

Project Abstract

For the Period Ending June 30, 2023

PROJECT TITLE: Minnesota State Parks and State Trails

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FUNDING SOURCE: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

LEGAL CITATION: M.L. 2018, Chp. 214, Art. 4, Sec. 02, Subd. 09k as extended by M.L. 2021, First Special Session, Chp. 6, Art. 6, Sec. 2, Subd. 18

APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$2,500,000

AMOUNT SPENT: \$ 2,468,404.50

AMOUNT REMAINING: \$ 31,595.50

Sound bite of Project Outcomes and Results

Acquisition of Minnesota State Park and State Trail land provides permanent, effective and consolidated protection and management of pristine natural areas representative of diverse landscapes throughout the entire state of Minnesota for perpetual enjoyment by State Park and Trail users.

Overall Project Outcome and Results

Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund funding resulted in the Department of Natural Resources acquiring approximately 101.29 acres of land within the statutory boundaries of three Minnesota State Parks and one legislatively authorized State Trail

- Acquired 6.05 acres of land within Tettegouche State Park. This property protects the view shed of the Palisade Coast from Shovel Point to Palisade Head along the Lake Superior shoreline. The property allows for public access to a cobblestone beach, protection of ~350 feet of shoreline, and is located immediately adjacent to the Tettegouche cart-in campground.
- Acquired 15.77 acres of land within Sibley State Park. It is the last private parcel remaining on Lake 21, allowing for the protection of ~400 feet of shoreline. It could support a trail extension going around the lake.
- Acquired 17.5 acres along the legislatively authorized Glacial Lakes State Trail. The property is a connection around a large wetland south and east of Highway 71/CSAH 40 tunnel. This acquisition reduced wetland impacts, development costs, and allow for an improved trail alignment that preserves a stand of old growth bur oak trees.
- Acquired 2 acres of land within Tettegouche State Park. This parcel provides lakeshore access on Lake Superior with high recreation opportunities, spectacular scenic qualities and breathtaking vistas. The site was determined to be National Register Quality representing a rare intact facility. The parcel represents the opportunity for a bike trail and pedestrian access to the proposed Gitchi-Gami State Trail alignment from Silver Bay to Tettegouche State Park.

- Acquired 59.97 acres of land within William O'Brien State Park. The parcel would be restored to a historical native prairie setting extending the naturalist communities of this region. This area is under consideration for the new gateway bike trail extension route and will allow for the protection of higher quality resources.

Project Results Use and Dissemination

The state park acquisitions dissemination have been communicated through updated state park maps reflecting state managed land and are identified as public land open to be used and enjoyed by all visitors. The state trail maps will be updated once the construction is completed. The trail is currently in design.



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF)

M.L. 2018 ENRTF Work Plan (Main Document)

Today's Date: October 29, 2024
Date of Work Plan Approval: 06/05/2018
Project Completion Date: **June 30, 2023**
Does this submission include an amendment request? No

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Appropriation Language: \$2,500,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire about 163 acres of high-priority in holdings from willing sellers within the legislatively authorized boundaries of state parks and trails in order to protect Minnesota's natural heritage, enhance outdoor recreational opportunities, and improve the efficiency of public land management. Priorities include but are not limited to Tettegouche, Sibley, and Minneopa State Parks and the Goodhue Pioneer State Trail. A list of proposed acquisitions is required in the work plan. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2021, by which time the project must be completed and final products delivered.

M.L. 2021, First Special Session, Chp. 6, Art. 6, Sec. 2, Subd. 18. ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND; EXTENSIONS. [to June 30, 2022]

Extended to June 30, 2023 per binding contract for acquisition of the real property

I. PROJECT STATEMENT:

Minnesota State Parks and State Trails land acquisition proposal is to acquire high priority parcels from willing sellers within State Parks and State Trails legislatively authorized boundary to protect Minnesota's environmental stewardship and enhance outdoor recreation opportunities for all citizens of Minnesota.

Currently, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MnDNR) does not own and manage on behalf of the public approximately 15% (41,900 acres) of land located within the legislatively approved and statutorily described boundaries of the 66 Minnesota State Parks and nine State Recreation Areas. The MnDNR currently does not own and manage on behalf of the public 50% of the land needed to complete the 25 legislatively authorized State Trails.

The main benefit of State Park and State Trail land acquisitions is to provide long-term, consolidated management of pristine natural areas representative of diverse landscapes throughout the entire state of Minnesota. Other land acquisition benefits include: Riparian buffers along rivers, wetlands, creeks and lakes; Preservation of significant plant and animal communities; Reduction of fragmentation from potential development impacts; and Protection of view sheds and locally significant historical sites and cultural resources. State Trails provide outdoor recreation opportunities to reconnect with each other and ourselves while travelling between communities. State Parks and State Trails investments generate and give back positive financial impacts to the local economy.

Most of Minnesota State Parks and State Trail acquisitions are once-in-a-lifetime opportunities because landowners approach the MnDNR with the vision to have their family land included in a state park or a state trail for the public to enjoy and appreciate into perpetuity when the time comes to sell their family's real estate assets.

