



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) M.L. 2013 Work Plan

Date of Status Update Report:

Date of Next Status Update Report:

Date of Work Plan Approval:

Project Completion Date: 6/30/2015

Is this an amendment request? N

PROJECT TITLE: MeCC VII-1.1 – Coordination, Mapping and Outreach and 1.2 - Mapping and Database Work

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Total ENRTF Project Budget:

ENRTF Appropriation: \$20,000

Amount Spent: \$0

Balance: \$20,000

Legal Citation: M.L. 2013, Chp. xx, Sec. xx, Subd. xx

Appropriation Language:

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I. PROJECT TITLE: MeCC VII–1.1 – Coordination, Mapping and Outreach and 1.2 - Mapping and Database Work

II. PROJECT STATEMENT:

The Metro Conservation Corridors (MeCC) Partnership accelerates protection and restoration of remaining high-quality natural lands in the greater Twin Cities metropolitan area by strategically coordinating and focusing conservation efforts within a connected network of critical lands. This corridor network stretches from the area’s urban core to its rural perimeter, including portions of 16 counties.

Our projects and activities take place within science-based corridors and are guided by the Minnesota Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan, Minnesota’s Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy, as well as numerous local and resource-specific plans. This project addresses several recommendations of the Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan:

- Protect priority land habitats
- Protect critical shorelands of streams and lakes
- Restore land, wetlands, and wetland-associated watersheds
- Improve connectivity and access to outdoor recreation

Activity 1 of this project provides coordination and leadership for the partnership by Minnesota Land Trust staff. Activity 2 of the project brings improved prioritization through enhanced data base development and mapping of the corridors by DNR staff.

III. PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:

Project Status as of February 1, 2014:

Project Status as of August 1, 2014:

Project Status as of February 1, 2015:

IV. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES:

ACTIVITY 1: Partnership Coordination, Mapping and Outreach

Description: The Minnesota Land Trust will provide coordination and leadership by convening and facilitating meetings, providing support to partners, compiling overall reports and accomplishments, and guiding strategic outreach and implementation efforts.

Summary Budget Information for Activity 1:

ENRTF Budget: \$ 10,000
Amount Spent: \$ 0
Balance: \$10,000

Activity Completion Date:

Outcome	Completion Date	Budget
1. Convene and facilitate quarterly meetings of the partnership to share information and coordinate work		\$ 2,000
2. Compile and submit overall partnership reports twice yearly		\$4,000
3. Conduct outreach to local communities and landowners with number of activities and target audiences		\$4,000

Activity Status as of February 1, 2014:

Activity Status as of August 1, 2014:

Activity Status as of February 1, 2015:

Final Report Summary:

ACTIVITY 2: Partnership Mapping and Database Management

Description: DNR Management Information Services (MIS) staff will provide management of and updates to the GIS-based database developed to track MeCC projects as well as mapping needs of the partnership.

Summary Budget Information for Activity 1:

ENRTF Budget: \$ 10,000
Amount Spent: \$ 0
Balance: \$10,000

Activity Completion Date:

Outcome	Completion Date	Budget
1. Maintain current records of accomplishments in database		\$ 10,000

Activity Status as of February 1, 2014:

Activity Status as of August 1, 2014:

Activity Status as of February 1, 2015:

Final Report Summary:

V. DISSEMINATION:

Description: The Metro Conservation Corridors partnership will periodically distribute information about the program and accomplishments through the various communication methods of our partner organizations and as we conduct coordinated outreach efforts. As projects are completed, the partners involved will publicize accomplishments through press releases and organization newsletters and websites. The MeCC database includes a public web-based map that displays accomplishments. Additionally, the partnership plans to update the MeCC section on the DNR’s website.

Status as of February 1, 2014:

Status as of August 1, 2014:

Status as of February 1, 2015:

Final Report Summary:

VI. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY:

A. ENRTF Budget:

Budget Category	\$ Amount	Explanation
Personnel: Minnesota Land Trust	\$ 10,000	MLT staff expenses including salaries and benefits to manage and coordinate the program for two years.
Personnel: DNR	\$10,000	DNR staff to manage mapping and database for two years.
TOTAL ENRTF BUDGET:	\$ 20,000	

Explanation of Use of Classified Staff: Work by DNR on this grant is done by positions that are either partially or wholly funded through a Professional Services arrangement. This is the standard way that the IT section operates and provides programming and database services to DNR divisions, bureaus and external partners.

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

Number of Full-time Equivalent (FTE) funded with this ENRTF appropriation: 0.1 FTE for 2 years (MLT and DNR staff)

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

B. Other Funds: N/A

VII. PROJECT STRATEGY:

A. Project Partners: The Land Trust and DNR are the only entities receiving funds for coordination and mapping, however, work is coordinated with other Metro Conservation Corridors partners (please see the overall work plan for list of project partners).

B. Project Impact and Long-term Strategy: This project advances the long-term strategy of the Metro Conservation Corridors, initiated in partnership with the LCCMR in 2003 to accelerate the protection and restoration of critical habitat in the greater Twin Cities metropolitan area. Progress towards this long-term strategy is ongoing, and MeCC will continue its work as long as urbanization and fragmentation continue to threaten critical habitat.

