



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

Date of Status Update:

Date of Next Status Update: 5/1/2012

Date of Work Plan Approval: 6/23/2011

Project Completion Date: 6/30/2014

Is this an amendment request? _____

Project Title: HCP VII - Habitat Acquisition – DNR Professional Services (4i)

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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 \$:	20,000
	Amount Spent \$:	0
	Balance \$:	20,000

Legal Citation: M.L. 2011, First Special Session, Chp. 2, Art.3, Sec. 2, Subd. 04j4i

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: HCP7-4i Habitat Acquisition – DNR Professional Services

II. PROJECT SUMMARY: The purpose of this funding is to cover professional services related to the transfer of property to the DNR by HCP partners. This proposal ensures that newly acquired lands can be entered into DNR’s Outdoor Recreation System in a timely manner, and that restoration and development of newly acquired lands can begin. This proposal includes only professional services costs. Development costs may be covered under a separate proposal through HCP.

III. PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:

Project Status as of Nov 1, 2011

Project Status as of May 1, 2012

Project Status as of Nov 1, 2012

Project Status as of June 30, 2013

IV. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES:

ACTIVITY 1: Habitat Acquisition – Professional Services

Description: 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 (\$83/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:

ENRTF Budget: \$ 20,000
Amount Spent: \$ 0
Balance: \$ 20,000

Activity Completion Date:

Outcome	Completion Date	Budget
1. The Minnesota DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife will have provided professional services and paid the associated costs of conveying lands acquired by partners under this project to the Department.	June 30, 2013	\$ 20,000

Activity Status as of Nov 1, 2011

Activity Status as of May 1, 2012

Activity Status as of Nov 1, 2012

Activity Status as of June 30, 2013

Final Report Summary:

V. DISSEMINATION:

Description: Accomplishment will be reported through DNR press releases and can be found on DNR’s website. Completed acquisitions will be added to Statewide PRIM maps.

Status as of Nov 1, 2011

Status as of May 1, 2012

Status as of Nov 1, 2012

Status as of Jun 30, 2013

Final Report Summary:

VI. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY:

A. ENRTF Budget:

Budget Category	\$ Amount	Explanation
Professional Services for Acq:	\$ 20,000	Lands & Minerals, AGs Office, Survey, etc
	\$	
TOTAL ENRTF BUDGET:	\$ 20,000	

Explanation of Use of Classified Staff: NA

Explanation of Capital Expenditures Greater Than \$3,500: NA

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

B. Other Funds:

Source of Funds	\$ Amount Proposed	\$ Amount Spent	Use of Other Funds
Non-state			
	\$ NA	\$	
State			
	\$ NA	\$	
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS:	\$ NA	\$	

VII. PROJECT STRATEGY:

A. Project Partners: HCP partners that may transfer parcels to DNR include, but are not limited to, Pheasants Forever, Minnesota Land Trust and The Nature Conservancy.

B. Project Impact and Long-term Strategy: 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. 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. Other partners including, but not limited to, Minnesota Land Trust and The Nature Conservancy may transfer parcels to DNR as well.

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		25,000	30,000	25000	

VIII. ACQUISITION LIST: NA

IX. MAP(S): NA

X. RESEARCH ADDENDUM: NA

XI. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

Periodic work plan status update reports will be submitted not later than Nov 1, 2011, May 1, 2012, and Nov 1, 2012. 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: HCP7-4i Habitat Acquisition – DNR Professional Services					
Legal Citation: Pending					
Project Manager: Michael Halverson					
M.L. 2011 (FY 2012-13) ENRTF Appropriation: \$ 20,000					
Project Length and Completion Date: June 30, 2013					
Date of Update: May 12, 2011					
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BUDGET	Activity 1 Budget	Amount Spent	Balance	TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL BALANCE
BUDGET ITEM	<i>Fill in your activity title here.</i>				
Professional Services for Acquisition	20,000	0	20,000	20,000	20,000
		0	0	0	0
COLUMN TOTAL	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000