

M.L. 2013 Project Abstract

For the Period Ending June 30, 2016

PROJECT TITLE: Conservation Program Technical Assistance Grants

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FUNDING SOURCE: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

LEGAL CITATION: M.L. 2013, Chp.52, Sec. 2, Subd. 04f

APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$3,000,000

Overall Project Outcomes and Results

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Project Results Use and Dissemination

The work of this project, past, present and future is tracked as part of the MN Conservation Lands Summary. This document is the only accounting of our collective private and public conservation estate here in MN. As CRP comes and goes and as we add permanently protected lands it is imperative that we have a foundation of our conservation estate. This report is updated annually and is posted on the BWSR web site at <http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/easements/CLS%20Statewide%20Summary%20August%2013%202015.pdf>.

The Farm Bill Assistance Partnership has been a model for local-state-federal agency and NGO cooperation and has been used for other conservation related acceleration projects. At the local level biologists utilize past successes and future goals to provide widespread and one-on-one outreach to landowners in their covered areas.



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

Date of Status Update Report: August 15, 2016

Date of Next Status Update Report: Final Report July 31, 2016

Date of Work Plan Approval: June 11, 2013

Project Completion Date: June 30, 2016

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Location: statewide

Total ENRTF Project Budget:	ENRTF Appropriation:	\$3,000,000.00
	Amount Spent:	\$2,957,662
	Balance:	\$42,338.00

Legal Citation: M.L. 2013, Chp. 52, Sec. 2, Subd. 04f

Appropriation Language:

\$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000 the second year are from the trust fund to the Board of Water and Soil Resources to continue providing grants to soil and water conservation districts and other units of local and state government for the employment of staff to reenroll expiring lands into programs for conservation purposes. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2016, by which time the project must be completed and final products delivered.

I. PROJECT TITLE: Conservation Program Technical Assistance Grants

II. PROJECT STATEMENT:

Over the next five years, nearly 823,000 acres (60%) of Minnesota conservation lands enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) will expire—a land area equivalent to Anoka, Hennepin and Ramsey counties combined. CRP brings in \$100m annually in federal payments to landowners. CRP is the backbone of MN private lands conservation for clean water and wildlife habitat. Unless action is taken to continue protection of these lands, using a combination of conservation programs, they will likely be converted back into cropland. This could impact the associated water quality benefits that address critical priorities such as reducing sediment and nutrients, as well as providing a multitude of wildlife benefits. This proposal seeks funding to ensure continued protection of those acres by putting more staff resources on the ground in high workload counties to work with landowners on re-enrollment options. This staffing initiative is expected to be completed within a 3 year timeline.

Employment of field staff who will work one-on-one with landowners to re-enroll expiring lands into new 10-15 year CRP contracts or other conservation program offerings that best meet the landowners and states objectives. Our goal is to re-enroll more than 400,000 ac. (approx. 50%) over the next 5 years, with at least 170,000 of those acres being re-enrolled in the next three years during this project. Priority will be given to lands identified as critical using the BWSR Ecological Ranking Tool developed with University of MN with financial assistance from the ENRTF.

**Expiring Minnesota
CRP**

Year	Acres
2012	292,429
2013	130,246
2014	207,841
2015	101,634
2016	90,803
Total:	822,953

Expiring CRP Wetlands	Acres*
Total	233,969
Targeted & Ranked**	32,003
Enrollment Goal	16,000

Expiring CRP Riparian Areas	Acres*
<i>Total</i>	122,100
<i>Targeted & Ranked**</i>	122,100
<i>Enrollment Goal</i>	64,000

* Derived from 2007 CRP spatial data made available through the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA).
 ** Performed using the ENRTF-funded Ecological Ranking Tool (ERT) – *Ecological Ranking of CRP and Other Critical Lands, 2009-2011.*

Outcome	Completion Date
1. 80,000 acres (10%) of the most critical expiring CRP retained.	9/30/2016

III. PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:

Project Status as of January 31, 2014:

Requests for proposals reviewed and agreements with SWCD’s to employ 29 FTE’s. We were successful in securing outside funding from DNR, BWSR-Clean Water Fund, and SWCD local match to grow the level of FTE’s employed to 29. Significant progress was made with grassland and wetland projects for a total of 15,792.12 acres.