Each outdoor recreation unit in the Minnesota State Park and State Trail system goes through a rigorous master planning process that includes a public and local jurisdiction input component to identify key land attributes and define desired boundaries and corridors to include as a part of the public outdoor recreation system. MnDNR has identified and ranked each state park in-holding parcel within the designated boundary and maintains a general statewide priority list that is reviewed and analyzed annually. If an acquisition is not successful, a workplan amendment may be requested.

II. OVERALL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:

First Update March 25, 2019 One project's landowner has signed an option agreement with MnDNR. One project is being appraised by an independent, contracted appraiser. One project's landowner had a recent death in the family, and is asking for some more time to think about his next steps. One project's landowner is open to discussions on various options to pursue acquiring his land.

Second Update March 31, 2020 Tettegouche acquisition officially closed 11/18/2019. Sibley acquisition is in negotiations with the landowner. The other acquisition parcels may need to be reviewed at new calendar year to determine if an amendment request is needed.

Amendment Request December 28, 2020: "Amendment Approved by LCCMR 1/21/2021." Jennifer Christie has left the Department of Natural Resources and Shelby Kok is filling the role of project manager.

Amendment Approved by LCCMR 1/21/2021.

Third Update March 31, 2021: Two out of the four acquisitions have been acquired, Tettegouche (7 acre) and Sibley (16 acre). With the successful amendment, all four parcels will be acquired by the end of the fiscal year.

Amendment Request March 22, 2021: An amendment request to replace two acquisitions in the workplan due to landowners no longer willing to sell and to revise activity budgets to accommodate replacements. The proposed replacement acquisitions were chosen due to timeframe constraints. These projects are far enough along in the acquisition process to ensure acquisition completion by June 30, 2021.

- Replace Activity #3 Minneopa State Park – 80-acre parcel with a 17.5-acre parcel located at Glacial Lakes State Park. The land value will not change much between the two locations. It is expected the proposed parcel will not expend the entire activity budget. Replace Activity #4 Goodhue-Pioneer State Trail – 60-acre parcel with a 2-acre parcel at Tettegouche State Park. Requesting increase in Activity 4 “Fee-title Acquisition” budget category by \$35,000 to a revised budget of \$535,000. The Tettegouche parcel is lake front property causing the increase to land values. It is also an intact historic north shore commercial fishing operation including many historical structures and cultural resources artifacts. It may be one of last remaining historic properties of its type on the north shore.
- Adjust Activity #2 budget to eliminate overcharges on the professional services line and transfer unused dollars to Activity 4 to meet the increase request. These adjustments will reduce Activity 2 budget by \$35,000.

Amendment Approved by LCCMR 3/30/2021

June 30, 2021 Extensions

Project extended to June 30, 2022 by LCCMR 6/30/21 as a result of M.L. 2021, First Special Session, Chp. 6, Art. 6, Sec. 2, Subd. 18, legislative extension criteria being met.

Fourth Update December 30, 2021: All four of the acquisition activities have been closed.

Amendment Request December 30, 2021: Seeking an amendment request to adjust professional services costs to alleviate negative balances. There will not be an adjustment to the overall appropriation or to the allotted activity amounts.

All four activities have been completed there is a remaining balance. Seeking to amendment to add a Fifth Activity to partially fund an acquisition at William O’Brien State Park and move all unused funds to Activity #5.

Amendment Approved by LCCMR 2/14/2022

Fifth Update March 31, 2022: 5th Activity should be completed by FY end.

Sixth Update July 26, 2022: Activities 1-4 were completed, totaling 41.32 acres were acquired with this grant. Due to unfortunate circumstances activity 5 was not completed.

Amendment Request July 26, 2020: Seeking an amendment to adjust professional services costs to alleviate negative balances. This request will not change the overall appropriation. Activity 2 seeking to increase professional services to alleviate negative balance. Activity 3 seeking to increase professional services and Fee title acquisition to alleviate negative balances. The increase to the fee title was an under estimation and there was not a negotiation to the appraised cost. Activities 2 & 3 Activity 5 seeking to reduce Fee title to adjust for negative balances in Activities 2&3. Activity 5 is a split funded project by LCCMR, ML19 has a cushion that if there are additional fees it can pick them up.

Seeking an amendment to extend the availability of funds for an additional year, under M.L. 2018 Subd 13 Availability of Appropriations

For acquisition of real property, the appropriations in this section are available for an additional fiscal year if a binding contract for acquisition of the real property is entered into before the expiration date of the appropriation.

Activity 5 William O'Brien State Park, 2 parcels with approximately 60 acres, has funds encumbered and has a signed option. It is anticipated that the activity will close prior to the extension end. The extension request is due to a lean found on the property. The lean is to be satisfied by spring 2023. The extension budget request amount is for \$681,746. This extension and the amount do not change the overall budget of the appropriation.

Seventh Update January, 2023: Activity 5 is being worked on. The landowner has a few issues to resolve prior to the State taking ownership of the property. There is a lean that needs to be satisfied and a utility easement that needs the language to be cleaned up.

