



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF)

M.L. 2017 LCCMR Work Plan

Date of Submission: 9-14-16

Date of Next Status Update Report: October 1, 2017

Date of Work Plan Approval: 06/07/2017

Project Completion Date: August 30th, 2017

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PROJECT TITLE: Leech Lake Acquisition

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Location: Ottertail Peninsula Township, Cass County

Total ENRTF Project Budget:

ENRTF Appropriation: \$1,500,000

Amount Spent: \$0

Balance: \$1,500,000

Legal Citation: M.L. 2017, Chp. 96, Sec. 2, Subd. 09f

Appropriation Language:

\$1,500,000 the first year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe to acquire approximately 45 acres, including 0.67 miles of shoreline of high-quality aquatic and wildlife habitat at the historic meeting place between Henry Schoolcraft and the Anishinabe people. The land must be open to public use including hunting and fishing. The band must provide a commitment that land will not be put in a federal trust through the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

I. PROJECT TITLE: LEECH LAKE NATURAL RESOURCE MULTI-BENEFIT CONSERVATION AQUISITION

II. PROJECT STATEMENT: The proposed project will include the strategic acquisition of 45.27 acres of high quality wildlife habitat, historic village site where the meeting between Henry Schoolcraft and Anishinabe people occurred, also comprising of 0.67 miles of shoreline that is important aquatic habitat on the third largest lake in Minnesota and one of the most pristine fisheries in North America. Success of this project will not only show a joint commitment among local governments but will demonstrate the effectiveness of the Leech Lake Association Management Plan. The project will be a step towards attaining the vision statement of this plan which states “Our vision for the future of Leech Lake and its shore lands is that they retain the characteristics of largely undisturbed ecosystems in spite of increasing pressures to provide more habitation, water access, recreation, and enjoyment for more people. This vision follows from our which is to be good stewards of the lake and environs, recognizing the vulnerability of the lake, and the need of citizen-individually and collectively – to assume responsibility for its care”.

The Leech Lake area is a retirement magnet which makes it one of the fastest developing areas in the State of Minnesota with projection indicating that Cass, Crow Wing and Aitken Counties could grow by 64% by 2030 as compared to 27% growth state wide. Increase development pressures are challenges that every water shed face but it is the believe that good management and a concerted effort to protect the natural resource investments being made by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Leech Lake Division of Resource Management (LLDRM) and Chippewa National Forest will benefit all users of Leech Lake and terrestrial users of the proposed property who also will have a consolidated terrestrial area to utilize.

The proposed project will have multiply benefits which include; long term access, protection of water quality, riparian areas, reduction in forest fragmentation, wild life habit connectivity, world class recreation opportunities and protection of an important historical site. Achievement of goals will be reached through fee title acquisition and ensured access for all users that maintain the integrity of the property.

III. OVERALL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:

Project Status as of December 1stth 2017:

Project Status as of June 3, 2018:

Overall Project Outcomes and Results:

IV. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES:

ACTIVITY 1: Acquisition of fee title lands in sensitive, historical and unique land

Description: *47 acres of fee title acquisition, with unique historical and natural resources. There has been a preliminary purchase agreement put in place and for the last ten years different entities including MNDNR have shown interest the conservation of the Two Points Property. The property has been appraised in the last ten years at which time the appraisal shown a value of \$2,400,000. The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe has a signed Purchase Agreement Valid till July 2018; there will be a new appraisal according to MNDNR standards and an appraisal review. Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe will not pay more than the certified appraised value.*

Summary Budget Information for Activity 1:

ENRTF Budget: \$1,500,000
Amount Spent: \$0
Balance: \$ 1,500,000

Outcome	Completion Date
1. 47 acres of sensitive, historical and unique land will be protected through fee title acquisition	10/1/2017

Activity 1 Status as of December 1st 2017:

Activity 1 Status as of June 3, 2018:

Final Report Summary:

V. DISSEMINATION:

Description: Provide information to community members through government information and new outlets.

Dissemination Status as of December 1st 2017: Press release of project update. This will be provided to Cass Lake Times, Walker Pilot and Bemidji Pioneer. All Project Information will also be available on the Website at www.ildrm.org which includes maps and contact info for project manager.

