

Trust Fund 2008 Work Program and Trust Fund 2009 Work Program

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Date of Next Status Report: July 2009
M.L. 2008 **M.L. 2009**
Date of Work program Approval: June 10, 2008 **June xx, 2009**
Project Completion Date: June, 30 2011 June 30, 2012

I. PROJECT TITLE: Metropolitan Regional Park System Land Acquisition

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Location: Regional Parks and Trails located in Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Scott, Hennepin, Ramsey and Washington Counties (see attached map titled "Land Acquisition Areas That Would Be Eligible for Acquisition Opportunity Grant Fund")

Total Trust Fund Project Budget:	M.L. 2008	M.L. 2009	Total
Trust Fund Appropriation:	\$1,500,000	\$1,290,000	\$2,790,000
Minus Amount Spent:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equal Balance:	\$1,500,000	\$1,290,000	\$2,790,000

Legal Citation:

ML 2008, Chap. 367, Sec. 2, Subd. 3(i).

2008 Appropriation Language: (i) Metropolitan Regional Park System Land Acquisition \$1,500,000 is from the trust fund to the Metropolitan Council for subgrants for the acquisition of lands within the approved park unit boundaries of the metropolitan regional park system. This appropriation may not be used for the purchase of residential structures. Subdivision 11 applies to grants awarded in the approved work program. A list of proposed fee title and easement acquisitions must be provided as part of the required work program. All funding for conservation easements must include a long-term stewardship plan and funding for monitoring and enforcing the agreement. This appropriation must be matched by at least 40 percent of nonstate money and must be committed by December 31, 2008, or the appropriation cancels. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2011, at which time the project must be completed and final products delivered, unless an earlier date is specified in the work program.

Subd. 11. Payment Conditions and Capital Equipment Expenditures

All agreements, grants, or contracts referred to in this section must be administered on a reimbursement basis unless otherwise provided in this section. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.412, expenditures made on or after July 1, 2008, or the date the work program is approved, whichever is later, are eligible for reimbursement unless otherwise provided in this section. Periodic payment must be made upon receiving documentation that the deliverable items articulated in the approved work program have been achieved, including partial achievements as evidenced by progress reports. Reasonable amounts may be advanced to projects to accommodate cash flow needs or match federal money. The advances must be approved as part of the work program. No expenditures for capital equipment are allowed unless expressly authorized in the project work program.

M.L. 2009, Chap. 143, Sec. 2, Subd. 5(e)

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II. PROJECT SUMMARY AND RESULTS:

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\$1,500,000 is appropriated to match \$1,000,000 of Metropolitan Council bonds to partially finance the acquisition of about 225 acres of land within approved regional park unit boundaries when acquisition CIP funds have been spent by that agency. The estimated acreage amount is based on projections provided by regional park agencies of land that could be acquired from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011.

The appropriation will finance new acquisitions only –no reimbursements will be financed for land already acquired. Land acquired with the appropriation will have high natural resource values with priority given to shoreland, lands that provide important natural resource connections, and land containing unique natural resources. A list of proposed acquisitions, fee title and easements, is provided (see attached “Potential List of Parcels to be Acquired for Metropolitan Regional Park System”). All funding for conservation easements will include a long term stewardship plan and appropriate funding for monitoring.

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\$1,290,000 is appropriated to match \$860,000 of Metropolitan Council bonds to partially finance the acquisition of about 195 acres of land within approved regional

park unit boundaries when acquisition CIP funds have been spent by that agency. The estimated acreage amount is based on projections provided by regional park agencies of land that could be acquired from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2012.

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III. PROGRESS SUMMARY as of February 18, 2009

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Two acquisitions have been approved for funding as follows. ½ acre including Mississippi River shoreline as part of the Above the Falls Regional Park in Minneapolis, and 1.1 acre including Holland Lake shoreline as part of Lebanon Hills Regional Park in Dakota County.

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N/A

IV. OUTLINE OF PROJECT RESULTS:

Result 1: Acquisition Opportunity Grants

Description:

A list of proposed acquisitions, fee title and easements, is provided as part of this workprogram (see attached “Potential List of Parcels to Be Acquired for Metropolitan Regional Park System”.)

