

**Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund
2009 Phase 1 Request for Proposals (RFP)**

LCCMR ID: B14.06

Project Title: HCP - Wildlife Areas Management (2g)

Total Project Budget: \$ \$70,000

Proposed Project Time Period for the Funding Requested: July 2009 - June 2012 (3 yrs)

Other Non-State Funds: \$ 0

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Summary: DNR, Section of Wildlife staff will manage habitat restoration and infrastructure development necessary for public access on lands acquired by partners for purpose of State Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs)

Main Proposal: 0808-1-010-proposal-DNR Wildlife.HCP Phase VI Main Proposal FINAL.22Aug08.d

Project Budget: 0808-1-010-budget-DNR Wildlife.HCP Phase VI Project Budget FINAL.22Aug08.xl

Qualifications: 0808-1-010-qualifications-DNR Wildlife.HCP Phase VI. Pjt Mgr Qual.22Aug08.d

MAIN PROPOSAL

PROJECT TITLE: *Wildlife Areas Management (2g), DNR – Section of Wildlife*

Minnesota's Habitat Conservation Partnership Phase VI

www.mnhabitatcorridors.org

I. PROJECT STATEMENT:

The mission of the Habitat Conservation Partnership is to restore, enhance and conserve habitat for the purpose of sustaining fish, wildlife and plant communities for all generations. Minnesota's Habitat Conservation Partnership (Partnership), formerly the Habitat Corridors Partnership, was formed in 2000 to provide a framework for statewide land conservation in partnership with the Environmental Trust Fund. The work of the Partnership has three main objectives: 1) **Partnership:** working together to accelerate existing programs and identify new opportunities that build upon our existing investments in habitat. 2) **Focus:** The Phase VI proposal will work in nine project areas encompassing 27,442 mi². All work proposed will occur within the identified project areas. These areas were identified as focus areas where resource conservation priorities and opportunity overlap 3) **Leverage:** the objective of this partnership is to bring more resources to bear on Minnesota's conservation need by identifying non-state contributions to accelerate habitat conservation by maximizing the results from limited funding through the Environmental Trust Fund.

This proposal is directly tied to the land acquisition efforts of the Partners, and ensures the timely restoration and development of newly acquired lands to benefit wildlife and provide public access.

II. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT RESULTS

DNR, Section of Wildlife staff will administer and manage habitat restoration and development of infrastructure necessary for public access on lands acquired by partners for State Wildlife Management Areas (WMA). This project funding component (2g) ensures that the DNR will have the available funding to complete the necessary initial site development for these newly acquired lands. Infrastructure management may include but is not limited to boundary surveys, boundary signing, professional services, public access, parking lots, user facilities, and clean up of old buildings or wells. Habitat restoration may include but is not limited to grassland development or improvement, wetland restoration or impoundment development, forest or woody cover development or improvement, brush land management, professional services, and food plot development. Temporary project staff or intermittent labor will be hired as needed to implement development on acquired lands. Cultural and environmental reviews in addition to necessary permits will be completed as required. Digital boundary, habitat inventory and facilities files will be developed as part of the management plans.

DNR cannot start work until the Partners have completed acquisition on each parcel. DNR and Partners have estimated that 200 acres will be acquired and turned over to DNR, but it is unknown how many final parcels will be acquired, or when the acquisitions will be completed. The work completed under this proposal is dependent on the acres, types, and condition of lands acquired by the partners. All work will be completed by June 30, 2012.

Result 1: Wildlife Areas Management Budget: \$ \$70,000

Activity	Deliverable	Completion Date
Planning	Initial Development Plan	When acquisition completed
Other Prof. Svcs	Surveys, engineering, cultural resource, etc.	When land transfer from partner to DNR completed
Habitat Restoration	Habitat Improvement	When DNR owns land. As soon as necessary reviews and approvals received.
Infrastructure Management	Facility Development	When DNR owns land. As soon as necessary reviews and approvals received.
Personnel	Temporary or intermittent staff for development work	When DNR owns land. As soon as necessary reviews and approvals received.

