

2011 Project Abstract

For the Period Ending June 30, 2014

PROJECT TITLE: MeCC VI – TPL’s Critical Land Protection Program

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FUNDING SOURCE: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

LEGAL CITATION: M.L. 2011, First Special Session, Chp. 2, Art.3, Sec.2, Subd 04i3.1

APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$500,000

Overall Project Outcome and Results

The Trust for Public Land used Metro Conservation Corridors Phase VI funding to acquire two high quality habitat properties in the Metro Area – Rice Creek Headwaters in Anoka County, and Lindstrom Peninsula in Chisago County.

The Trust for Public Land acquired 343 acres of open space at the headwaters of Rice Creek in the eastern part of Anoka County on December 21, 2012, and conveyed this property to Anoka County on January 3, 2013. This acquisition protected nearly all of the shoreline of Columbus Lake and a half mile of Rice Creek, and has helped to complete public ownership of a 20+ mile conservation corridor along Rice Creek to the Mississippi River. The land provides habitat for many species in conservation need, and has connected large tracts of habitat in Anoka County. Anoka County is managing 258 acres of the land as a new public hunting area called Columbus Lake Conservation Area and the remaining 85 acres has been added to the Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Regional Park Reserve. The Trust for Public Land used \$67,000 of its M.L. 2011 MeCC funding, which acquired 14.7 acres, as well as \$940,000 from the Outdoor Heritage Fund, which acquired 206.1 acres, and \$169,000 from Anoka County, which acquired 37.2 acres, to purchase the 258 acres for the Columbus Lake Conservation Area. **The remaining 85 acres of the Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Regional Park Reserve was funded by the Metropolitan Council’s Park Acquisition Opportunity Grant Program and Anoka County. Please note that the remaining \$10,000 of the appropriated \$500,000 from ML 2011 MeCC was released to the MN DNR for their acquisition, reporting and management planning costs as outlined in the Project Budget Summary, and the approved Work Plan.**

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Project Results Use and Dissemination

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Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) M.L. 2011 Work Plan Main Document

Date of Status Update:	11/4/2015	
Date of Next Status Update:	Final Report	
Date of Work Plan Approval:	8/11/2011	
Project Completion Date:	6/30/2015	Is this an amendment request? <u> N </u>

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Location:

Counties Impacted: Anoka, Chisago, Scott

Ecological Section Impacted: Minnesota and Northeast Iowa Morainal (222M)

Total ENRTF Project Budget:	ENRTF Appropriation \$:	500,000
	Amount Spent \$:	500,000
	Balance \$:	\$0

Legal Citation: M.L. 2011, First Special Session, Chp. 2, Art.3, Sec. 2, Subd. 04i3.1;
M.L. 2014, Chapter 226, Section 2, Subdivision 19

Appropriation Language:

\$1,737,000 the first year and \$1,738,000 the second year are from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for the acceleration of agency programs and cooperative agreements. Of this appropriation, \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the second year are to the commissioner of natural resources for agency programs and \$3,175,000 is for the agreements as follows: \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the second year with Friends of the Mississippi River; \$517,000 the first year and \$518,000 the second year with Dakota County; \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the second year with Great River Greening; \$220,000 the first year and \$220,000 the second year with Minnesota Land Trust; \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the second year with Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc.; and \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year with The Trust for Public Land for planning, restoring, and protecting priority natural areas in the metropolitan area, as defined under Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2, and portions of the surrounding counties, through contracted services, technical assistance, conservation easements, and fee title acquisition. Land acquired with this appropriation must be sufficiently improved to meet at least minimum management standards, as determined by the commissioner of natural resources. Expenditures are limited to the identified project corridor areas as defined in the work program. This appropriation may not be used for the purchase of habitable residential structures, unless expressly approved in the work program. All conservation easements must be perpetual and have a natural resource management plan. Any land acquired in fee title by the commissioner of natural resources with money from this appropriation must be designated as an outdoor recreation unit under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.07. The commissioner may similarly designate any lands acquired in less than fee title. A list of proposed restorations and fee title and easement acquisitions must be provided as part of the required work program. An entity that acquires a conservation easement with appropriations from the trust fund must have a long-term stewardship plan for the easement and a fund established for monitoring and enforcing the agreement. Money appropriated from the trust fund for easement acquisition may be used to establish a monitoring, management, and enforcement fund as approved in the work program. An annual financial report is required for any monitoring, management,

and enforcement fund established, including expenditures from the fund. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2014, by which time the project must be completed and final products delivered.