Project Status as of July 31, 2014:

We recently completed year one of the two year project. The completion of year one shows the project has impacted 26,786.69 acres to date. See attachment “C” for a more detailed breakdown of landowner contacts and resulting acres by practice type. While year one of the project was very successful and achieved the project

goals the lack of a USDA Federal Farm Bill, especially the 8 month absence of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) limited the number acres impacted by the project. At the conclusion of year one (June 30, 2014) the staffing level for the project was at full capacity with 30 FTE's covering 50 counties. Funds have been allocated and new agreements with the approved Soil and Water Conservation Districts for year two have been executed, resulting in 28.7 FTE's covering 49 counties.

Project Status as of January 31, 2015:

Agreements for staffing 28.7 FTEs in 42 counties were issued to the SWCD on July 1st 2014. SWCDs use two different models for employing staff. One model is for the SWCD to employ staff directly, and the other model is for the SWCD to contract for staff with Pheasants Forever (PF). This allows SWCDs flexibility to employ staff in the manner which best suits their situation. Below is a breakdown of the current SWCD part of this effort:

- 19.7 are SWCD employees – funding is 90% ENTRF and 10% local funds
- 9 are PF employees working as contract staff of the SWCD – funding is 90% ENTRF from SWCD's through BWSR and 10% local funds. In addition to the staff funded under this project, Pheasants Forever employees 6 positions covering 7 Counties through an agreement between USDA NRCS and Pheasants Forever and not using LCCMR funds.

The first half of year two of the project was successful as the project was able to impact 48,582.67 acres from July 2014 through December 2014. To date the project as a whole has impacted 75,369.36 acres. A majority of the acres reported during the project status time frame resulted from reenrollment of expiring CRP. Interest in continuous CRP currently exceeds available acres for the Wetland Restoration practice (CP23A). Also, additional allocations of acres for the Continuous CRP State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement SAFE practice (CP38E) were needed in order to keep up with landowner demand. In November of 2014 MN Farm Service Agency received authorization for 8,300 additional acres for the SAFE practice after practice acres were exhausted.

In the original Work Plan it was anticipated that \$100,000 would be allocated to this effort through the Clean Water Fund. Due to a reduced appropriation these funds were not available and were not allocated. In Section VI. B. Project Budget Summary Other Funds a strike through has been made to show these funds not available.

Project Status as of July 31, 2015:

This marks the completion of the first two years of this project. At this time we have a balance of funds that will be allocated and utilized early in FY 2016 to assure full expenditure by June 30, 2016. The annual RFP process was conducted in May/June to determine the SWCD awards for FY16. As fiscal agent BWSR is currently in the process of developing these new grant agreements with 41 SWCD's which will provide coverage to 47 counties.

Ongoing work continues to retain expiring CRP and seek new enrollments with available acres and practices offered by USDA. We have requested and are anticipating approval of additional CRP practice acres for MN that will be utilized to restore an additional 75,000 ac. of wetland restoration, 15,000 ac. duck nesting habitat, and 20,000 ac. of pheasant habitat in the coming 2 years. In addition to these focused CRP initiatives, there will be a general CRP signup period in December and we will be receiving training and working to re-enroll expiring contracts as well as any new contracts.

The coordinator position hired using a portion of this grant has accepted another position within BWSR. At this time we are uncertain of backfilling the position and existing staff are being used to meet the day to day responsibilities.

Project Status as of January 31, 2016:

We are in the home stretch of this grant project and finishing the expenditure of funding. We currently have 32.55 FTE's working in 47 counties.

Staff are currently working on the General CRP Signup #49 as well as converting expired and expiring CRP contracts to Continuous CRP practices eligible at any time. With the shrinking federal cap on CRP acres from 32 million acres to 24 million acres by 2018 it is imperative for MN to put its best foot forward to retain as many acres as possible in the next 2 years. The coordinator position remains vacant with existing staff, funded by non LCCMR \$, working to complete this project.

