

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

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**LCCMR ID: B15**

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**Project Title:** Metro Conservation Corridors (MeCC) - Overall Summary

**Total Project Budget:** \$ \$8,685,000

**Proposed Project Time Period for the Funding Requested:** July 2009 - June 2011 (2 yrs)

**Other Non-State Funds:** \$ 7,835,000.00

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**Region:**

Central

**County Name:**

Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota,  
Goodhue, Hennepin,

**City / Township:**

**Summary:** MeCC protects/restores habitat in priority corridors: Restore/enhance 945 acres and 10 miles of shoreline; protect through fee/easement 1200 acres significant to species movement; and assist local protection in 8 jurisdictions.

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**Main Proposal:** 0808-1-014-proposal-2009 MeCC Overal Proposal.doc

**Project Budget:** 0808-1-014-budget-Metro Conservation Corridors Proposal Worksheet - 8-22-0

**Qualifications:** 0808-1-014-qualifications-William H Becker Qualifications.doc

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METRO CONSERVATION CORRIDORS PROPOSAL FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE 2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Activity	Partner	2005 Grant - Phase II			2007 Grant - Phase III			2008 Grant - Phase IV			2009 Request - Phase V		
		Allocation	Spent (\$)	Balance (\$)	Allocation	Spent (\$)	Balance (\$)	Allocation	Spent (\$)	Balance (\$)	Allocation to Partner	Deliverable	Non State Funds
<b>1. Coordinate MeCG Partnership</b>													
1.1. Mapping and Coordination for MeCG Partnership	DNR-OMBS	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000	\$ -	\$ 165,000	\$ 31,564	\$ 133,436	\$ 50,000		\$ 50,000	\$ 150,000	Revised Mapping and Partner Education and Facilitation	\$ -
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000	\$ -	\$ 165,000	\$ 31,564	\$ 133,436	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 150,000		\$ -
<b>2. Restore Significant Habitat</b>													
2.3 Restore and Enhance Significant Watershed Habitat	Friends of the Mississippi (FMR)	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	\$ -	\$ 53,000	\$ 53,000	\$ -	\$ 92,000		\$ 92,000	\$ 200,000	Restore 100 acres	\$ 80,000
2.4 Lower Minnesota River Watershed Restoration and Enhancement	Friends of the Minnesota Valley (FMV)	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ 34,000	\$ -	\$ 34,000	\$ 107,000		\$ 107,000	\$ 150,000	Restore/Enhance 150 Acres	\$ 75,000
2.5 Restore and Enhance Significant Habitat	Great River Greening	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 60,000	\$ 32,270	\$ 27,730	\$ 111,000		\$ 111,000	\$ 400,000	Restore 325 acres and .5 miles shoreline.	\$ 400,000
2.6 Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Grants (3.4 includes acq. \$)	DNR - Metro Greenways	\$ 180,000	\$ 180,000	\$ -	\$ 30,115	\$ 30,115	\$ -	\$ 8,250	\$ 8,250	\$ -	\$ 230,000	Restore 80 acres	\$ 180,000
2.7 SNA Restoration and Enhancement (3.6 includes acq. \$)	DNR - Ecological Resources	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 28,000	\$ 28,000	\$ -	\$ 40,000		\$ 40,000	\$ 100,000	Restore at least 300 acres of SNA property	\$ -
2.9 Stream Habitat Restoration	DNR - Fish and Wildlife										\$ 500,000	Restore at least 2 miles of trout stream including shoreline on the Vermillion River, Brown's Creek and Eagle Creek	\$ -
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		\$ 460,000	\$ 460,000		\$ 205,115	\$ 143,385	\$ 61,730	\$ 358,250	\$ 8,250	\$ 350,000	\$ 1,580,000		\$ 735,000
<b>3. Acquire Significant Habitat</b>													
3.1 Critical Land Protection Program	The Trust for Public Land	\$ 620,000	\$ 620,000	\$ -	\$ 420,000	\$ 420,000	\$ -	\$ 475,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 385,000	\$ 950,000	Acquire 43 acres emphasizing shoreline.	\$ 450,000
3.2 Protect Significant Habitat by Acquiring Conservation Easements	Minnesota Land Trust	\$ 230,000	\$ 230,000	\$ -	\$ 134,000	\$ 134,000	\$ -	\$ 225,000		\$ 225,000	\$ 1,140,000	Protect, with easements, 600 acres of land complete with perpetual stewardship	\$ 3,500,000
3.3 Fee Acquisition for Minnesota Valley NWR	Minnesota Valley NWR Trust, Inc.	\$ 230,000	\$ 230,000	\$ -	\$ 210,000	\$ 210,000	\$ -	\$ 225,000	\$ 225,000	\$ -	\$ 900,000	Acquire 180 acres	\$ 900,000
3.4 Grants and Acquisition of Fee and Conservation Easements (2.7 includes restoration \$)	DNR - Metro Greenways	\$ 1,020,000	\$ 1,020,000	\$ -	\$ 813,885	\$ 813,885	\$ -	\$ 841,750	\$ 841,741	\$ 9	\$ 2,080,000	Acquire 500 acres	\$ 2,000,000
3.5 DNR Fish and Wildlife Acquisition	DNR - Div. of Fish and Wildlife	\$ 290,000	\$ 290,000	\$ -	\$ 172,000	\$ 164,072	\$ 7,928	\$ 400,000		\$ 400,000	\$ 1,000,000	Acquire 180 acres (3.0 miles) of shoreline.	\$ -
3.6 SNA Acquisition (2.6 included restoration \$)	DNR - Div. of Ecological Resources	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ 215,000	\$ 21,692	\$ 193,308	\$ 475,000		\$ 475,000	\$ 500,000	Acquire 50 acres of high quality native habitat and designate same as SNA	\$ -
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		\$ 2,640,000	\$ 2,640,000	\$ -	\$ 1,964,885	\$ 1,763,649	\$ 201,236	\$ 2,641,750	\$ 1,156,741	\$ 1,485,009	\$ 6,570,000		\$ 6,850,000
<b>4. Outreach</b>													
4.1 Other Conservation Tools / Incentives	DNR - Metro Greenways				\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000		\$ 100,000	\$ 385,000	6-8 Local government consultations/projects	\$ 250,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$ 3,260,000	\$ 3,260,000	\$ -	\$ 2,435,000	\$ 2,038,598	\$ 396,402	\$ 3,150,000	\$ 1,164,991	\$ 1,985,009	\$ 8,685,000		\$ 7,835,000