Dissemination Status as of June 3, 2018: Press release of project completion. This will be provided to Cass Lake Times, Walker Pilot and Bemidji Pioneer. All Project Information will also be available on the Website at www.ildrm.org which includes maps and contact info for project manager.

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VI. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY:

A. Preliminary ENRTF Budget Overview:

Budget Category	\$ Amount	Overview Explanation
Fee Title Acquisition:	\$1,500,000	
Professional Services for Acquisition:	\$0	Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe will cover this cost
TOTAL ENRTF BUDGET:	\$1,500,000.00	

Explanation of Use of Classified Staff: 0

Explanation of Capital Expenditures Greater Than \$5,000: All funds will be used for fee lands acquisition.

Total Number of Full-time Equivalents (FTE) Directly Funded with this ENRTF Appropriation: 0

Total Number of Full-time Equivalents (FTE) Estimated to Be Funded through Contracts with this ENRTF Appropriation: 0

B. Other Funds:

Source of Funds	\$ Amount Proposed	\$ Amount Spent	Use of Other Funds
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	\$5,000	\$0	Professional costs and closing costs
	\$0	\$0	
State			
	\$0	\$0	
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS:	\$5,000	\$0	

VII. PROJECT STRATEGY:

A. Project Partners: Cass County and Leech Lake Association

Partners receiving ENRTF funding

- *none*

Partners NOT receiving ENRTF funding

- *All*

B. Project Impact and Long-term Strategy:

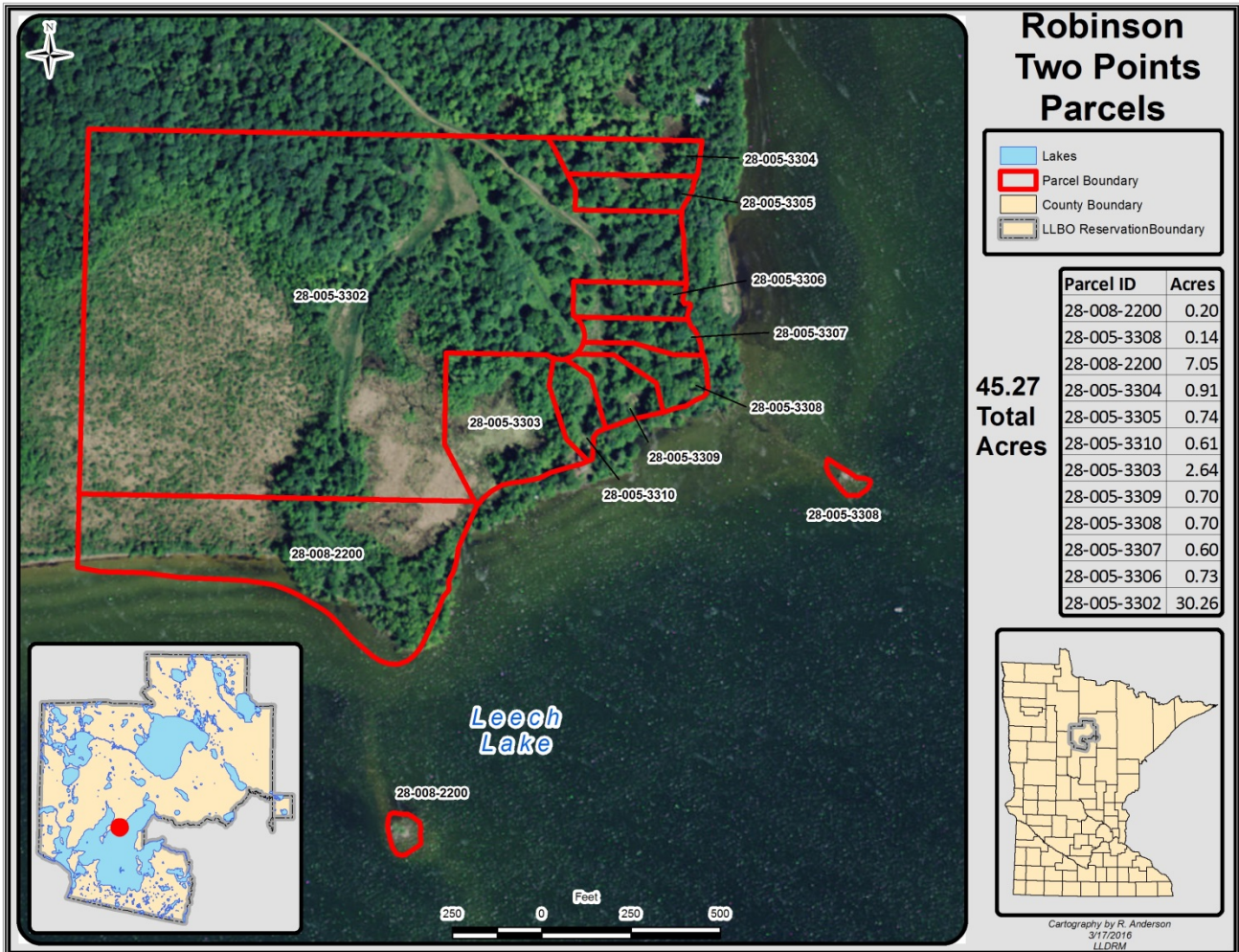
C. Funding History:

Funding Source and Use of Funds	Funding Timeframe	\$ Amount
Staff Time for multiple disciplines	10 years	\$N/A
		\$0
		\$0

VIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

- The project is for 2017 years, will begin on 7/01/17, and end on 10/1/17.
- Periodic project status update reports will be submitted *August 1st* of each year.
- A final report and associated products will be submitted between October 1 and November 1, 2017.

IX. VISUAL COMPONENT or MAP(S):



X. FEE TITLE ACQUISITION/CONSERVATION EASEMENT/RESTORATION REQUIREMENTS: Land will be held in fee status.

A. Parcel List: Cass County Parcel ID #s:

1. 28-008-2200
2. 28-005-3308
3. 28-008-2200
4. 28-005-3304
5. 28-005-3305
6. 28-005-3310
7. 28-005-3303
8. 28-005-3309
9. 28-005-3308
10. 28-005-3307
11. 28-005-3306
12. 28-005-3302

B. Acquisition/Restoration Information:

Fee Title Acquisition

1. Describe the selection process for identifying and including proposed parcels on the parcel list, including explanation of the criteria and decision-making process used to rank and prioritize parcels.

- ✳ The decision making process to proceed with project proposal was made at the highest levels within both the Leech Lake Division of Resource Management and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The parcels have been surveyed for tribal historical properties and the site was found to have many artifacts along with a unique shoreline which includes to natural islands. These characteristics alone met the criteria of parcels that needed preservation and protection

2. List all adopted state, regional, or local natural resource plans in which the lands included in the parcel list are identified. Include a link to the plan if one is available.

- ✳ <http://www.leechlakeassociation.com/>

3. For any parcels acquired in fee title, a restoration and management must be prepared. Summarize the components and expected outcomes of restoration and management plans for parcels acquired by your organization, how these plans are kept on file by your organization, and overall strategies for long-term plan implementation, including how long-term maintenance and management needs of the parcel will be financed into the future.

- ✳ Leech Lake Division of Resource Management will manage the property as pristine undisturbed shoreline which will have protection from development and resource degradation from any man made impacts.

4. For each parcel to be conveyed to a State of Minnesota entity (e.g., DNR) after purchase, provide a statement confirming that county board approval will be obtained.

- ✳ County and Ottertail Peninsula both support the project and will be providing formal resolutions solidifying this position.

5. If applicable (see M.S. 116P.17), provide a statement confirming that written approval from the DNR Commissioner will be obtained 10 business days prior to any final acquisition transaction.

- ✳ Not Applicable

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Project Length and Completion Date: 1 Year, October 1st 2017

Date of Report: 11/29/16

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BUDGET	Activity 1 Budget	Amount Spent	Activity 1 Balance	TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL BALANCE
Fee Title Acquisition	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<i>47 acres and Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe will hold titles</i>					
Professional Services for Acquisition	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe will cover all Professional service costs.</i>					
COLUMN TOTAL	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000

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Date of Report: August 1st, 2017