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A number of staff funded through this project have gone on to work for local, state and federal agencies and NGO's in Minnesota using their experience under this program as a stepping stone to a career in conservation. Their advancement has then led to entry level opportunities for new conservation professionals.

Funding to continue this project for this next year will be covered in part by the LCCMR #4 Conservation Assistance Acceleration Project grant being reported under a separate work plan. There will also be continued funding from DNR and BWSR to sustain the existing capacity that has been built through this project.

IV. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES:

ACTIVITY 1: CRP Retention-MN Farm Bill Assistance Partnership (FBAP)

Description: Minnesota will benefit from the continuation of the \$110 million that USDA currently spends annually in this state on CRP. This activity will employ local FBAP technicians to target landowners with expiring CRP contracts to discuss re-enrollment opportunities and alternative conservation program options. More than 170,000 acres of MN expiring CRP acres will be enrolled over the next 3 years. A Request for Proposals will solicit local government interest in hiring field staff to concentrate on direct marketing and enrollment assistance with landowners. We expect to target no less than 50 counties within the agricultural landscape of MN. In some cases a more regional approach will be taken to combine adjacent counties and workload. Eligible applicants would include the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), or other local or state unit of government, or their authorized agent. BWSR will employ or contract to employ a 1.0FTE project coordinator that will provide leadership at the field level in hiring, training, and tracking and reporting all project activities. This position will serve under the direction of the Farm Bill Assistance Partnership (FBAP). BWSR will also hire .1FTE Project Manager, unclassified position, to supervise the overall project and provide leadership at the central office as it relates to: BWSR board authorization of project, RFP development and approval, reimbursement procedures for staffing, project reporting and budget monitoring that can only be accomplished in the St. Paul office.

Summary Budget Information for Activity 1:

ENRTF Budget: \$ 3,000,000.00
Amount Spent: \$2,957,662
Balance: \$42,338.00

Activity Completion Date:

Outcome	Completion Date	Budget
1. Staffing: employ 28 Full-Time Equivalents (FTE's) for year 1. Staff will be making direct landowner contacts to explain relevant programs and walk them through the enrollment process. We anticipate staff coverage in up to 50 agricultural based counties.	December 31, 2014	\$1,412,500
2. Staffing: employ 28 Full-Time Equivalents (FTE's) for year 2. Staff will be making direct landowner contacts to explain relevant programs and walk them through the enrollment process. We anticipate staff coverage in up to 50 agricultural based counties.	June 30, 2016	\$1,412,500
3. Staffing: employ 1.0 Full-Time Equivalents (FTE's) Coordination. Staff will be based in the field and provide leadership at the field level in hiring, training, and tracking and reporting all project activities.	June 30, 2016	\$ 150,000

4. Staffing: employ 0.1 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE's) Project Manager. Staff will conduct BWSR board authorization of project, RFP development and approval, reimbursement procedures for staffing, project reporting and budget monitoring in St. Paul.	June 30, 2016	\$ 25,000
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Activity Status as of January 31, 2014:

1. Request for proposals and agreements with SWCD's to employ 29 FTE's across MN covering 50 counties to target landowners with expiring CRP contracts to discuss reenrolling expiring CRP acres into a conservation programs that protect grasslands and wetlands.
2. Progress with enrollment of conservation lands stands as 15,792.12 acres. See attachment C.
3. The MN Land Conservation Summary was updated and posted on the BWSR web site on August 1, 2013.
4. Jason Beckler was hired on Sept. 30th 2013 as the Farm Bill Assistance Partnership Coordinator.

Activity Status as of July 31, 2014:

1. BWSR released a letter of solicitation to all SWCDs to submit a request for proposal for year two of the project. The Farm Bill Assistance Committee scored and ranked all requests received from the SWCDs. The requests exceeded available dollars.
2. Year two of the project started July 1, 2014 and all SWCD agreements have been sent to and returned by all approved SWCDs; resulting in 28.7 FTE's covering 49 counties.
3. Progress with enrollment and enhancement of conservation lands after year one of the project stands at 26,786.69 acres. See attachment C.
4. The updated MN Conservation Lands Summary will be available on the BWSR website by August 31, 2014.