Spent funds are legally obligated. In the state system this means encumbered or expended. NGOs were instructed by DNR to list spent funds all funds expended and under contract, including oral contracts and binding promises.

## PROJECT TITLE: METRO CONSERVATION CORRIDORS PHASE IV – OVERALL SUMMARY

### I. PROJECT STATEMENT

The 16 county metropolitan area is undergoing rapid development. This development is fragmenting habitat necessary for the movement of species throughout the region. Unrestricted species movement is important to the health of populations resident in the area and migrating species moving through the metropolitan area. Most of the acquisitions and restorations simultaneously produce direct benefits to citizens of Minnesota through attractive open space and availing the opportunity for observing nature and gathering. Finally, the open space preserved in this developing area provides citizens the opportunity to learn about the outdoors, acting as an entryway into healthful recreation activities. The partners anticipate an overall match rate of .5 to 1.

### II. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT RESULTS

#### **Result 1: Mapping, Coordination and Greenways Management** **Budget: \$150,000**

**Description:** Provides overall guidance and management to the partners

**Deliverable**

**Completion Date**

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|---------------------------------------|----------|
| 1. Revised corridor maps              | 12-30-09 |
| 2. Partner education and facilitation | 6-30-11  |

#### **Result 2: Restoration**

**Budget: \$1,630,000**

**Description:** Restore over 1,000 acres of priority habitat along with nearly 10 miles of shoreline, providing improved habitat linkages within corridors. This result also improves water quality and reduces flooding.