Carryforward: The availability of the appropriations for the following projects are extended to June 30, 2015: (3) Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 2, article 3, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (i), Metropolitan Conservation Corridors (MeCC) - Phase VI.

I. PROJECT TITLE: 3.1 - MeCC 6 - TPL's Critical Land Protection Program

II. FINAL PROJECT STATEMENT:

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III. PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:

Project Status as of February 29, 2012: Active negotiations are currently under way at Rice Creek Headwaters, the Lindstrom Natural Area, St. Croix- Franconia, and Pike Lake II properties. Budget and timing information will be provided when these details become more defined.

Project Status as of August 1, 2012: Negotiations are still under way at Lindstrom Natural Area and the St. Croix- Franconia corridor. Agreement has been reached for purchase of the Pike Lake II property. Closing is anticipated by December 31, 2012, however, TPL will not be using ENRTF MeCC M.L. 2011 funds for this acquisition. Agreement has been reached for purchase of the Rice Creek Headwaters property with closing anticipated by December 31, 2012.

Amendment Request as of August 1, 2012: TPL would like to add the Blakely Bluffs area of southern Scott County as a potential protection area. TPL is working with the County and the DNR to protect Big Woods forest, bluff lands, and streams that drain to the Minnesota River. Targeted lands are adjacent

to existing protected areas and also include Regionally Significant Ecological Areas with the highest ranking by DNR. Amendment Approved: 10/3/2012.

Project Status as of February 1, 2013: The Pike Lake II property was acquired and conveyed to the City of Prior Lake on 11/15/2012 using funding other than TPL's ENRTF MeCC M.L. 2011 funds. The Rice Creek Headwaters property was acquired on 12/21/2012 and conveyed to Anoka County on 1/3/2013. Allocated acres purchased at Rice Creek with ENRTF funds were 14.7. See details below. The landowner of the Blakely Bluffs property has signed a letter of intent. Negotiations are still under way at Lindstrom Natural Area and the St. Croix- Franconia corridor.

Amendment Request as of February 1, 2013: TPL requests that Robert McGillivray be substituted as Project Manager for this Project as Becca Nash has left The Trust for Public Land. TPL also requests that its Project Completion Date be changed to June 30, 2014 to align with the appropriation and grant contract language and as a result of projects taking longer to complete than originally contemplated. Amendment Approved by the LCCMR on February 7, 2013.

Project Status as of August 1, 2013: One of the Blakely Bluffs properties was acquired and conveyed to the DNR on 6/27/2013 using funding other than TPL's ENRTF MeCC M.L. 2011 funds. Negotiations are still under way at Lindstrom Natural Area and the St. Croix-Franconia corridor.

Amendment Request as of November 18, 2013: TPL requests that its Project Completion Date be changed to June 30, 2015. Since ENRTF funding was approved in 2011, using a variety of funding sources, TPL has completed a number of projects on its acquisition list – including acquisition of parcels at Savage Fen, Rice Creek, Blakely Bluffs and Pike Lake II. However, negotiations on Lindstrom, St. Croix Franconia, and Rum River are still underway, and are taking longer than anticipated, due to landowner considerations. Amendment Approved by LCCMR 5/9/14.

Project Status as of February 1, 2014: TPL does not have any acquisitions to report at this time. Discussions with landowners are still underway on Lindstrom and St. Croix Franconia.

Project Status as of August 1, 2014: The owners of the Lindstrom property have agreed to sell it at a price below its appraised fair market value. We hope to acquire the property and convey it to the City of Lindstrom this fall. Additional details are given below.