When the Metropolitan Council authorizes subgrants to regional park agencies to acquire land under this appropriation, a description of that land will be described as a “Deliverable”, along with the date it was acquired as the “Completion Date”, the amount of the appropriation spent on the land will be listed under “Budget” and the balance of the appropriation remaining to be used to acquire more land will be listed under “Status”. More detail on each acquisition, including the expenditure of the non-State match and related expenditures such as legal fees and property tax equivalency payments required under MS 473.341 on each acquisition will be shown in Attachment A: Budget Detail

Summary Budget Information for Result 1:

	M.L. 2008	M.L. 2009	Total
Trust Fund Budget:	\$1,500,000	\$1,290,000	\$2,790,000
Amount Spent:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Balance:	\$1,500,000	\$1,290,000	\$2,790,000

Deliverable	Completion Date	Budget	Status
1. 0.5 acre in Above the Falls Regional Park, Minneapolis Park Bd.	Dec. 31, 2009	\$83,802 Trust Fund; \$55,868 Metro Council \$46,557 Mpls. Park Bd	Grant Approved 12/10/08
2. 1.1 acres in Lebanon Hills Regional Park, Dakota County	Dec. 31, 2009	\$10,440 Trust Fund; \$6,960 Metro Council; \$5,800 Dakota County	Grant Approved 1/28/09
3. Description of parcels acquired with the 2009 Trust Fund appropriation listed here			

Completion Date: M.L. 2008 = June 30, 2011; M.L. 2009 = June 30, 2012

Result Status as of February 18, 2009

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A total of 1.6 acres has been approved for acquisition funding from this Trust Fund appropriation and matching Metro Council bond and park agency funds as shown above. Grant agreements are being drafted/executed at this time for these acquisitions. No Trust Fund appropriations have been spent yet since they can't be disbursed until successful execution of the grant agreements and successful closing on the parcels.

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N/A

Result Status as of July 2009:

Result Status as of January 2010:

Result Status as of July 2010:

Result Status as of January 2011:

M.L. 2008 Final Report Summary:

Result Status as of July 2011

Result Status as of January 2012:

M.L. 2009 Final Report Summary:

V. TOTAL TRUST FUND PROJECT BUDGET:

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Staff or Contract Services: \$22,500 for legal services and appraisals on land acquired with subgrants. The exact amount for each subgrant will be reported in the Attachment A: Budget Detail

Equipment: \$ N/A

Development: \$ N/A

Restoration: \$ 52,500 for land stewardship costs/natural resource restoration. The exact amount for each subgrant will be reported in the Attachment A: Budget Detail

Acquisition, including easements: \$1,425,000 to acquire in fee title about 225 acres of land within approved regional park unit boundaries. The title of the land will be held by the regional park agency that received a subgrant from this appropriation and partially financed the acquisition of the land with the subgrant. The amount of each subgrant awarded to a park agency for a particular parcel's acquisition will be listed in workprogram updates in Attachment A: Budget Detail. Each recipient regional park agency will be responsible for the initial and annual Trust Fund land reports.

TOTAL 2008 TRUST FUND PROJECT BUDGET: \$ 1,500,000

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Staff or Contract Services: \$19,350 for legal services and appraisals on land acquired with subgrants. The exact amount for each subgrant will be reported in the Attachment A: Budget Detail

Equipment: \$ N/A

Development: \$ N/A

Restoration: \$ 45,150 for land stewardship costs/natural resource restoration. The exact amount for each subgrant will be reported in the Attachment A: Budget Detail

Acquisition, including easements: \$1,215,000 to acquire in fee title about 195 acres of land within approved regional park unit boundaries. The title of the land will be held by the regional park agency that received a subgrant from this appropriation and partially financed the acquisition of the land with the subgrant. The amount of each subgrant awarded to a park agency for a particular parcel's acquisition will be listed in workprogram updates in Attachment A: Budget Detail. Each recipient regional park agency will be responsible for the initial and annual Trust Fund land reports.

TOTAL 2009 TRUST FUND PROJECT BUDGET: \$ 1,290,000

VI. OTHER FUNDS & PARTNERS:

A. Project Partners:

The following regional park implementing agencies are eligible to receive an Acquisition Opportunity Grant from these appropriations. The amount each agency actually receives is dependent on the amount needed for a particular subgrant and will be reported in future status reports in Attachment A: Budget Detail.

