

# Final Abstract

Final Report Approved on March 2, 2026

## M.L. 2021 Project Abstract

For the Period Ending June 30, 2025

**Project Title:** State Parks and State Trails Inholdings

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**Funding Source:**

**Fiscal Year:**

**Legal Citation:** M.L. 2021, First Special Session, Chp. 6, Art. 6, Sec. 2, Subd. 09u and M.L. 2024, Chp. Sec. 2, Subd. 18

**Appropriation Amount:** \$2,560,000

**Amount Spent:** \$1,425,482

**Amount Remaining:** \$1,134,518

### Sound bite of Project Outcomes and Results

The acquisition of 203.22 acres in six Minnesota State Parks and 61.04 acres along one State Trail ensures permanent, effective protection and management of pristine natural areas. These lands represent Minnesota's diverse landscapes and will support enjoyment by park and trail users for generations to come.

### Overall Project Outcome and Results

Funding from the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund enabled the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to acquire 264.26 acres within six Minnesota State Parks and one legislatively authorized State Trail. These acquisitions protect important natural resources, expand recreation, and support long-term stewardship.

At Father Hennepin State Park, 54.01 acres were acquired, protecting lowland swamp and upland deciduous forest while creating opportunities to expand the park's trail system.

At the Goodhue Pioneer State Trail, 61.04 acres were purchased to provide a critical link for future trail extension. This acquisition was jointly funded with M.L. 2019, First Special Session, Ch. 4, Art. 2, Sec. 2, Subd. 09c.

At Wild River State Park, 0.9 acres were acquired, eliminating the last private inholding on the park's south boundary. Restoration is planned for this property.

At Lake Louise State Park, 41.28 acres were acquired for restoration. Once complete, the site will support hunting, birdwatching, photography, and hiking.

At Myre–Big Island State Park, 68.53 acres were acquired adjacent to land already undergoing a multi-year restoration effort. Once restored, the new property will provide additional hiking opportunities. This acquisition was also jointly funded with M.L. 2019, First Special Session, Ch. 4, Art. 2, Sec. 2, Subd. 09c.

At Mille Lacs Kathio State Park, 26.1 acres were acquired through two parcels adjacent to Shakopee Lake. These lands will be maintained in their natural condition with no planned development.

At Tettegouche State Park, 12.4 acres along the Baptism River were acquired to preserve natural resources without development.

Together, these acquisitions strengthen Minnesota's State Parks and Trails system by expanding protected lands, enhancing recreational opportunities, and ensuring long-term conservation of critical habitats and landscapes.

#### **Project Results Use and Dissemination**

The acquisitions dissemination has 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. There are also maps posted at the local units for visitors to see the recently acquired lands funded by LCCMR.



## Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

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### General Information

**Date:** March 5, 2026

**ID Number:** 2021-371

**Staff Lead:** Tiffany Schaufler

**Project Title:** State Parks and State Trails Inholdings

**Project Budget:** \$2,560,000

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### Project Reporting

**Final Report Approved:** March 2, 2026

**Reporting Status:** Project Completed

**Date of Last Action:** March 2, 2026

**Project Completion:** June 30, 2025

### Legal Information

**Legal Citation:** M.L. 2021, First Special Session, Chp. 6, Art. 6, Sec. 2, Subd. 09u and M.L. 2024, Chp. Sec. 2, Subd. 18

**Appropriation Language:** \$2,560,000 the first year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire high-priority inholdings from willing sellers within the legislatively authorized boundaries of state parks, recreation areas, and trails to protect Minnesota's natural heritage, enhance outdoor recreation, and improve the efficiency of public land management. and (a) The availability of the appropriations for the following projects is extended to June 30, 2025: (22) Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 6, article 6, section 2, subdivision 9, paragraph (u), State Parks and State Trails Inholdings.

**Appropriation End Date:** June 30, 2025



## Narrative

**Project Summary:** Acquire top priority in-holdings within legislatively established boundaries of Minnesota's 75 State Parks and State Recreation Areas and 26 State Trails from willing sellers

**Describe the opportunity or problem your proposal seeks to address. Include any relevant background information.**

This proposal is an investment in the future, fulfilling legislative direction to acquire parcels from willing sellers within legislatively authorized and defined state parks, state recreation areas and state trails systems. This project will protect and enhance Minnesota's environment and natural resources, promote positive economic impacts and increase outdoor recreation opportunities for all Minnesota citizens and visitors. Most Minnesota state parks and trails in-holdings are once-in-a-lifetime opportunities. Interested willing sellers often have a vision to include their family's treasured property as a part of a State Park or State Trail for the public to enjoy their land into perpetuity. If funding is unavailable to pursue an acquisition, the property is at risk to be subdivided, developed or taken off the market for decades.