Activity Status as of January 31, 2015:

1. Progress with enrollment and enhancement of conservation lands 6 months into year two of the project stands at 75,369.36 acres. See attachment C.
2. The updated MN Conservation Lands Summary was made available August 31, 2014 on the BWSR website.
3. Conducted training events for staff funded under this project that focus on pollinator habitat, grassland management, targeting landowner outreach, and conservation program opportunities and eligibility requirements in Minnesota.
4. Current staffing level for the project remains at full capacity with 28.7 FTEs covering 49 counties. BWSR continues to receive additional requests from SWCDs to expand the presence of the project in new locations.

Activity Status as of July 31, 2015:

1. BWSR conducted the annual solicitation of interest to all MN SWCD's for them to request staff funding. We received 50 requests and will be able to provide funding to meet 41 of them for a total of 32.55 FTE's spread across 47 counties.
2. BWSR is currently processing grant agreements with the 41 SWCD's.
3. Progress with enrollment and enhancement of conservation lands after year two stands at 91,710.5 acres and nearly 30,000 landowner contacts. See attachment C.
4. The MN Conservation Lands Summary will be updated and available on the BWSR website by August 15, 2015.

Activity Status as of January 31, 2016:

1. BWSR issued grant agreements to the 41 SWCD fiscal agents involved in employing the staff.
2. Current staffing levels remain at 32.55 FTE's working in 47 counties.
3. Progress towards acreage goals stands at 143,662 ac. (84% of 170,000 ac. goal) and over 38,000 landowner contacts. See attachment C for details.

4. A fall Farm Bill Assistance workshop was conducted as part of the BWSR academy on Oct. 29th with over 75 participants.
5. The winter workshop for staff will be held Jan. 29th in Willmar.
6. The MN Conservation Lands Summary was updated on August 13, 2015 and posted to the BWSR website.

Final Report Summary:

1. BWSR issued final reimbursements to participating counties for work performed through June 30, 2016 to complete this LCCMR project. Fiscal year 2016 was a transition year to complete remaining funds in this work plan for LCCMR grant #3 while starting up LCCMR grant #4. A total of **\$42,338.00** will be returned as a result of vacancies at the county level and the coordinator position as shown in Attachment A.
2. We concluded the project at a staffing level of 30.40 FTE's (18 SWCD and 12 PF employees housed in SWCD offices), due to the additional local and state leverage in addition to the LCCMR grant.
3. BWSR developed and conducted winter workshops during the project period with approximately 100 staff and partners annually attending. In addition, Farm Bill Assistance Partnership training was also conducted at annual BWSR Academy's. All of these sessions included technical and programmatic training as well as interaction and sharing of successful methods/efforts being used to promote conservation efforts.
4. 42,474 landowner contacts were made that were critical to the accomplishments of the project. These contacts made by employees located at the local SWCD office level, funded through this project, are critically important to the conservation delivery system. It can take a few to numerous contacts with landowners in order to achieve desired conservation outcomes.
5. Final acres impacted (restored, enhanced or managed) of 160,258 ac. on 8,235 contracts which was 94% of the original goal of 170,000 ac. These significant accomplishments occurred as local staff increased assistance to producers with Continuous CRP, CRP management activities and other programs, despite significant declines in the General CRP.
6. The primary benefits tied to the land use conversion from row crops to vegetation from CRP and other programs as a part of this project, include reduction of sediment and nutrient pollutants to water bodies as well as increased habitat for resident and migratory species.
7. The MN Conservation Lands Summary was updated annually and posted to the BWSR website.

V. DISSEMINATION:

Description:

Data is collected on staff time spent, acres impacted and landowners contacted on a quarterly basis and is available to the project partners and participants. Tracking of MN conservation estate can be found at http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/easements/COENROL_2012.pdf. This document is updated each year in August and reflects the acres of MN land enrolled in conservation programs.

Status as of January 31, 2014:

The MN Conservation Land Summary was updated and posted on August 1, 2013.

Status as of July 31, 2014:

The MN Conservation Land Summary will be updated and posted on August 31, 2014.

