

LCMR Final Work Program Report

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I. PROJECT TITLE: Riparian Land Acquisition

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Total Biennial LCMR Project Budget:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Liquidated</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Riparian Land Acquisition				
Cleanwater Legacy (ETF) 2006				
Fiscal Year	2006	\$370,000	\$370,000	\$0
Fiscal Year	2007	\$270,000	\$270,000	\$0
Grand Total		\$640,000	\$640,000	\$0

Legal Citation: ML 2006, Chapter 243, Sec. 20 Subd. 9.

Appropriation Language: Subd. 9. Riparian land acquisition. \$370,000 in fiscal year 2006 and \$270,000 in fiscal year 2007 are appropriated to the commissioner of natural resources for fee title acquisition and easements on high-priority, sensitive riparian lands that provide high value for watershed protection.

II. and III. Final Project Summary: This project resulted in a grand total of approximately 149 acres and 2.13 miles of lake and stream shoreline being acquired in fee title. Environmental and Natural Resources Trust dollars directly acquired 52.2 acres of the total, including 0.85 miles of lake and stream shoreline. Outside funds (\$527,980) and other state monies (\$2,025,220) leveraged with trust dollars totaled \$2,553,200. These contributions helped acquire the remaining acres of the grand total including 79.4 acres and 1.05 miles using other state dollars, and 17.4 acres and 0.23 miles from outside funds.

This project complemented parcel acquisitions funded in the past with capital bonding, Trout Stamp, and Environmental Trust Fund dollars. The acquisition of aquatic management areas adjacent to lakes and streams ensures the protection of critical riparian habitat areas within sensitive watersheds and headwater areas, as well as, angler and management access. Acquisition under this project

occurred in the following Counties: Bottle Lake in Hubbard, Rum River (Chuck Davis) in Mille Lacs, Dead Lake in Otter Tail, and Maple Lake in Douglas.

IV. OUTLINE OF PROJECT RESULTS: The DNR has collaborated with Basin Coordinators from the MPCA to determine which properties on the DNR’s list of potential acquisitions would provide the greatest watershed protection value. Both DNR and MPCA staff believes that property that has never been developed and contains intact native vegetation will protect the riparian area and the water quality of the lakes and streams on which they are located, thereby supporting one aspect of the Clean Water Legacy Act (CWLA) which seeks to protect high quality water from becoming impaired.

Properties available for acquisition were ranked based on the following criteria:

- Whether or not the parcel contains undeveloped lakeshore/river bank with riparian and aquatic vegetation intact;
- The water quality of the rivers and lakes on which parcels are located;
- Whether or not the parcel contains critical habitat as described in MS 86A.05 (definition of AMA) and MR 6136.07 (Priorities for Acquisition and Improvement of Critical Natural Habitat – see Appendix B);
- User access (since these will properties will be publicly owned, how accessible the site is to the public is important); and
- the land value of the parcel (the DNR seeks to purchase land that offers the maximum land value to the state of Minnesota).

DNR has reviewed the ranked list and has selected those parcels that ranked as having the highest watershed protection value, contain critical habitat, provide the maximum land value and will be accessible for the public. The purchase of these lands will satisfy the aims of the CWLA, which seeks to protect high quality water from becoming impaired.

Result 1: Riparian Land Acquisition

Summary Budget Information for Result 1: LCMR Budget Balance \$640,000 \$0

Acquisition	Trust Acres	Trust Miles	Trust \$	Other St Acres	Other St Miles	Other State \$	Other Acres	Other Miles	Other \$
Bottle Lake	6.26	0.09	\$219,135	23.72	0.33	\$830,155	10.02	0.13	\$350,710
Chuck Davis	4.01	0.25	\$178,200	0.00	0.00	\$0	0.00	0.00	\$0
Dead Lake	4.15	0.05	\$100,000	48.48	0.63	\$1,167,730	7.36	0.10	\$177,270
Maple Lake	37.76	0.46	\$142,665	7.24	0.09	\$27,335	0.00	0.00	\$0
Total	52.18	0.85	\$640,000	79.44	1.05	\$2,025,220	17.38	0.23	\$527,980

Total Acres Acquired 149.0
Total Miles Acquired 2.13

V. TOTAL LCMR PROJECT BUDGET:

All Results: Personnel: \$0
All Results: Equipment: \$0
All Results: Development: \$0
All Results: Acquisition: \$640,000
All Results: Other: \$0

TOTAL LCMR PROJECT BUDGET: \$640,000

VI. OTHER FUNDS & PARTNERS:

A. Project Partners: NA

B. Other Funds being spent during the Project Period: \$500,000 from the general fund (ML 2006, Chapter 258, Article 10 - Cleanwater Legacy) will be used in conjunction with the trust fund dollars to acquire the properties listed on Table I. The purchase of some properties will also likely involve donations of land value and/or cash received by the DNR from citizens or groups. Cash and land donations made to the DNR generate Reinvest in Minnesota Critical Habitat match dollars. If match dollars are generated, they will also be applied towards purchasing the properties listed on Table I.

C. Required Match (if applicable): NA

D. Past Spending: Nothing on this project.

E. Time: December 4, 2006 until January 31, 2008.

VII. DISSEMINATION: The proposed acquisitions will be fully described and designated as AMAs in the State Register. These AMAs will also be identified on Public Recreation Information Maps during the following year.

VIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: Periodic work program progress reports will be submitted not later than January 31, 2007 and June 30, 2008. A final work program report and associated products will be submitted by January 31, 2008.

IX. RESEARCH PROJECTS: NA

Attachment A. Budget Detail

Final Report - Date: August 1, /2007

Project Title: Riparian Land Acquisition Project

Project Manager Name: Mike Halverson

LCCMR Requested Dollars: \$640,000

BUDGET ITEM	Amount Budgeted (\$)	Amount Spent (\$)	Balance (\$)	Comments
ACQUISITION				
Land acquisition, trust fund (fee title)	\$640,000	\$640,000	\$0	Fee title acquisition
Land transaction costs (e.g., survey, title, appraisal, environmental, & legal)	\$0	\$0	\$0	
ACQUISITION - SUBTOTAL	\$640,000	\$640,000	\$0	
TOTAL LCCMR Funding	\$640,000	\$640,000	\$0	