

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

2N: Campaign for Conservation - Restoration - The Nature Conservancy

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Total Biennial Project Budget

Result	ENTF Allocation	ENTF Funds Spent	ENTF Balance	Other Funds Proposed	Other Funds Spent
Restoration	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$0	\$80,000	\$22,549
Total	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$0	\$80,000	\$22,549

Work Program Summary

Overall Project Outcome and Results

The Nature Conservancy uses a rigorous planning process to preserve key properties for biological diversity called "Conservation by Design." This method provides for the identification of sites of high biodiversity significance on which to concentrate its financial resources for acquisition and restoration. The Conservancy prefers to acquire large tracts of land but will also assemble smaller properties to form larger blocks of habitat. To accomplish this goal on the landscape level, the Minnesota Chapter of The Nature Conservancy partners with public agencies and other NGO's to locate and acquire such properties that achieve results at the large-scale and across multiple location targets. For its "Campaign for Conservation," the Conservancy proposes to acquire and retain in fee title up to 125 acres (with ETF funds; Conservancy will provide the remaining funds as needed) in one or several blocks to re-connect fragmented landscapes; acquire conservation easements on up to 200 acres of riparian lands; and restore 350 acres of wetlands and existing protected prairie and savanna habitat.

The Conservancy received \$80,000 for restoration of 350 acres of wetlands and existing protected prairie and savanna habitat in Project Areas 1 and 3. By the end of this grant period, TNC restored 186 acres of wetlands at the Conservancy's Glacial Ridge Project in Project Area 1, burned over 1,311 acres of native and restored grasslands, and surveyed and treated over 9,800 acres on TNC preserves in Project Area 3.

In this time period, the Conservancy spent an additional \$22,548.79 of its private funds on restoration in Project Areas 1 and 3.

Project Results Use and Dissemination

The Conservancy publicizes its work on these projects via press releases, membership publications, presentations and/or the Conservancy's website. The Conservancy has also participated in publicizing the overall accomplishments of the Habitat Corridors Partnership project as it has reached significant mile marks.

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Restoration Activities

Project Area - 1 - Aspen Parklands

Project Name:	Glacial Ridge			
Tract:	Glacial Ridge Township: 149, Range: 44, Section: 8			
Activity:	Grassland Restoration			
Landtype:	Private - Land			
Description:	The Nature Conservancy restored 186 acres of wetlands at TNC's Glacial Ridge Project in Polk County. This is 136 acres more than the planned 50 acres. Glacial Ridge is the largest prairie and wetland restoration project in America and is a collaboration of more than 30 non-profit, government, and university partners. Eventually, Glacial Ridge will support more than 16,000 acres of native and restored tallgrass prairie and more than 8,000 acres of restored wetlands. Because of its size and location, Glacial Ridge will ultimately serve as a hub connecting other natural areas including 11 state wildlife management areas, two scientific and natural areas, three waterfowl production areas, and the Conservancy's existing Pembina Trail Preserve.			
<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funds Use</i>	<i>Funding Amount</i>	<i>Prorated Acres</i>	<i>Prorated Shoreline</i>
ENTF	Restoration	\$60,000.00	176.10	0.00
Other Funds	Restoration	\$3,373.00	9.90	0.00
Glacial Ridge Glacial Ridge Total		\$63,373.00	186.00	0.00

Project Area - 3 - Border Prairie

Project Name:	Aggasiz Beach Ridges			
Tract:	multiple Township: 139, Range: 46, Section: 22			
Activity:	Grassland Restoration			
Landtype:	Private - Land			
Description:	Prescribed fire on more than 1,311 acres and invasive species survey and control on approximately 9,800 acres on multiple TNC preserves in the Aggassiz Beach Ridges Landscape. This is more than the 300 acres of prairie restoration and management called for in the workprogram. \$20,000 in 12/08 report are for personnel expenditures. They were listed as restoration to facilitate proper acres proration in the online reporting system.			
<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funds Use</i>	<i>Funding Amount</i>	<i>Prorated Acres</i>	<i>Prorated Shoreline</i>
ENTF	Restoration	\$20,000.00	9,800.00	0.00

Restoration Project Totals (By Funding Type)

Funding Type	Funding Amount	Acres	Shoreline Feet
ENTF:	\$80,000.00	9,976.10	0.00
Other Funds:	\$3,373.00	9.90	0.00
Total:	\$83,373.00	9,986.00	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>
Other Funds	Admin	\$19,175.79	The \$19,175.79 in Other Funds listed represents indirect costs (calculated at 23% of allowable costs) on the \$80,000 of reimbursable expenses incurred through the restoration portion of the grant and the allowable match expenses (\$3,373) already incurred. The Conservancy's federally approved indirect cost recovery rate of 23% (at the time of Phase IV contract) has been applied. This rate is approved by the Conservancy's federal cognizant agency, the US Department of the Interior. A copy of the of the official negotiated indirect rate agreement can be provided upon request.
Total:		\$19,175.79	

