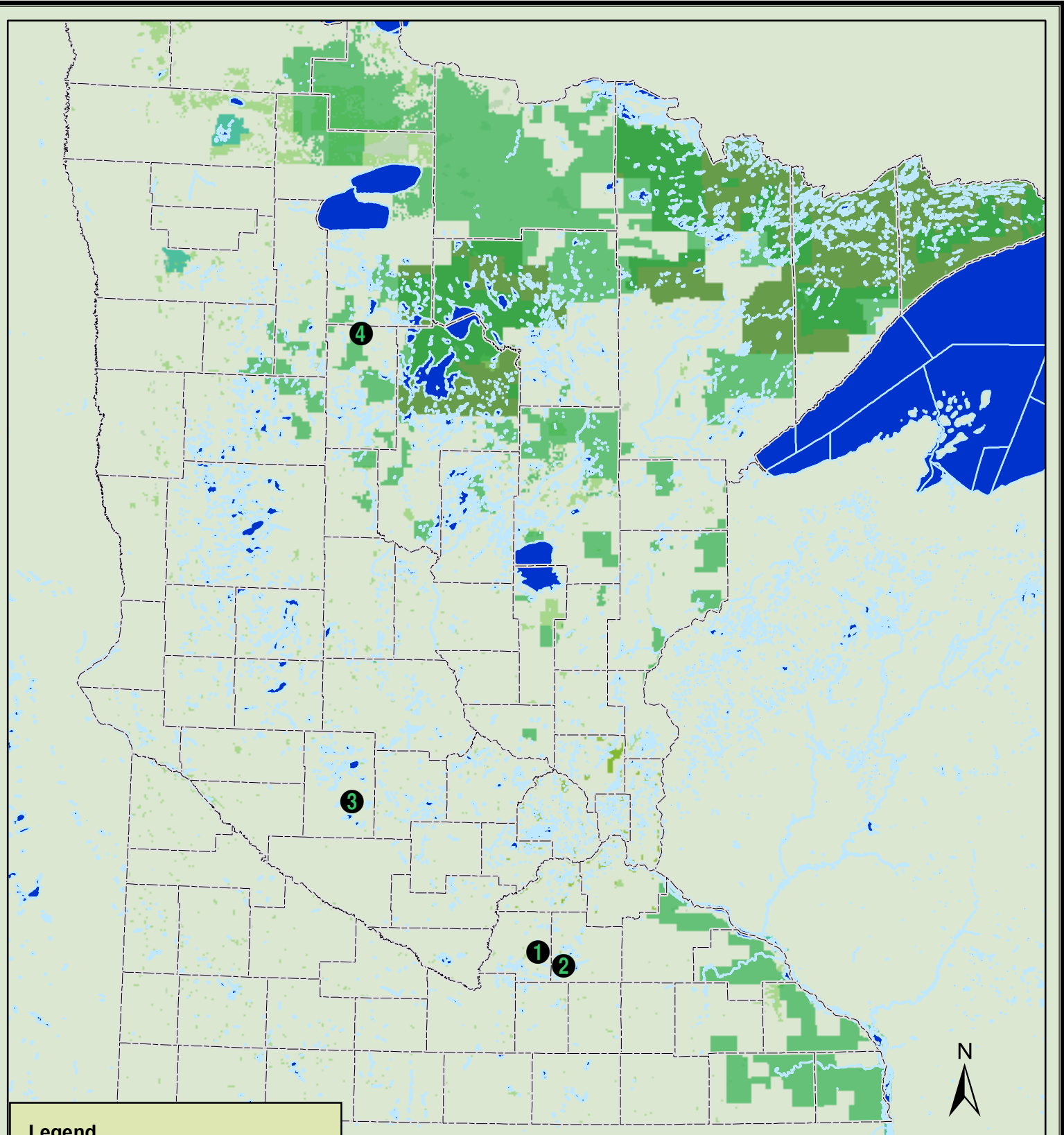
Final Title Holder(s): DNR.

#	Parcel Name	(Fee-Title OR Conservation Easement)	County	Estimated # of Acres	Geographical Coordinates		Summary Description	Proposed Final Fee Title Holder	Status
					Latitude	Longitude			
1	Cannon River I WMA/AMA	Fee Title	LeSueur	510	93°33'31"W	44°20'49"N	Approximately 510 acres of prairie and wetlands on the headwaters of the Cannon River in Le Sueur County with MCBS mapped areas.	DNR	Under option.
2	Cannon River II WMA/AMA	Fee Title	Rice	100-785	93°28'53"W	44°17'23"N	Between 100 and 785 acres of prairie and wetlands on the headwaters of the Cannon River in Rice County with MCBS mapped areas.	DNR	Under option.
3	Reid Woods SNA	Fee Title	Kandiyohi	650	94°54'42"W	45°4'19"N	Approximately 650 acres of wetlands, prairie and forest on the shores of a chain of shallow lakes in Kandiyohi County containing many SNA quality features.	DNR	Negotiations with landowner underway.
4	Plantagenet Lake AMA	Fee Title	Hubbard	100	94°55'25"W	47°22'9"N	Approximately 100 acres of forest and wetlands on a deep lake in Hubbard County with a designated trout stream and connecting existing public land to the lake.	DNR	Negotiations with landowner underway.








NOTES: Projects are listed in priority order. It is anticipated that this funding will be used on the first two projects.

