

LCCMR Work Program Final Report
Restoring Minnesota's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Corridors Phase 4
Habitat Conservation Partnership

3D: Wetlands Reserve Program - Ducks Unlimited (DU) & Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)

This project has 2 parts. Part 1(3d1) includes the expenditure of Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund dollars to contract with WRP technicians and is administered by Ducks Unlimited (DU). Part 2(3d2) is the accomplishment component of this project, administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and includes reporting on matching dollars and total acres enrolled.

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Fund: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

Legal Citation: ML 2007, Ch. 30, Sec. 2, Sub 4(b)

Total Biennial Project Budget

Result	Environmental Trust Allocation	Environmental Trust Funds Spent	Environmental Trust Balance	Other Funds* Proposed	Other Funds* Spent
Restoration	-	\$0	-	-	\$1,624,946
Easement	-	\$0	-	-	\$2,778,832
Work Program Expenditures (Not Attributable to Specific Projects)	-	\$350,000	-	-	\$257,655
Total	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,500,000.00	\$4,661,432.69

* Please note that most other funds reported here are federal in origin but do include some Ducks Unlimited Costs.

Work Program Summary

Overall Project Outcome and Results

This project was part 3d of the Habitat Conservation Partnership (HCP) whereby Ducks Unlimited (DU) contracted with wetland restoration specialists to help the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) deliver the federal Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) in Minnesota, a federal Farm Bill conservation easement program funded by the USDA. DU contract wetland restoration specialists assisted landowners in enrolling in the WRP to assisted NRCS in restoring lands enrolled in to the WRP. Specific deliverable goals of the WRP specialists included landowner contacts, WRP applications submitted, restoration plans submitted, wetland restoration designs, and restoration project oversight. USDA's NRCS provided federal cost-share funding for the WRP specialists and funded the cost of all WRP easement purchases and restorations, with a combined goal of 3,500 acres. This phase of the WRP partnership began in October 2007 with nine contract technicians and ended with seven in November 2008 after one contract expired and another terminated after a specialist found permanent employment elsewhere.

During the project performance period October 1, 2007 through November 10, 2008, DU spent the \$350,000 Trust Fund grant plus 8/19/2009

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\$257,654 in non-state Other Funds on contracted wetland restoration specialists and grant administration. DU contract specialists made 548 landowner contacts, submitted 138 WRP applications, developed 46 WRP conservation plans and 46 WRP wetland restoration designs, and managed construction on 35 WRP wetland restoration projects. This helped USDA's NRCS secure 17 new WRP easements totaling 2,444 acres at a federal Other Fund cost of \$2,778,832, and restore 19 grassland and 37 wetland sites totaling 7,579 acres at a federal Other Fund cost of \$1,624,946 in HCP Project Areas 1, 3, 6, 7 and 10. Total project Other Fund expense was \$4,661,432.69. Contracts for these specialists continued through 2008 into 2009 through a 2008 LCCMR grant for HCP Phase 5 Part 3d WRP.

Project Results Use and Dissemination

Information on the WRP signups has been publicized through news releases from the USDA's NRCS and local Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and through 548 individual landowner contacts made by DU wetland restoration specialists. Additional announcements and landowner contacts continue to be made and publicized by DU and USDA's NRCS. Additionally, the WRP partnership was nominated for a 2009 Minnesota Environmental Institute (MEI) award which was widely distributed. Finally, DU is actively working to increase public awareness and support for the WRP as an important Farm Bill wetland conservation program, including public and congressional support for future funding appropriations.

