



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF)

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

Today's Date: February 22, 2018

Date of Next Status Update Report: November 1, 2018

Date of Work Plan Approval: 06/05/2018

Project Completion Date: June 30, 2021

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PROJECT TITLE: Easement Program for Native Prairie Bank

Project Manager: Judy Schulte

Organization: MN-DNR, SNA Program

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

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Location: Statewide

Total Project Budget: \$2,000,000

Amount Spent: \$0

Balance: \$2,000,000

Legal Citation: M.L. 2018, Chp. 214, Art. 4, Sec. 02, Subd. 09i

Appropriation Language: \$2,000,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources to provide technical stewardship assistance to private landowners, restore and enhance about 270 acres of native prairie protected by easements in the native prairie bank, and acquire easements for the native prairie bank in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, on about 275 acres, including preparing initial baseline property assessments. Up to \$120,000 of this appropriation may be deposited in the natural resources conservation easement stewardship account, created in Minnesota Statutes, section 84.69, proportional to the number of easement acres acquired. A list of proposed easement acquisitions and restoration sites for the native prairie bank are 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.

I. PROJECT STATEMENT:

Native Prairie Bank (NPB) has a proven track record of working with landowners to enhance and protect native prairie while leaving the land in private ownership. Through this proposal, prairie technical assistance will be provided to landowners and practitioners including a new “Prairie Landowner Network” created to increase cooperation among prairie landowners. Native Prairie Tax Exemption online tools will be created to provide private landowners the ability to apply online in addition to providing online access to county assessors and DNR staff to improve the certification process. Native prairie restoration and enhancement activities will be implemented on about 270 acres of NPBs. Permanent protection of about 275 acres will take place through the acquisition of NPB conservation easements with priority given to high quality prairie identified by the Minnesota Biological Survey (MBS). Native prairie is a fragile, unique natural resource that consists of thousands of different organisms, plants, animals, bacteria and soil fungi. Their complex interactions provide the food, water and shelter required by many of Minnesota’s rare, threatened and endangered species. Threats to native prairie are widespread including cropland conversion, mining, development, invasive species, woody encroachment and non-prairie focused land use/management. Based on the most recent statistics compiled for the 5-year update of the MN Prairie Conservation Plan, MBS has now identified about 249,000 acres of remaining native prairie in Minnesota including approximately 115,000 acres that is unprotected from destruction.

II. OVERALL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:

First Update March 1, 2019

Second Update September 1, 2019

Third Update March 1, 2020

Four Update September 1, 2020

Fifth Update March 1, 2021

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III. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES:

ACTIVITY 1: Prairie Landowner Assistance, Outreach and Existing NPB Stewardship

Description: Private landowners and other practitioners will increase their stewardship of native prairie as a result of this project’s workshops, field days, one-on-one consultations, and other strategies. A Prairie Landowner Network will be established in cooperation with Conservation Corps of Minnesota (CCM) as a new innovative way to connect prairie landowners through social media, email, newsletters, training opportunities, etc. This network is aimed at improving prairie quality on private lands by keeping landowners up-to-date on the best science-based management strategies. At least 10 landowners will receive a comprehensive prairie stewardship plan that will provide specific prairie condition, protection and management expertise for their property. The second stage of the Native Prairie Tax Exemption web application will be completed to allow private landowners to apply online in addition to providing online access to county assessors and DNR staff to improve the certification process. About 5 baseline property reports and 34 monitoring visits will be completed on existing NPBs to evaluate current conditions and insure easement compliance.

