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## RESTORING MINNESOTA'S FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT CORRIDORS PROJECT - PHASE 1 COMPLETED ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

Over the last three years, a unique partnership funded by the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (Trust Fund) has acquired, restored, or enhanced over 75,000 acres in 63 counties, focusing on identified habitat corridors to provide maximum benefit for fish, wildlife and plants. The 15 member Minnesota Habitat Corridors (MHCP) Partnership of state and federal agencies, tribal bands, and nonprofit organizations has received two phases of funding from the Trust Fund and is being recommended for a third phase of funding in 2005.

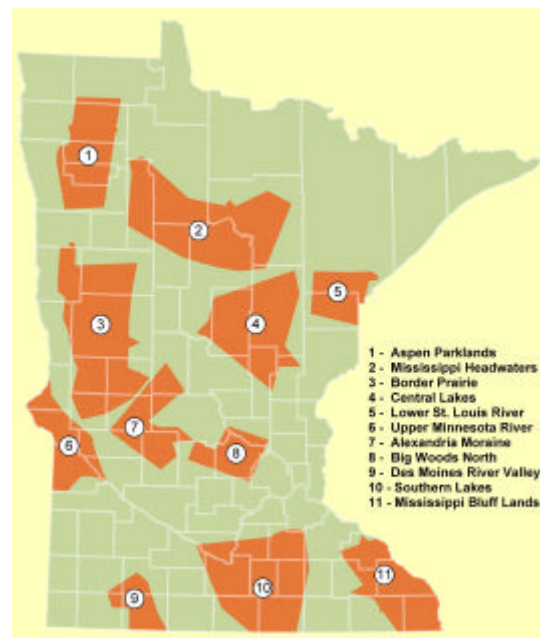
Using \$11.745 million in the Phase I funding from the Trust Fund starting in 2001, the MHCP has provided on the ground resource conservation through habitat restoration and management, conservation easement acquisition, and fee title acquisition on state, private and federal lands to connect fragmented habitat and protected public lands.

With the initial biennium of funding, the collaboration has resulted in the acquisition of fee title or conservation easements of approximately 12,500 acres and the restoration and enhancement of 20,000 acres and 26 miles of shoreline. Matching funds have provided \$40 million toward these efforts to acquire or restore an additional 46,000 acres and 17 miles of shoreline.

Phase II funding of \$4,850,000 was provided to the partnership beginning in July 2003 and the LCMR is recommending \$4,062,000 for Phase III beginning in July 2005. In total, more than \$20.6 million from the Trust Fund will be provided to the Habitat Corridors Partnership.

A complementary project to the MHCP is the Metro Wildlife Corridors Project highlighted on the back page. The two projects, both with Trust Fund funding, provide focused, on the ground fish and wildlife habitat initiatives in rural, urban and urbanizing areas.

The final accomplishments report for Phase I of the MHCP project (ML 2001, First Special Session, Ch. 2, Sec. 14, Subd. 4e) will soon be available on the LCMR website under "2001 Project Abstracts."