Final Update June 30, 2024: All activities have been completed. Totaling 101.29 acres purchased. There is \$31,595.50 that will be returned.

Amendment Request October 31, 2024: Seeking an amendment request to adjust negative line items in the budget.

Amendment approved by LCCMR November, day, 2024

Final Report October 31, 2024

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III. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES:

ACTIVITY 1: Tettegouche State Park Land Acquisition, Lake County

Description:

Acquire approximately 7 acres of land located within the statutory authorized boundary of Tettegouche State Park. This property protects the iconic view shed of the Palisade Coast from Shovel Point to Palisade Head along the Lake Superior shoreline. Inclusion of this property was a primary recommendation of the Tettegouche State Park management plan updated in 1997. The property allows for public access to a spectacular cobblestone beach, protection of ~350 feet of shoreline, and is located immediately adjacent to the Tettegouche cart-in campground.

ENRTF BUDGET: \$ 950,976

Outcome	Completion Date
1. Acquire 7 acres of land in Tettegouche State Park	June 30, 2021

First Update March 25, 2019 Landowner has signed an option agreement with MnDNR. Transaction is anticipated to close by end of the fiscal year.

Second Update March 31, 2020: Acquisitions officially closed 11/18/2019. Still processing professional services invoices.

Third Update March 31, 2021: Continuing to finalize the land record. Geocode sheet has been updated.
Amendment Approved by LCCMR 3/30/2021

Fourth Update December 30, 2021: Finalize transaction documentation for DNR record keeping. Paid professional services fees.

Amendment Request December 30, 2021: Reduce unuse allotted activity dollars to put towards Activity 5.

Fifth Update March 31, 2022:

Final Update July 26, 2022: 6.05 acres were purchased. Initial Report submitted 4/8/21, LCCMR ID 21-075-001.

ACTIVITY 2: Sibley State Park Land Acquisition, Kandiyohi County

Description:

Acquire 16 acres of land located within the statutory authorized boundary of Sibley State Park. This property is a rare opportunity to acquire and manage the property adjacent to the State Park primitive group campground. It is the last private parcel remaining on Lake 21. Acquisition of this parcel would eliminated any future incompatible uses adjacent to the primitive group camp and create an opportunity to expand recreation trails. Protection of ~400 feet of shoreline. This is a different parcel than listed in 2017 LCCMR workplan proposal.

ENRTF BUDGET: \$ 212,758

Outcome	Completion Date
1. Acquire 16 acres of land in Sibley State Park	June 30, 2021

First Update March 25, 2019 Project is being appraised by an independent, contracted appraisal in preparation to make the landowner an offer.

Second Update March 31, 2020: In negotiations with landowner.

Amendment Request February 2, 2020: Requesting amendment to reduce the activity budget unused dollars and placing them into the proposed Activity 4 amendment request parcel to cover the additional predicted expenditures.

Third Update March 31, 2021: Acquisition officially closed on 9/22/2020.

Fourth Update December 30, 2021: Finalize land transaction documentation for DNR record keeping.

Amendment Request December 30, 2021: Reduce unuse allotted activity dollars to put towards Activity 5.

Amendment Approved by LCCMR 2/14/2022

Fifth Update March 31, 2022:

Amendment Request July 26, 2022: Seeking an amendment to adjust professional services costs to alleviate negative balances. This request will not change the overall appropriation. There were additional professional services fees on this project that were miscoded and caught after the fact.

Final Update June 30, 2022: 15.77 acres purchased. Initial Report submitted 4/8/21, LCCMR ID 21-067-001

ACTIVITY 3: Glacial Lakes State Trail, Pope County, 17.5 acres

Description:

Acquire 17.5 acres of land located along the legislatively authorized Glacial Lakes State Trail This parcel is located in Pope County. It will provide a critical connection around a large wetland south and east of Highway 71/CSAH 40 tunnel. This acquisition would reduce wetland impacts development costs and allow for an improved trail alignment that would preserve a stand of old growth bur oak trees.

ENRTF BUDGET: \$ 118,642

Outcome	Completion Date
1. Acquire 80 acres of land in Minneopa State Park Acquire 17.5 acres of land along the Glacial Lakes State Trail-	June 30, 2021

First Update March 25, 2019 This project's landowner had a death in the family and is asking for some more time to think about his next steps about how much of his land he wants to sell. MnDNR will revisit at the end of the calendar year to determine if an amendment request is the best route for this project.

Second Update March 31, 2020: MnDNR will revisit at the beginning of the calendar year to determine if an amendment request is needed.

Amendment Request March 22, 2021: Requesting to amend Minneopa State Park 80 acre acquisition with a 17.5 acre acquisition along the legislatively authorized Glacial Lakes State Trail. The parcel at Minneopa the landowner is not willing to sell at this time. The Glacial Lakes project is currently in negotiations with the landowner.