Amendment Request as of August 1, 2014: The Lindstrom property has two dilapidated residential structures on it which the appraisal found to have no contributory value. TPL seeks permission from the LCCMR to acquire the land with those buildings on it. One of the structures is from approximately 1900, has not been lived in for many decades and is falling down. The other is a rambler from about 1970 that is also in poor shape that has not been lived in for several years. Both buildings will likely be torn down and removed from the site. There is some possibility that the 1900 house could be used for historical interpretive purposes, and the rambler could be considered for an interpretive center or caretaker's residence. But given available funding and the poor condition of the structures, removal is far more likely. The City will make a final decision on the structures after it acquires the property. The Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund will not be responsible for any costs associated with the buildings or their removal. TPL plans to use the remainder of its ML 2011 ENRTF MeCC funds and all of its ML 2013 ENRTF MeCC funds on this acquisition, and accordingly, also asks permission to spend these two appropriations concurrently. It should also be noted that the acquisition list submitted with the initial work plan incorrectly stated the acreage and shoreline of the Lindstrom land. The correct acreage is 30 acres with approximately 5600 feet of shoreline as stated in the current acquisition list. Amendment Approved: 7/28/14.

IV. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES:

ACTIVITY 1: Strategic acquisition of fee title lands in the greater Twin Cities Metro Area

Description: Acquire land in fee title and convey it into public ownership for stewardship and protection. Attached as Exhibit A is a list of the lands that may be acquired in part with funding from this request. TPL will prioritize potential land protection projects within the Metro Conservation Corridors based on the priorities established by the public agencies with which we work and on landowner willingness to sell. Priority will also be given to high quality natural resources and on lands that provide natural buffers to water resources. We will also consider resource mapping, stakeholder suggestions, and joint recommendations made by the coalition of groups involved in this overall effort. TPL will work with the long-term steward to ensure a restoration and management plan consistent with the highest quality conservation and ecological goals for the site is developed and that funding is identified for creation of a management plan.

Unless necessary to protect priority lands and subject to work plan amendment at that time, TPL will not acquire residential structures.

TPL will:

1. Seek County board approval for each acquisition going to DNR
2. Ensure a restoration and management plan is prepared for each acquisition
3. Identify funding source to implement such plans
4. Provide or have the final title holder provide an analysis of increased operations and maintenance cost likely to be incurred and how these costs will be covered
5. Obtain Commissioner approval for lands to be acquired by the DNR

Summary Budget Information for Activity 1:

ENRTF Budget: \$500,000
Amount Spent: \$500,000
Balance: \$0

Activity Completion Date:

Outcome	Completion Date	Budget
1. <i>Approximately 30 acres of habitat and 0.3 miles of shoreline protected</i>	December 31, 2014	\$500,000

Activity Status as of February 29, 2012: Active negotiations are currently under way at Rice Creek Headwaters, the Lindstrom Natural Area, St. Croix- Franconia, and Pike Lake II properties. Budget and timing information will be provided when these details become more defined.

Activity Status as of August 1, 2012: Negotiations are still under way at Lindstrom Natural Area and the St. Croix- Franconia corridor. Agreement has been reached for purchase of the 18-acre Pike Lake II property. Closing is anticipated by December 31, 2012, however, TPL will not be using ENRTF MeCC M.L. 2011 funds for this acquisition. Agreement has been reached for purchase of the 263- acre Rice Creek Headwaters property with closing anticipated by December 31, 2012. The funding package is estimated as the following:

Rice Creek Headwaters, Anoka, MN				
Funding Source*	Partner on project	Amount of funding for land acquisition costs	Allocated Acreage	Recipient of Grant Funds (if applicable)
State Funds				
M.L.2012 OHF	Anoka County	\$940,000	204.85	Anoka County
ENRTF - Metro Wildlife Corridors Phase VII 2011 (TPL)	TPL	\$67,000	14.60	TPL
	Sub Total	\$1,007,000		
Local Government Funds				
Anoka County	Anoka County	\$199,818	43.55	N/A
	Sub Total	\$199,818		
	TOTAL	\$1,206,818	263.00	
*Please note that total ENRTF funding is		\$67,000		
total other state funding is		\$940,000		
total non-state public funding is		\$199,818		
TOTAL funding & appraised fair market value of property is		\$1,206,818		