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

Project Title: HCP7-4c, TPL's Critical Lands Protection Program					
Legal Citation: <i>Fill in your project's legal citation from the appropriation language</i>					
Project Manager: Robert McGillivray					
M.L. 2011 (FY 2012-13) ENRTF Appropriation: \$ 490,000					
Project Length and Completion Date: 6-30-2013					
Date of Update: 5-12-11					
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BUDGET	Activity 1 Budget	Amount Spent	Balance	TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL BALANCE
BUDGET ITEM	Acquisition				
Fee Title Acquisition	440,000	0	440,000	440,000	440,000
Other: Funds to be provided to DNR if needed for restoration.	50,000	0	50,000	50,000	50,000
COLUMN TOTAL	\$490,000	\$0	\$490,000	\$490,000	\$490,000

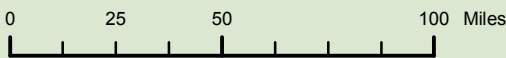


Legend

-  HCP Phase 7 2011 now obsolete Boundaries
-  Metro_Parks
-  State Forests
-  Wildlife Management Areas
-  Scientific and Natural Areas
-  NWR_NFWS
-  National Forests

TPL's HCP Phase 7 Potential Projects

1. Cannon River Ph I
2. Cannon River Ph 2
3. Reid Woods
4. Lake Plantagenet

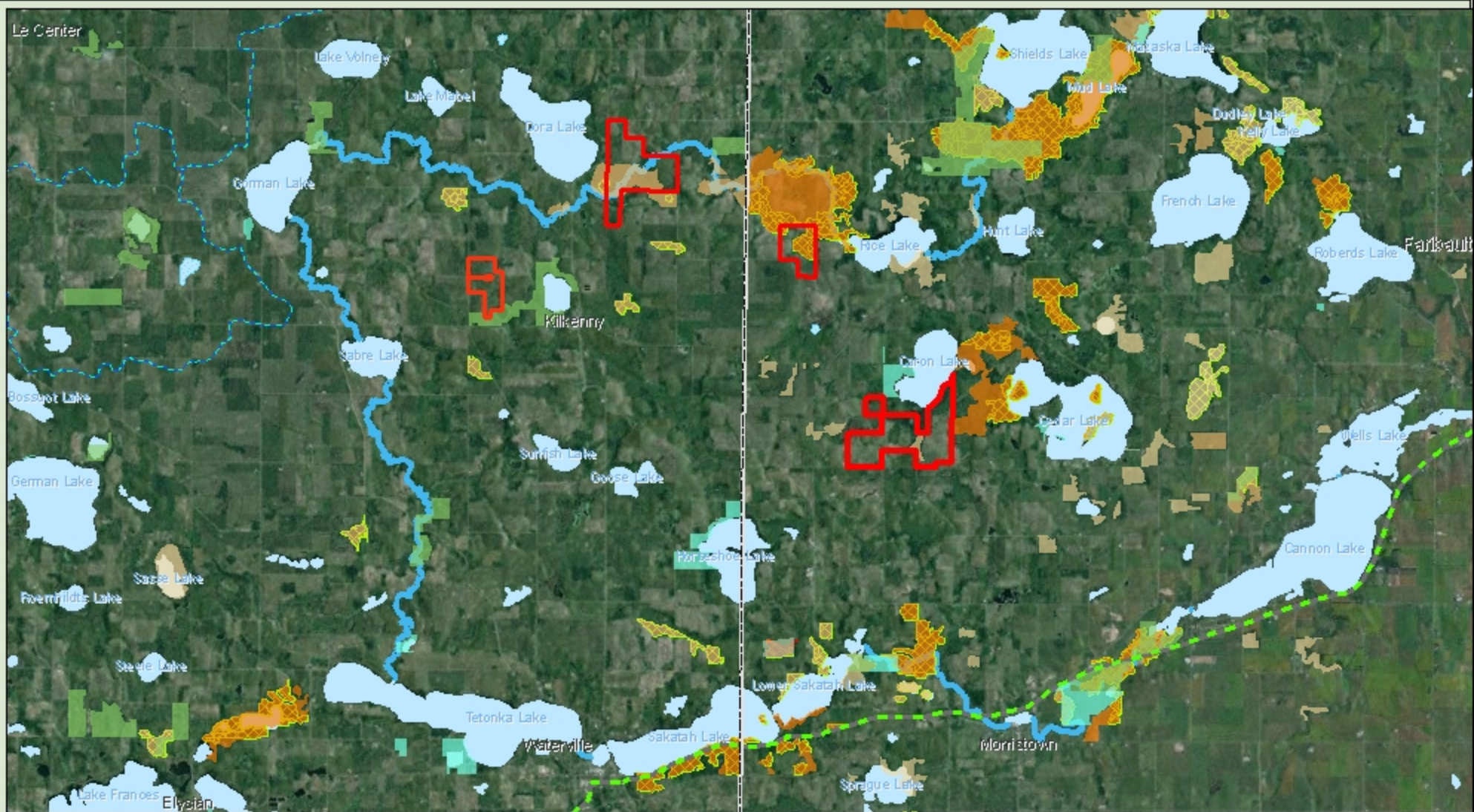


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Legend

- Cannon River Headwaters Project
- County Boundary
- Major Watershed Boundaries
- Aquatic Management Areas
- State Forests
- Wildlife Management Areas
- Scientific and Natural Areas
- MWR, MFWA
- Trade State
- MN Sites of Biodiversity Significance**
- Outstanding
- High
- Moderate
- Below
- Natural Plant Communities
- Cannon River

Cannon River Headwaters Habitat Complex

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