*See Page 2 for Highlights of the Corridors' Accomplishments*

## ACCOMPLISHMENT HIGHLIGHTS PHASE I— HABITAT CORRIDORS PARTNERSHIP IN MINNESOTA:

- Ducks Unlimited teamed up with the USDA-NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) to restore and protect over 22,400 acres, including almost 8,000 wetland acres through perpetual easements. This increase in the Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) applications enabled Minnesota to rank second nationally in FY03 in securing federal funding for the Wetland Reserve Program totaling over \$29 million.
- Minnesota Land Trust worked with landowners to secure permanent conservation easements on private lands bordering critical riparian habitats. Easements protected more than 2,847 acres, including over 18 miles of shoreline. The Land Trust secured not only the protection of these lands, but sizeable donations for the value of these lands, totaling over \$3.6 million.
- DNR acquired 11 native prairie bank easements and The Nature Conservancy acquired 2 parcels with additional funds to protect 1555 acres of native prairie in corridor areas. In addition, 10 prairie habitat restoration projects were completed on private prairie land, including woody encroachment removal, mowing fire breaks, and prairie restoration. This complemented an additional 1223 of prairie habitat enhancement on private land through a new federal private lands program administered by DNR: the Landowner Incentive Program for Prairie Species at Risk.
- At Thorson Prairie, west of Glacial Ridge Reserve, Minnesota Trust for Public Land, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Nature Conservancy partnered to acquire almost 3,000 acres, connecting 27,200 acres of wildlife habitat overall. Restoration of these lands is underway.
- DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife improved habitat on over 3,500 acres, including 22 miles of shoreline, through shoreland plantings, dam removals or modification, in-stream cover, lake aeration, fish barriers and shoreline stabilization. Activities took place in the Ottertail and Pelican river corridors, Brainerd lakes region, Lac Qui Parle Lake, and the Cannon River.
- The NonGame Program at DNR assisted lakeshore owners, landscapers and the nursery industry to restore native plant buffer zones on lakeshore property benefiting water quality, wildlife, and fisheries in areas around Bemidji, Detroit Lakes, Grand Rapids, Brainerd, Willmar, and Clearwater.

## NEW BUCKTHORN WEBSITE!

Research on the biological control of buckthorn has been supported by the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund since 2003. This is a long-term research effort that will likely take many more years before its results are applicable to our own backyards, parks, and roadsides.

To assist property owners and land managers in the meantime, the Invasive Species Program at DNR has a new buckthorn web page up and running. The goal is to provide general information on impacts and regulation, identification, how to control, and alternative plants.

*What you can do to control buckthorn!* can be found at the following web site:

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/terrestrialplants/woody/buckthorn/index.html>

### PARTICIPATING PARTNERS INCLUDE:

- ◆ Ducks Unlimited
- ◆ Fond du Lac Reservation
- ◆ Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
- ◆ Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (Phase 2 & 3)
- ◆ Minnesota Deer Hunters Association
- ◆ Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- ◆ Minnesota Land Trust
- ◆ Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc. (Phase 2 & 3)
- ◆ National Wild Turkey Federation
- ◆ Pheasants Forever
- ◆ Red Lake Band of Chippewa
- ◆ The Nature Conservancy
- ◆ Trust for Public Land
- ◆ U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- ◆ U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service



## ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

In 2003, when LCMR asked for citizen input on future priorities for the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund, 22 percent of the 488 people responding identified "alternative energy" as the #1 priority. "Water resources" shared the #1 ranking with alternative energy. Several people commented that renewable energy issues are inextricably linked with other environmental issues -- clean water, clean air, wildlife habitat, hunting, fishing, and recreation.

During its 2004 strategic planning process, the LCMR and Citizen Advisory Committee identified the development and promotion of clean, renewable and/or innovative energy resources as one of six priority issue areas on which to focus funding and create a legacy for the Trust Fund.

In response to the energy funding priority, the LCMR is recommending that ten energy projects be funded for approximately \$3.8 million in 2005 (see page 7). These recommendations build on LCMR's track record of funding innovative energy projects.

### Science Museum

For example, in 1999, the Trust Fund funded the Science Museum of Minnesota's construction of the 1,200 square foot Science House, which serves as a laboratory and classroom for the Museum's new 1.2 acres outdoor science park. The Science House uses a photovoltaic (solar) roof and ground-source heating and cooling systems to provide all the energy it needs to heat, cool, and power itself on an annual basis.

In addition to demonstrating sustainable energy design, the Science House has been honored with the Energy and Environmental Building Association's Excellence in Building Educational Achievement Award in October 2003 and the Minnesota Environmental Initiative's Environmental Achievement Award in the Energy Category in 2004.



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The American Institute of Architects Minnesota selected Janis LaDouceur, the design architect for the Science House, as the outstanding young architect of 2003, and the Weidt Group as the energy modelers firm for 2003.

### Wind Energy

In 2003, the Trust Fund provided \$200,000 each to Carleton College and the University of Minnesota-Morris (UMM) through the Minnesota Dept. of Commerce to cost share in the construction of wind turbines.