ENRTF BUDGET: \$406,772

Outcome	Completion Date
1. ~4 workshops/field days for prairie landowners & practitioners (~250 people)	6/30/2021
2. consultations, guidance, mgmt. asst., etc. to ~40 landowners	6/30/2021
3. ~17 enrollees in Prairie Landowner Network	6/30/2021
4. ~10 prairie stewardship plans provided to prairie landowners (~750 acres)	6/30/2021
5. Complete Stage 2 of Native Prairie Tax Exemption web-app.	6/30/2021
6. ~5 baseline property reports for NPB easements	6/30/2021
7. monitoring and stewardship of ~ 34 NPB easements	6/30/2021

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ACTIVITY 2: 270 Acres of Native Prairie Habitat Enhancement & Restoration

Description: Restoration and enhancement activities will be completed on about 270 acres. Activities include seed collection, site preparation, planting, invasive species control, woody species removal, boundary signing, site cleanup, prescribed burns (or alternative prescribed disturbance, such as haying, mowing or grazing, where appropriate) and monitoring. All restorations will use seeds/plants of local ecotypes, collected from onsite or within 30 miles. Adaptive Management Monitoring will occur at 8 NPB sites to evaluate whether the objectives of management were met and to contribute to future management decisions. Restoration and enhancement activities will be carried out via landowner agreements, DNR staff, CCM, volunteers, and/or contractors.

ENRTF BUDGET: \$522,526

Outcome	Completion Date
1. ~20 acres of prairie reconstruction (restoration)	6/30/2021
2. ~130 acres of woody removal & invasive species treatment	6/30/2021
3. ~ 120 acres of prescribed burns	6/30/2021
4. NPB easement boundary signs & development work on ~6 NPB sites	6/30/2021
5. adaptive management monitoring on ~8 NPB sites	6/30/2021

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ACTIVITY 3: Acquisition and Stewardship of 275 acres of Native Prairie Bank Easements

Description: DNR-administered permanent NPB conservation easements will be acquired on about 275 acres of high quality native prairie, which will include no more than 30% non-prairie as necessary to improve prairie management. Payment rates are determined by authorizing law, M.S. 84.96, as applied according to policies of the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Water and Soils Resources. Conservation easement baseline reports will be completed on all approximately 6 NPBs acquired. Priority sites are identified by MBS which target rare and endangered plant and animal species, high quality plant communities, and key habitats for Species in Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN). If needed, restoration will be completed using a combination of funds from Activity 2 above and/or other state appropriations. Only about 15 of the 275 acres acquired are expected to need restoration.

Budgeted into this work plan is funding to be deposited into the DNR’s Conservation Easement Stewardship Account dedicated to the perpetual monitoring and enforcement of conservation easements. The dedicated stewardship funds will provide the support needed for long-term, ongoing monitoring and minor enforcement activities of Native Prairie Bank easements acquired under this proposal. The DNR Conservation Easement Stewardship Calculator will be used to estimate the annual expenses for each acquired easement and the investment needed to generate annual income sufficient to cover stewardship expenses in perpetuity.

ENRTF BUDGET: \$1,070,702

Outcome	Completion Date
1. acquisition of about 275 acres NPB conservation easements	6/30/2021
2. ~6 baseline property reports for NPB easements	6/30/2021
3. dollars deposited into conservation easement stewardship account (~6 easements)	6/30/2021

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IV. DISSEMINATION:

Description: Copies of Stewardship Plans are provided to local DNR managers and used by the landowner with other agencies and programs. Workshops and field days will be listed on the SNA Website, and advertised locally via mailings and flyer postings. U.S. mailings, social media, email, and newsletters will be created and distributed to prairie landowners as part of the creation of the Prairie Landowner Network.

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V. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY:

A. Preliminary ENRTF Budget Overview: See attached budget spreadsheet

*Direct and Necessary expenses include Department Support Services (Human Resources, IT Support, Safety, Financial Support, Communications Support, Planning Support, and Procurement Support). Department Support Services are described in the agency Service Level Agreement, and billed internally to divisions based on rates that have been developed for each area of service. These services are directly related to and necessary for the appropriation. Department leadership services (Commissioner’s Office and Regional Directors) are not assessed. Those elements of individual projects that put little or no demand on support services such as large single-source contracts, land acquisitions (landowner payments & transaction costs), and funds that are passed-thru to other entities are not assessed Direct and Necessary costs for those activities. For this work plan, CCM contracts (~\$114,500), MNIT service level agreement (~\$15,000), Long-Term Easement Stewardship (~120,000), Easement Acquisition (~\$687,500) and Professional Services for Acquisition (~\$110,000) have not been assessed Direct and Necessary costs. In addition to itemized costs captured in our proposal budget, direct and necessary costs cover HR Support (~\$11,995), Safety Support (~\$2,756), Financial Support (~\$11,659), Communication Support (~\$5,082), IT Support (~\$24,839), and Planning Support (~\$4,287) that are necessary to accomplishing funded programs/projects.