Regional Park Agency Contact	Regional Park Agency Name
John VondeLinde	Anoka County Parks Dept.
Randy Quale	City of Bloomington Parks Dept.
Marty Walsh	Carver County Parks Dept.

Steve Sullivan	Dakota County Parks Dept.
Mike Kimble	Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board
Greg Mack	Ramsey County Parks Dept.
Jody Martinez	City of St. Paul Parks Dept.
Mark Themig	Scott County Parks Dept.
Boe Carlson	Three Rivers Park District
John Elholm	Washington County Parks Dept.

B. Other Funds Proposed to be Spent during the Project Period:

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The Metropolitan Council will provide \$1 million of its park bonds as a match to the \$1.5 million Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriation. The Council's bonds will be used in part to pay the property tax equivalency payment due at closing to the affected city or township. This payment (180% of the city or township taxes due in the year the land is purchased) is required under MS 473.341. In addition to the \$1,000,000 of Metropolitan Council bonds, regional park agencies will have to provide \$833,000 of matching funds to subgrants financed with the Trust Fund appropriation and Council bonds. The amount of match provided by the regional park agencies in percentage terms is 25% of the costs to acquire the parcel. The matching funds can be from the park agency's capital budget and/or from other non-State sources such as a watershed district grant. The agency matching funds are not included in the Budget Detail

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The Metropolitan Council will provide \$860,000 of its park bonds as a match to the \$1.29 million Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriation. The Council's bonds will be used in part to pay the property tax equivalency payment due at closing to the affected city or township. This payment (180% of the city or township taxes due in the year the land is purchased) is required under MS 473.341. In addition to the \$860,000 of Metropolitan Council bonds, regional park agencies will have to provide \$717,000 of matching funds to subgrants financed with the Trust Fund appropriation and Council bonds. The amount of match provided by the regional park agencies in percentage terms is 25% of the costs to acquire the parcel. The matching funds can be from the park agency's capital budget and/or from other non-State sources such as a watershed district grant. The agency matching funds are not included in the Budget Detail

C. Past Spending:

In 2007, \$2,500,000 from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund was appropriated for this purpose under the condition that the Metropolitan Council provide a match of \$1,666,000, and that no residential structures could be acquired. Those funds have been spent to partially finance the acquisition of 5 parcels totaling 528 acres.

D. Time:

The M.L. 2008 Trust Fund appropriation and Council bond match would be spent between July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011.

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VII. DISSEMINATION:

The Metropolitan Council will use its website www.metrocouncil.org to publish requests for subgrants financed with this appropriation as part of its consideration of those subgrant requests. The public may comment on those subgrant requests at meetings conducted by the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission and the Metropolitan Council.

VIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

M.L. 2008

Periodic work program progress reports will be submitted not later than January 2009, July 2009, January 2010, July 2010, and January 2011. A final work program report and associated products will be submitted between June 30 and August 1, 2011 or earlier if funds are expended before June 30, 2011.

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IX. RESEARCH PROJECTS:

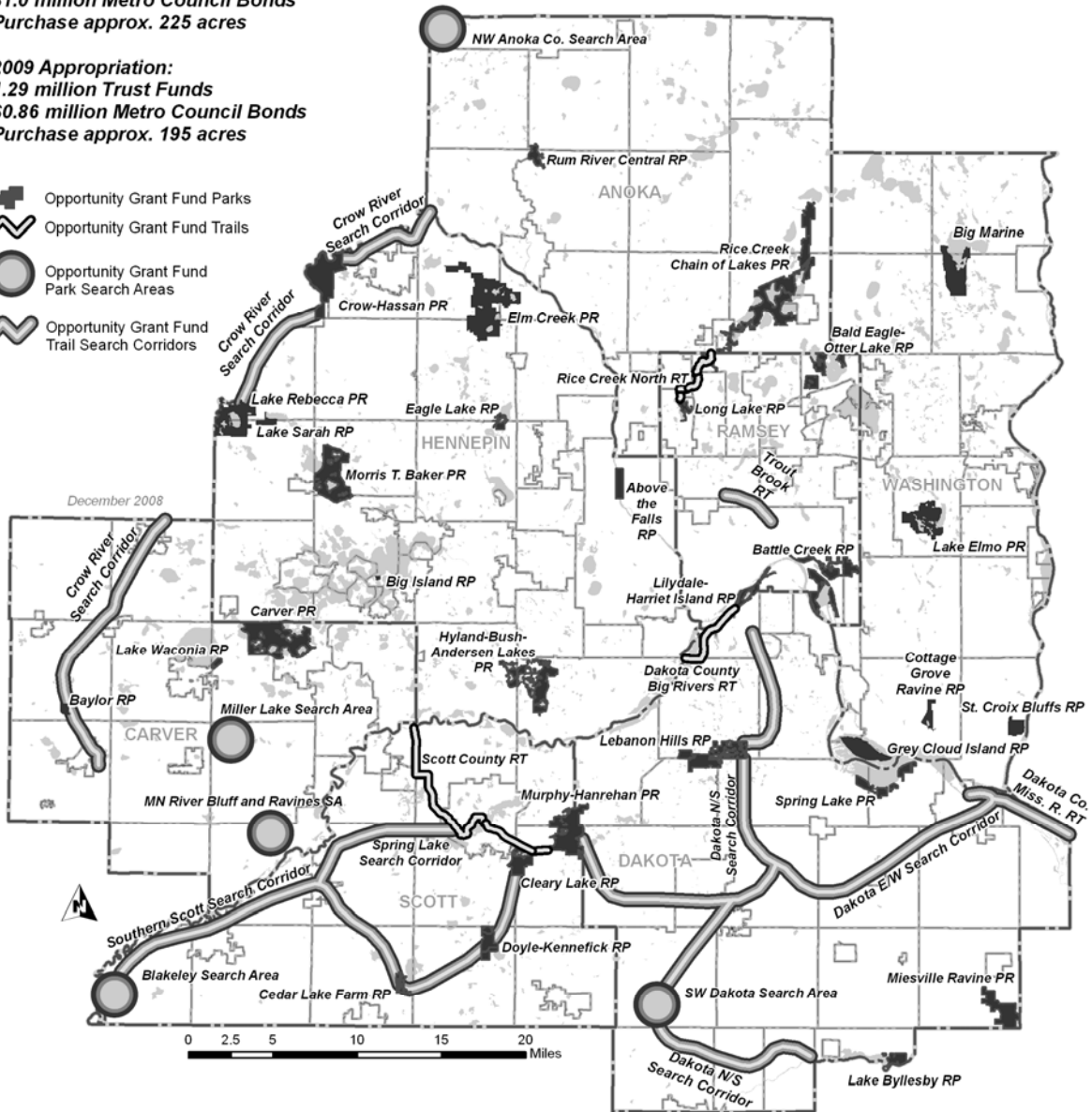
Result 1: Acquisition Opportunity Grants

Land Acquisition Areas That Would Be Eligible for Acquisition Opportunity Grant Fund

2008 Appropriation:
 \$1.5 million Trust Funds
 \$1.0 million Metro Council Bonds
 Purchase approx. 225 acres

2009 Appropriation:
 1.29 million Trust Funds
 \$0.86 million Metro Council Bonds
 Purchase approx. 195 acres

-  Opportunity Grant Fund Parks
-  Opportunity Grant Fund Trails
-  Opportunity Grant Fund Park Search Areas
-  Opportunity Grant Fund Trail Search Corridors



RP = Regional Park
 PR = Park Reserve
 RT = Regional Trail
 Search Area = Proposed park location;
 boundary determined by master plan
 Search Corridor = Proposed trail alignment;
 location determined by master plan