**What is your proposed solution to the problem or opportunity discussed above? Introduce us to the work you are seeking funding to do. You will be asked to expand on this proposed solution in Activities & Milestones.**

Currently, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) 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 MN DNR currently owns and manages on behalf of the public approximately 50% of the land needed to complete the 26 legislatively authorized State Trails. The MN DNR has identified and ranked each parcel within legislatively defined boundaries and alignments for state parks and Trails. The MN DNR maintains, reviews and annually updates a general statewide priority list of willing sellers. Potential projects are analyzed using investment criteria established in the DNR Parks and Trails System Plan.

**What are the specific project outcomes as they relate to the public purpose of protection, conservation, preservation, and enhancement of the state's natural resources?**

The successful acquisition of the identified properties will result in expanded natural and cultural resources protection and restoration, environmental educational programming, increased economic activity in local communities, and enhanced outdoor recreation opportunities to engage current and future generations in Minnesota's great outdoors. .

## Project Location

**What is the best scale for describing where your work will take place?**

Statewide

**What is the best scale to describe the area impacted by your work?**

Statewide

**When will the work impact occur?**

During the Project and In the Future

## Activities and Milestones

### Activity 1: State Park In-Holdings

**Activity Budget:** \$2,230,000

**Activity Description:**

This project proposes the acquisition of high priority property in-holdings located entirely within the boundaries of state parks and state recreation areas. The successful acquisition of these properties will eliminate the potential for future development and associated resource fragmentation within the statutory boundaries that are inconsistent with legislative intent and the unit’s management plans. The primary benefit of State acquisition of the identified properties, however, is the opportunity provided to conserve and protect substantial areas that contain rare, unique or high quality natural resource communities and areas of significant bio-diversity while also expanding the potential for public recreational access to areas which were previously inaccessible or privately held. After acquisition, site preparation and restoration of the property will occur if needed to bring it to minimum public use standards. The priority properties considered for acquisition under this project are proposed in Nerstrand Bigwoods, Myre-Big Island, McCarthy Beach, Cascade River, and Maplewood State Parks. Should one of these acquisitions be unsuccessful, the MN DNR may request an amendment to the Project Workplan that will identify a replacement property selected from a statewide priority list of willing sellers of in-holding properties maintained by the Parks and Trails Division.

**Activity Milestones:**

Description	Approximate Completion Date
Priority park inholdings identified and initiate landowner discussions	December 31, 2021
Other or secondary inholdings identified if needed	June 30, 2022
Priority inholdings department land review processes and valuation completed by LAM acquisition services	December 31, 2022
Secondary inholdings department land review processes and valuation completed by LAM acquisition services	June 30, 2023
Final land owner negotiations and priority inholdings transaction complete	June 30, 2023
Final land owner negotiations and secondary inholdings transaction complete	December 31, 2023
Restoration priority inholding complete	June 30, 2024
Restoration secondary inholding complete	June 30, 2024

### Activity 2: Legislatively Authorized State Trails

**Activity Budget:** \$330,000

**Activity Description:**

Acquire high priority in-holdings along legislatively authorized state trails from willing sellers statewide to fulfill master plans throughout the State of Minnesota. Potential high priority parcels include in-holdings in Goodhue-Pioneer State Trail - Goodhue to Zumbrota Segment.

**Activity Milestones:**

Description	Approximate Completion Date
Priority trail inholdings identified and initiate landowner discussions	December 31, 2021
Other or secondary inholdings identified if needed	June 30, 2022
Priority inholdings department land review processes and valuation completed by LAM acquisition services	December 31, 2023
Secondary inholdings department land review processes and valuation completed by LAM acquisition services	December 31, 2023

Final land owner negotiations and priority inholdings transaction complete	June 30, 2024
Final land owner negotiations and secondary inholdings transaction complete	June 30, 2024

## Project Partners and Collaborators

Name	Organization	Role	Receiving Funds
Brett Feldman	Parks and Trails Council of Minnesota	The Parks and Trails Council provides support and advocacy for State Park Improvements and In-Holding Acquisition.	No

## Dissemination

**Describe your plans for dissemination, presentation, documentation, or sharing of data, results, samples, physical collections, and other products and how they will follow ENRTF Acknowledgement Requirements and Guidelines.**

DNR will promote land acquisition activities to ensure public awareness of the value that new parcels or easements add to individual facilities. The Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) will be acknowledged through use of the trust fund logo or attribution language on project print and electronic media, publications, signage, and other communications per the ENRTF Acknowledgement Guidelines.