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

Explanation of Use of Classified Staff:

Consistent with approved work plans for previous ENRTF appropriations for the SNA program, this funding will be used to pay project-associated costs for classified and unclassified staff paid almost exclusively with special project funds. These positions would not exist, but for special project funding received through the ENRTF and other funds. Each year these positions are assigned work based on the particular combination of soft funding available to address priority SNA Program activities.

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

Enter Total Estimated Personnel Hours: 16,890	Divide by 2,080 = TOTAL FTE: 8.12 FTE
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Total Number of Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Estimated to Be Funded through Contracts with this ENRTF Appropriation: How many employees a future contractor will use, the hours they will work, or what salary they may pay their employees is not known. What is known is that \$319,350 in contracts will be executed. If approximately 75% of those dollars go towards employees at the same average cost of DNR staff working on this project, below would be a rough estimate of FTEs.

Enter Total Estimated Personnel Hours: 7,980	Divide by 2,080 = TOTAL FTE: 3.8 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:			
N/A	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Other State \$ To Be Applied To Project During Project Period:			
DNR General Budget: CCM Individual Placement office space rent, desk, chair	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	Secured
Some NPB acquisitions are funded with a combination of state appropriations (e.g. OHF and Critical Habitat Match). If any other funds are used for landowner payments for acquisitions funded in part with this appropriation, accomplishments will be pro-rated by the actual expenditures per funding source.	\$0**	\$0**	On-going
Past and Current ENRTF Appropriation:			
ENRTF ML15, Ch76, Sec2, Subd9d: Native Prairie Stewardship and Prairie Bank Acquisition	\$ 3,325,000	\$ 933,498 Spent \$343,607 Encumbered	July 2015-June 2018
ENRTF ML17, Ch96, Sec2, Subd9e: Native Prairie Stewardship and Prairie Bank Easement Acquisition	\$2,675,000	\$17,284 Spent \$107,988 Encumbered	July 2017-June 2020
Other Funding History:			
OHF ML13, Ch137, Art1, Sec2, Subd4g: Accelerated Prairie – SNA prairie restoration & enhancement (estimated NPB portion only)	\$ 31,500	\$ 25,761 Spent	July 2013-June 2018
OHF ML14, Ch256, Art1, Sec2, Subd4h: Accelerated Prairie – SNA prairie restoration & enhancement (estimated NPB portion only)	\$202,000	\$165,048 Spent \$17,409 Encumbered	July 2014-June 2019
OHF ML14, Ch256, Art1, Sec2, Subd2e: NPB & RIM Acquisition (estimated NPB Portion only)	\$3,000,000	\$2,888,827 Spent \$542 Encumbered	July 2014-June 2023 (Acquisition complete, finishing up restoration projects tied to new acquisitions)
OHF ML15, First Sp. Session, Ch. 2, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd2e: Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection	\$3,740,000	\$1,350,888 Spent \$121,912 Encumbered	July 2014-June 2018+
OHF ML15, First Sp. Session, Ch. 2, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd2k: Accelerated Prairie Restoration & Enhancement (estimated NPB portion only)	\$170,000	\$73,895 Spent \$17,890 Encumbered	July 2015-June 2020
OHF ML16, Ch. 172, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd2f: Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection	\$2,451,000	\$9,597 Spent \$3,321 Encumbered	July 2016-June 2019+

OHF ML16, Ch. 172, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd2j: Accelerated Prairie Restoration & Enhancement (estimated NPB portion only)	\$215,000	\$29,674 Spent \$6,879 Encumbered	July 2016-June 2021
OHF ML17, Ch. 91, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd2f: Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection	\$2,481,000	\$7 Spent \$2,319 Encumbered	July 2017-June 2020+
OHF ML17, Ch. 91, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd2i: Accelerated Prairie Restoration & Enhancement (estimated NPB portion only)	\$126,760	\$1,258 spent \$1,150 Encumbered	July 2017-June 2022

** Outdoor Heritage Fund appropriations for acquisition and prairie restoration and enhancement occur concurrently with this ENRTF appropriation. These OHF funds are used for similar but separate projects as the ENRTF funding.