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Final Report Summary:

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VI. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY:

A. ENRTF Budget:

Budget Category	\$ Amount	Explanation
Personnel:	\$ 175,000	Employment of 1 full time project coordinator for 2 full years (Jason Beckler). Employment of .1 FTE to serve as project manager for 2 years (Tim Koehler).
Professional/Technical/Service Contracts:	\$2,825,000	Employment of 28 FTE's field staff for full 2 years during project.
TOTAL ENRTF BUDGET:	\$3,000,000	

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: 2.2

Number of Full-time Equivalent (FTE) estimated to be funded through contracts with this ENRTF appropriation: 56

B. Other Funds:

Source of Funds	\$ Amount Proposed	\$ Amount Spent	Use of Other Funds
Non-state			
SWCD Cash Match	\$	\$369,556	Cash Match to ENRTF
State			
DNR and BWSR non-ENRTF funds	\$150,000	\$504,181	Enhance FTE Opportunities
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS:	\$	\$873,737	

VII. PROJECT STRATEGY:

A. Project Partners: Greg Hoch (MN DNR), Ryan Heiniger (Pheasants Forever), Ryan Galbreath (USDA-NRCS), MN Soil and Water Conservation Districts

B. Project Impact and Long-term Strategy: Employment of 28 FTE's in MN to address expiring CRP will work to retain 170,000ac. in CRP, or other conservation programs, over the next 3 years.

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			\$1,000,000 Subd.4(i)		\$625,000 Subd.04(l)
MN DNR-Heritage Enhancement			\$300,000		\$300,000
MN BWSR-Clean Water Fund			\$200,000		\$220,000
USDA-NRCS Contribution Agreement with Pheasants Forever					912,000

VIII. ACQUISITION/RESTORATION LIST: N/A

IX. MAP(S): See Map

X. RESEARCH ADDENDUM: N/A

XI. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

Periodic work plan status update reports will be submitted not later than January 31, 2014, July 31, 2014, January 31, 2015, July 31, 2015, and January 31, 2016. A final report and associated products will be submitted between June 30 and August 15, 2016 as requested by the LCCMR.

Final-Attachment A: Budget Detail for M.L. 2013 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Projects					
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Project Manager: Tim Koehler					
M.L. 2013 ENRTF Appropriation: \$ 3,000,000					
Project Length and Completion Date: 3 years ending June 30, 2016					
Date of Update: August 15, 2016					
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BUDGET	Activity 1 Budget	Amount Spent	Balance	TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL BALANCE
BUDGET ITEM	CRP Retention-MN Farm Bill Assistance Partnership				
Jason Beckler, Project Coordinator: \$150,000 1.0FTE (75% salary 25% benefits)	150,000	111,476	38,524	150,000	38,524
Tim Koehler, Project Manager: \$25,000 .1 FTE (75% salary 25% benefits) Unclassified position.	25,000	24,362	638	25,000	638
Contracts with SWCD's or other partners to employ 28 FTE's (Farm Bill Assistance Technicians) over a 2 year period from July 1, 2013-June 30, 2016.	2,825,000	2,821,824	3,176	2,825,000	3,176
COLUMN TOTAL	\$3,000,000	\$2,957,662	\$42,338	\$3,000,000	\$42,338

FY 2014 / 2015 / 2016 (PHASE XIII & XIV & XV) FARM BILL ASSISTANCE
 July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2016