At Carleton, the 1.65 megawatt wind turbine, is estimated to replace about 40 percent of the college's total electrical load with green non-polluting energy and reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. Carleton College dedicated its wind turbine

in September 2004, while UMM broke ground for its turbine in November 2004.

For information on other energy projects receiving funding through the LCMR, see the list of project abstracts on our website - [www.lcmr.leg.mn](http://www.lcmr.leg.mn)

## PAPERLESS UPDATES

LCMR's web site has extensive information: reports produced by the commission, newsletters, LCMR and CAC meeting notices and agendas, audio links for past meetings, abstracts of past funded projects, and membership lists, just to list a few. The information on the web far exceeds information that can be published.

We are encouraging people receiving this newsletter to consider asking to be removed from our "paper" copy list and sign up on the LCMR list-serv at: [www.commissions.leg.state.mn.us/lcmr/listserv/listserv.htm](http://www.commissions.leg.state.mn.us/lcmr/listserv/listserv.htm)

# 2005 LCMR PROCESS

## WHAT IS BEING RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING?

The LCMR is recommending a package of 74 natural resource and environmental projects totaling over \$39 million (\$37.6 million from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund) to the 2005 Legislature.

Projects are for fish and wildlife habitat, recreation, water resources, natural resource information, energy, agriculture, forestry, environmental education, and children's environmental health. A full list of projects being recommended to begin July 2005 are on pages 6- 7 and on the LCMR website at [www.lcmr.leg.mn](http://www.lcmr.leg.mn)

## HOW ARE THE PRIORITIES DETERMINED?

Review and discussion of Minnesota's natural resources included LCMR and CAC members traveling 2,630 miles throughout regions of the state in the summer and fall of 2003 to see and hear about the resource challenges and needs first hand; citizen input generated from a web-based survey; and recommendations from the eleven-member Citizen Advisory Committee appointed by the Governor.

## 2003 LCMR WEB CITIZEN INPUT

In 2003, the ability to use the web for citizen information gathering created a virtual town hall discussion. Citizens were invited to post their priorities and comments about resource needs on the LCMR website during August and September 2003. Both the LCMR and CAC members reviewed the results of the citizen input web-based survey of priority natural resource funding needs in making their decisions. 488 responses were received to the question: "What issue do you think needs the most attention"?

- 31 responses (6%) Agricultural practices
  - 105 responses (22%) Alternative energy
  - 36 responses (7%) Children's environmental health
  - 49 responses (10%) Environmental education
  - 17 responses (4%) Fish habitat and management
  - 18 responses (4%) Forest resources
  - 37 responses (8%) Recreation and open space
  - 105 responses (22%) Water resources
  - 55 responses (11%) Wildlife habitat and management
  - 35 responses (7%) Other
- 488 responses (% may not sum to 100 because of rounding)

All of the comments are posted on the LCMR website.

## SITE VISITS

Highlights of site visits during the summer and early fall of 2003 included the following:

- Red River Recreation Area: the reuse of the flood plain for recreation, fishery restoration efforts, and water quality and quantity issues
- Glacial Ridge native prairie restoration and landscape connections and habitat for wildlife (see pg. 2)
- Aggregate mining impacts on prairies and restoration efforts in NW Minnesota
- Wind energy in SW and NW Minnesota
- Shallow Lake Management, site stops at Heron Lake and Lake Christina
- Forest management and reforestation and research needs
- Scenic and natural area acquisition
- Wild rice lake restoration
- Public water supply challenges
- Phosphorus and lake water quality / lake management planning.
- Research of biological control of exotic species impacting agricultural crops, water, and natural areas
- State, local, metro, regional, and outstate regional parks; reviewing how the different parks and park systems are used, their unique natural resource features, and recreation opportunities.