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Restoration Activities

Project Area	Project Name:	Description	Township	Range	Section	Activity	Funding Amount	Acres
1								
	66632220088	Polk County restoration	149	44	27	Grassland Restoration	\$31,138.34	1,961.50
	66632220088	Polk County restoration	149	44	27	Wetland Restoration	\$494,697.95	3,100.80
	66632230097	Douglas County restoration	128	36	8	Wetland Restoration	\$6,161.33	10.00
	66632230121	Stevens County restoration	126	43	31	Wetland Restoration	\$18,426.26	27.80
	66632230122	Stevens County restoration	125	43	6	Wetland Restoration	\$31,152.30	47.00
	66632230138	Stevens County restoration	126	43	32	Wetland Restoration	\$2,187.29	3.30
	66632240055	Polk County restoration	153	46	23	Wetland Restoration	\$1,057.50	4.80
	66632250011	Polk County restoration	148	44	8	Grassland Restoration	\$168,943.25	296.30
	66632250011	Polk County restoration	148	44	8	Wetland Restoration	\$234,287.07	809.20
	66632250054	Polk County restoration	149	44	7	Grassland Restoration	\$16,290.00	38.90
Project Area 1 Total:							\$1,004,341.29	6,299.60
3								
	66632220059	Douglas County restoration	128	37	26	Wetland Restoration	\$4,075.00	10.50
	66632230011	Clay County	142	46	13	Wetland Restoration	\$1,700.00	13.70
	66632230014	Wilkin County	134	45	5	Wetland Restoration	\$13,087.20	59.40
	66632230088	Clay County restoration	137	45	21	Wetland Restoration	\$66,248.14	73.40
	66632230115	Otter Tail County restoration	133	43	3	Grassland Restoration	\$6,942.00	48.50
	66632230115	Otter Tail County restoration	133	43	3	Wetland Restoration	\$8,784.00	29.40

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	66632230139	Stevens County restoration	125	43	6	Wetland Restoration	\$35,460.60	53.50
	66632230139	Douglas County restoration	125	43	6	Wetland Restoration	\$9,412.00	16.80
	66632240010	Becker County	138	38	4	Grassland Restoration	\$31,125.48	157.10
	66632240010	Becker County	138	38	4	Wetland Restoration	\$476.82	2.40
	66632240011	Pope County	123	39	15	Wetland Restoration	\$4,845.00	6.60
	66632240023	Pope County	126	36	21	Grassland Restoration	\$8,291.30	72.10
	66632240036	Stevens County restoration	125	43	5	Wetland Restoration	\$22,734.55	34.30
	66632240062	Big Stone County	121	45	7	Wetland Restoration	\$5,447.62	13.50
	66632240070	Stevens County restoration	124	43	4	Wetland Restoration	\$15,447.50	9.90
	66632250005	Stevens County restoration	126	43	31	Wetland Restoration	\$10,885.60	13.20
	66632250006	Stevens County restoration	126	43	31	Wetland Restoration	\$26,165.90	31.40
	66632250010	Stevens County restoration	126	43	30	Grassland Restoration	\$1,450.00	1.40
	66632250010	Stevens County restoration	126	43	30	Wetland Restoration	\$35,076.10	28.30
	66632250014	Wilkin County	135	45	5	Grassland Restoration	\$17,922.23	10.50
	66632250014	Wilkin County	135	45	5	Wetland Restoration	\$5,120.64	3.00
	66632250019	Clay County	141	45	29	Grassland Restoration	\$5,250.00	1.40
	66632250019	Clay County	141	45	29	Wetland Restoration	\$3,000.00	3.10
	66632250039	Stevens County	125	43	32	Grassland Restoration	\$471.99	4.90
	66632250039	Stevens County	125	43	32	Wetland Restoration	\$16,790.03	4.60