Activity Status as of February 1, 2013: The Pike Lake II property was acquired and conveyed to the City of Prior Lake on 11/15/2012 using funding other than TPL's ENRTF MeCC M.L. 2011 funds. The Rice Creek Headwaters property was acquired on 12/21/2012 and conveyed to Anoka County on 1/3/2013. Allocated acres purchased at Rice Creek with ENRTF funds were 14.7. See details below. The landowner of the Blakely Bluffs property has signed a letter of intent. Negotiations are still under way at Lindstrom Natural Area and the St. Croix- Franconia corridor.

Rice Creek Headwaters Acquisition: Nearly 350 acres have now been permanently protected for conservation purposes in the eastern part of Anoka County. Two acquired tracts of open space at the headwaters of Rice Creek now connect several existing public conservation lands in a fast growing part of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The Trust for Public Land acquired the land on December 21, 2012 and conveyed the property to Anoka County on January 3, 2013.

The acquisition of this headwaters creek corridor just south of the Lamprey Pass Wildlife Management Area (WMA) provides multiple water quality benefits, protecting nearly all of the shoreline of Columbus Lake and half a mile of Rice Creek. It also helps complete public ownership of a 20+ mile conservation

corridor extending from the WMA and along Rice Creek to the Mississippi River. Previously, there was no connection between the WMA and these other large tracts of publicly owned habitat.

The land has a rich mixture of wetland habitat, including some of the last remaining high quality natural communities in the Twin Cities, which provide critical habitat for many species in conservation need. It also provides excellent hunting opportunities for waterfowl, pheasant, turkey and deer within 20 minutes of downtown Minneapolis and St. Paul. The project had broad support from many sportsmen’s groups including the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, the National Wild Turkey Federation, the Minnesota Waterfowl Association and Pheasants Forever.

Anoka County will manage 258 acres of the land as a new public hunting area called Columbus Lake Conservation Area. This is the portion of the acquisition that was funded with TPL’s ENRTF MeCC M.L. 2011 funding. Additional funding was provided by the Outdoor Heritage Fund and Anoka County. See funding chart below. The conservation area will be open to the public following the development of parking and access areas.

(The remaining 85 acres will be added to the Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve to connect existing parcels and provide improved public access for nature observation and hiking. Funding for this portion of the acquisition was provided by the Metropolitan Council’s Park Acquisition Opportunity Grant Program and Anoka County. This portion of the acquisition was not funded with TPL’s ENRTF MeCC M.L. 2011 funding, and is not reflected in the funding chart below.)

Rice Creek Headwaters, Anoka, MN				
Funding Source*	Partner on project	Amount of funding for land acquisition costs	Allocated Acreage	Recipient of Grant Funds (if applicable)
State Funds				
M.L.2012 OHF	Anoka County	\$940,000	206.1	Anoka County
ENRTF - Metro Wildlife Corridors Phase VII 2011 (TPL)	TPL	\$67,000	14.7	TPL
	Sub Total	\$1,007,000		
Local Government Funds				
Anoka County	Anoka County	\$169,000	37.2	N/A
	Sub Total	\$169,000		
	TOTAL	\$1,176,000	258	
*Please note that total ENRTF funding is		\$67,000		
total other state funding is		\$940,000		
total non-state public funding is		\$169,000		

TOTAL funding & appraised fair market value of property is	\$1,176,000		
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Activity Status as of February 1, 2014: TPL does not have any new acquisitions to report at this time. Discussions with landowners are still under way at Lindstrom Natural Area and the St. Croix-Franconia corridor, but are taking longer than expected due to landowner considerations.