**Deliverable**

**Completion Date**

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|--------------------------------------|---------|
| 1. Restore 1000 acres of key habitat | 6-30-11 |
| 2. Restore 10 miles of shoreline     | 6-30-11 |

#### **Result 3: Acquisition**

**Budget: \$6,570,000**

**Description:** Acquisition is important to conservation corridor creation. Ownership in fee or through permanent easements permanently protects key habitat.

**Deliverable**

**Completion Date**

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|--|---------|
| 1. Acquire over 1,193 acres of key habitat | 6-30-11 |
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#### **Result 4: Outreach**

**Budget: \$385,000**

**Description:** Knowledge and skills fundamental to openspace preservation are in limited supply. Outreach through resource professionals to planning professionals will improve the quality and quantity of habitat conservation and preservation today and in years to come. Outreach is a small expenditure with a big impact.

**Deliverable** **Completion Date**

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| 1. 6-8 Local government consultations/projects | 6-30-11 |
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### III. PROJECT STRATEGY AND TIMELINE

#### **A. Project Partners:**

Trust for Public Land

Critical Land Protection Program

MN Land Trust

Protect Significant Habitat by Acquiring Conservation Easements

Friends of the Mississippi River	Mississippi River Valley Habitat Restoration
Friends of the Minnesota River	Lower Minn. River Watershed Restoration & Enhancement Project
MN Valley Nat. Wildlife Refuge Trust	Expansion of MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge
Great River Greening	Restore/Enhance Significant Habitat
DNR Metro Greenways	Metro Greenways
DNR Fish and Wildlife	Acquisition and Restoration
DNR SNA Program	Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition and Restoration

**B. Project Impact:**

Acquisitions and restorations will directly impact the health of species (plant, animal and fish) using and residing in the 16 county area. The habitat provided will help meet species requirements resulting in larger and healthier species populations. Because this project includes the concepts of adjacency and density of habitat activities done by this project will have the added benefit of improving the productivity of lands already under protection in the corridors. This additional direct benefit may come from buffering habitat or enhancing the continuity of habitat complexes.

**C. Time**

This project will continue thorough the build-out of the 16 county area, which is measured in decades. .

**D. Long Term Strategy (if applicable)**

MeCC will continue to employ a three pronged strategy protection through acquisition, restoration of important lands, and working through the efforts of local governments and foundations

## Project Budget

*See attached spreadsheet showing this data by partner.*

### IV. TOTAL PROJECT REQUEST BUDGET

<b>BUDGET ITEM</b> (See list of Eligible & Non-Eligible Costs, p. 17)	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>% FTE</b>
<b>Personnel:</b>	\$ -	%
See individual proposals	\$ 460,000.00	%
<b>Contracts:</b>	\$ -	
See individual proposals	\$ 75,000.00	
<b>Equipment/Tools:</b>	\$ -	
<b>Acquisition (Including Easements):</b> DNR and NGOs will hold title to approximately 1200 acres	\$ 6,570,000.00	
<b>Restoration:</b> 1000 acres.	\$ 1,580,000 .00	
<b>Other:</b> List by item and explain.	\$ -	
<b>TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET REQUEST TO LCCMR</b>	<b>\$8,685,000.00</b>	

### V. OTHER FUNDS

\$7,835,000.00

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Remaining \$ From Previous Trust Fund Appropriation (if applicable):</b> 2007 grant \$396,402 2008 grant \$1,985,009	\$2,381,411.00	
<b>Other Non-State \$ Being Leveraged During Project Period:</b> .	\$7,835,000.00	<i>Pending and secured</i>
<b>Other State \$ Being Spent During Project Period</b>	\$ 0	<i>Secured or Pending</i>
<b>In-kind Services During Project Period:</b>	\$ 0	
<b>Past Spending:</b> 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	\$ Estimated at \$5,298,598.00 plus match	

