

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

LCCMR ID: B14.07

Project Title: HCP - Fisheries Habitat Restoration (2h)

Total Project Budget: \$ \$200,000

Proposed Project Time Period for the Funding Requested: July 2009 - June 2010 (1 yr)

Other Non-State Funds: \$

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Summary: Restore or maintain up to 25 acres and/or 1.5 miles of aquatic habitat. Use the HCP map to prioritize projects. It builds upon the Minnesota Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan.

Main Proposal: 0808-1-012-proposal-HCP Phase VI Main Proposal 2H Habitat.doc

Project Budget: 0808-1-012-budget-HCP Phase VI Project Budget 2H Fish Habitat.xls

Qualifications: 0808-1-012-qualifications-DNR Fish Habitat HCP VI. Pjt Mgr Qual.doc

MAIN PROPOSAL

PROJECT TITLE: 2h) Fisheries Habitat Restoration, DNR - Section of Fisheries

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 V 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 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund.

This project will engage in activities that complement or build upon existing critical habitat on public and private investments for wildlife, fish and native plant communities. It will catalyze efforts that will continue to grow beyond the Partnership and accelerate and increase habitat accomplishments within the Minnesota Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan. It will strive to engage a variety of private and public conservation entities representing the range of habitat conservation needs and opportunities throughout the State. We will work to facilitate joint, collaborative efforts and efficiencies that complement other statewide planning and implementation efforts such as the Minnesota Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan.

II. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT RESULTS

Result 1: Habitat Restoration Budget: \$ 200,000

Restore or maintain up to 25 acres and/ or 1.5 miles of critical habitat. Funds will be used to pay for professional services as needed, such as the costs of signage, design work, engineering and surveys. A portion of the funds will also be used to pay for our SE Habitat Construction Crew and Statewide Construction Crew staff time* Projects will focus on habitat linkages that endeavor to improve fish habitat and protect water quality on streams and lakes. Examples of projects include stream channel restorations, fish passage, installation of aeration systems, spawning area development, dam modifications, bank stabilization, beaver control, and fish barrier projects that occur adjacent to or in lakes and streams

Deliverable	Completion Date
1. Stream Habitat Restoration	July 1, 2010
2. Lake Habitat Restoration	July 1, 2010

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. Other partnerships with fishing

organizations, lake associations, and local units of government will be sought out and established as appropriate.

B. Project Impact

Habitat protection and restoration is an essential component in preserving the cleanwater legacy that Minnesota's citizens and visitors are used to experiencing. Aquatic management activities that foster healthy fish populations continue to provide a critical foundation for protection and management of critical habitats while providing recreational opportunities to Minnesotans who fish, observe wildlife, and recreate on this state's waters.

C. Time

We propose a twelve-month grant beginning July 1, 2009 and ending on June 30, 2010.

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.

This project is part of a long-term habitat improvement strategy identified in "Division of Fish and Wildlife – Fisheries Long Range Plan and the SE Minnesota Fisheries plan". These plans focus on "Shoreline Habitat, Angling, and Clean Water For Our Future". Habitat protection and restoration is a component of the Minnesota Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan.

Project Budget

2h) Fisheries Habitat Restoration

IV. TOTAL PROJECT REQUEST BUDGET

<u>BUDGET ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Acquisition (Including Easements):	
Restoration: 25 acres and/ or 1.5 miles	\$ 150,000
Other: Profesional Services	\$ 30,000
Personnel: Staff time and fleet of SE Habitat and Construction Crew when working on approved projects	\$ 20,000
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET REQUEST TO LCCMR	\$ 200,000

V. OTHER FUNDS

<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>Status</u>
Remaining \$ From Previous Trust Fund Appropriation (if applicable): Phase IV Phase V	\$30,000 \$200,000	ETF funds appropriated in Habitat Conservation Partnership Phases IV (2007) & V (2008) will be spent prior to July 1, 2009
Past Spending: 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 Phase IV Phase V	\$200,000 \$200,000	<i>PARTNER has committed \$750,000 to be expended through Phases IV (2007)& V (2008) by 07/01/09</i>
Other State \$ Being Spent During Project Period: This project will complement projects funded with capital bonding, Trout Stamp, and Heritage dollars. These funds may also be used on projects funded with ETF dollars.	Unknown	<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>	N/A	HCP does not encourage this

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

PROJECT TITLE: HCP 2h) Fisheries Habitat Restoration, *DNR - Section of Fisheries*

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Project Manager Qualifications

DNR Fisheries Section Program Manager position administers the work plans and LCCMR grants for the Section, Section of Fisheries for initial development of projects so that Department, Division and program goals and legal requirements are accomplished.