III. PROJECT STRATEGY AND TIMELINE

A. Project Partners

This proposal is part of the Habitat Conservation Partnership Phase VI Proposal. Please see the main proposal for a complete list of partners involved.

B. Project Impact

This proposal is directly tied to improving land acquired by the Partners that will become State Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs). It ensures the timely restoration and development of these newly acquired lands to benefit wildlife and provide public access. The mission of the Habitat Conservation Partnership is to restore, enhance and conserve habitat for the purpose of sustaining fish, wildlife and plant communities for all generations. The partnership provide a framework for statewide land conservation in priority project ares.

C. Time

We propose a three-year grant beginning July 1, 2009 and ending on June 30, 2012. DNR cannot start work until the Partners have completed acquisition on each parcel. We have estimated that 200 acres will be acquired and turned over to DNR, but it is unknown how many parcels that will be, or when the acquisitions will be completed. The work completed under this proposal is dependent on the acres, types, and condition of lands acquired by the partners.

D. Long-Term Strategy

This unique Partnership exists as a result of the desire of LCCMR to encourage conservation partners to work together as a statewide collaboration to focus resources and bring additional funds to Minnesota's wildlife habitat resources. We are 18 formal partner agencies and organizations recognized for an ability to achieve the mission of restoring, enhancing and conserving habitat for the purpose of sustaining fish, wildlife and native plant communities for all generations.

Project Budget

IV. TOTAL PROJECT REQUEST BUDGET

BUDGET ITEM <i>(See list of Eligible & Non-Eligible Costs, p. 17)</i>	AMOUNT	% FTE
Personnel: Temporary or intermittent staff for development work	\$5,000	%
Contracts: <i>With whom and for what? List out by item.</i>	\$0	
Professional services, Ex: DNR Mgmt Resources	\$10,000	
Historical/cultural review contract.	\$10,000	
Restoration: 200 acres	\$30,000	
Infrastructure: Facility development	\$15,000	
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET REQUEST TO LCCMR	\$70,000	

V. OTHER FUNDS

SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNT	Status
Remaining \$ From Previous Trust Fund Appropriation (if applicable): Phase V funds of \$30,000. Phase IV funds of \$19,300. <i>How much Trust Fund money remains not spent or legally obligated from any previous Trust Fund appropriation for any directly related project of the proposing project, project manager, or project organization? Specify the appropriation.</i>	\$49,300	<i>ETF funds appropriated in Habitat Conservation Partnership Phases IV (2007) & V (2008) will be spent prior to July 1, 2009</i>
Other Non-State \$ Being Leveraged During Project Period: <i>What additional non-state cash \$ will be spent on the project during the funding period? For each individual sum, list out the source of the funds, the amount, and indicate whether the funds are secured or pending approval.</i>	\$0	<i>PARTNER has committed \$XXXXX to be expended through Phases IV (2007)& V (2008) by 07/01/09</i>
Other State \$ Being Spent During Project Period: <i>What additional state cash \$ (e.g. bonding, other grants) will be spent on the project during the funding period? For each individual sum, list out the source of the funds, the amount, and indicate whether the funds are secured or pending approval.</i>	\$0	<i>Describe any known projects with non ETF State funds</i>
In-kind Services During Project Period: <i>What in-kind services will be provided during the funding period? List type of service(s) and estimated value. In-kind services listed should be specific to the project.</i>	\$0	<i>HCP does not encourage this</i>
Past Spending: <i>List money spent or to be spent on this specific project, cash and/or in-kind, for 2-year timeframe prior to July 1, 2009</i>	\$0	<i>Phase IV & V</i>

**2009 LCCMR PROJECT MANAGER
QUALIFICATIONS AND ORGANIZATION FORM**

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Project Manager Qualifications

DNR Wildlife Section Operations & Development Consultant position administers the work plans and LCCMR grants to the DNR, Section of Wildlife for initial development of State Wildlife Management Areas (WMA).so that program goals and legal requirements are accomplished.