VI. PROJECT PARTNERS:

A. Partners receiving ENRTF funding

Name	Title	Affiliation	Role
N/A			

B. Partners NOT receiving ENRTF funding

Name	Title	Affiliation	Role
Various local staff from SWCDs, NRCS, DNR, USFWS, TNC, Pheasants Forever, etc.	Local Technical Teams (LTTs)	MN Prairie Conservation Plan	Landowner Outreach & Management Support

VII. LONG-TERM- IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING:

Currently, DNR holds 11,600 acres of NPB easements, which accounts for 40% of the MBS mapped native prairie protected through conservation easements statewide. If NPB aimed to protect 40% of the Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan native prairie easement protection goals, NPB would need to acquire an additional 44,000 acres. At the same time, without active natural resource management prairie values will be lost. Thus NPB could utilize ENRTF support of about \$5M per year to sustain and protect native prairie.

VIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

- The project is for 3 years, will begin on 07/01/2018, and end on 06/30/2021.
- Periodic project status update reports will be submitted March 1 and September 1 of each year.
- A final report and associated products will be submitted between June 30 and August 15, 2021.

IX. SEE ADDITIONAL WORK PLAN COMPONENTS:

- A. Budget Spreadsheet
- B. Visual Component or Map
- C. Parcel List Spreadsheet
- D. Acquisition, Easements, and Restoration Requirements

Attachment A:

Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

M.L. 2018 Budget Spreadsheet

Project Title: Easement Program for Native Prairie Bank

Legal Citation: M.L. 2018, Chp. 214, Art. 4, Sec. 02, Subd. 09i

Project Manager: Judy Schulte

Organization: Mn DNR-SNA

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

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

Project Length and Completion Date: 3 years, 06/30/2021

Date of Report: February 22, 2017



ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BUDGET	Budget	Amount Spent	Balance
BUDGET ITEM			
Personnel (Wages and Benefits) - Overall	\$518,400	\$0	\$518,400
This funding will be used to pay project-associated costs for classified and unclassified staff paid almost exclusively with special project funds. These positions would not exist, but for special project funding received through the ENRTF and other funds.			
Acquisition and Management Coordinators & Prairie Biologist (0.31 FTE for 2-yrs) (Total estimated amount \$56,000)			
Specialist and Technician (3.29 FTE spread across 6 people for 2-yrs) (Total estimated amount \$427,900)			
Laborer and seasonal crews (0.46 FTE spread across 3-5 people for 2-yrs) (Total estimated amount \$34,500)			
Professional/Technical/Service Contracts	\$319,350	\$0	\$319,350
Professional/Technical			
Activity 1-Outcome 3 (~\$38,000) Landowner Network CCM Individual Placement			
Activity 1-Outcome 4 (~\$80,000) Prairie Stewardship Plans (~10 plans) Contractors to be selected following state procurement & bidding processes			
Activity 2-Outcome 5 (~\$26,850) Adaptive Management Monitoring (~10 NPBs).			
Service Contracts			
Activity 2-Outcome 1 (~\$10,000) Prairie reconstruction/restoration (~20 ac.) Priority given to CCM; contractors to be selected following state procurement & bidding processes			
Activity 2-Outcome 2 (~\$149,500) Woody removal & exotic species treatment (~ 130 ac.) Priority given to CCM; contractors to be selected following state procurement & bidding processes			
Activity 2-Outcome 3: (~\$15,000) Prescribed Burns (~120 ac) Priority given to CCM; contractors to be selected following state procurement & bidding processes			
Equipment/Tools/Supplies	\$27,450	\$0	\$27,450