Details on Glacial Lakes State Trail. This parcel is located in Pope County. It will provide a critical connection around a large wetland south and east of Highway 71/CSAH 40 tunnel. This acquisition would reduce wetland impacts development costs and allow for an improved trail alignment that would preserve a stand of old growth bur oak trees.

Third Update March 31, 2021: Status has not changed for the Minneopa parcel. The landowner is still unwilling to sell. If the amendment is approved Glacial Lakes parcel is currently in negotiations.

Amendment Approved by LCCMR 3/30/2021

Fourth Update December 30, 2021: Glacial Lakes State Trail parcel officially closed on 6/8/2021. Paying professional services fees.

Amendment Request December 30, 2021: Reduce unuse allotted activity dollars to put towards Activity 5.

Amendment Approved by LCCMR 2/14/2022

Fifth Update March 31, 2022:

Amendment Request July 26, 2020:

Seeking an amendment to adjust professional services costs to alleviate negative balances. This request will not change the overall appropriation. There were additional professional services fees and overlooking a small amount paid to the split landowners. The offer was reviewed to ensure an increase was not offered. It was an oversight assuming the landowners would have been paid equally.

Final Update July 26, 2022: 17.5 acres were purchased. Initial Report was submitted 10/29/21. LCCMR ID 21-067-002.

ACTIVITY 4: Tettegouche State Park, Lake County, 2 acres

Description: Acquire approximately 2 acres located inside the statutory boundary to Tettegouche State Park. This parcel would provide lakeshore access on Lake Superior with high recreation opportunities, spectacular scenic qualities and breathtaking vistas. The property is an intact historic north shore commercial fishing operations including many historical structures and cultural resources artifacts. The site was determined to be National Register Quality representing a rare intact facility. The parcel also represents the opportunity for a bike trail and pedestrian access to the proposed Gitchi-Gami State Trail alignment from Silver Bay to Tettegouche State Park.

ENRTF BUDGET: \$ 534,704

Outcome	Completion Date
1. Acquire 60 acres of land in Goodhue Pioneer State Trail Acquire 2 acres of land in Tettegouche State Park	June 30, 2021

First Update March 31, 2019 This project’s landowner is open to discussions on various options to pursue acquiring his land. MnDNR will revisit at the end of the calendar year to determine if an amendment request is the best route for this project.

Second Update March 31, 2020 MnDNR will revisit at the beginning of the calendar year to determine if an amendment request is needed.

Amendment Request March 22, 2021: Requesting to amend Goodhue Pioneer State Trail 60 acre acquisition with a 2-acre acquisition in-holdings at Tettegouche State Park. Seeking to increase this project budget by \$35,000. The increase will come from the unused dollars in Activity #2. The parcel along the Goodhue Pioneer State Trail the landowner rejected the offer. The Tettegouche State Park project has recently closed (12/8/2020) and it is hope that LCCMR would want to fund this success of this project. Why the amendment did not take place earlier is due to the fact of staffing limitation within the division of Parks and Trails.

Details on Tettegouche State Park parcel. The parcel is located in Lake County in the statutory boundary of Tettegouche State Park. This parcel would provide lakeshore access on Lake Superior with high recreation opportunities, spectacular scenic qualities and breathtaking vistas. The property is an intact historic north shore commercial fishing operations including many historical structures and cultural resources artifacts. The site was determined to be National Register Quality representing a rare intact facility. The parcel also represents the opportunity for a bike trail and pedestrian access to the proposed Gitchi-Gami State Trail alignment from Silver Bay to Tettegouche State Park.

Third Update March 31, 2021: Status has not changed for the Goodhue parcel. The landowner is still unwilling to sell. If the amendment is approved the Tettegouche parcel closed 12/8/2020.

Amendment Approved by LCCMR 3/30/2021

Fourth Update December 30, 2021: Finalizing payments for the property and working on updating maps to show ownership.

Amendment Request December 30, 2021: Reduce unuse allotted activity dollars to put towards Activity 5.

Amendment Approved by LCCMR 2/14/2022

Fifth Update March 31, 2022:

Final Update June 30, 2022: 2 acers of land were purchased. Initial Report submitted 4/28/21, LCCMR ID 21-075-002.

ACTIVITY 5: William O’Brien State Park, 60 acers

Description: Acquire approximately 60 acres located inside the statutory boundary to William O’Brien State Park. This parcel would close the western side of the park boundary. The parcel would be restored to a historical native prairie setting extending the naturalist communities of this region. This area is under consideration for the new gateway bike trail extension route. This parcel would help protect higher quality resources in other areas by redirecting the trail to this added parcel.

ENRTF BUDGET: \$ 681,746

Outcome	Completion Date
1. Acquire 60 acres in William O’Brien State Park	June 30, 2021

First Update March 31, 2019: Nothing initiated at this time.

Second Update March 31, 2020: Initial conversations with the landowner. Received divisional approval to proceed with purchase. Original agreement was for 20 acres.