## Long-Term Implementation and Funding

**Describe how the results will be implemented and how any ongoing effort will be funded. If not already addressed as part of the project, how will findings, results, and products developed be implemented after project completion? If additional work is needed, how will this work be funded?**

Each of the properties identified for potential acquisition are located within existing state park or state recreation area boundaries or along authorized state trail corridor. All facilities are components of the Outdoor Recreation System which require individual master plans to guide land acquisition, development and improvement, public use and resource management. The Parks and Trails Division maintains an active priority parcel list of potential acquisitions to pursue, based on available funding sources. All property surveys, valuations, negotiations and transactions will be completed by the staff of the MN DNR Lands and Minerals Division

## Other ENRTF Appropriations Awarded in the Last Six Years

Name	Appropriation	Amount Awarded
State Parks and State Trails Land Acquisitions	M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 09a	\$1,500,000
Minnesota State Parks and State Trails Land Acquisition	M.L. 2017, Chp. 96, Sec. 2, Subd. 09c	\$1,500,000
Minnesota State Parks and State Trails	M.L. 2018, Chp. 214, Art. 4, Sec. 2, Subd. 09k	\$2,500,000
Minnesota State Parks and State Trails In-Holdings	M.L. 2019, First Special Session, Chp. 4, Art. 2, Sec. 2, Subd. 09c	\$2,000,000

## Budget Summary

Category / Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Purpose	Gen. Ineligible	% Benefits	# FTE	Classified Staff?	\$ Amount	\$ Amount Spent	\$ Amount Remaining
<b>Personnel</b>										
							<b>Sub Total</b>	-	-	-
<b>Contracts and Services</b>										
MNDNR Lands and Minerals Division	Acquisition costs	The Lands and Minerals Division staff provides for or directly oversees all land acquisitions for the Parks and Trails Division, including all land valuations, land surveys, recording and legal services.				3		\$150,000	\$133,897	\$16,103
Contractor	Professional or Technical Service Contract	Contract for services to bring acquired parcels to minimum public use standards.				1		\$50,000	-	\$50,000
							<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$133,897</b>	<b>\$66,103</b>
<b>Equipment, Tools, and Supplies</b>										
							<b>Sub Total</b>	-	-	-
<b>Capital Equipment</b>										
							<b>Sub Total</b>	-	-	-
<b>Acquisitions and Stewardship</b>										
	Fee Title Acquisition	Acres: 277 Parcels: 7						\$1,902,200	\$1,284,232	\$617,968
	Fee Title Acquisition	Acres: 21 Parcels: 2						\$457,800	\$7,353	\$450,447
							<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$2,360,000</b>	<b>\$1,291,585</b>	<b>\$1,068,415</b>
<b>Travel In Minnesota</b>										

							<b>Sub Total</b>	-	-	-
<b>Travel Outside Minnesota</b>										
							<b>Sub Total</b>	-	-	-
<b>Printing and Publication</b>										
							<b>Sub Total</b>	-	-	-
<b>Other Expenses</b>										
							<b>Sub Total</b>	-	-	-
							<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$2,560,000</b>	<b>\$1,425,482</b>	<b>\$1,134,518</b>

Classified Staff or Generally Ineligible Expenses

Category/Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Justification Ineligible Expense or Classified Staff Request
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## Non ENRTF Funds

Category	Specific Source	Use	Status	\$ Amount	\$ Amount Spent	\$ Amount Remaining
<b>State</b>						
Cash	Parks and Trails Legacy Funds FY21, MN Session Laws 2019, 1st Special Session, Chapter 2, Article 3, Section 3, (a)	Parks and Trails Division Allocation for State Parks and State Trail property acquisitions and related transactions	Secured	\$450,000	\$450,000	-
			<b>State Sub Total</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Non-State</b>						
			<b>Non State Sub Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
			<b>Funds Total</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>	<b>-</b>

