

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

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**LCCMR ID: B14.18**

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**Project Title:** HCP - Critical Lands Protection Program (4c)

**Total Project Budget:** \$ \$950,000

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

**Other Non-State Funds:** \$ 950,000

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**Region:**

Statewide

**County Name:**

Statewide

**City / Township:**

**Summary:** TPL proposes to use \$950,000 of Trust Fund money and \$950,000 from other sources to protect and link approximately 120 acres of high quality habitat in Minnesota.

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**Main Proposal:** 0808-1-036-proposal-HCP Phase VI Main Proposal TPL final.doc

**Project Budget:** 0808-1-036-budget-HCP Phase VI Project Budget TPL.xls

**Qualifications:** 0808-1-036-qualifications-Project Manger Qualifications for HCP.doc

**Map:** 0808-1-036-maps-Phase6 map.pdf

**Letter of Resolution:** 0808-1-036-resolution-TPL letter authorizing HCP Phase 6 2009 inital proposal.doc

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# MAIN PROPOSAL

**PROJECT TITLE:** *Critical Lands Protection Program, The Trust for Public Land*  
**Minnesota's Habitat Conservation Partnership Phase VI**  
[www.mnhabitatcorridors.org](http://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 mi<sup>2</sup>. 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.

## II. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT RESULTS

The Trust for Public Land (TPL) will acquire approximately 120 acres, protecting and linking valuable, high quality habitat in Minnesota. TPL will use \$950,000 of Trust Fund dollars and \$950,000 in other public and private sources for this acquisition work. No TPL transaction or personnel costs are included in this request. Acquired land will be conveyed or donated to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources or other partner agency for long-term stewardship. Potential land protection projects will be identified by TPL and/or identified and referred to TPL as part of the overall HCP focus area outreach. Priority will be given to lands that compliment and conserve existing critical habitat to facilitate plant/animal population sustainability. TPL will leverage and capture funds that would not otherwise be spent in these areas and catalyze others' conservation efforts. TPL will continue to further the overall HCP partnership goals as demonstrated by contributions here-to-date in outreach, government and public relations, collaboration, planning, communications, coordination and executive committee participation.

**Result 1:** Acquisition

**Budget:** \$950,000

**Description:** TPL may work in any one of the designated HCP project areas. Currently projects are underway in Cass, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Kandiyohi, Olmsted, and Otter Tail Counties involving shoreline, wetlands, grasslands and woodlands. TPL will focus on habitat linkage projects that have the following characteristics: large, difficult and/or complex; multiple owners and multiple funding sources; proximity to regional growth centers; and/or, high risk of development. Priority will be given to lands with high quality natural resources, especially shoreland and other lands that provide natural buffers to water resources. The Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan will be used to help identify such lands. Final acreage protection will ultimately be affected by landowner willingness to sell key parcels. Because TPL is focusing on lands buffering water resources, the per acre cost is higher than that of non-riparian land.

Examples of projects that TPL may work on include the following:

- Approximately 120 acres of wetlands and forest on the Mississippi River in Crow Wing County next to an existing natural area.

- Approximately 650 acres of wetlands, prairie and forest on the shores of a shallow lake in Kandiyohi County containing many SNA quality features.
- Approximately 215 acres of prairie in Olmsted County next to an existing WMA.
- Approximately 200 acres of riverfront property in Cass County containing significant archeological features.
- Approximately 35 acres of bluff land along the Root River in Olmsted County connecting approximately 300 acres of public land.
- A 200 acre peninsula with 3.6 miles of shoreline on Dead Lake in Otter Tail County next to an existing WMA on a shallow bay providing habitat for bald eagles and other species.
- Approximately 240 acres of forest and wetlands on Leech Lake connecting multiple parcels already in public ownership.
- Approximately 100 acres on a deep lake in Hubbard County containing wetlands and a designated trout stream connecting existing public land to the lake.

Deliverable	Completion Date
1. Acquire/protect 60 acres of high quality habitat	6-30-2010

### 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.

#### B. Project Impact

The Habitat Conservation Partnership will accelerate conservation results in the nine project areas that have been identified as priority conservation opportunity areas. TPL's expertise in land acquisition will leverage limited conservation dollars and help conserve land that otherwise might not be protected.

**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.

## Project Budget

### IV. TOTAL PROJECT REQUEST BUDGET

<u>BUDGET ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>% FTE</u>
<b>Personnel:</b>	\$ -	%
<b>Contracts:</b>	\$ -	
<b>Equipment/Tools:</b>	\$ -	
<b>Acquisition (Including Easements):</b> 60 acres. The Trust for Public Land may transfer interests in land to the DNR , another public agency, or the Minnesota	\$ 950,000	
<b>Restoration:</b>	\$ -	
<b>Other:</b>	\$ -	
	\$ -	
<b>TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET REQUEST TO LCCMR</b>	<b>\$ 950,000</b>	

### V. OTHER FUNDS

<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>Status</u>
<b>Remaining \$ From Previous Trust Fund Appropriation (if applicable):</b> Phase IV 2007: \$480,000: Unspent but internally committed. Phase V 2008: \$350,000: Unspent but internally committed.	\$ 830,000	<i>ETF funds appropriated in Habitat Conservation Partnership Phases IV (2007) &amp; V (2008) will be spent prior to July 1, 2009</i>
<b>Other Non-State \$ Being Leveraged During Project Period:</b> Pending: Landowner land value donations, Federal, Private, County, City	\$ 950,000	<i>PARTNER has committed \$485,000 to be expended through Phases IV (2007)&amp; V (2008) by 07/01/09</i>
<b>Other State \$ Being Spent During Project Period:</b> Pending: Bonding, RIM, Clean Water Legacy,	\$ 400,000	<i>Describe any known projects with non ETF State funds</i>
<b>In-kind Services During Project Period:</b>	\$ -	
<b>Past Spending:</b>	\$ -	Phase IV & V

### **Project Manager Qualifications**

Bob McGillivray is a Senior Project Manager in the Minnesota State Office of The Trust for Public Land and has been with TPL for six years. He works directly with landowners, public agency partners, and community members to protect land throughout the state of Minnesota for public use and enjoyment. He manages all aspects of real estate transactions including conducting property research; negotiating contracts; advocating for and securing financing; and coordinating due diligence activities. Prior to joining TPL, Bob was a partner at the law firm of Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly with a broad commercial practice. He also served as a law clerk for the Honorable Edward J. Devitt, United States District Court Judge; a Special Assistant Attorney General with the Minnesota Attorney General's Office; and a legal intern with the United Nations and the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York. Bob graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Minnesota and received his law degree from New York University. He also studied at Stirling University in Scotland and the University of Copenhagen, Denmark. Bob's current volunteer activities include serving on the Board of the Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis and on the Board of Minnesota Waters, a nonprofit conservation organization that promotes responsible stewardship of water resources.

### **Organization Description**

The Trust for Public Land (TPL) is a national non profit organization dedicated to conserving land for people to enjoy as parks, gardens, and other natural areas, ensuring livable communities for generations to come. The primary way TPL accomplishes this vision is through conservation real estate, conservation finance, and conservation vision.

# Habitat Conservation Partnership Proposed Phase VI Project Areas

-Restoring Minnesota's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Corridors-