C. Spending History:

Funding Source	M.L. 2007 or FY08	M.L. 2008 or FY09	M.L. 2009 or FY10	M.L. 2010 or FY11	M.L. 2011 or FY12-13
ENRTF - MeCC	\$24,800	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$40,000

VIII. ACQUISITION/RESTORATION LIST: N/A

IX. MAP(S): See Map Attachment

X. RESEARCH ADDENDUM: N/A

XI. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

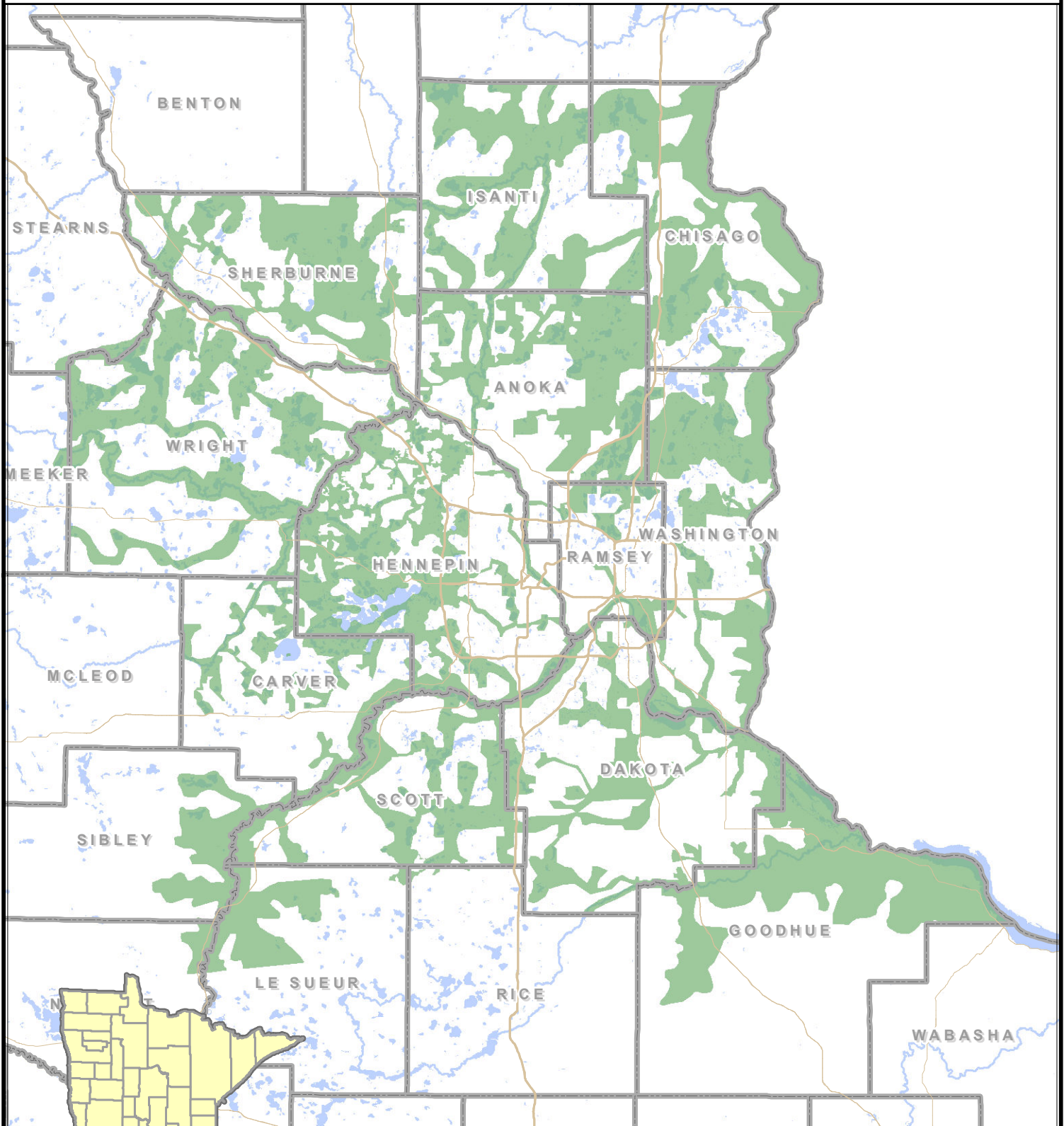
Periodic work plan status update reports will be submitted not later than February 1, 2014, August 1, 2014, and February 1, 2015. A final report and associated products will be submitted between June 30 and August 15, 2015 as requested by the LCCMR.

Attachment A: Budget Detail for M.L. 2012 (FY 2013-14) Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Projects

Project Title: MeCC VI-1.1 – Coordination, Mapping and Outreach and 1.2 - Mapping and Database Work										
Legal Citation: M.L. 2012, Chapter ____, Article ____, Section ____, Subdivision ____										
Project Manager: Kris Larson and Bart Richardson										
M.L. 2012 (FY 2013-14) ENRTF Appropriation: \$20,000										
Project Length and Completion Date: June 30, 2015										
Date of Update:										
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>Partnership Coordination, Mapping and Outreach</i>			<i>Partnership Mapping and Database Management</i>				
Personnel (Wages and Benefits) Minnesota Land Trust conservation and support staff expenses including salaries and benefits for approximately 0.1 FTE for 2 years.			\$10,000		\$10,000				\$10,000	\$10,000
Personnel (Wages and Benefits) DNR conservation and support staff expenses including salaries and benefits for 2 years.						\$10,000		\$10,000	\$10,000	\$20,000
COLUMN TOTAL			\$10,000		\$10,000	\$10,000		\$10,000	\$20,000	\$20,000

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 Counties

 Major Highways

 Lakes & Rivers