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	66632250049	Pope County	123	38	6	Grassland Restoration	\$15,762.47	102.90
	66632250049	Pope County	123	38	6	Wetland Restoration	\$505.49	3.30
	66632266007	Stevens Co.	125	43	21	Grassland Restoration	\$5,403.58	109.20
	66632266007	Stevens Co.	125	43	21	Wetland Restoration	\$329.51	9.40
	66632266016	Becker County restoration	140	41	19	Grassland Restoration	\$2,612.40	93.30
	66632266016	Becker County restoration	140	41	19	Grassland Restoration	\$327.60	11.70
Project Area 3 Total:							\$381,150.75	1,032.70
6								
	66632230081	Big Stone County restoration	124	47	36	Grassland Restoration	\$10,194.34	31.00
	66632230081	Big Stone County restoration	124	47	36	Wetland Restoration	\$36,800.00	14.50
	66632240053	Stevens County restoration	123	44	5	Grassland Restoration	\$931.00	24.50
	66632240053	Stevens County restoration	123	44	5	Wetland Restoration	\$927.80	4.90
Project Area 6 Total:							\$48,853.14	74.90
7								
	66632230093	Pope County restoration	124	37	17	Wetland Restoration	\$43,790.00	18.90
	66632230093	Pope County	124	37	17	Wetland Restoration	\$6,244.00	17.90
	66632230094	Pope County restoration	124	37	29	Wetland Restoration	\$56,126.00	18.00
Project Area 7 Total:							\$106,160.00	54.80
10								
	66632220091	Freeborn County restoration	101	21	18	Wetland Restoration	\$22,144.75	4.20
	66632240050	Freeborn County restoration	101	22	13	Wetland Restoration	\$19,044.00	28.80
	66632240052	Freeborn County	104	20	20	Wetland Restoration	\$29,268.75	34.30

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	66632266055	Freeborn County	104	19	19	Grassland Restoration	\$4,771.34	29.60
	66632266055	Freeborn County	104	19	19	Wetland Restoration	\$9,211.90	19.70
Project Area 10 Total:							\$84,440.74	116.60

Restoration Project Totals (By Funding Type)

Funding Type	Funding Amount	Prorated Acres	Shoreline Feet
Other Funds:	\$1,624,945.92	7,578.60	0.00
Total:	\$1,624,945.92	7,578.60	0.00

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Easement Activities

Project Area	Project Name	Description	Funding Amount	Acres	Grassland Acres	Woodland Acres	Wetland Acres	Shoreline	Riparian
1									
	66632266036	Stevens County	\$146,547.00	97.00	71.80	0.00	25.20	0.00	0.00
	66632266042	Steele County	\$213,576.00	100.50	20.30	0.00	80.20	0.00	0.00
	66632266057	Polk Co. WRP easement	\$24,660.00	51.90	36.40	0.00	15.50	0.00	0.00
	66632266064	Pope County	\$119,355.00	145.70	111.70	7.00	27.00	0.00	0.00
	66632266068	Clay County	\$86,543.00	145.70	107.10	0.00	38.60	0.00	0.00
	66632270037	Becker County	\$160,349.00	183.30	119.40	12.00	51.90	0.00	0.00
	66632270075	Clay County	\$191,174.00	216.30	154.30	40.00	22.00	0.00	0.00
	66632270076	Rice County	\$197,367.00	69.70	45.60	2.00	22.10	0.00	0.00
Project Area 1 Total			\$1,139,571.00	1,010.10	45.60	61.00	282.50	0.00	0.00
3									
	66632250019	Clay Co. WRP Easement.	\$158,452.00	158.30	82.70	0.00	75.60	0.00	0.00
	66632266004	Clay Co. WRP easement.	\$152,484.00	296.50	226.30	0.00	70.20	0.00	0.00
	66632266008	Becker Co. WRP easement	\$21,867.00	19.10	12.00	0.00	7.10	0.00	0.00
	66632266033	Becker Co. WRP easement	\$54,108.00	66.80	40.60	0.00	26.20	0.00	0.00
Project Area 3 Total			\$386,911.00	540.70	40.60	0.00	179.10	0.00	0.00
6									
	66632266059	Big Stone Co. WRP easement	\$50,510.00	78.40	59.70	0.00	18.70	0.00	0.00
Project Area 6 Total			\$50,510.00	78.40	59.70	0.00	18.70	0.00	0.00
10									
	66632250055	Steele Co. WRP Easement	\$329,053.00	119.20	78.40	0.00	40.80	0.00	0.00
	66632266055	Freeborn Co. WRP easement	\$152,297.00	70.10	50.40	0.00	19.70	0.00	0.00

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	66632266056	Freeborn Co. WRP easement	\$89,626.00	77.90	32.30	0.00	45.60	0.00	0.00
	66632266058	Freeborn Co. WRP easement	\$630,864.00	547.30	302.20	0.00	245.10	0.00	0.00
Project Area 10 Total			\$1,201,840.00	814.50	302.20	0.00	351.20	0.00	0.00