*In 2001, the Gateway Trail Bridge was approved for funding. This bridge over Hwy 96 was completed in Summer of 2004. It helps riders and trail users safely cross over what was a dangerous road crossing.*

### FUNDING PRIORITIES

The LCMR and CAC sat down together to review what they had heard and learned during the trips and presentations. The discussions focused on what the vision should be for the legacy of the Trust Fund, including review of outcomes of previously funded projects, the desire to ensure funding for completion of all needed phases of a project and brainstorming on the opportunities for funding new initiatives.

With further deliberation, the CAC recommended that the LCMR consider the following funding priorities: Water Resources, Wildlife Habitat, Energy, and Matching Grants for Parks, Trails, and Local Water Plan Implementation.

LCMR members used this advice as the foundation for the LCMR adopted funding priorities and Request for Proposal (RFP). The LCMR also added a funding priority for the Enhancement to State Park and Recreation Areas, Trails, and other elements of the Outdoor Recreation System and invited several previously funded projects to apply again in order to continue or complete an activity.

These projects included research projects for biological control of common carp and buckthorn, evaluation of timber harvesting management, the development of two major trail systems, water monitoring for lakes and streams, and two essential natural resource mapping data layers, the County Biological Survey and Soil Survey.

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The RFP was mailed to over 3,500 individuals and organizations in December 2003. An on-line version was also available at the LCMR web address. By the deadline of February 20, 2004, the LCMR had received 221 proposals, requesting over \$240 million.

### PROPOSAL REVIEW AND LCMR

#### FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

After the initial review of all proposals and advice on the proposals received from the CAC, the LCMR selected 93 proposals totaling over \$182 million that best fit the funding priorities and evaluation criteria in the RFP. Project managers of the proposals were asked to present proposals before the Commission and the CAC and to respond to questions at a series of public meetings during eight days in June.

Once the presentation process was complete, the CAC met again and recommended 33 proposals totaling \$33 million to the LCMR for consideration for funding from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund.

The LCMR, using the advice of the CAC along with information gathered during the site visits and from presentations, developed a package of projects (listed on pages 6-7) to recommend to the 2005 Legislature.

## MINNESOTA

*A history of the land*

PREMIER OF TRUST FUND FILM  
PROJECT SET FOR FEBRUARY ON  
TPT

*Minnesota: A History of the Land*, a four-part documentary series, vividly brings to life the epic story of the people and landscapes of Minnesota. From the retreat of the last ice sheets to the growth of today's suburbs, the series seeks to entertain as it enriches our understanding of Minnesota's past, present, and future. The show will premiere on Feb. 21 and 22 at 8 p.m. on TPT.

*Minnesota: A History of the Land*, a production of the College of Natural Resources, University of Minnesota, and Twin Cities Public Television (TPT), received Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund support in 1999 and 2002. Additional funding was provided by the McKnight Foundation and a partnership of private and public matching funds. Barbara Coffin is the executive producer, Polly Fry and John Whitehead are producers, and the original soundtrack is by Peter Ostroushko. For more information go to [www.historyoftheland.org](http://www.historyoftheland.org).

# 2005 LCMR RECOMMENDED PROJECTS

The LCMR is recommending 70 appropriations for a total of \$39,286,000 to the 2005 Legislature. In total, 94 projects are recommended, including the multiple habitat corridors projects.

## FISH AND WILDLIFE.. \$10,076,000

\*Restoring Minnesota's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Corridors - Phase 3  
15 state, federal, tribal and non-profit organizations.....\$4,062,000

\*Metropolitan Area Wildlife Corridors - Phase 2  
9 state and non-profit organizations.....\$3,530,000

\*Development of Scientific and Natural Areas  
DNR.....\$134,000

Prairie Stewardship of Private Lands  
DNR.....\$100,000

\*Local Initiative Grants (Conservation Partners and Environmental Partnerships)  
DNR.....\$500,000

Minnesota ReLeaf Community Forest Development and Protection  
DNR.....\$500,000

\*Integrated and Pheromonal Control of Common Carp  
U of M.....\$550,000

\*Biological Control of European Buckthorn and Garlic Mustard  
DNR.....\$200,000

Land Exchange Revolving Fund for Aitkin, Cass and Crow Wing Counties  
Aitkin County.....\$500,000