## Acquisition and Restoration

### Parcel List

Name	County	Site Significance	Activity	Acres	Miles	Estimated Cost	Type of Landowner	Easement or Title Holder	Status of Work
Cascade River Parcel 1	Cook	Cascade River State Park	Fee Title	20	-	\$350,000	Private	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	No Longer Being Considered
Father Hennepin	Mille Lacs	Father Hennepin State Park	Fee Title	55	-	\$135,000	Private	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	Purchased
Goodhue Pioneer State Trail	Goodhue	Goodhue Pioneer State Trail	Fee Title	60	4	\$8,991	Private	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	Purchased
Goodhue Pioneer State Trail - multiple parcels	Goodhue	Goodhue Pioneer State Trail	Fee Title	3	0.25	\$50,000	Private	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	No Longer Being Considered
Greenleaf Lake	Meeker	Greenleaf Lake State Recreation Area	Fee Title	100	-	\$200,000	Private	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	No Longer Being Considered
Jay Cooke	Carlton	Jay Cooke State Park	Fee Title	40	-	\$1,158	Public	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	Purchased
Lake Louise	Mower	Lake Louise State Park	Fee Title	40	-	\$300,000	Private	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	Purchased
Maplewood Parcel 1	Otter Tail	Maplewood State Park	Fee Title	135	-	\$500,000	Private	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	Purchased
McCarthy Beach Parcel 1	St. Louis	McCarthy Beach State Park	Fee Title	40	-	\$430,000	Private	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	No Longer Being Considered

Mill Town	Rice	Mill Towns State Trail	Easement - Other	9	-	\$230,000	Private	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	No Longer Being Considered
Mille Lacs Kathio Parcel 1	Mille Lacs	Mille Lacs Kathio State Park	Fee Title	25	-	\$85,000	Private	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	Purchased
Mille Lacs Kathio Parcel 2	Mille Lacs	Mille Lacs Kathio State Park	Fee Title	3	-	\$15,000	Private	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	Purchased
Minnesota Valley	Scott	Minnesota Valley State Trail	Fee Title	1	-	\$10,000	Private	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	Negotiations In Progress
Myre Big Island Parcel 1	Freeborn	Myre Big Island State Park	Fee Title	68.53	-	\$550,043	Private	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	Purchased
Myre Big Island Parcel 2	Freeborn	Myre Big Island State Park	Fee Title	30	-	\$330,000	Private	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	No Longer Being Considered
Nerstrand Parcel 1	Rice	Nerstrand Big Woods State Park	Fee Title	5	-	\$100,000	Private	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	No Longer Being Considered
Nerstrand Parcel 2	Rice	Nerstrand Big Woods State Park	Fee Title	7	-	\$150,000	Private	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	No Longer Being Considered
Tettegouche	Lake	Tettegouche State Park	Fee Title	13	-	\$70,000	Private	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	Purchased
Wild River	Chisago	Wild River State Park	Fee Title	0.9	-	\$78,810	Private	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	Purchased
William O'Brien Property 1	Washington	William O'Brien State Park	Fee Title	59.97	0	-	Private	Minnesota Department of	Purchased

								Natural Resources	
William O'Brien Property 2	Washington	William O'Brien State Park	Fee Title	6	-	\$7,625	Private	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	No Longer Being Considered
<b>Totals</b>				<b>721.4</b>	<b>4.25</b>	<b>\$3,601,627</b>			

## Fee Acquisition

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

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MnDNR) has identified and ranked each parcel within legislatively defined boundaries and alignments for State Parks and Trails. The MnDNR maintains, reviews and annually updates a general statewide priority list of willing sellers. Potential projects are analyzed using investment criteria established in the DNR Parks and Trails System Plan

**2. List all adopted state, regional, or local natural resource plans in which the lands included in the parcel list are identified for the acquisition purposes you propose. Include the URL to the plan if one is available.**

MNDNR Parks and Trail Division Park and Trail Management Plans

**3. For any parcels acquired in fee title, a restoration and management plan 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.**

The scope and nature of restoration of acquire parcels will be based upon the nature of the potential use. All resource management plans for individual parks and trails facility are maintained by the Division Resource Manager. Long term maintenance and management of the slected properties will be assumed by the existing Parks and Trails Division Facility Managers and Staff.

**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.**

For each property purchased will be subject to County Board Approval per DNR administrative direction.

**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.**

Confirmed.

## Restoration

**1. Provide a statement confirming that all restoration activities completed with these funds will occur on land permanently protected by a conservation easement or public ownership.**

All restoration activities completed with these funds will occur on land permanently protected by a conservation easement or public ownership.

**2. Summarize the components and expected outcomes of restoration and management plans for the parcels to be restored by your organization, how these plans are kept on file by your organization, and overall strategies for long-term plan implementation.**

After acquisition, site preparation and restoration of the property will occur if needed to bring it to minimum public use standards. Improvements on site will be divested and the site will be restored to a natural plant community. The resource staff will determine appropriate restoration specifications and implementation plans. The resource staff will conduct or contract the restoration. Long-term management of the restored parcels will be managed by the unit managers along with the resource staff. Plans will be kept on file at the managing unit along with the project document folders.