Third Update March 31, 2021: Landowner became discouraged with how long of a process it was working with the DNR. Parks and Trails Council of Minnesota (PTCM) was asked to step in to help acquire this parcel in a

quicker manor. The DNR would then purchase from. PTCM was able to negotiate with the landowner to not only acquire the 20 acres but an additional 40 acres. That helps close out the western park boundary and limits the number of future transactions with this landowner.

Fourth Update December 30, 2021: PTCM has officially acquired the parcel. Now DNR is working on acquiring from PTCM. Appraisal has been complete.

Fifth Update March 31, 2022: Option has been signed by the landowner. Working on verifying funding sources and preparing offer acceptance letter.

Amendment Request July 26, 2020: Seeking an amendment to adjust professional services costs to alleviate negative balances. This request will not change the overall appropriation. A reduction in this activity is requested to adjust for the over expenditures in other activities. This activity is split funded utilizing ML18 & ML19 LCCMR funding. The reduction in this appropriation can be adjusted in the ML19 appropriation. There is a cushion budgeted for adjustment if needed.

Seeking an amendment to extend the funding for Activity 5. Due to the finding of a lean on the property this project will not close in time. The activity has a signed option, signed election to purchase and signed initial title opinion. Closing documents have been drafted. All that is needed is for the lean to be satisfied then the project can be closed.

Sixth Update July 26, 2022: It has been found that there is a lean on the property. Unfortunately, the lean will not be resolved until 12/15/22. This activity did not close on 6/30/2022. The DNR is waiting for the lean to be satisfied before acquisition takes place.

Seventh Update January, 2023: The lean has yet to be satisfied. It has been made clear that it will be satisfied this spring. It was also found that there is a pipeline easement on the property. The landowner is working with the utility company to clean up the easement language prior to becoming the State's property. The acquisition is on track to close by fiscal year end.

Final Update June 30, 2024: 59.97 acres was purchased on 06/21/2023. LCCMR-ID is 24-163-002. This property is being prepared for restoration of native prairie.

IV. DISSEMINATION:

Description:

Dissemination of the completed land acquisitions would primarily be through updating state park and state trail maps and website as land and the new trail corridor that this property is now available for public use and enjoyment. Depending on the acquisition, a local news release may be created and distributed to local newspapers and media.

First Update March 25, 2019 When a land acquisition closes, MnDNR updates public maps to show land is MnDNR managed land for the public to use and enjoy. Our partner, Parks and Trails Council, is suggesting a celebration and additional promotion for Tettegouche State Park transaction.

Second Update March 31, 2020: State Park Maps have been updated for the Tettegouche State Park acquisition 7-acre parcel.

Third Update March 31, 2021 State park maps have been updated for the Sibley State Park acquisition.

Fourth Update December 30, 2021: Working to update the rest of the maps to show the recent acquisitions.

Fifth Update March 31, 2022: Working to update the rest of the maps to show the recent acquisitions.

Sixth Update July 26, 2022: Glacial Lakes maps will be updated once trail development takes place. The second Tettegouche acquisition maps have been updated.

Seventh Update January 2023: State Park Maps for the second Tettegouche property have been updated. The Glacial Lakes State Trail map will be updated when construction of the trail has been completed. If the DNR receives bonding this year construction will start spring of 2024.

Final Report June 30, 2023: All park maps have been updated. Still waiting for the construction at Glacial Lakes State Trail development is currently in design once the trail is built the map will be updated for the public.

V. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY:

This section represents an overview of the preliminary budget at the start of the project. It will be reconciled with actual expenditures at the time of the final report.

A. Preliminary ENRTF Budget Overview: See attached budget spreadsheet

B. Other Funds:

SOURCE OF AND USE OF OTHER FUNDS	Amount Proposed	Amount Spent	Status and Timeframe
Other State \$ To Be Applied To Project During Project Period:			
Parks and Trail Legacy FY18	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	Closed
Past and Current ENRTF Appropriation:			
M.L. 2017, Subd 9c	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,496,976	Closed
M.L. 2015, Subd 9a	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	Closed
M.L. 2013, Subd 4a	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	Closed
M.L. 2011, Subd 4b	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	Closed
Other Funding History:			
Parks and Trails Legacy—M.L. 2017	\$1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	Closed
Parks and Trails Legacy--M.L. 2015	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	Closed
Parks and Trails Legacy—M.L. 2013	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	Closed
Parks and Trails Legacy—M.L. 2011	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	Closed

VI. PROJECT PARTNERS:

A. Partners receiving ENRTF funding

Name	Title	Affiliation	Role
None	--	---	--

B. Partners NOT receiving ENRTF funding

Name	Title	Affiliation	Role
Parks and Trails Council of Minnesota	Non-Governmental Organization	Like-minded Organization	Partner

VII. LONG-TERM- IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING:

Acquire critical in-holding parcels located within statutory boundary and included in the master plans of State Parks and State Recreation Areas and acquire in-holdings of land located within statutory authorized and included in the master plans State Trail corridors. The state currently owns about 85% of the 268,000 acres within State Park and State Recreation Area boundaries, which means the state does not own, and manage on behalf of the citizens of Minnesota. Each year approximately \$5 million worth of private in-holding parcels inside the statutory boundary will become available from willing sellers.