COUNTIES	Approved		Approved		Approved		Total Project Reimbursements		LCCMR/ENTRF #3 Expenditures
	2014 % FTE	Work Hours	2015 % FTE	Work Hours	2016 % FTE	Work Hours	State Amount	Local Match	
1 Aitkin/Carlton	100%	1040	100%	2080	73%	1525	\$99,972	\$11,108	\$82,884
2 Becker	100%	2080	100%	2080	68%	1415	\$101,336	\$11,260	\$85,525
3 Benton/Mille Lacs/Morrison	75%	1560	75%	1560	66%	1026	\$93,714	\$10,413	\$79,481
4 Big Stone	100%	2080	100%	2080	66%	1370	\$101,899	\$11,322	\$85,071
5 Blue Earth	100%	2080	100%	2080	73%	1522	\$104,441	\$11,605	\$87,375
6 Brown/Watonwan					78%	1624	\$27,720	\$3,080	\$15,975
7 Carver	50%	1040	50%	1040	100%	1040	\$52,981	\$5,887	\$45,650
8 Chippewa	100%	2080	50%	1040	66%	686	\$81,664	\$9,074	\$73,120
9 Chisago	50%	1040	25%	520	66%	342	\$25,830	\$2,870	\$21,085
10 Clay					73%	1522	\$27,720	\$3,080	\$15,975
11 Cottonwood	50%	1040	50%	1040	66%	684	\$50,918	\$5,658	\$42,320
12 Douglas					75%	1565	\$27,720	\$3,080	\$15,975
13 Fillmore	50%	1040	50%	1040	100%	1040	\$45,378	\$5,042	\$38,276
14 Goodhue	50%	1040	50%	1040	66%	684	\$61,265	\$6,807	\$52,988
15 Grant	100%	2080	100%	2080	74%	1548	\$122,522	\$13,614	\$105,975
16 Jackson	75%	1560	85%	1768	67%	1189	\$100,104	\$11,123	\$85,579
17 Kandiyohi					74%	1548	\$27,720	\$3,080	\$15,975
18 Lac Qui Parle	50%	1040	60%	1224	100%	2080	\$61,355	\$6,817	\$59,625
19 Lincoln	90%	1872	85%	1768	74%	1081	\$95,421	\$10,602	\$83,652
20 Lyon					85%	1762	\$27,720	\$3,080	\$15,975
21 Martin	50%	1040	50%	1040	66%	684	\$62,457	\$6,940	\$52,988
22 Meeker/McLeod	100%	2080	100%	2080	66%	1368	\$104,461	\$11,607	\$88,651
23 Mower	100%	2080	75%	1560	66%	1026	\$103,413	\$11,490	\$90,721
24 Murray	50%	1040	50%	1040	0%	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25 Nobles	100%	2080	100%	2080	66%	1368	\$124,447	\$13,827	\$105,975
26 Ottertail East	50%	1040	50%	1040	66%	684	\$60,173	\$6,686	\$52,988
27 Ottertail West	175%	3640	175%	3640	66%	1368	\$195,516	\$21,724	\$173,475
28 Pennington	100%	2080	100%	2080	74%	1543	\$88,987	\$9,887	\$72,050
29 Pipestone/Rock	50%	520	50%	520	32%	164	\$48,555	\$5,395	\$41,738
30 Pope	100%	2080	100%	2080	91%	1893	\$105,004	\$11,667	\$90,014
31 Redwood	75%	1560	75%	1560	100%	1560	\$73,769	\$8,197	\$61,932
32 Renville	100%	2080	100%	2080	77%	1598	\$114,488	\$12,721	\$97,400
33 Renville #2	100%	2080			0%	0	\$26,475	\$2,942	\$26,475
34 Rice	50%	1040	50%	1040	76%	789	\$47,879	\$5,320	\$40,124
35 Scott	30%	624	25%	520	66%	342	\$33,489	\$3,721	\$28,744
36 Stearns	100%	2080	100%	2080	73%	1528	\$123,063	\$13,674	\$105,975
37 Stevens	100%	2080	100%	2080	68%	1421	\$121,792	\$13,532	\$105,975
38 Swift	100%	2080	100%	2080	86%	1791	\$111,675	\$12,408	\$94,912
39 Todd	100%	2080	100%	2080	68%	1424	\$111,200	\$12,356	\$94,112
40 Traverse	100%	2080	100%	2080	78%	1627	\$109,388	\$12,154	\$93,998
41 Wilken	75%	1560	75%	1560	78%	1221	\$92,297	\$10,255	\$79,481
42 Winona	25%	520	25%	520	66%	342	\$28,068	\$3,119	\$23,323
43 Wright	25%	520			0%	0	\$2,488	\$276	\$2,488
44 Yellow Medicine	90%	1872	90%	1872	100%	1560	\$99,521	\$11,058	\$89,804
GRAND TOTALS	30.85		28.70		30.40		\$3,326,005	\$369,556	\$2,821,824
							\$3,695,561		