**3. Describe how restoration efforts will utilize and follow the Board of Soil and Water Resources “Native Vegetation Establishment and Enhancement Guidelines” in order to ensure ecological integrity and pollinator enhancement.**

Site restoration are advised through division resource assessments conducted by the resource assessment staff. Restorations are informed by Native Plant Community determinations and department pollinator guidelines.

**4. Describe how the long-term maintenance and management needs of the parcel being restored with these funds will be met and financed into the future.**

Initial site restoration will be funded with LCCMR funds. Once those funds are no longer available, future maintenance and management needs will be funded with regular operational budgets.

**5. Describe how consideration will be given to contracting with Conservation Corps of Minnesota for any restoration activities.**

DNR currently funds Conservation Corps crews for resource work on state park and trails lands. If appropriate, the Conservation Corps crews will conduct resource work on these projects.

**6. Provide a statement indicating that evaluations will be completed on parcels where activities were implemented both 1) initially after activity completion and 2) three years later as a follow-up. Evaluations should analyze improvements to the parcel and whether goals have been met, identify any problems with the implementation, and identify any findings that can be used to improve implementation of future restoration efforts at the site or elsewhere.**

Once the sites are restored, they will go into a normal management rotation including restoration evaluation along with the rest of the unit. Resource staff will conduct the evaluations and management.

## Attachments

### Required Attachments

#### *Map*

File: [a3bf41ae-d54.pdf](#)

#### *Alternate Text for Map*

Map of State of Minnesota with each state park and state trail where land acquisition under this project is proposed are identified....

### Supplemental Attachments

#### *Capital Project Questionnaire, Budget Supplements, Support Letter, Photos, Media, Other*

Title	File
Background Check Certification Form	<a href="#">86b5bf5c-0f8.pdf</a>
2021-07-02 ENRTF 2021s Appropriations spreadsheet FY22-Final(003)	<a href="#">3485d55b-1f4.pdf</a>
LCCMR ML21 Proposed Amendment Map	<a href="#">219dc953-55f.pdf</a>
Jay Cooke Ownership Map	<a href="#">b3fda296-4e5.pdf</a>
William O'Brien Ownership Map	<a href="#">8ff113dc-372.pdf</a>
Mill Towns Proposed Easement Alignment	<a href="#">5cc08ba8-6e5.pdf</a>
Lake Louise Proposed Acquisition	<a href="#">b6ce3de7-d2a.pdf</a>
Myre Big Island Dissemination Map	<a href="#">7386d2c0-e5d.pdf</a>
Goodhue Pioneer Dissemination Map	<a href="#">7051aaff-7c1.pdf</a>
Wild River Dissemination Map	<a href="#">b565f5c9-97d.pdf</a>
Mille Lacs Kathio Dissemination Map	<a href="#">37f3b458-13d.pdf</a>
Father Hennepin Proposed Acquisition	<a href="#">d9c52e5c-d7f.pdf</a>
Tettegouche Dissemination Map	<a href="#">7f93d249-f84.pdf</a>
Father Hennepin Dissemination Map	<a href="#">c4a2b2a8-077.pdf</a>
Lake Louise Dissemination Map	<a href="#">34e77e8e-e12.pdf</a>
Abstract	<a href="#">f57d1d8c-487.docx</a>
Final Report Transaction Costs	<a href="#">4234f97a-dab.xlsx</a>

## Difference between Proposal and Work Plan

### *Describe changes from Proposal to Work Plan Stage*

Changes to the workplan reflect the final recommended appropriation amount as well as minor changes to our priority list.

General Information Tab: Does your project include restoration or acquisition of land rights? (please check all that apply)  
– Fee acquisition was previously selected. Restoration was added.

Narrative Tab: Updated the Appropriation End Date to be consistent with 2021-07-02 ENRTF 2021s Appropriations spreadsheet FY22-Final(003).pdf Appropriation End Date. The spreadsheet is saved in the attachments tab.

Activities and Milestones Tab: Updated the Milestones Dates to be consistent with updated Appropriation End Date. Updated parcel locations to be consistent with the updated parcels list.

Budget Tab: Updated Acquisition costs and acreage to be consistent with the updated parcels list.

Attachments Tab: Uploaded background check form. Uploaded updated map with current proposed projects. Uploaded 2021-07-02 ENRTF 2021s Appropriations spreadsheet FY22-Final(003).pdf for reference to appropriation end date change.

Acquisition and Restoration Tab: Since Restoration was selected in the General Information Tab, the restoration questions became available to answer. All questions answered.