Activity Status as of August 1, 2014: The owners of the Lindstrom property have agreed to sell it at a price below its appraised fair market value. We hope to acquire the property and convey it to the City of Lindstrom this fall. This 30 acre peninsula is adjacent to the approximately 64 acre Allemensratt Natural Area that the City acquired several years ago with partial ENRTF funding. The new peninsula land contains thousands of feet of sensitive shoreline and would be added to the existing natural area and managed as part of the City's park program.

The property appraised for \$1,030,000 approximately one year ago. We are currently in the process of having an updated appraisal performed. The landowners have graciously agreed to sell the property for conservation at a reduced price of \$900,000. (The land had been listed for sale earlier this year for \$1,500,000). TPL plans to use the remainder of its ML 2011 MeCC acquisition funding (\$423,000) and all of its ML 2013 MeCC acquisition funding (\$395,000) (total of \$818,000 ENRTF funding), together with \$82,000 from the City to purchase the land for \$900,000. The landowners will donate the value between \$900,000 and the final appraised fair market value.

Final Report Summary: March 10, 2015:

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The landowners agreed to sell the property at a reduced price of \$900,000 (it appraised at \$1,000,000). TPL used the remainder of its ML 2011 MeCC acquisition funding (\$423,000) and all of its ML 2013 MeCC acquisition funding (\$395,000), together with \$82,000 from the City of Lindstrom to purchase the land for \$900,000. The landowners donated the value of \$100,000.

Lindstrom/Allemansratt Acquisition			
Funding Source	Partner	Amount	Allocated Acreage
State Funds			
ENRTF – Metro Conservation Corridors VI 2011	TPL	\$423,000	12.7
ENRTF - Metro Conservation Corridors Phase VII 2013	TPL	\$395,000	11.9
	Sub Total	\$818,000	
Non State Funds			
City of Lindstrom	City of Lindstrom	\$82,000	2.4
Land Value Donation	Landowners	\$100,000	3.0
	Sub Total	\$182,000	
	TOTAL	\$1,000,000	30
*Please note that total ENTRF Funding is		\$818,000	
Total non-state public funding is		\$82,000	
Total funding and appraised fair market value is		\$1,000,000	

V. DISSEMINATION:

Description: As conservation transactions are completed, The Trust for Public Land will disseminate information on the TPL website, www.tpl.org, broadcast emails to Embrace Open Space (EOS) and TPL list serve members, distribute press releases, and include information in TPL’s newsletters and publications as appropriate. TPL will also work with the long-term steward to ensure information is distributed to its listserves and on its website as well.

Dissemination Status as of February 29, 2012: No dissemination activities have been completed.

Dissemination Status as of August 1, 2012: No dissemination activities have been completed.

Dissemination Status as of February 1, 2013: Anoka County, with assistance from The Trust for Public Land, developed a press release that resulted in several newspaper articles about the Columbus Lake Conservation Area/Rice Creek Headwaters project. Links are below. TPL is in the process of adding information about this project to its website.

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Final Dissemination Report Summary: March 10, 2015:

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VI. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY: ENRTF funds will be spent between July 2011 and June 2015.

A. ENRTF Budget:

Budget Category	\$ Amount	Explanation
Fee Title Acquisition:	\$490,000.00	Please see attached Acquisition List for specific entities that will hold title to the land acquired
DNR acquisition, reporting and management planning costs as needed	\$10,000.00	As required by Attachment E of the grant agreement, the appraisal was required to be reviewed by DNR and these funds were released to cover these costs of DNR. However, it has come to TPL's attention that DNR did not spend \$6,211.50 of this amount.
TOTAL ENRTF BUDGET:	\$500,000.00	

Explanation of Use of Classified Staff: N/A

Explanation of Capital Expenditures Greater Than \$3,500: Capital expenditures will only be for fee title to land acquired as specified in this work program

