

LCCMR Work Program Final Report

Restoring Minnesota's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Corridors Phase 3 Habitat Conservation Partnership

4H: MN Valley Refuge Expansion - MN Valley Trust

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Total Biennial Project Budget

Result	Environmental Trust Fund	Environmental Trust Funds Spent	Environmental Trust Balance	Other Funds Proposed	Other Funds Spent
Acquisition	\$126,878.00	\$126,878.00	\$0.00	\$50,400.00	\$1,688,649.00
Total	\$126,878.00	\$126,878.00	\$0.00	\$50,400.00	\$1,688,649.00

Work Program Summary

Overall Project Outcome and Results

Tract 1 -- The Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc. completed fee title acquisition of 320 acres in Lincoln Township of Blue Earth County MN on April 18, 2007. Of the 320 acres, 13.55 acres were acquired with the appropriation from the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund.

The land is located in the Watonwan River Watershed of the Minnesota River. It includes over 100 acres of restorable wetlands and nearly 220 acres of restorable grassland. Farm buildings and a home will be removed and the building site restored.

The land is located at the head of Judicial Ditch 15 and is adjacent to more than 600 acres of permanently and restored habitat.

After restoration in 2008-09, this tract will provide prairie and wetland habitat for a host of wildlife species, ensuring excellent waterfowl and wildlife habitat benefits.

Tract 2 -- The Minnesota Valley Trust completed fee title acquisition of 138.49 acres (two parcels) in Beauford Township, Blue Earth County on June 30, 2008. Of that, 17.03 acres were acquired with ETF funds.

The 99.25 acre parcel includes 1,325 feet of shoreline on Perch Lake and the water control structure to the lake. Perch Lake is an important migratory waterfowl resting lake. The structure will be replaced, allowing better management of the lake for wildlife. This parcel also includes a 12 acre seasonal wetland and 76 tilled acres that will be restored to wetlands / grasslands.

The 39.24 acre parcel lies between the existing Little Cobb WPA and Perch Lake. Approximately half of the parcel is within the Cobb River floodplain and has 1,225 feet along the river.

Project Results Use and Dissemination

The Minnesota Valley Trust will publicize the completion of these acquisitions and plans for the lands through its website and news releases to the local media. After restoration is completed, the land will be donated to the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge and Wetland Management District of the USFWS. All funding partners will be acknowledged on Refuge kiosks, including the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund, as recommended by the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources.

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Acquisition Activities

Project Name: Lincoln WPA
Project Area: 10 - Southern Lakes
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The land is located in the Watonwan River Watershed of the Minnesota River. It includes over 100 acres of restorable wetlands and nearly 220 acres of restorable grassland. Farm buildings and a home will be removed and the building site restored.

The land is located at the head of Judicial Ditch 15 and is adjacent to more than 600 acres of permanently and restored habitat.

After restoration in 2008-09, this tract will provide prairie and wetland habitat for a host of wildlife species, ensuring excellent waterfowl and wildlife habitat benefits.

			Acres	Grassland Acres	Woodland Acres	Wetland Acres	Shoreline Feet	Riparian Feet
Non-Prorated Totals:			320.00	220.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Funding Type	Funds Use	Funding Amount	Prorated Acres	Grassland Acres	Woodland Acres	Wetland Acres	Shoreline Feet	Riparian Feet
ETF	Fee-Title Acquisition Costs	\$50,400.00	13.51	9.29	0.00	4.22	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Fee-Title Acquisition Costs	\$1,143,319.00	306.49	210.71	0.00	95.78	0.00	0.00
Total:		\$1,193,719.00	320.00	220.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00

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Project Name: Perch Lake WPA
Tract: 2
Project Area: 10 - Southern Lakes
Description: The MN Valley Trust completed fee title acquisition of 138.49 acres (two parcels) in Beauford Township of Blue Earth County. Of that 17.03 acres were acquired with ETF funds.