Updated the parcel list to remove Charles A Lindbergh and Casey Jones parcels. Those projects were amended to ML19 LCCMR project list due to landowner readiness and unknown if this proposal would have been approved. Added a new parcel with the removal Charles A Lindbergh and Casey Jones parcels, new parcel is at McCarthy Beach State Park. Adjusted some estimated costs to be more accurate, did not change the overall budget.

## Additional Acknowledgements and Conditions:

The following are acknowledgements and conditions beyond those already included in the above workplan:

**Do you understand and acknowledge the ENRTF repayment requirements if the use of capital equipment changes?**

N/A

**Do you understand that travel expenses are only approved if they follow the "Commissioner's Plan" promulgated by the Commissioner of Management of Budget or, for University of Minnesota projects, the University of Minnesota plan?**

N/A

**Does your project have potential for royalties, copyrights, patents, sale of products and assets, or revenue generation?**

No

**Do you understand and acknowledge IP and revenue-return and sharing requirements in 116P.10?**

N/A

**Do you wish to request reinvestment of any revenues into your project instead of returning revenue to the ENRTF?**

N/A

**Does your project include original, hypothesis-driven research?**

No

**Does the organization have a fiscal agent for this project?**

No

## Work Plan Amendments

Amendment ID	Request Type	Changes made on the following pages	Explanation & justification for Amendment Request (word limit 75)	Date Submitted	Approved	Date of LCCMR Action
1	Amendment Request	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acquisition and Restoration - Parcel List</li> <li>• Activities and Milestones</li> <li>• Attachments</li> </ul>	Due to timing and landowner willingness to sell some of the proposed projects moved to older LCCMR funded appropriations and some projects the landowners were not longer willing to sell. The parcel list, activities and milestones, and attachments have been updated to capture the proposed amended parcels. The parcel list now contains all active projects with willing sellers.	July 11, 2022	Yes	August 16, 2022
2	Amendment Request	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget - Professional / Technical Contracts</li> <li>• Budget - Acquisition</li> <li>• Budget - Non-ENRTF Funds Contributed</li> <li>• Acquisition and Restoration - Parcel List</li> </ul>	Seeking an amendment to pay over 100% appraisal value for Myre-Big Island SP acquisition. Landowner declined the offer of \$800K and made a counter offer of \$832K, 4% increase, he also supplied market based data. PAT approved the increase now looking to gain LCCMR approval to use LCCMR ML21 Funds. Budgets and parcels were updated to reflect actual and anticipated costs, acres and statuses. No projects were removed. One project was combined with another.	March 10, 2023	Yes	April 13, 2023
3	Amendment Request	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget - Professional / Technical Contracts</li> <li>• Budget - Acquisition</li> <li>• Budget - Non-ENRTF Funds Contributed</li> <li>• Attachments</li> <li>• Acquisition and Restoration - Parcel List</li> </ul>	Seeking to add secondary projects to the acquisition and restoration list. To replace cancelled projects. Requesting an extension on some activities. Due to the unforeseen activity cancellations and there is a shortage of staff that work on acquisitions and this is causing timelines to double in time to complete, approximately 2 years. Also struggling to find appraisers to appraise "non-cookie cutter" properties. Having to	October 13, 2023	Yes	October 19, 2023

			rebid multiple times. Currently taking 4 months to get an appraisal.			
4	Completion Date	Previous Completion Date: 06/30/2024 New Completion Date: 06/30/2025; Governor Approved on 04/15/2024	Landowner willingness to sell. Had a couple offers rejected and the time it takes to complete a transaction is not ideal for some sellers. Currently taking 1 1/2 years to acquire due to resource availability, primarily staff to work on acquisitions. Projects being moved to previous ML appropriations to consume expiring funding were taken from this list. Lack of ready projects to complete by FY end.	February 2, 2024	Yes	May 21, 2024
5	Amendment Request	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other</li> <li>• Budget - Professional / Technical Contracts</li> <li>• Budget - Acquisition</li> <li>• Attachments</li> <li>• Acquisition and Restoration - Parcel List</li> </ul>	<p>Seeking an amendment to add 3 properties to the parcel list. Those properties are located in Father Hennepin and Lake Louise State Park and Mill Towns State Trail.</p> <p>Given project readiness seeking approval to remove Mill Towns from the ML23 list and add it to this activity list.</p>	October 30, 2024	Yes	October 30, 2024

# Status Update Reporting

## Final Status Update August 14, 2025

**Date Submitted:** September 2, 2025

**Date Approved:** December 4, 2025

### Overall Update

In total, \$1,425,481.65 was successfully spent to expand state-managed lands, adding 203.22 acres to six State Parks and 61.04 acres to one State Trail.

The commission will receive \$1,074,518.35 in unexpended funds.