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

Funding Type	Amount
Other Funds	\$19,175.79
Total	\$19,175.79

Work Program Expenditures Breakdown

Funding Type:	Restoration Projects	Not Attributable to Specific Projects	Total
ENTF	\$80,000.00	\$0.00	\$80,000.00
Other Funds	\$3,373.00	\$19,175.79	\$22,548.79
Total	\$83,373.00	\$19,175.79	\$102,548.79

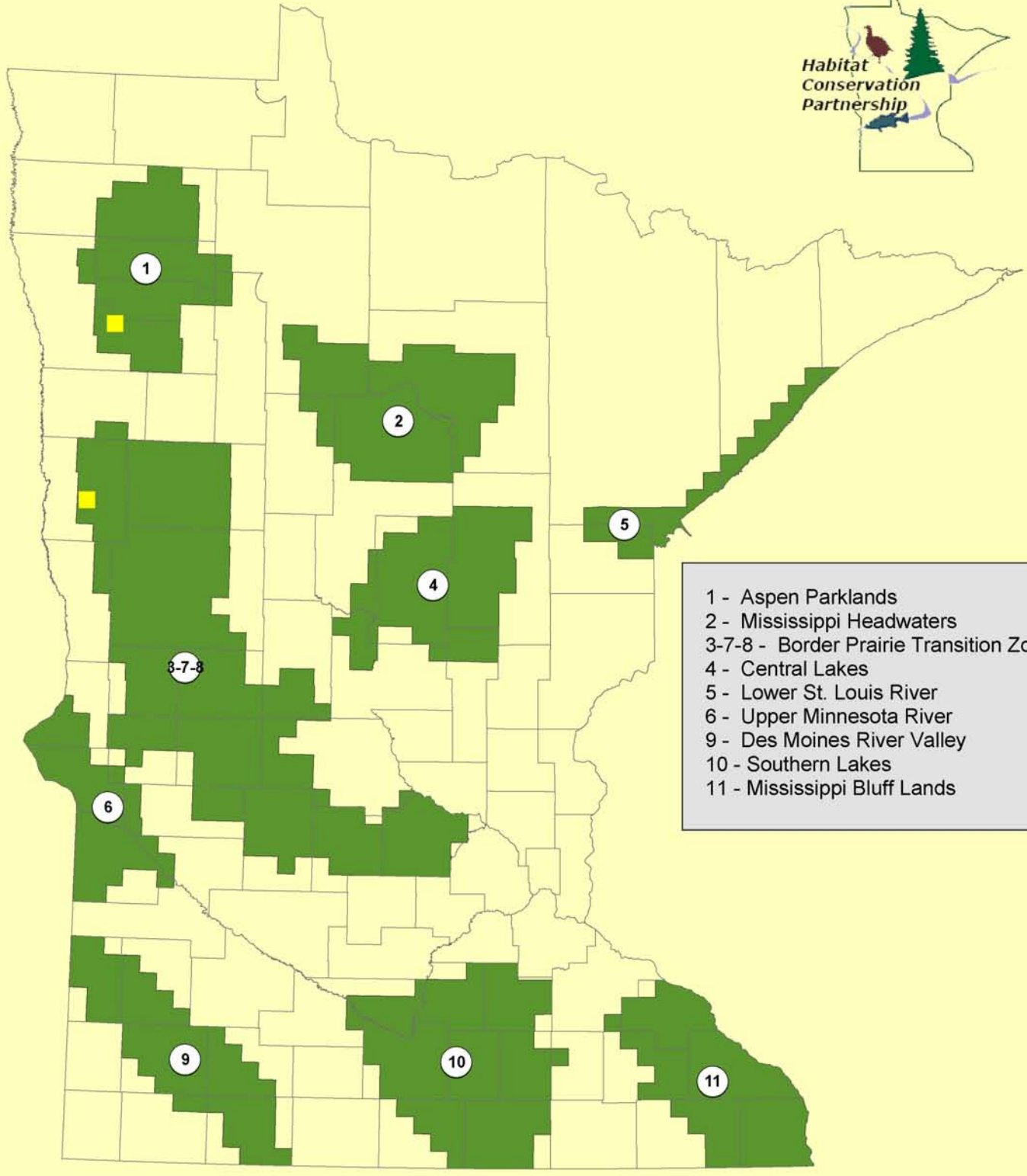
Funding Type Definitions

ENTF:	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												
Project Title: TNC's 'Campaign for Conservation' – 2(n), 3(g), 4(g)												
Project Manager Name: Michael Pressman												
Trust Fund Appropriation: \$430,000												
2007 Trust Fund Budget	Result 1 Budget:	Amount Spent	Balance	Result 2 Budget:	Amount Spent	Balance	Result 3 Budget:	Amount Spent	Balance	TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL BALANCE	
	Land acquisition			Conservation easements or land acquisition			Restoration					
BUDGET ITEM												
	Personnel						20,000	20,000	0	20,000	0	
	Contracts											
	<i>Prescribed burning crews, tree removal and/or seeding services</i>						60,000	60,000	0	60,000	0	
	Land acquisition	300,000	300,000	0						300,000	0	
	Land rights acquisition				50,000	50,000	0			50,000	0	
	Professional Services											
	<i>Appraisals, surveys, title work, closing costs, environmental review</i>											
COLUMN TOTAL		\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$80,000	\$0	\$0	\$430,000	\$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