## RECREATION..... \$12,719,000

State Park and Recreation Area Land Acquisition  
DNR.....\$2,000,000

LAWCON Federal Reimbursements  
DNR.....\$1,600,000

State Park and Recreation Area Revenue-Enhancing Development  
DNR.....\$200,000

Best Management Practices for Parks and Outdoor Recreation  
MN Recreation and Park Association.....\$200,000

\*Metropolitan Regional Parks Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Development  
Metropolitan Council.....\$2,000,000

Gitchi-Gami State Trail  
DNR.....\$500,000

Casey Jones State Trail  
DNR.....\$1,200,000

Paul Bunyan State Trail Connection  
DNR.....\$400,000

Minnesota River Trail Planning  
U of M.....\$200,000

\*Local Initiative Grants (Parks and Natural Areas)  
DNR.....\$1,200,000

Regional Park Planning for Nonmetropolitan Urban Areas  
U of M.....\$86,000

\*Local and Regional Trail Grant Initiative Program  
DNR.....\$700,000

Mesabi Trail  
St. Louis/Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority.....\$1,000,000

Cannon Valley Trail Belle Creek Bridge Replacement  
Cannon Valley Trail Joint Powers Board.....\$300,000

Arrowhead Regional Bike Trail Connections Plan  
Arrowhead Reg. Development Commission.....\$83,000

Land Acquisition, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum  
U of M.....\$650,000

Development & Rehabilitation of Minnesota Shooting Ranges  
DNR.....\$300,000

Birding Maps  
Audubon Minnesota.....\$100,000

## WATER RESOURCES..... \$6,027,000

\*Local Water Management Matching Challenge Grants  
BWSR.....\$1,000,000

\*Accelerating and Enhancing Surface Water Monitoring for Lakes and Streams  
PCA / MN Lakes Assoc. / Rivers Council.....\$600,000

\*Effects of Land Retirements on the Minnesota River  
BWSR.....\$300,000

\*Recycling Treated Municipal Wastewater for Industrial Water Use  
Metropolitan Council.....\$300,000

\*Unwanted Hormone Therapy: Protecting Water and Public Health  
U of M.....\$300,000

Climate Change Impacts on Minnesota's Aquatic Resources  
U of M - NRRI.....\$250,000

Green Roof Cost Share and Monitoring  
Ramsey Conservation District.....\$350,000

Woodchip Biofilter Treatment of Feedlot Runoff  
Stearns County SWCD and U of M.....\$270,000

Improving Water Quality on the Central Sands  
Central Lakes College Agricultural Center and U of M.....\$587,500

\*Improving Impaired Watersheds: Conservation Drainage Research  
Dept. of Agriculture.....\$300,000

Hydrology, Habitat and Energy Potential of Mine Lakes  
Central Iron Range Initiative.....\$500,000

\*denotes CAC recommended project.

Hennepin County Beach Water Quality Monitoring Project  
*Hennepin County* .....\$100,000

Southwest Minnesota Floodwater Retention Projects  
*Area II MN River Basin Projects, Inc.*.....\$500,000

Upgrades to Blue Heron Research Vessel  
*U of M*.....\$295,000

Bassett Creek Valley Channel Restoration  
*City of Minneapolis*.....\$175,000

Restoration of Indian Lake  
*MN Environmental Services*.....\$200,000

**LAND USE AND NATURAL RESOURCE INFO... \$2,000,000**

\*Minnesota County Biological Survey  
*DNR*.....\$1,000,000

Soil Survey  
*BWSR*.....\$500,000

Land Cover Mapping for Natural Resource Protection  
*Hennepin County* .....\$250,000

Open Space Planning and Protection  
*Anoka Conservation District*.....\$250,000

**AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCE INDUSTRIES... \$2,683,000**

\*Completing Third-Party Certification of DNR Forest Lands  
*DNR*.....\$250,000

\*Third Party Certification of Private Woodlands  
*U of M*.....\$376,000

\*Sustainable Management of Private Forest Lands  
*DNR*.....\$874,000

Evaluating Riparian Timber Harvesting Guidelines: Phase 2  
*U of M* .....\$333,000