#	Acquisition or Restoration Parcel Name	Geographic Coordinates Format: [Deg.]° [Min.]' [Sec.]" [Hemis.]		Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual PILT Liabilities	County	Site Significance	Activity Description	# of Acres	# of Shoreline Miles	Type of Landowner	Proposed Fee Title or Easement Holder (if applicable)	Status
		Latitude	Longitude										
1	28-008-2200	47° 13' 14.009" N	94° 22' 46.660" W		\$ -	Cass	Sensitive shoreline with Maple Basswood forest important for waterfowl, furbears, whitetail deer and aquatic other specie:	Fee Title	0.20	0.06	Private	LLBO	PA signed
2	28-005-3308	47° 13' 24.062" N	94° 22' 29.123" W		\$ -	Cass	Sensitive shoreline with Maple Basswood forest important for waterfowl, furbears, whitetail deer and aquatic other specie:	Fee Title	0.14	0.06	Private	LLBO	PA signed
3	28-008-2200	47° 13' 21.292" N	94° 22' 49.557" W		\$ -	Cass	Sensitive shoreline with high quality wetlands and Maple Basswood forest important for waterfowl, furbears, whitetail deer and aquatic other specie:	Fee Title	7.05	0.28	Private	LLBO	PA signed
4	28-005-3304	47° 13' 32.394" N	94° 22' 36.264" W		\$ -	Cass	Sensitive shoreline with Maple Basswood forest important for waterfowl, furbears, whitetail deer and aquatic other specie:	Fee Title	0.91	0.02	Private	LLBO	PA signed
5	28-005-3305	47° 13' 31.408" N	94° 22' 36.118" W		\$ -	Cass	Sensitive shoreline with Maple Basswood forest important for waterfowl, furbears, whitetail deer and aquatic other specie:	Fee Title	0.74	0.02	Private	LLBO	PA signed
6	28-005-3310	47° 13' 25.497" N	94° 22' 38.209" W		\$ -	Cass	Sensitive shoreline with Maple Basswood forest important for waterfowl, furbears, whitetail deer and aquatic other specie:	Fee Title	0.61	0.02	Private	LLBO	PA signed
7	28-005-3303	47° 13' 25.045" N	94° 22' 41.157" W		\$ -	Cass	Sensitive shoreline with high quality wetlands and Maple Basswood forest important for waterfowl, furbears, whitetail deer and aquatic other specie:	Fee Title	2.64	0.06	Private	LLBO	PA signed
8	28-005-3309	47° 13' 25.998" N	94° 22' 36.479" W		\$ -	Cass	Sensitive shoreline with Maple Basswood forest important for waterfowl, furbears, whitetail deer and aquatic other specie:	Fee Title	0.70	0.03	Private	LLBO	PA signed
9	28-005-3308	47° 13' 26.502" N	94° 22' 34.799" W		\$ -	Cass	Sensitive shoreline with Maple Basswood forest important for waterfowl, furbears, whitetail deer and aquatic other specie:	Fee Title	0.70	0.04	Private	LLBO	PA signed
10	28-005-3307	47° 13' 27.516" N	94° 22' 35.495" W		\$ -	Cass	Sensitive shoreline with Maple Basswood forest important for waterfowl, furbears, whitetail deer and aquatic other specie:	Fee Title	0.60	0.02	Private	LLBO	PA signed
11	28-005-3306	47° 13' 28.428" N	94° 22' 36.110" W		\$ -	Cass	Sensitive shoreline with Maple Basswood forest important for waterfowl, furbears, whitetail deer and aquatic other specie:	Fee Title	0.73	0.02	Private	LLBO	PA signed
12	28-005-3302	47° 13' 28.226" N	94° 22' 48.571" W		\$ -	Cass	High quality wetlands and Maple Basswood forest important for waterfowl, furbears, whitetail deer and aquatic other species	Fee Title	30.26	0.04	Private	LLBO	PA signed

NOTES:



Robinson Two Points Parcels

- Lakes
- Parcel Boundary
- County Boundary
- LLBO Reservation Boundary

**45.27
Total
Acres**

Parcel ID	Acres
28-008-2200	0.20
28-005-3308	0.14
28-008-2200	7.05
28-005-3304	0.91
28-005-3305	0.74
28-005-3310	0.61
28-005-3303	2.64
28-005-3309	0.70
28-005-3308	0.70
28-005-3307	0.60
28-005-3306	0.73
28-005-3302	30.26