### Activity 1

Six state parks expanded their land holdings: Myre–Big Island (68.53 acres), Father Hennepin (54.01 acres), Lake Louise (41.28 acres), Mille Lacs Kathio (26.1 acres), Wild River (0.9 acres) and Tettegouche (12.4).

All additions have been surveyed and marked. Restoration planning is underway for the Myre–Big Island Lake Louise and Wild River parcels. The other properties do not require restoration. Father Hennepin property may entertain a future park trail. Tettegouche and Mille Lacs Kathio parcels does not contain any proposed development plans and they will continue to receive recourse management activities.

*(This activity marked as complete as of this status update)*

### Activity 2

The Goodhue Pioneer State Trail was a split funded project between this appropriation and M.L. 2019, First Special Session, Chp. 4, Art. 2, Sec. 2, Subd. 09c. ML19 reported the success of this acquisition. There is a concept developed for the future development of the state trail. There is still a need of additional lands and funding in order to construct. The property will continue to receive resource management activities.

*(This activity marked as complete as of this status update)*

### Dissemination

Maps have been given out to Lake Louise and Father Hennepin State Park offices to be posted on the public facing bulletin for dissemination on completed projects. A copy of the maps has been added as attachments.

# Status Update Reporting

## Status Update March 1, 2025

**Date Submitted:** February 26, 2025

**Date Approved:** April 17, 2025

### Overall Update

One project is no longer being considered because the landowner is asking for above appraised price, 4.6%, or \$8,900.00, above appraised value.

One project closed.

The remaining two active projects one is on track to finish this FY end and the activity will not be completed in time due to title issues. It is anticipated that funds will be returned at expiration.

### Activity 1

Tettegouche property closed June 12, 2024. This should have been reported in the last update but was mistakenly forgotten.

Father Hennepin currently in appraisal review, and survey nearly completed. On track for completion before or on June 30, 2025.

Lake Louise offer accepted by landowner. The survey is completed and title commitment ordered. On track for completion before or on June 30, 2025.

### Activity 2

Mill Towns is no longer being considered because the landowner is wanting above appraised value, 4.6%, or \$8,900.00.

### Dissemination

Maps have been given out to Tettegouche State Park office to be posted on the public facing bulletin for dissemination on completed projects. A copy of the Tettegouche map has been added as attachments.

# Status Update Reporting

## Status Update September 1, 2024

**Date Submitted:** October 29, 2024

**Date Approved:** October 30, 2024

### Overall Update

Two projects completed. One project is under contract. One project is no longer being considered because the landowner wanted above appraised value. There is still a need for additional projects to be added to the parcel list.

In efforts to seek additional acquisition opportunities letters were sent out in May to all of our inholdings that we have interest in their property. There were 584 letters sent. Currently we have had 14 responses. Two of those responses meet the requirements of this funding source. However, the landowners has additional property outside the statutory boundary that inhibits us from acquiring until we have a statutory boundary addition. This requires legislative approval and signed into law. This appropriation does not allow for that timeline.

Overall, the projects that are active are moving along and are expected to close by FY end. Still working to obtain additional properties to fully utilize the funds granted.

### Activity 1

Tettegouche deed has been sent to the county to be recorded.

Two projects in Mille Lacs Kathio State Park Closed, adding an additional 26 acres to the parks inventory.

Nerstrand Big Woods property is no longer being considered due to the landowner wanted 2.5% above appraised value.

One project has been moved from ML23 to this appropriation due to lack of projects and project readiness. It is expected to close by FY end. The property is approximately a 40-acre parcel in Lake Louise State Park. Title work has been requested, survey is complete, property is with the appraisal unit.

### Activity 2

One project has been moved from ML23 to this appropriation due to lack of projects and project readiness. It is expected to close by FY end. The property is approximately 9-acre easement along the legislatively authorized Mill Towns State Trail.

### Dissemination

Maps have been given out to State Park offices and trail heads to be posted on the public facing bulletin for dissemination on completed projects. Those projects include Myre-big Island, Goodhue Pioneer, Wild River and Mille Lacs Kathio. Copies of the maps have been added as attachments.

# Status Update Reporting

## Status Update March 1, 2024

**Date Submitted:** February 2, 2024

**Date Approved:** February 5, 2024

### Overall Update

An amendment request has been submitted for the extension of the appropriation for one year. There are not enough projects to expend the full allotted amount by FY end. It is anticipated there will be \$1.5M remaining. Still seeking projects for replacements. However, given landowner willingness, readiness of projects, and the timeline to have them acquired by it will not be accomplished.

The public owned parcel has been removed off the activity list.