3rd Crops for Water Quality - Phase 2  
*Rural Advantage/BERBI*.....\$500,000

Bio-conversion of Potato Waste into Marketable Biopolymers  
*Bemidji State University*.....\$350,000

**ENERGY... \$3,792,000**

\*Clean Energy Resource Teams and Community Wind Energy Rebate Programs  
*Dept. of Commerce*.....\$700,000

Planning for Economic Development via Energy Independence  
*U of M - Duluth*.....\$240,000

\*Manure Methane Digester Compatible Wastes and Electrical Generation  
*Dept. of Agriculture*.....\$100,000

\*Dairy Farm Digesters  
*The Minnesota Project*.....\$336,000

\*Wind to Hydrogen Demonstration  
*U of M - W. Central Research and Outreach Center*.....\$800,000

Natural Gas Production from Agricultural Biomass  
*Sebesta Blomberg & Assoc.*.....\$100,000

\*Biomass-Derived Oils for Generating Electricity and Reducing Emissions  
*U of M*.....\$150,000

Phillips Biomass Community Energy System  
*Phillips Community Energy Cooperative*.....\$900,000

Laurentian Energy Authority Biomass Project  
*Virginia Public Utility*.....\$466,000

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION... \$720,000**

Enhancing Civic Understanding of Groundwater  
*Science Museum of Minnesota*.....\$150,000

\*Cedar Creek Natural History Area Interpretive Center and Restoration  
*U of M* .....\$400,000

\*Environmental Problem-Solving Model for Twin Cities Schools  
*Eco Education*.....\$75,000

Tamarack Nature Center Exhibits  
*Ramsey County Parks & Recreation*.....\$95,000

**CHILDRENS ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH... \$200,000**

Minnesota Children's Pesticide Exposure Reduction Initiative  
*Dept. of Agriculture*.....\$200,000

**ADMINISTRATION... \$1,049,000**

LCMR Administrative Budget  
*LCMR*.....\$899,000

Contract Administration  
*DNR*.....\$150,000

**CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE... \$20,000**

\*Citizen Advisory Committee Budget  
*LCMR*.....\$20,000  
 and FY 2005 Carryforward.....\$15,000

## HABITAT CONSERVATION THROUGH METRO WILDLIFE CORRIDORS



*“It’s important to restore the habitat and I thought I should (help) since I like to watch the birds here.”*

Anne, a volunteer at Great River Greening restoration event

This restoration event in the Minnesota Valley where many partners are working together epitomizes the Metro Wildlife Corridors partnership approach to habitat conservation.

Since joining together in 2002, the eight nonprofit organizations and five Department of Natural Resources programs of Metro Wildlife Corridors have collaborated to acquire and restore a habitat network in the greater Twin Cities Metropolitan Area to protect and improve the health of native vegetation, fish, and wildlife species.

In the first 13 months implementing projects funded by the Environment and Natural Resource Trust Fund-funded projects, the Metro Wildlife Corridors completed 4 restoration projects totaling 92 acres and closed on 2 fee title acquisition and 3 conservation easement projects protecting 161 and 55 acres respectively. Plus, another 16 restoration and 13 acquisition projects are in progress.

By early 2008, through the Trust Fund-approved Phase I and proposed Phase II, the partners anticipate restoring 2,450 acres and through acquisition or easements 1,790 acres of habitat that would otherwise be lost to urban growth.

This effort received \$4,850,000 from the Trust Fund in July 2003 and is recommended to receive \$3,530,000 beginning July 2005.

Partners include:

- ◆ Ducks Unlimited
- ◆ Friends of the Minnesota Valley
- ◆ Friends of the Mississippi River
- ◆ Great River Greening
- ◆ Minnesota Land Trust
- ◆ Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust
- ◆ Pheasants Forever
- ◆ The Trust for Public Land
- ◆ Department of Natural Resources (Metro Greenways, Scientific and Natural Areas, Wildlife and Fisheries, and Forestry)

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