



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF)

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

Today's Date: May 30, 2018

Date of Next Status Update Report: September 15, 2018

Date of Work Plan Approval: 06/05/2018

Project Completion Date: June 30, 2020

Does this submission include an amendment request? No

PROJECT TITLE: Nongame Wildlife Program Acceleration

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College/Department/Division: Division of Ecological and Water Resources

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Location: Statewide

Total Project Budget: \$220,000

Amount Spent: \$0

Balance: \$220,000

Legal Citation: M.L. 2018, Chp. 214, Art. 4, Sec. 02, Subd. 08a

Appropriation Language: \$220,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources to accelerate the nongame wildlife program including rare wildlife data collection, habitat management, collaborative land protection, conservation education, and a new emphasis on promoting nature tourism to benefit wildlife, visitors, and rural communities.

I. PROJECT STATEMENT

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' Nongame Wildlife Program is entrusted with the conservation of Minnesota's wildlife that are not traditionally hunted or harvested. This represents over 1000 species of wildlife. These species are integral parts of our landscapes, providing ecological and economic benefits, educational opportunities and recreational enjoyment for Minnesotans. The Nongame Wildlife Program is regarded as one of the most effective and successful conservation programs of its kind in the nation.

This proposal will accelerate the delivery and effectiveness of the program by providing a partial match to the approximately \$1 million that citizens donate to the program annually, primarily through a voluntary checkoff on their state tax returns. Donations from tax returns, which had averaged over \$1 million annually, dropped during the 2008 recession and have been slow to recover to previous levels but are now approaching \$1 million/year. This has prevented the Nongame Wildlife Program from keeping up with the demands for conserving and managing nongame wildlife habitats and providing the public with recreational opportunities focused on nongame wildlife.

Minnesota's Wildlife Action Plan, which directs much of the work of the Nongame Wildlife Program, was updated in 2015. The plan identifies a statewide "Wildlife Action Network" as a strategy for maintaining and enhancing habitat for all wildlife. Within the network, habitat management efforts will be concentrated with support from conservation partners in "Conservation Focus Areas" where effectiveness and long-term outcomes will be tracked. These efforts will support other conservation efforts such as the MN Prairie Conservation Plan, and it helps ensure that our conservation efforts maintain healthy and diverse wildlife populations and ecosystems into the future.

II. OVERALL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:

First Update January 31, 2019

Second Update June 30, 2019

Third Update January 31, 2020

Final Update June 30, 2020

III. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES:

ACTIVITY 1:

Description: Implement conservation actions for two regionally-based Conservation Focus Areas. This includes the development and implementation of habitat management objectives and effectiveness measures. This will be done in collaboration with DNR wildlife managers and external conservation partners.

ENRTF BUDGET:

\$ 220,000

Outcome	Completion Date
1. Establish partnerships to identify management goals and effectiveness measures for at least one Conservation Focus Area.	2020
2. Initiate collection of baseline data to be used for effectiveness monitoring on approximately 3 sites across 1-2 Conservation Focus Areas.	2020

3. Initiate habitat management actions to increase biodiversity for Species in Greatest Conservation Need on at least 40 acres of permanently protected lands in 1-2 Conservation Focus Areas.	2020
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IV. DISSEMINATION: The results of this project will be disseminated through DNR news releases, Nongame Wildlife Program Facebook posts, at professional society meetings of natural resources agencies and environmental educators, through collaboration with the media, and by providing regular updates to LCCMR staff and commission members.

Description: DNR news releases, Nongame Wildlife Program Facebook posts, at professional society meetings of natural resources agencies and environmental educators, through collaboration with the media, and by providing regular updates to LCCMR staff and commission members will be used to provide the public with information on the status of these efforts.

