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**DATE:** June 6, 2013

**TO:** Members of the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources

**FROM:** Greg Hubinger

**RE:** Legacy website funding

### Background

The LCC has been tasked with developing and maintaining the Legacy website, which shows citizens how funds from the Legacy amendment and the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund are being utilized. The website was required in 2009 session laws, chapter 172, and codified in Minnesota Statutes 3.303, Subdivision 10. The Legacy website can be accessed at: [www.legacy.leg.mn](http://www.legacy.leg.mn)

State agencies receiving legacy and environment and natural resources trust fund appropriations provide the statutorily required data that is displayed on the website. The website currently provides information on approximately 7,000 projects. On average, the website is visited about 4,000 times a month.

The LCC has contracted with a website/database consulting firm to build and maintain the site. We developed an application that permits agencies to import data from their databases directly to the website. LCC staff provide technical support to the approximately 20 state agencies that report project data.

Appropriations from the four Legacy amendment funds and the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund have been used to pay for these development and maintenance costs.

FY 10-11: \$70,000

FY 12-13: \$44,000

As required in the statute, each of the funds has contributed a pro-rata share of the costs. The LCC absorbs the cost for its staff support for this function.

### Proposal

Staff propose that three options be considered for funding in FY 14-15:

Option 1. \$30,000: Basic maintenance

Option 2. \$50,000: Basic maintenance plus adding county-based mapping functions. Use the

current homepage map to provide general summary information about projects. Project information will pop up when website users move their mouse over each county.

Option 3. \$100,000: Basic maintenance plus detailed mapping that displays each project by a pinpoint on the map. Information about the specific project will pop up on a mouse over of the point.

Attached is a chart that provides the allocation of the costs for each of the funds for the three options. By law, each fund pays its pro-rata share of these expenses.

We request at least the basic maintenance-level funding to ensure that the website continues to provide this transparency to Minnesota taxpayers and interested citizens.

**Update**

The Legacy appropriations bill, Chapter 137, HF 1183, provided funding for the Legacy web site at the \$100,000 level. At this level of funding, the share from the ENTF would be \$9,000.

Attachment

ENTF	Outdoor		Clean Wate Parks and Arts		Legacy	LCCMR	Total	
	33.00%	33.00%	14.25%	19.75%				
	9	9	4	5	Basic Maintenance	27	3	30
	6	6	3	4	County-based mapping	19	1	20
	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>	Project Based mapping	<u>45</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>50</u>
	9	30	30	13	18	91	9	100

FY14	0	15	15	7	9	<b>46</b>
FY15	<u>9</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>	<b>54</b>
	<b>9</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>100</b>

FY12-13						
Approps	50.6	186	186	78	108	609
	8.3%	30.6%	30.6%	12.8%	17.7%	