

LCCMR Work Program Final Report

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

4I: Living Lakes Acquisition - Ducks Unlimited

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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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Work Program Summary

Overall Project Outcome and Results

The purpose of this grant was to fund land acquisition work by Ducks Unlimited (DU) to purchase 20 acres with \$50,000 of grant funds and \$10,000 of other partner funds (e.g., DU or NAWCA), while using \$10,000 in grant funds for DU land protection staff and contributing \$4,000 of in-kind DU staff time and travel expense in the process.

Due to rising land prices and limited funding for this acquisition work, and growing opportunities to fund land protection via permanent conservation easements, funds from Trust Fund grant work program were transferred to HCP part 3c for DU conservation easements as approved by LCCMR staff in July 2006 due to lack of fee-title acquisition opportunities on shallow lakes within the limited \$50,000 project budget.

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.

Project Results Use and Dissemination

This grant helped DU refine and focus our land protection work on permanent conservation easements instead of land acquisitions. However, as a result of reallocating the funds to part 3c, no accomplishments were achieved and therefore no dissemination of results was undertaken by DU. ETF funds for this work program were transferred to 3c for conservation easements as approved by LCCMR staff in July 2006 due to lack of fee-title acquisition opportunities on shallow lakes within the \$50,000 budget.

Work Program Expenditures Breakdown

Expenditure	ETF Funds	Other Funds	State Funds	Partners State Leveraged Funds	Other
Not Attributable to Specific Projects	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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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 - Summary and Budget Page
FINAL BUDGET SUMMARY as of Nov 21, 2007

Proposal Title: Living Lakes Enhancement, Easements, & Acquisition
 Parts 2(c), 3(c), & 4(i) of "Restoring Minnesota's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Corridors - Phase III" (#A-01)

Project Manager Name: Jon Schneider, Ducks Unlimited

LCMR Requested Dollars: \$ 450,000

2005 LCMR Proposal Budget	Result 1 Budget:	Result 1 Spent:	Balance (11/21/07)	Result 2 Budget:	Result 2 Spent:	Balance (11/21/07)	Result 3 Budget:	Result 2 Spent:	Balance (11/21/07)			
	Shallow Lake Enhancement Part 2c			Shallow Lake Easements Part 3c			Shallow Lake Acquisitions Part 4i			TOTAL FOR BUDGET ITEM	Amount Spent:	Balance (11/21/07)
BUDGET ITEM												
PERSONNEL (staff salaries & benefits): DU surveyors, construction managers, biologists (benefits = 22% of total).	100,000	100,000	0	60,000	60,000	0	0	0	0	160,000	160,000	0
DEVELOPMENT	100,000		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100,000		0
Contracted professional & technical services: contracted bio-technician(s) for outreach, geotechnical sampling/analysis, etc.						0						
Construction: Contractor and material costs for construction of structures on shallow lake outlets (fish barriers and water controls).		100,000				0					100,000	
ACQUISITION	0	0	0	190,000		0	0	0	0	190,000		0
Professional/technical: Consultant services for environmental reports, appraisals, boundary survey, title clearance, legal work, etc.					43,518						43,518	
Land rights acquisition: Payments to landowners for purchased easements and fee-title acquisitions.					116,872						116,872	
Other direct operating costs: Easement stewardship to WAT/DU.					29,610						29,610	
COLUMN TOTAL	200,000	200,000	0	250,000	250,000	0	0	0	0	450,000	450,000	0