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V. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY:

A. Preliminary ENRTF Budget Overview:

BUDGET ITEM	AMOUNT
Personnel	\$ 90,000
Professional/Technical/Service Contracts	\$ 120,014
Equipment/Tools/Supplies	\$
Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000	\$ N/A
Acquisition (Fee Title or Permanent Easements)	\$ N/A
Professional Services for Acquisition	\$ N/A
Printing	\$ N/A
Travel	\$

Additional Budget Items: Direct and Necessary DNR charges	\$ 9,986
TOTAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND \$ REQUEST =	\$ 1220,000

Explanation of Capital Expenditures Greater Than \$5,000:

Explanation of Use of Classified Staff: N/A

Total Number of Full-time Equivalents (FTE) Directly Funded with this ENRTF Appropriation: .5/yr FTEs

Enter Total Estimated Personnel Hours: 1040	Divide by 2,080 = TOTAL FTE: .5
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Total Number of Full-time Equivalents (FTE) Estimated to Be Funded through Contracts with this ENRTF Appropriation: N/A

Enter Total Estimated Personnel Hours:	Divide by 2,080 = TOTAL FTE:
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B. Other Funds:

SOURCE OF AND USE OF OTHER FUNDS	Amount Proposed	Amount Spent	Status and Timeframe
Other Non-State \$ To Be Applied To Project During Project Period:			
	\$ 40,000	\$	2 years. FY 19 & 20
Other State \$ To Be Applied To Project During Project Period:			
In-kind	\$ 100,000	\$	2 years. FY 19 & 20
Past and Current ENRTF Appropriation: N/A			
	\$	\$	
Other Funding History: N/A			
	\$	\$	

VI. PROJECT PARTNERS:

Project partners will include the DNR Divisions Ecological and Water Resources, Fish and Wildlife, Parks and Trails, Lands and Minerals, Forestry and external conservation organizations actively conducting habitat work in the Conservation Focus Areas, the University of Minnesota, and communities in Minnesota associated with recreational opportunities.

A. Partners receiving ENRTF funding

Name	Title	Affiliation	Role

B. Partners NOT receiving ENRTF funding

Name	Title	Affiliation	Role

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VII. LONG-TERM- IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING: This effort will enable the Nongame Wildlife Program to better address the conservation, education, and recreational needs of Minnesota’s nongame wildlife species and their habitats. This two-year project is the first of a potential longer term matching effort and partnership that will benefit Minnesota wildlife by a collaborative conservation effort in which ENRTF supplements the voluntary Nongame Wildlife Checkoff donations by Minnesota citizens to the Nongame Wildlife Fund. This would promote conservation accomplishments of the ENRTF and increase the long term effectiveness of the Nongame Wildlife Program for wildlife conservation in Minnesota.

VIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

- The project is for 2 years, will begin on 7/1/2018, and end on 6/30/2020.
- Periodic project status update reports will be submitted 4/15 and 9/15 of each year.
- A final report and associated products will be submitted between June 30 and August 15, 2020.

IX. SEE ADDITIONAL WORK PLAN COMPONENTS:

- A. Budget Spreadsheet**
- B. Visual Component or Map**

Attachment A:
Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund
M.L. 2018 Budget Spreadsheet

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M.L. 2018 ENRTF Appropriation:
Project Length and Completion Date: Two years. June 30, 2020
Date of Report: May 24, 2018

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BUDGET	Activity 1 Budget	Amount Spent	Activity 1 Balance	Total Balance
BUDGET ITEM				
Personnel (Wages and Benefits)				
CFA coordinator: .5 FTE: \$90,000 (\$35,000 sal; \$10,000 benefits) - 2 years	\$90,000			\$90,000
Data mgt: 1 FTE (\$57,000 sal; \$13,000.00 ben. 1 yrs.)				
Surveyors: two .3 FTEs (\$42,000 sal; \$10,500 benefits, per 2 staff per year) 2 years				
Professional/Technical/Service Contracts				
RFP for baseline data collection on CFAs-2 yrs	\$65,000			\$65,000
Contracts for habitat management	\$55,014			\$55,014
MNIT SLA for enhancements to Observation Database and data collecting apps.				
Heart of the Bog Bird Trail coordinator				
Two RFPs to develop and conduct surveys and analyze				
Equipment/Tools/Supplies				
CFA field tablets, meeting equipment				
Wildlife survey supplies - includes field related training costs.				
Printing				
Travel expenses in Minnesota				
CFA -Coordination from St. Paul				
Wildlife surveys-travel				
Other				
Direct and necessary costs cover HR Support (~\$1,484), Safety Support (~\$341), Financial Support (~\$2,744), Communication Support (~\$1,271), IT Support (~\$3,074), and Planning Support (~\$1,072), necessary to accomplish funded programs/projects (Total \$9,986).	\$9,986			\$9,986
COLUMN TOTAL	\$220,000	\$0	\$0	\$220,000