Number of Full-time Equivalent (FTE) funded with this ENRTF appropriation: N./A

B. Other Funds:

Source of Funds	\$ Amount Proposed	\$ Amount Spent	Use of Other Funds
Non-state			
Various local, regional, federal or private funds (Anoka County, City of Lindstrom, Land value donation)	\$250,000	\$351,000	Matching land acquisition funds
State			
Various bonding, and/or Clean Water, Land, and Legacy funds (M.L. 2012 OHF)	\$250,000	\$940,000	Matching land acquisition funds
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS:	\$500,000	\$1,109,000	

VII. PROJECT STRATEGY:

A. Project Partners: TPL works closely with private landowners and with the public agency or non-profit partner to which TPL will transfer the land and which will serve as the long-term steward of the land interest that TPL purchases using ENRTF funds. Long-term stewards and other project partners may include local governments, regional agencies, state agencies, water-related agencies, federal agencies, and private nonprofit organizations. We also work closely with citizen groups and coordinate our work with other Metro Conservation Corridor partners, which each receives its own appropriation under the program. When TPL transfers interests in land to a long-term steward, TPL will donate to the land steward the land value of the ENRTF funds.

B. Project Impact and Long-term Strategy: This proposal is a component of a larger and longer-term effort of the Metro Conservation Corridors Partnership, begun in 2003, to accelerate the protection and restoration of critical habitat in the broader Twin Cities Metropolitan Area, a 16-county area that is expanding with the result of land and water habitat fragmentation, degradation, loss and permanent conversion to urban uses. MeCC will continue its work as long as critical habitat that needs to be protected remains unprotected and in danger of degradation and loss.

C. Spending History:

Funding Source	M.L. 2005 or FY 2006-07	M.L. 2007 or FY 2008	M.L. 2008 or FY 2009	M.L. 2009 or FY 2010	M.L. 2010 or FY 2011
ENRTF (TPL)	620,000 Subd 5(b)	420,000 Subd 4(c)	475,000 Subd 3(a)	380,000 Subd 4(f)	890,000 Subd 4(g)
ENRTF (Partners)	300,000	46,328	53,672	200,000	358,493

Other state (bonding, RIM), local, private, or federal	1,361,558	1,491,877	1,725,564.97	911,579	3,325,321
OHF (TPL)				294,500	1,500,000
OHF (Partners)					1,605,500

VIII. ACQUISITION/RESTORATION LIST: See Acquisition List attachment

IX. MAP(S): See Map Attachment

X. RESEARCH ADDENDUM: N/A

XI. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

Periodic work plan status update reports will be submitted not later than February 1, 2012, August 1, 2012, February 1, 2013, August 1, 2013, February 1, 2014, August 1 2014, and February 1, 2015. A final report and associated products will be submitted between June 30 and August 1, 2015 as requested by the LCCMR.

Final Attachment A: Budget Detail for M.L. 2011 (FY 2012-13) Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Projects

Project Title: <i>TPL's Critical Land Protection Program</i>					
Legal Citation: M.L. 2011, First Special Session, Chp. 2, Art.3, Sec. 2, Subd. 04i3.1; M.L. 2014, Chp. 226, Sec. 2, Subd. 19					
Project Manager: Robert McGillivray					
M.L. 2011 (FY 2012-13) ENRTF Appropriation: \$500,000					
Project Length and Completion Date: 4_years; 2011-2015					
Date of Update: 11/4/2015					
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BUDGET	Activity 1 Budget	Amount Spent	Balance	TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL BALANCE
BUDGET ITEM	<i>Acquisition</i>				
Fee Title Acquisition	490,000	490,000	0	490,000	0
Other DNR acquisition, reporting, and management planning costs as needed	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0
COLUMN TOTAL	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000	\$0