Easement Totals (By Funding Type)

Funding Type:	Funding Amount	Prorated Acres	Grassland Acres	Woodland Acres	Wetland Acres	Shoreline Feet	Riparian Feet
Other Funds	\$2,778,832.00	2,443.70	1,551.20	61.00	831.50	0.00	0.00
Total	\$2,778,832.00	2,443.70	1,551.20	61.00	831.50	0.00	0.00

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Work Program Expenditures (Not Attributable to Specific Projects)

<i>FundingType</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Description</i>
ENTF	Professional Services	\$338,178.02	Expense for contracted field technicians to promote the USDA NRCS' Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) and help landowners and NRCS restore wetlands and native prairie grasslands enrolled into this permanent conservation easement program within HCP Project Areas 1-10.
ENTF	Personnel Expenditures	\$11,821.98	Program management and contracted technician coordination expense to hire and supervise technicians, manage their activities and performance within HCP Project Areas 1-10, and administer the LCCMR HCP grant funding this work.
Other Funds	Professional Services	\$239,907.84	Expense for contracted field technicians to promote the USDA NRCS' Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) and help landowners and NRCS restore wetlands and native prairie grasslands enrolled into this permanent conservation easement program within HCP Project Areas 1-10.
Other Funds	Personnel Expenditures	\$17,746.93	Program management and contracted technician coordination expense to hire and supervise technicians, manage their activities and performance within HCP Project Areas 1-10, and administer the LCCMR HCP grant funding this work.
Total:		\$607,654.77	

Work Program Expenditures (Not Attributable to Specific Projects) By Funding Type

Funding Type	Amount
ENTF	\$350,000.00
Other Funds	\$257,654.77
Total	\$607,654.77

Work Program Expenditures Breakdown

Funding Type	Restoration Projects	Easement Projects	Not Attributable To Specific Projects	Total
ENTF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00
Other Funds	\$1,624,945.92	\$2,778,832.00	\$257,654.77	\$4,661,432.69
Total	\$1,624,945.92	\$2,778,832.00	\$607,654.77	\$5,011,432.69