The projects that are on the activity list that are still activate are anticipated to be completed by FY end.

### Activity 1

Tettegouche (non-public) property offer has been accepted. Mille Lacs Kathio properties are out for appraisal. There is a need of onsite survey for these properties due to them being on the lake edge. These projects will be completed by FY end.

### Activity 2

MN Valley State Trail is out for appraisal.

### Dissemination

No additional dissemination has taken place due to no projects completing within this reporting period.

# Status Update Reporting

## Status Update September 1, 2023

**Date Submitted:** October 13, 2023

**Date Approved:** October 19, 2023

### Overall Update

Three projects have been completed, totaling 101.94 acres. One project has an offer made, waiting to hear back from the landowner. Two projects are no longer being considered due to appraisal valuations coming in below what the landowners anticipated. Three projects are under an amendment request to be added to the activities list to replace the activities that failed. The remaining projects are well on their way and aim to be completed by fiscal year end. Two of the three amendment project requests are within Mille Lacs Kathio State Park statutory boundary along Shakopee Lake. The other addition would be along the legislatively authorized Minnesota Valley State Trail. With the current project list and the amendment request there is still a shortage of projects to spend the full allotment. A state-owned property is being considered and may seek an amendment.

### Activity 1

Jay Cooke State Park acquired a 40-acre property. Wild River State Park acquired a 0.9-acre property. Milestones 7&8 (bring sites up to user standards) are not needed for the completed projects. Two projects within Mille Lacs Katio State Park are seeking an amendment to be approved to be added to the acquisition list. Both would be considered to be entering into milestone 4 (working to obtain/complete appraisals). These properties border Shakopee Lake and are primarily compromised of wetlands. Although there are no documented cultural sites in this parcel, the probability of cultural sites would be high due to other identified sites around the lake. Two projects were moved to no longer considered. One the landowner received a private offer that was 27%, \$83,600, higher than what we offered. The landowner took the private offer. The other the offer made was \$150,000 lower than what the landowner wanted for the property and declined. The rest of the projects we are working to obtain appraisals. That would place them in milestone 4.

### Activity 2

One project was completed, Goodhue Pioneer State Trail totaling 61.04 acres. The property was split funded between two different LCCMR appropriations. An amendment request for Minnesota Valley State property to be added to the acquisition list. That project is in the process of developing a property information packet to be given to appraisal unit to place out to bid for an appraisal. This property will allow for a rerouting of the trail. Currently the trail is succumbing to the Minnesota River. If the trail is not rerouted the bank will have to be stabilized. With time and the constant changes of rivers most likely it will have to be restabilized in the future. This property is an abandoned railroad corridor.

### Dissemination

Completed projects for Jay Cooke and William O'Brien State Park maps have been updated to show ownership.

# Status Update Reporting

## Status Update March 1, 2023

**Date Submitted:** March 10, 2023

**Date Approved:** April 13, 2023

### Overall Update

One projects has been successfully acquired under activity 1. There is now 68.53 acres added to the northern portion of Myre-Big Island State Park. The current condition of the land is agriculture. In the coming years it will be restored back the prairie. Once restored will offer possible hiking trails.

All projects are actively moving. Five out of the eight projects have been appraised and are in various stages with the landowners (option, election to purchase etc.) The other 2 projects are sitting with appraisal.

In the budget you will notice that the amount spent in professional services may look low compared to where I have stated the projects are at. This is due to me being on maternity leave for 6 months and my co-workers not knowing where to charge projects. I have started expenditure corrections. I anticipate there being an additional \$20,000 in professional services that was spent.

Seeking and amendment to pay over 100% for a property within Myre-Big Island State Park. Letter with request is being sent to LCCMR council. This property has been acquired. Other funding has been put in place. If LCCMR committee approves the request LCCMR funding will be applied.

### Activity 1

All projects are currently sitting between milestones 3-5. Either with LAM appraisal or final landowner negotiations. Except for the one project closing at Myre-Big Island State Park, acquired 68.53 acres.

### Activity 2

Project is currently entering milestone 5. LAM is preparing the option to send to the landowner.

### Dissemination

Updating maps to show the newly acquired property within Myre-Big Island State Park.

# Status Update Reporting

## Status Update September 1, 2022

**Date Submitted:** March 10, 2023

**Date Approved:** April 13, 2023

### **Overall Update**

One project is near closing the rest of them are with the division of Lands and Minerals working on property information packets send to appraisers.

### **Activity 1**

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### **Activity 2**

With the division of Lands and Minerals working on property information packets to send to appraisers.

### **Dissemination**

No dissemination has been completed.