Date: 7/18/2014

Project Title: TPL's Critical Lands Protection Program

Project Manager Name: Robert McGillivray

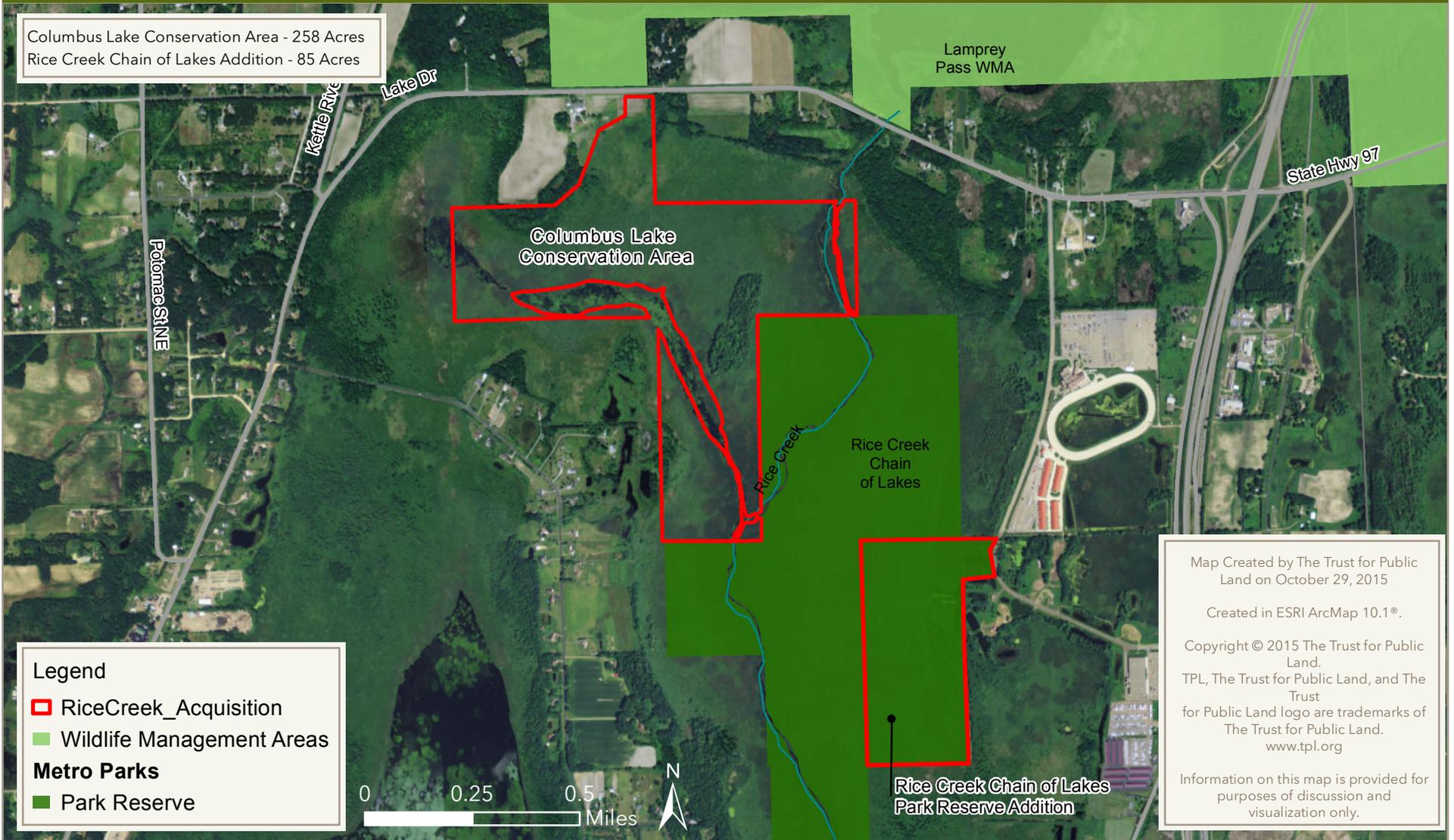
M.L. 2011 ENRTF Appropriation: \$500,000