With the continued support of the LCCMR, the Department of Natural Resources Division of Parks and Trails expects to keep moving forward to fulfill each of the 75 state park and recreation area master plans and acquire critical parcels within statutory boundary for preservation, recreation, education and habitat restoration on behalf of the public. These land acquisitions positively contribute towards local community economy.

VIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

- **The project is for 4 years, will begin on July 1, 2018, and end on June 30, 2022.**
- **Periodic project status update reports will be submitted March 31st of each year.**
- **A final report and associated products will be submitted between June 30 and August 15, 2022.**

IX. SEE ADDITIONAL WORK PLAN COMPONENTS:

- A. Budget Spreadsheet**
- B. Visual Component or Map**
- C. Parcel List Spreadsheet**
- D. Acquisition Requirements**

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Organization: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

M.L. 2018 ENRTF Appropriation: \$2,500,000

Project Length and Completion Date: 4 Years, June 30, 2022

Date of Report: October 31, 2024



ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BUDGET	Activity 1 Budget	Amount Spent	Activity 1 Balance	Activity 2 Revised Budget [7/25/2022]	Amount Spent	Activity 2 Balance	Activity 3 Revised Budget [7/25/2022]	Amount Spent	Activity 3 Balance	Activity 4 Revised Budget [10/31/2024]	Amount Spent	Activity 4 Balance	Activity 5 Revised Budget [10/31/2024]	Amount Spent	Activity 5 Balance	TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL BALANCE
BUDGET ITEM	Tettegouche State Park Land Acquisition-7 acres			Sibley State Park-16 acres			Glacial Lakes State Trail-17.5 acres										
Fee Title Acquisition	\$935,000	\$935,000	\$0	\$170,000	\$170,000	\$0	\$102,162	\$102,162	\$0	\$508,000	\$508,000	\$0	\$672,920	\$644,881	\$28,039	\$2,388,082	\$28,039
Acquire estimated-163 42.5 acres in fee title. If successful, the State of Minnesota, Department of Natural Resources will hold the title.																	
Professional Services for Acquisition	\$15,976	\$15,976	\$0	\$42,758	\$42,758	\$0	\$16,480	\$16,480	\$0	\$31,975	\$31,974	\$1	\$4,730	\$1,174	\$3,556	\$111,918	\$3,556
Professional service expenses and other transaction related charges including, but not limited to, the appraisal, survey, title work, closing costs-recording fees and deed tax required and necessary for the proposed land acquisitions transfer of clear title.																	
COLUMN TOTAL	\$950,976	\$950,976	\$0	\$212,758	\$212,758	\$0	\$118,642	\$118,642	\$0	\$539,975	\$539,974	\$1	\$677,650	\$646,055	\$31,595	\$2,500,000	\$31,595

Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

M.L. 2018 Parcel List

Project Title: Minnesota State Parks and Trails Land Acquisitions

Legal Citation: M.L. 2018, Chp. 214, Art. 4, Sec. 02, Subd. 09k as extended by M.L. 2021, First Special Session, Chp. 6, Art. 6, Sec. 2, Subd. 18