Activity 1: Outreach materials, baseline property report printing (\$4,500) Activity 2: herbicide, posts, signs, safety supplies, equipment repair/parts, seed cleaning/testing, field tools, fence (\$22,650) Activity 3: Deed & baseline property report printing, field tools (\$300)			
Easement Acquisition			
Estimate securing about 6 easements for 275 acres that will be held by the MN DNR - SNA Program	\$687,500	\$0	\$687,500
Easement Stewardship			
Long-Term Easement Stewardship Funding	\$120,000	\$0	\$120,000
Professional Services for Acquisition			
Attorney General's Office and DNR Lands and Minerals costs associated with completing an acquisition; anticipate about 6 transactions; cost/transaction vary between projects.	\$110,000	\$0	\$110,000
Travel expenses in Minnesota			
Fleet charges for trucks, cars, & equipment, e.g. mowers, seeders; mileage, lodging & meals as per state contracts	\$140,681	\$0	\$140,681
Other			
CCM Individual Placement monthly computer rental	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
Prairie Tax Exemption Online System-MNIT Services assistance for Stage 2 of the creation of an online application system (Activity 1 Outcome 5)	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000
Direct & Necessary Costs: DNR's direct and necessary costs pay for activities that are directly related to and necessary for accomplishing appropriated programs/projects. This includes HR Support (~\$11,995), Safety Support (~\$2,756), Financial Support (~\$11,659), Communication Support (~\$5,082), IT Support (~\$24,839), and Planning Support (~\$4,287).	\$60,619	\$0	\$60,619
COLUMN TOTAL	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,000,000

Attachment C:
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 M.L. 2018 Acquisition/Restoration Parcel List Spreadsheet
 Project Title: Private Native Prairie Conservation through Native Prairie Bank
 Legal Citation:
 Project Manager: Judy Schulte
 Organization: MN DNR-SNA
 College/Department/Division: Division of Ecological & Water Resources
 M.L. 2018 ENRTF Appropriation: \$2,000,000
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#	Acquisition or Restoration Parcel Name	Geographic Coordinates (preferably from the center of the parcel) Format: [Deg.]° [Min.]' [Sec.]" [Hemis.]		Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual PILT Liabilities	County	Site Significance (please include what ecosystem (e.g., prairie, forest, wetland, savanna) is represented as well as the ecological significance, site importance, conservation value, and public benefits)	Activity Description (e.g. fee title acquisition, conservation easement acquisition, site preparation, restoration)	# of Acres	# of Shoreline Miles	Type of Landowner (private individual or trust, non-profit organization, for-profit entity)	Proposed Fee Title or Easement Holder (if applicable)	Status of work (e.g. engaged in landowner negotiations, no longer in consideration, restoration activities underway)