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ACRES REPORTED:

COUNTY/MONTH	Hours	# Contacts	Total Enrolled Contracts / Acres		Filterstrips Contracts / Acres		Riparian Buffers Contracts/Acres		Wetlands Contracts / Acres		General CRP Contracts / Acres		Management Activities Contracts / Acres		Other Contracts / Acres		Wind Breaks Contracts / Acres	
STATEWIDE																		
July 2013	68.0	81.0	18.0	305.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	80.3	16.0	225.3	0.0	0.0
August 2013	2838.3	776.0	214.0	3227.1	74.0	489.3	7.0	242.8	37.0	751.7	22.0	308.7	40.0	850.9	34.0	583.7	0.0	0.0
September 2013	3541.8	1170.0	639.0	7618.8	160.0	1140.5	24.0	276.0	83.0	1512.8	130.0	2350.4	84.0	950.8	123.0	1298.7	35.0	89.6
October 2013	3654.5	545.0	209.0	3201.8	42.0	275.3	9.0	99.5	68.0	1533.4	16.0	263.5	29.0	377.0	24.0	607.2	21.0	45.9
November 2013	3675.5	812.0	55.0	613.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	34.0	377.0	4.0	188.9	17.0	47.1
December 2013	4119.5	541.0	63.0	825.8	9.0	29.8	3.0	83.3	3.0	171.8	0.0	0.0	28.0	275.5	6.0	226.2	14.0	39.2
January 2014	5173.3	1394.0	91.0	785.3	13.0	75.9	1.0	1.0	3.0	58.2	17.0	164.5	31.0	356.1	21.0	120.2	5.0	9.4
February 2014	4986.1	1451.0	56.0	938.5	1.0	45.0	1.0	24.8	1.0	72.6	0.0	0.0	46.0	512.8	7.0	283.3	0.0	0.0
March 2014	4972.2	1687.0	90.0	1752.1	9.0	77.2	1.0	13.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	63.0	1202.8	17.0	459.1	0.0	0.0
April 2014	5224.6	1482.0	71.0	839.1	3.0	9.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	51.0	642.7	6.0	171.0	11.0	16.4
May 2014	5038.9	1435.0	88.0	1203.0	11.0	26.7	5.0	157.7	1.0	8.0	2.0	19.9	63.0	839.9	3.0	142.8	3.0	8.0
June 2014	5697.2	1943.0	144.0	5869.6	5.0	198.8	13.0	336.9	30.0	3065.9	4.0	80.0	58.0	1577.2	31.0	602.4	3.0	8.4
July 2014	3654.9	1053.0	217.0	4399.2	19.0	136.5	2.0	22.3	35.0	1208.3	2.0	7.6	102.0	1696.4	51.0	1308.6	6.0	19.5
August 2014	4744.6	1507.0	400.0	7768.0	104.0	832.4	12.0	178.3	55.0	1340.9	0.0	0.0	113.0	2263.5	97.0	3111.0	19.0	42.1
September 2014	5085.2	1669.0	856.0	17942.1	240.0	2003.0	49.0	558.8	182.0	8874.7	0.0	0.0	117.0	2237.3	225.0	4145.8	43.0	122.6
October 2014	5218.1	853.0	307.0	15251.8	86.0	721.9	6.0	94.6	128.0	12797.5	0.0	0.0	23.0	444.0	51.0	1179.3	13.0	14.6
November 2014	4602.6	1004.0	104.0	2112.9	18.0	142.1	1.0	21.2	32.0	1000.5	0.0	0.0	12.0	261.1	37.0	682.0	4.0	6.0
December 2014	5044.4	1089.0	78.0	1214.1	12.0	126.8	1.0	7.0	7.0	281.6	0.0	0.0	8.0	29.9	41.0	753.2	9.0	15.7