Project Manager: Shelby Kok

Organization: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

M.L. 2018 ENRTF Appropriation: \$2,500,000

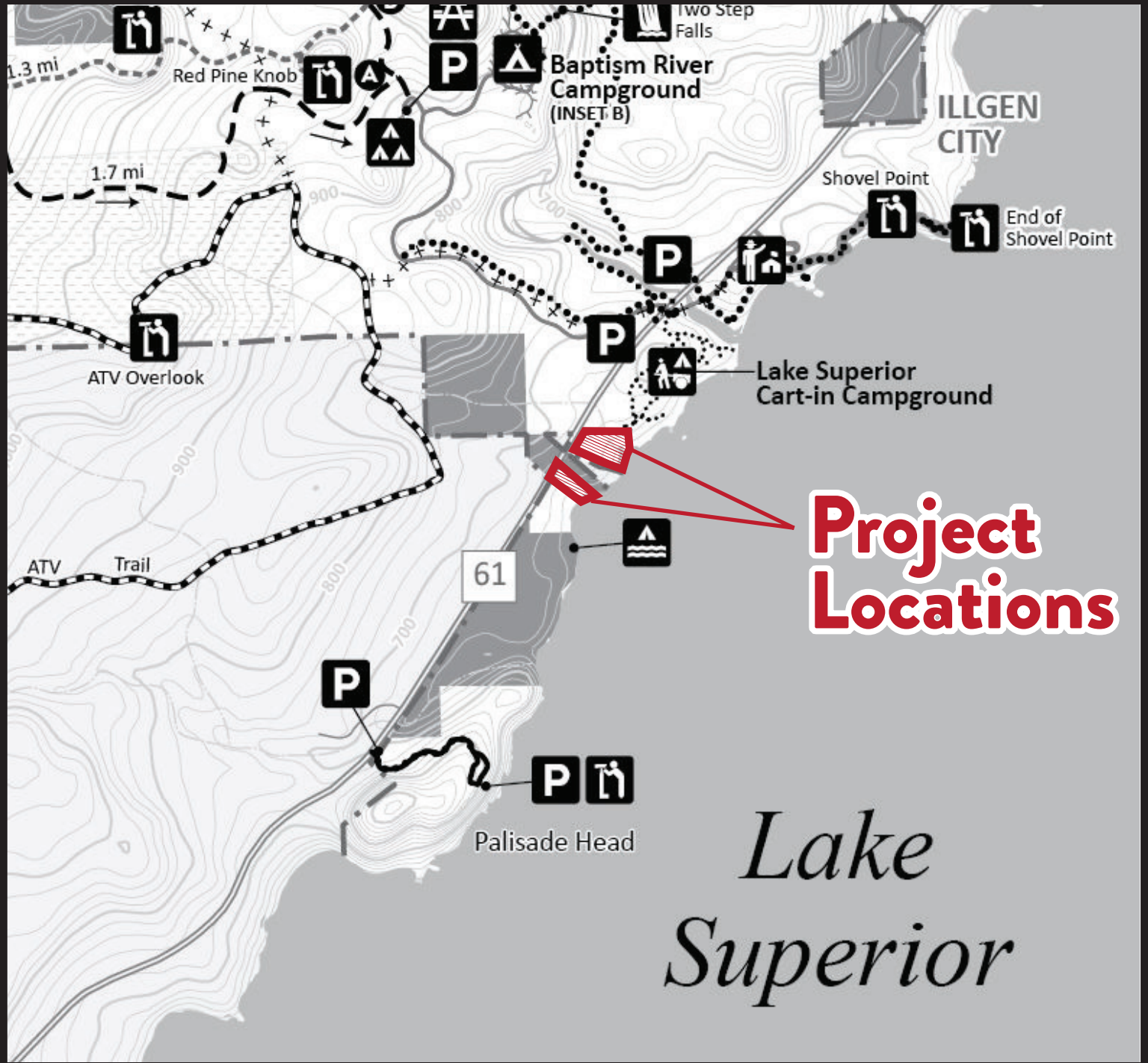
Project Length and Completion Date: 4 Years, June 30, 2022

Date of Report: October 29, 2024

#	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	Tettegouche State Park	47° 19' 56.1" N	91° 12' 18.9" N	\$1,500,000	\$ 11,250	Lake	This property will protect the iconic view shed of the Palisade Coast from Shovel Point to Palisade Head along the Lake Superior shoreline and allow for public access to a spectacular cobblestone beach, protection of ~350 feet of shoreline.	Acquire Land	7	350 ft	Non-Profit	Fee	Acquired 11.18.2019
2	Sibley State Park	45° 19' 49.3" N	95° 2' 42.8" N	\$250,000	\$ 1,875	Kandiyohi	This property is a rare opportunity to acquire and manage the land adjacent to the State Park's primitive group campground. It is the last private parcel remaining on Lake 21 and would eliminated any future incompatible uses while protecting ~400 feet of shoreline.	Acquire Land	16	400 ft	Non-Profit	Fee	Acquired 09.22.2020
3	Minneopa State Park Glacial	44° 11' 8.9" N	94° 8' 4.2" N	\$250,000	\$1,875	Blue Earth	According to the natural heritage database, rare and endangered species such as the American bald eagle, western foxsnake, shovel sturgeon and small white lady's slipper are documented in this corridor. The property may, or may not, river frontage.	Acquire Land	80	TBD- Based on parcel	Private	Fee	No longer under consideration
3	Glacial Lakes State Trail	45° 17' 45.5" N	94° 59' 35.7" N	\$250,000	1,013	Pope	This parcel will provide a critical connection around a large wetland south and east of Highway 71/CSAH 40 tunnel. This acquisition would reduce wetland impacts development costs and allow for an improved trail alignment that would preserve a stand of old growth bur oak trees.	Acquire Land	17.5	none	Private	Fee	Acquired 06.08.2021
4	Goodhue Pioneer State Park	44° 29' 24.6" N	92° 34' 20.5" N	\$500,000	\$3,750	Goodhue	This parcel contains woodlands, prairie bluffs and an abandoned railway right of way. This parcel would add over 2.75 miles to the existing multi use state trail from Hay Creek to Red Wing and will eventually connect the cities of Red Wing and Zumbrota. Protection of ~600 feet of Hay Creek shoreline.	Acquire Land	60	600 ft	Private	Fee	No longer under consideration
4	Tettegouche State Park	47° 19' 51.2" N	91° 12' 23.7" N	\$535,000	\$ 4,013	Lake	This parcel would provide lake shore access on Lake Superior with high recreation opportunities, spectacular scenic qualities and breathtaking vistas. The property is an intact historic north shore commercial fishing operations including many historical structures and cultural resources artifacts. The site was determined to be National Register Quality representing a rare intact facility. The parcel also represents the opportunity for a bike trail and pedestrian access to the proposed Gitchi-Gami State Trail alignment from Silver Bay to Tettegouche State Park.	Acquire Land	2	300 ft	Private	Fee	Acquired 12.08.2020
5	William O'Brien State Park	45° 13' 13.30" N	92° 47' 47.90" W	\$697,500	\$ 5,231	Washington	This parcel would close the western side of the park boundary. The parcel would be restored to a historical native prairie setting extending the naturalist communities of this region. This area is under consideration for the new gateway bike trail extension route. This parcel would help protect higher quality resources in other areas by redirecting the trail to this added parcel.	Acquire Land	59.97	0	Private	Fee	Acquired 6.21.23