Acquisition or Restoration Parcel Name	Coordinates (Provide Latitude/Longitude OR)		Ecosystem Description	Ecological Significance	Activity Description	# of Acres (total)	# of Shoreline Miles (if applicable)	Proposed Fee Title or Easement Holder (if applicable)	Status
	Latitude or UTM-X	Longitude or UTM-Y							
Savage Fen SNA additions	44 46'2 N	93 22'6. W	prairie, forest, wetland, savanna	A significant amount of land has become available for acquisition and at possibly half of its pre-economic downturn value. Acquired land would provide protection to existing Scientific and Natural Area lands as well as to currently unprotected sugar maple-basswood forests, seepage meadow, fen, and alkaline seeps and spring—all within the Minnesota River Valley. Acquisition will also entail provision of a multi-use trail through an existing disturbed corridor. Signage will be placed along corridor to educate the public about the unique landforms found here and about the cultural history of the area. Protection is supported through local and regional plans.	Fee title acquisition	20		DNR- SNA	Potential Project
Rice Creek Headwaters	43 2' 32" N	93 2' 59" W	forest, wetland	TPL is working with Anoka County and several landowners to conserve a key connection at the headwaters of the Rice Creek conservation corridor, which extends for over 20 miles from Lamprey Pass WMA to the Mississippi River. The 320-acre area has a rich mixture of habitat types including cattail marsh, emergent marsh, shrub swamp, mixed hardwood swamp, basswood/maple islands, rich fen and poor fen. Much of the area is identified in the state's County Biological Survey and Metro Regionally Significant Ecological Areas as containing some of the last remaining high-quality natural communities in the metro area. Local support has already been obtained for conservation of this high quality habitat less than 20 miles from downtown St. Paul.	Fee title acquisition	263	9200 ft	Anoka County	Acquisition completed
Lindstrom Natural Area	45 24'10. N	92 49'56.W	forest, grassland, wetland	In southern Chisago County, TPL is working with the City of Lindstrom and multiple landowners to protect lakeshore and high quality forested lands designated by the DNR as "regionally significant ecological areas." This is the second phase of an effort that has been made possible by the down economy and which includes protection of 5,600 feet of lakeshore and habitat for species in greatest need of conservation such as red shouldered hawk, bald eagle, and Blanding's turtles. Protection is supported in local, regional, and state plans.	Fee title acquisition	30	5600 ft	City of Lindstrom	Under contract
Rum River-Boy Scouts	45 17'24. N	93 22'30.W	forest, wetland	In west-central Anoka County, TPL is working with the landowners and the City of Ramsey to protect a 160+ acre patch of regionally significant ecological lands including river shoreline, wetlands, forests and prairie habitat. Acquisition would provide protection of these resources as well as access to the Wild and Scenic Rum River, which is also a state designated canoe route.	Fee title acquisition	170	1400 ft	City of Ramsey	Potential Project
St. Croix/Franconia-Scandia SNA	45 20'14. N	92 42'36.W	forest	TPL is building on its past successful acquisitions with the DNR's Scientific and Natural Areas Program to protect more critical habitat in this important ecological corridor as defined by DNR's Division of Ecological Services. Acquisitions will be targeted toward lands of high biodiversity significance and to sensitive ravines that impact the water quality leading into the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway. Protection here is supported by local, state, and federal plans.	Fee title acquisition	80		DNR- SNA	Negotiations underway
Pike Lake II	44 45'9. N	93 25'51.W	forest, wetland	Building on its past successful acquisition of 30 acres for a natural area, TPL is again working with the City of Prior Lake to acquire land to extend this habitat corridor along the shoreline of Pike Lake. Acquisition of this land is critical for protecting wildlife (including nesting bald eagles), for protecting water quality, and for providing the public an opportunity to enjoy nature nearby in this rapidly growing area of the metro.	Fee title acquisition	18	1645 ft	City of Prior Lake	Acquisition completed with other funding
MN River / Blakely Bluffs	44 34'5. N	93 53'4.W	forest, wetland, grassland	Minnesota River Corridor: Big Woods Forest, streams, and bluffs less than 1/4 mile from MN River. Adjacent to existing DNR and USFWS protected lands	Fee title acquisition	300	1800 ft	DNR	Acquisition of one parcel completed with other funding

NOTES:

MECC VI - RICE CREEK PROJECT

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