		Latitude	Longitude										
1	Chanarambie Creek Prairies	43° 55' 12.9"	96° 1' 8.0"	\$2800/ac	N/A	Murray, Pipestone	Dry gravel, mesic & wet prairies in biggest grassland complex with the highest quality prairie parcels in SW MN	Conservation easement acquisition	80		Private	DNR-SNA	
2	Lac Qui Parle Prairies	43° 12' 10.4"	96° 10' 32.1"	\$2300/ac	N/A	Big Stone, Lac Que Parle	Next to existing DNR and TNC protected native prairies, part of a large macro site with many native prairie tracts; expands habitat for many rare butterfly and bird species, as well as Prairie Chickens	Conservation easement acquisition	200		Private	DNR-SNA	
3	Antelope Hills Prairie	44° 56' 0.5"	96° 20' 29.8"	\$2300/ac	N/A	Lac Qui Parle	Mixture of dry hill, sand-gravel, mesic and wet prairies. Expands habitat for many rare plant and bird species	Conservation easement acquisition	160		Private	DNR-SNA	
4	Glacial Lakes & Moraine Prairie	45° 25' 20.0"	95° 14' 34.5"	\$2800/ac	N/A	Pope, Kandiyohi, Swift, Stearns	Dry sand-gravel prairies of the Alexandria Moraine, provides habitat for the Threatened Dakota Skipper as well as the Poweshiek Skipper and Regal Fritillary	Conservation easement acquisition	150		Private	DNR-SNA	
5	Prairie Coteau/Rock River Prairies	44° 4' 59.4"	96° 10' 23.8"	\$2600/ac	N/A	Pipestone	Dry hill prairie, prairie meadow, wet prairie, rare species; part of a large, contiguous prairie macrosite, expands habitat around the Prairie Coteau SNA	Conservation easement acquisition	150		Private	DNR-SNA	
6	Hole-in-the-Mountain Prairies	44° 11' 36.9"	96° 19' 1.8"	\$2600/ac	N/A	Pipestone, Lincoln	Dry hill prairie, prairie meadow, wet prairie, rare species; part of a large, contiguous prairie macrosite, expands habitat around existing TNC and DNR lands	Conservation easement acquisition	150		Private	DNR-SNA	
7	Shakotan Prairies	44° 23' 1.9"	96° 25' 25.4"	\$2600/ac	N/A	Lincoln	Dry hill prairie, prairie meadow, wet prairie, rare species; part of a large, contiguous prairie macrosite	Conservation easement acquisition	150		Private	DNR-SNA	
8	Upper MN River Prairies	44° 40' 21.2"	95° 19' 2.0"	\$2900/ac	N/A	Chippewa, Yellow Medicine, Renville, Redwood	MN River Valley native prairie including oak savanna, wet prairie, rock outcrops; expands habitat for many rare plants, butterflies and birds	Conservation easement acquisition	200		Private	DNR-SNA	
9	Yellow Medicine Coteau Prairie	44° 43' 42.7"	96° 25' 47.0"	\$2500/ac	N/A	Yellow Medicine	Dry hill prairie, prairie meadow, wet prairie, rare species; part of a large, contiguous prairie macrosite, expands habitat for Western White Prairie Clover and Upland Sandpiper	Conservation easement acquisition	160		Private	DNR-SNA	