Potential List of Parcels to Be Acquired for Metropolitan Regional Parks System

Park Agency	Park or Trail Unit	Parcel ID # and Acq. Status	Acreage
Dakota County	Empire Wetlands/Vermillion Highlands Regional Park	12-01500-010-01 and 12-01000-011-26. Acquired May 2008 with 2007 appropriation	456
Washington County	Cottage Grove Ravine RP	1402721430003	15.8
Minneapolis Park & Rec. Board	Above The Falls Regional Park	15-029-241-30001	0.11
Minneapolis Park & Rec. Board	Above The Falls Regional Park	10-029-24-44-0011 Acquired January 2009 with 2008 appropriation	0.18
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Minneapolis Park & Rec. Board	Above The Falls Regional Park	15-029-24-13-0006 Acquired January 2009 with 2008 appropriation	0.079
Minneapolis Park & Rec. Board	Above The Falls Regional Park	15-029-24-13-0007 Acquired January 2009 with 2008 appropriation	0.079
Carver County	Lake Waconia Regional Park	70180300	2.94
St. Paul	Harriet Island Regional Park	07-28-22-21-0011	0.74
Three Rivers Park District	Assumption that 3 parcels totaling 7.3 acres are acquired per year. This is 5% of the remaining inholdings in Park District units	List of parcels on file.	7.3
Dakota County	Lebanon Hills Regional Park	10-02600-010-53 Acquired February 2009	1.1
Dakota County	Spring Lake Park Reserve	30-02300-010-51	39.4
Dakota County	Miesville Ravine Regional Park	9-03600-010-76 and 9-03600-010-77	8.6
Washington County	Big Marine Park Reserve	0603120110001	79.74
Scott County	Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve	29190031	46.67
Scott County	Cedar Lake Farm Regional Park	59240080	7.82

Park Agency	Park or Trail Unit	Parcel ID #	Acreage
Carver County	Lake Waconia Regional Park	70181100	1.5
Scott County	Cedar Lake Farm Regional Park	50280030 and 50280040	8
St. Paul	Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary Interp Cntr	32-29-22-42-0008	1.54
St. Paul	Harriet Island Regional Park	07-28-22-21-0009	0.74
St. Paul	Trout Brook Park (part of Trout Brook RT)	19-29-22-43-0027	1.17
St. Paul	Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary Interp Cntr	32-29-22-42-0042 and 32-29-22-42-0021	1.24
St. Paul	Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary Interp Cntr	32-29-22-42-0038, 32-29-22-42-0045, 32-29-22-42-0037, and 32-29-22-42-0023	1.57
Three Rivers Park District	Assumption that 3 parcels totaling 7.3 acres are acquired per year. This is 5% of the remaining inholdings in Park District units	List of parcels on file.	7.3
Carver County	Lake Waconia Regional Park	70181000	19.25
Total			885.13

Attachment A: Budget Detail for 2008 Trust Fund Projects - Summary and a Budget page for each partner (if applicable)

Project Title: Metropolitan Regional Park System Land Acquisition

Project Manager Name: Arne Stefferud

Trust Fund Appropriation: \$1,500,000

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

2008 Trust Fund Budget	Result 1 Trust Fund Budget:	Result 1 Metro Council Bond Match Budget:	Trust Fund Amount Spent (2-18-09)	Metro Council Bond Match Amount Spent (2-18-09)	Trust Fund Balance (2-18-09)	Metro Council Bond Match Balance (2-18-09)
<i>Metropolitan Regional Park System Land Acquisition</i>						
BUDGET ITEM						
Land acquisition	1,425,000	950,000	0	0	1,425,000	950,000
Professional Services for Acq.	22,500	15,000	0	0	22,500	15,000
Land stewardship costs--natural resource restoration	52,500	10,000	0	0	52,500	10,000
Other--Property tax equivalency payment	0	25,000	0	0	0	25,000
COLUMN TOTAL	\$1,500,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$1,000,000

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Project Title: Metropolitan Regional Park System Land Acquisition

Project Manager Name: Arne Stefferud

Trust Fund Appropriation: \$1,290,000

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2) Remove any budget item lines not applicable

2009 Trust Fund Budget	Result 1 Trust Fund Budget:	Result 1 Metro Council Bond Match Budget:	Trust Fund Amount Spent (4-17-09)	Metro Council Bond Match Amount Spent (4-17-09)	Trust Fund Balance (4-17-09)	Metro Council Bond Match Balance (4-17-09)
<i>Metropolitan Regional Park System Land Acquisition</i>						
BUDGET ITEM						
Land acquisition	1,225,500	817,000	0	0	1,225,500	817,000
Professional Services for Acq.	19,350	12,900	0	0	19,350	12,900
Land stewardship costs--natural resource restoration	45,150	8,600	0	0	45,150	8,600
Other--Property tax equivalency payment	0	21,500	0	0	0	21,500
COLUMN TOTAL	\$1,290,000	\$860,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,290,000	\$860,000