The 99.25 acre parcel includes shoreline on and the water control structure to Perch Lake, an important migratory waterfowl resting lake. The structure will be replaced, which will allow the DNR, USFWS and other partners to better manage the lake for wildlife. This parcel also includes a 12 acre seasonal wetland and 76 tillable acres that will be restored to wetland / grasslands.

Perch Lake is a 480 acre designated lake that hosts more than 10,000 migrating waterfowl each year and is designated as an important resting area for Lesser Scaup.

The 39.24 acre parcel is just west of the 99.25 acre parcel and east of the existing Little Cobb WPA. Approximately half of the parcel is within the Cobb River WPA.

These acquisitions will provide important connections between the existing Cobb WPA, the new Perch Lake WPA and the lake.

Note: The MN Valley Trust earlier acquired 150 acres on the south end of Perch Lake, as well, for this Waterfowl Production Area.

			Acres	Grassland Acres	Woodland Acres	Wetland Acres	Shoreline Feet	Riparian Feet
Non-Prorated Totals:			138.49	96.00	20.49	22.00	1,325.00	1,225.00
Funding Type	Funds Use	Funding Amount	Prorated Acres	Grassland Acres	Woodland Acres	Wetland Acres	Shoreline Feet	Riparian Feet
ETF	Fee-Title Acquisition Costs	\$76,478.00	17.03	11.81	2.52	2.71	162.97	150.67
Other Funds	Fee-Title Acquisition Costs	\$545,330.00	121.46	84.19	17.97	19.29	1,162.03	1,074.33
Total:		\$621,808.00	138.49	316.00	20.49	22.00	1,325.00	1,225.00

Acquisition Project Totals							
Funding Type	Funding Amount	Prorated Acres	Grassland Acres	Woodland Acres	Wetland Acres	Shoreline Feet	Riparian Feet
ETF	\$126,878.00	30.54	21.10	2.52	6.93	162.97	150.67
Other Funds	\$1,688,649.00	427.95	294.90	17.97	115.07	1,162.03	1,074.33
State Funds	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Partner's State Leveraged Funds	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	\$1,815,527.00	458.49	316.00	20.49	122.00	1,325.00	1,225.00

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Work Program Expenditures Breakdown

Expenditure	ETF Funds	Other Funds	State Funds	Partners State Leveraged Funds	Other
Acquisition Projects	\$126,878.00	\$1,688,649.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Not Attributable to Specific Projects	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$126,878.00	\$1,688,649.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Funding Type Definitions

ETF:	Grant dollars provided through the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund
Other Funds:	Non-state, non-state leveraged dollars (If partner funds are leveraging state funds (e.g. RIM) they are not eligible to be considered Other Funds)
State Funds:	State Funds expended on HCP projects (not eligible for use as other funds commitment)
Partners State Leveraged Funds:	Non state funds that have leveraged state funds as part of an HCP project (not eligible for use as other funds commitment)
Other:	Any other expenditures (e.g. grant income funds)

Attachment A: Budget Detail for 2005 Projects - Habitat Corridors Partnership Phase III - 4h

Project Title: Habitat Acquisition for Minnesota Valley Refuge

Project Manager Name: Deborah Loon

LCMR Requested Dollars: \$ 126,878

- 1) See list of non-eligible expenses, do not include any of these items in your budget sheet
- 2) Remove any budget item lines not applicable

2005 LCMR Proposal Budget	<u>Result 1 Budget:</u>	Amount Spent 6/30/2008	Balance 6/30/2008	
	<i>Habitat acquisition for Minnesota Valley Refuge</i>			
BUDGET ITEM				TOTAL FOR BUDGET ITEM
Land acquisition - 30.54 acres	\$ 126,878.00	\$ 126,878.00	0	\$ 126,878.00
COLUMN TOTAL	\$ 126,878.00	\$ 126,878.00	\$ -	\$ 126,878.00

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4H - Phase III Accomplishments

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