NOTES: Amendment of project manager 12/28/2020 due to position vacancy at MNDNR PAT. "Amendment Approved by LCCMR 1/21/2021." Amendment request 3/22/2021 of replacing activities #3 and #4 due to landowner circumstance.

LCCMR Funded Acquisition for Tettegouche State Park



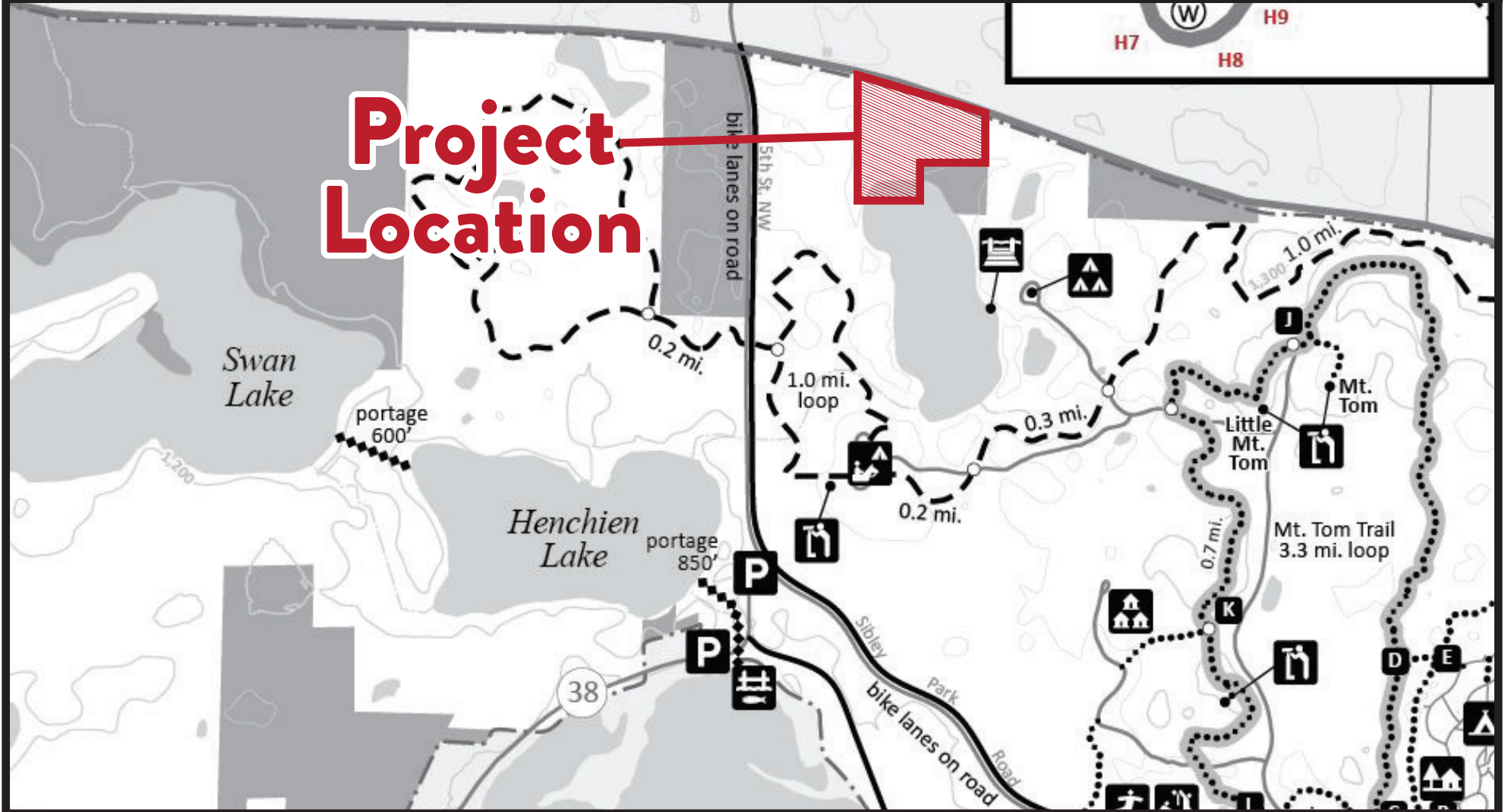
Project Locations

Lake Superior



LCCMR Funded Acquisition for Sibley State Park

Project Location



LCCMR Funded Acquisition for Glacial Lakes State Trail