January 2015	4841.4	1540.0	34.0	338.9	14.0	118.9	2.0	25.0	6.0	122.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	56.0	4.0	2.7	4.0	14.4
February 2015	4740.4	1484.0	48.0	888.4	12.0	57.4	4.0	74.6	8.0	227.4	0.0	0.0	5.0	208.6	8.0	299.0	11.0	21.4
March 2015	5588.4	1234.0	93.0	2308.1	11.0	66.7	4.0	12.8	28.0	1414.5	0.0	0.0	26.0	470.1	11.0	301.3	13.0	42.7
April 2015	4621.4	2237.0	115.0	2745.7	25.0	110.4	3.0	35.4	27.0	627.5	0.0	0.0	40.0	543.7	12.0	1412.8	8.0	15.8
May 2015	4625.6	1095.0	96.0	1864.5	11.0	34.7	10.0	150.7	22.0	666.9	0.0	0.0	41.0	613.0	4.0	372.8	8.0	26.3
June 2015	5000.1	1081.0	118.0	1985.2	23.0	164.2	13.0	184.7	24.0	705.4	2.0	37.8	30.0	349.6	15.0	486.7	11.0	56.8
July 2015	5804.5	3412.0	430.0	5866.2	94.0	662.1	57.0	524.8	59.0	1447.8	0.0	0.0	32.0	674.8	151.0	2449.2	37.0	107.5
August 2015	2829.4	864.0	247.0	3529.1	72.0	585.2	16.0	228.5	34.0	1020.1	5.0	39.6	8.0	273.0	95.0	1334.1	17.0	48.6
September 2015	5504.4	1753.0	1513.0	29249.9	493.0	3857.2	99.0	974.2	335.0	15612.4	5.0	35.4	79.0	4025.9	383.0	4455.3	119.0	289.4
October 2015	5689.9	1057.0	253.0	4007.0	72.0	445.6	2.0	38.2	34.0	910.4	23.0	223.8	33.0	713.5	78.0	1622.5	11.0	53.1
November 2015	5548.8	1144.0	286.0	4999.7	87.0	614.7	1.0	2.3	54.0	1930.6	6.0	30.5	11.0	178.7	112.0	2177.7	15.0	65.3
December 2015	6124.5	946.0	276.0	5339.1	54.0	254.2	17.0	53.0	71.0	2464.6	0.0	0.0	10.0	102.6	119.0	2448.4	5.0	16.3
January 2016	5513.8	1379.0	202.0	3958.2	31.0	134.8	3.0	10.6	58.0	1724.3	0.0	0.0	5.0	18.0	100.0	2059.3	5.0	11.2
February 2016	5716.0	1115.0	270.0	5474.0	39.0	176.9	4.0	21.3	71.0	2822.6	18.0	380.1	8.0	66.4	117.0	1968.9	13.0	37.9
March 2016	6243.9	1392.0	363.0	7321.6	69.0	301.6	2.0	11.6	137.0	4276.2	9.0	232.1	28.0	419.3	94.0	2035.1	24.0	45.8
April 2016	5869.5	1848.0	388.0	6563.0	110.0	519.8	4.0	42.1	157.0	4287.9	0.0	0.0	16.0	465.9	74.0	1204.8	27.0	42.5
May 2016	5483.4	1328.0	421.0	11892.9	125.0	712.0	8.0	100.2	125.0	4303.0	1.0	64.7	20.0	271.0	118.0	6371.3	24.0	70.8
June 2016	5467.7	1792.0	297.0	3865.1	76.0	457.4	11.0	98.5	117.0	1942.4	1.0	3.1	11.0	120.6	69.0	1210.4	12.0	32.7
TOTAL	172552.2	47193.0	9150.0	178064.3	2224.0	15604.2	395.0	4705.4	2032.0	79183.5	263.0	4241.6	1311.0	24545.9	2358.0	48300.8	567.0	1482.9
LCCMR #3	155296.9	42473.7	8235.0	160257.8	2001.6	14043.7	355.5	4234.9	1828.8	71265.2	236.7	3817.4	1179.9	22091.3	2122.2	43470.7	510.3	1334.6

LCCMR #3: 90% of accomplishments attributed to this M.L. 2013 work program.