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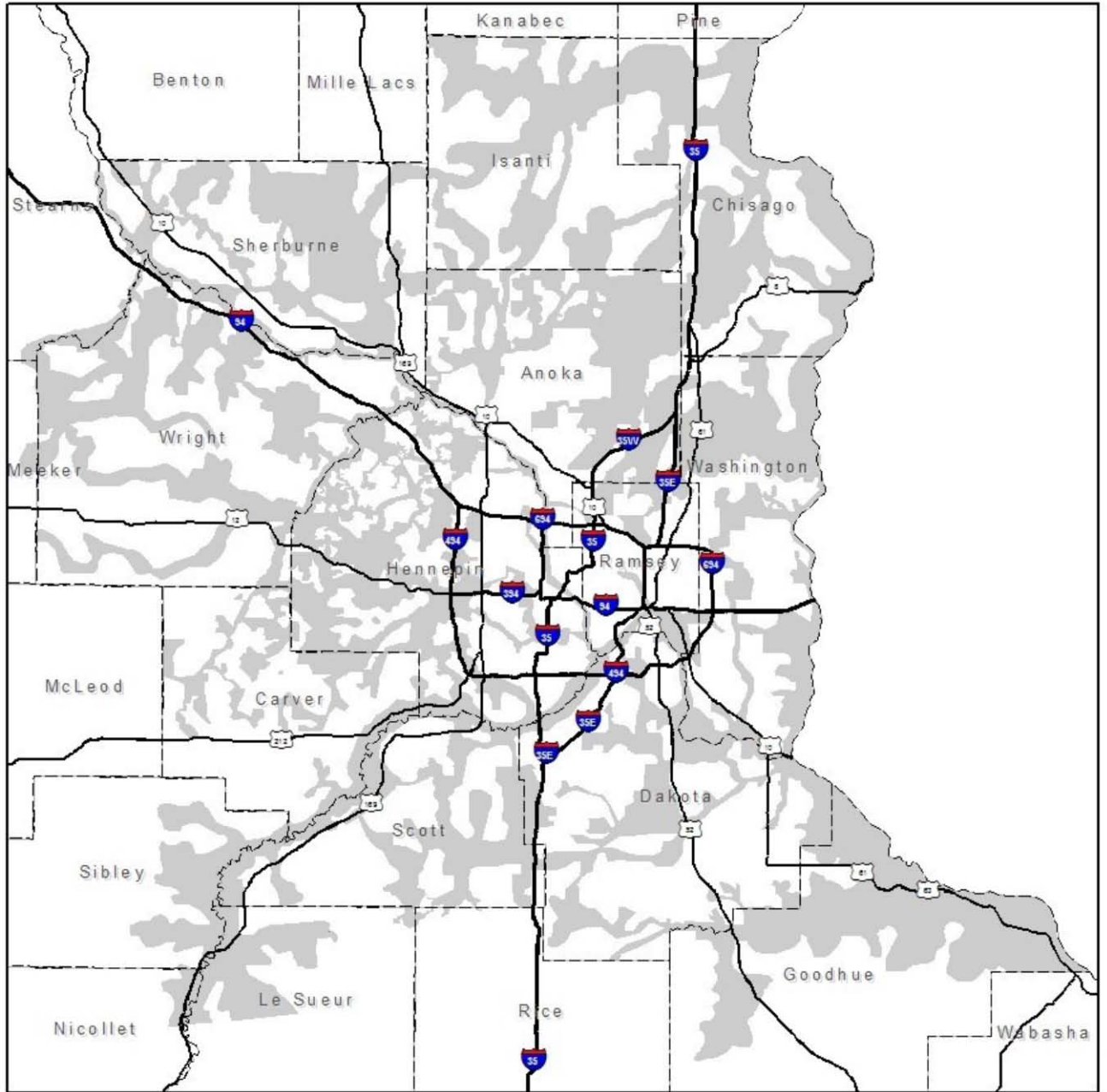
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