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Funding Type Definitions

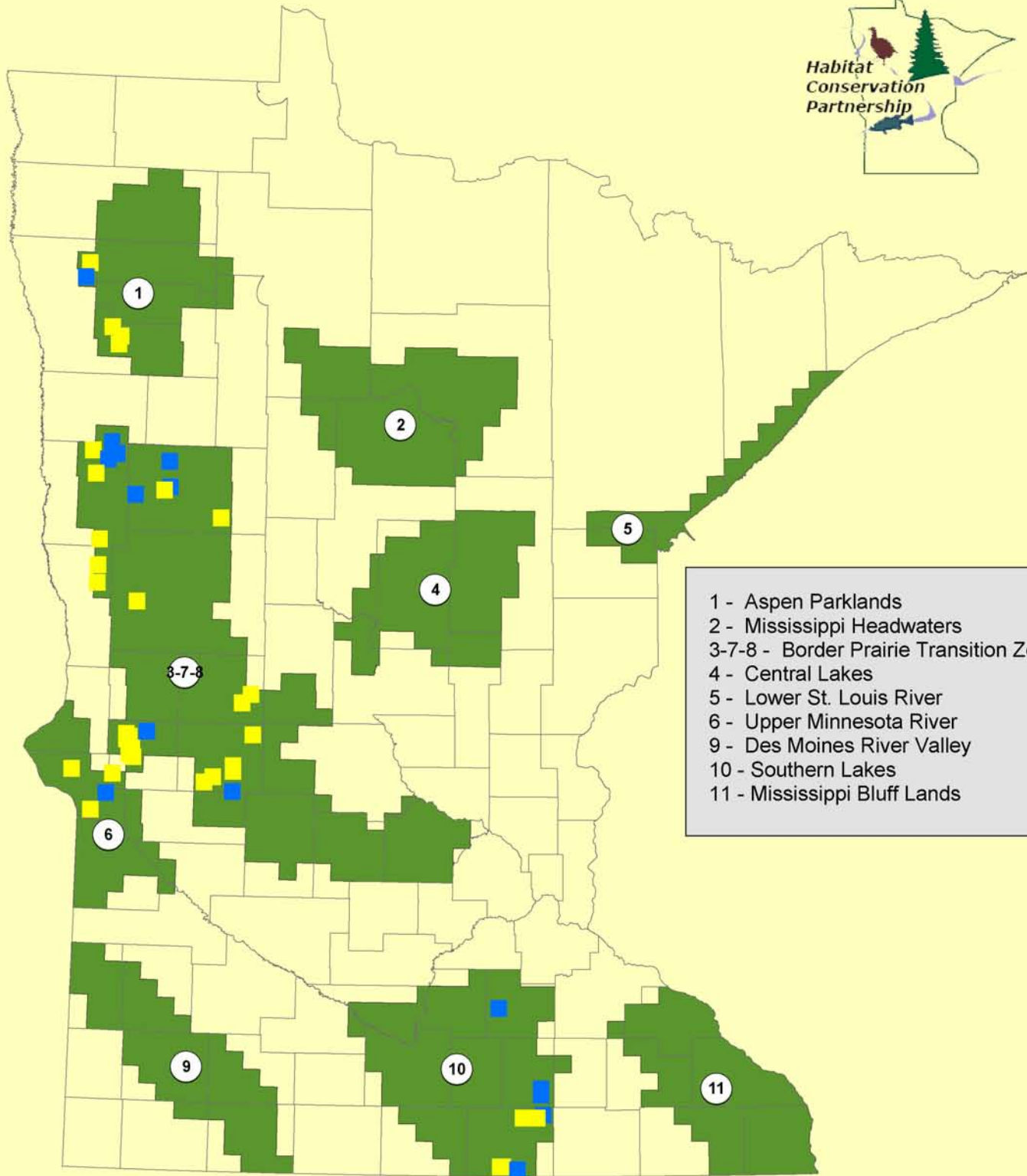
ETF:	Grant dollars provided through the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund
Other Funds:	Non-state, non-state leveraged dollars (if partner funds are leveraging State Funds (e.g. RIM) they are not eligible to be considered Other Funds)
State Funds:	State Funds expended on HCP projects (not eligible for use as Other Funds commitment)
Partner's 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 2007 Projects**ML 2007, Chapter [30], Section [4], Subdivision [b]. Minnesota's Habitat Conservation Partnership - Phase IV****3D Wetlands Reserve Program****Project Manager Name: Jon Schneider, DU****Project Co-Manager: Tim Koehler, NRCS****Trust Fund Appropriation: \$350,000****FINAL REPORT**

2007 Trust Fund Budget	Result 1 Budget:	Amount Spent	Balance	TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL SPENT	TOTAL BALANCE
	<i>TA for WRP Easements</i>					
BUDGET ITEM						
PERSONNEL: wages and benefits (DU staff for project administration)	\$11,822	\$11,822	\$0	\$11,822	\$11,822	\$0
Contracts						
Professional/technical (contract biotechnicians to deliver WRP)	\$337,558	\$337,558	\$0	\$337,558	\$337,558	\$0
Other Supplies (field supplies including items such as hip boots, survey batteries, tapes, lath, clip boards, etc.)	\$87	\$87	\$0	\$87	\$87	\$0
Travel expenses in Minnesota	\$533	\$533	\$0	\$533	\$533	\$0
COLUMN TOTAL	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$0	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$0

Habitat Conservation Partnership Phase 4 - Accomplishments

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- 1 - Aspen Parklands
- 2 - Mississippi Headwaters
- 3-7-8 - Border Prairie Transition Zone
- 4 - Central Lakes
- 5 - Lower St. Louis River
- 6 - Upper Minnesota River
- 9 - Des Moines River Valley
- 10 - Southern Lakes
- 11 - Mississippi Bluff Lands

 Restorations	 Easements	 Acquisitions
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