10	Des Moines River Valley	43° 50' 31.2"	95° 7' 7.6"	\$3000/ac	N/A	Cottonwood Jackson	Des Moines River Valley native prairie including oak savanna, dry hill prairie; expands habitat for many, butterflies, birds and rare plants - including Prairie Bush Clover.	Conservation easement acquisition	100	Private	DNR-SNA
11	Blue Mounds/Touch-The-Sky Prairies	43° 43' 16.2"	96° 12' 43.3"	\$4000/Ac	N/A	Rock	Mesic to wet prairie with rock outcrops; provides habitat for many rare rock outcrop plants	Conservation easement acquisition	80	Private	DNR-SNA
12	Big Stone Moraines	45° 19' 7.5"	96° 20' 2.4"	\$1800/ac	N/A	Big Stone	Prairie meadow, wet prairie, rare species; part of a large, contiguous prairie macrosite, expands habitat for many rare species as well as Prairie Chickens	Conservation easement acquisition	200	Private	DNR-SNA
13	Big Stone Lake Prairie	45° 25' 33.7"	96° 40' 41.0"	\$1800/Ac	N/A	Big Stone	Dry Hill, mesic and wet prairies along Big Stone Lake next to DNR state park and SNA parcels	Conservation easement acquisition	80	Private	DNR-SNA
14	Rothsay Prairies	46° 29' 27.0"	96° 21' 23.4"	\$1600/ac	N/A	Wilkin	Prairie meadow, wet prairie, rare species; part of a large, contiguous prairie macrosite, expands habitat for many rare species as well as Prairie Chickens	Conservation easement acquisition	160	Private	DNR-SNA
15	Glacial Ridge Prairies	47° 41' 46.9"	96° 18' 43.9"	\$1600/ac	N/A	Polk	Prairie meadow, wet prairie, rare species; part of a large, contiguous prairie macrosite, expands habitat for many rare species as well as Prairie Chickens	Conservation easement acquisition	160	Private	DNR-SNA
16	Felton Prairies	47° 3' 48.0"	96° 24' 53.7"	\$1800/ac	N/A	Clay	Prairie meadow, wet prairie, rare species; part of a large, contiguous prairie macrosite, expands habitat for many rare species as well as Prairie	Conservation easement acquisition	100	Private	DNR-SNA
17	Lake Christina Hills Prairies	46° 6' 33.3"	95° 41' 33.8"	\$1800/ac	N/A	Ottertail, Douglas, Grant	Dry Hill to wet prairies; part of the rolling topography of the Alexandria moraine	Conservation easement acquisition	80	Private	DNR-SNA
18	Sherburne Sands Prairies	45° 23' 40.7"	93° 39' 49.8"	\$1600/ac	N/A	Sherburne	A mosaic of prairie, wetlands and oak savanna set in an important transition zone	Conservation easement acquisition	80	Private	DNR-SNA
19	Frontenac Hay Creek Bluffs	44° 30' 20.5"	92° 25' 6.1"	\$2600/ac	N/A	Goodhue	Southern dry bedrock bluff (goat) prairies in a complex of bluff prairies and cold streams	Conservation easement acquisition	40	Private	DNR-SNA
20	Kellogg-Weaver Dunes Prairies	44° 16' 10.6"	91° 56' 2.8"	\$2500/ac	N/A	Wabasha, Winona	Rolling sand dune topography, mature dunes with dry, mesic, or wet prairie as well as oak savanna	Conservation easement acquisition	40	Private	DNR-SNA
21	Root River Valley Prairies	43° 46' 14.6"	91° 39' 51.8"	\$2400/ac	N/A	Houston, Filmore, Winona	Southern Dry Bedrock Bluff (goat) prairies in a complex of bluff prairies and cold streams; habitat for timber rattlesnakes	Conservation easement acquisition	40	Private	DNR-SNA
22	Lake Bronson and Aspen Parkland Prairies	48° 50' 39.1"	96° 30' 53.5"	\$1000/ac	N/A	Kittson, Roseau, Marshall	Aspen parkland complex-many prairie dominated aspen complexes are succeeding to woodland in absence of fire	Conservation easement acquisition	200	Private	DNR-SNA
23	Agassiz Dunes	47° 29' 8.3"	96° 20' 14.3"	\$1,800/ac	N/A	Polk, Norman	Dry barrens oak savanna-rare prairie plant community in northern MN	Conservation easement acquisition	150	Private	DNR-SNA
24	Wambach Santee Prairie	47° 24' 55.7"	95° 56' 36.3"	\$1,000/ac	N/A	Mahnomen	Prairie meadow complexes, prairie rich fens and other rare northern plant communities	Conservation easement acquisition	150	Private	DNR-SNA
25	Blanket Flower Prairies	46° 42' 5.4"	96° 11' 37.1"	\$1500/ac	N/A	Clay, Becker, Otter Tail	Dry Sand-gravel prairie in Alexandria Moraine and Hardwood Hills subsection	Conservation easement acquisition	200	Private	DNR-SNA
26	Blue Stem Prairie	46° 49' 50.0"	96° 26' 56.0"	\$1800/ac	N/A	Clay	Mesic, wet meadow/carr, & wet prairie parcels intermixed with DNR SNA and Audobon preserves	Conservation easement acquisition	80	Private	DNR-SNA
27	Lake Traverse Prairies	45° 42' 2.0"	96° 40' 48.2"	\$2000/ac	N/A	Traverse	Dry prairie and prairie- woodland complex	Conservation easement acquisition	150	Private	DNR-SNA

NOTES: NPB acquisition will be targeted at high quality native prairie parcels in the areas listed above. These are named Prairie Core Areas identified in the MN Prairie Conservation Plan, plus priority areas in SE MN. Restoration will occur on newly acquired and existing NPB sites. When identified, specific restoration parcels will be added to the work plan parcel list.

