

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

**4G: Campaign for Conservation - Acquisition - 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
<b>Acquisition</b>	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0	\$500,000	\$337,974
<b>Total</b>	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0	\$500,000	\$337,974

**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 initially received \$250,000 for fee title acquisition to acquire an estimated 125 acres in Project Areas 6, 3-7-8 or 9. On January 18, 2008, TNC received permission to spend \$50,000 of the initial \$100,000 approved for conservation easement acquisition under Work Program 3(g) on either fee title or conservation easement acquisition. After receiving approval, TNC re-allocated \$50,000 of those funds to fee title acquisition to have a total of \$300,000 to spend on fee title acquisition. On February 25, 2008, TNC closed on a 280-acre acquisition in Pope County adjacent to other property owned and managed by The Nature Conservancy.

In this time period, the Conservancy spent an additional \$337,973.55 of its private funds in transaction-related expenses for this fee title acquisition project.

**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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**Acquisition Activities**

**Project Name:** Sheepberry Fen  
**Tract:** Nugent  
**Project Area:** 7 - Alexandria Moraine  
Township: 123, Range: 37, Section: 27  
**Acquisition Holder:** TNC-Preserve  
**Description:** The Nature Conservancy purchased 280 acres of high quality native prairie and wetland habitat in Pope County for \$594,666, using its LCCMR Phase III and Phase IV land acquisition funding and privately-raised funds for the balance. The Conservancy will retain ownership and manage this property as an addition to its Sheepberry Fen Preserve.

On January 18, 2008 TNC submitted a workprogram ammendment which was approved by the LCCMR. That ammendment gave TNC discretion to use the \$100,000 allocated to conservation easements in Result 2 for conservation easements and/or fee title acquisition. \$50,000 of those funds were used for the Sheepberry Fen acquisition.

Other Funds contributed to this project total to \$337,973.55. This amount includes TNC's privately-raised acquisition funds; a stewardship endowment and start-up funds for site development; an environmental assessment document; an appraisal update; recording fee; and a NICRA-approved indirect cost recovery rate of 23% on project-related costs other than acquisition or endowments.

**Acquisition reported via LCCMR website:** No

	Acres	Grassland Acres	Woodland Acres	Wetland Acres	Shoreline Feet	Riparian Feet
Non Prorated Totals:	280.00	100.00	0.00	180.00	0.00	0.00

Funding Type	Funds Use	Funding Amount	Prorated Acres	Grassland Acres	Woodland Acres	Wetland Acres	Shoreline Feet	Riparian Feet
ENTF	Fee-Title Acquisition Costs	\$300,000.00	141.26	50.45	0.00	90.81	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Fee-Title Acquisition Costs	\$188,826.12	88.91	31.75	0.00	57.16	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Professional Services	\$391.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Professional Services	\$89.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Site Development	\$148,666.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Sheepberry Fen Total</b>		<b>\$637,973.55</b>	<b>230.17</b>	<b>82.20</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>147.96</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**Acquisition Totals (By Funding Type)**

Funding Type:	Funding Amount	Prorated Acres	Grassland Acres	Woodland Acres	Wetland Acres	Shoreline Feet	Riparian Feet
ENTF:	\$300,000.00	141.26	50.45	0.00	90.81	0.00	0.00
Other Funds:	\$337,973.55	88.91	31.75	0.00	57.16	0.00	0.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$637,973.55</b>	<b>230.17</b>	<b>82.20</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>147.96</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

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**Funding Type Definitions**

<b>ENTF:</b>	Grant dollars provided through the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund
<b>Other Funds:</b>	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)
<b>State Funds:</b>	State Funds expended on HCP projects (not eligible for use as Other Funds commitment)
<b>Partner's State Leveraged Funds:</b>	Non State Funds that have leveraged State Funds as part of an HCP project (not eligible for use as Other Funds commitment)
<b>Other:</b>	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)

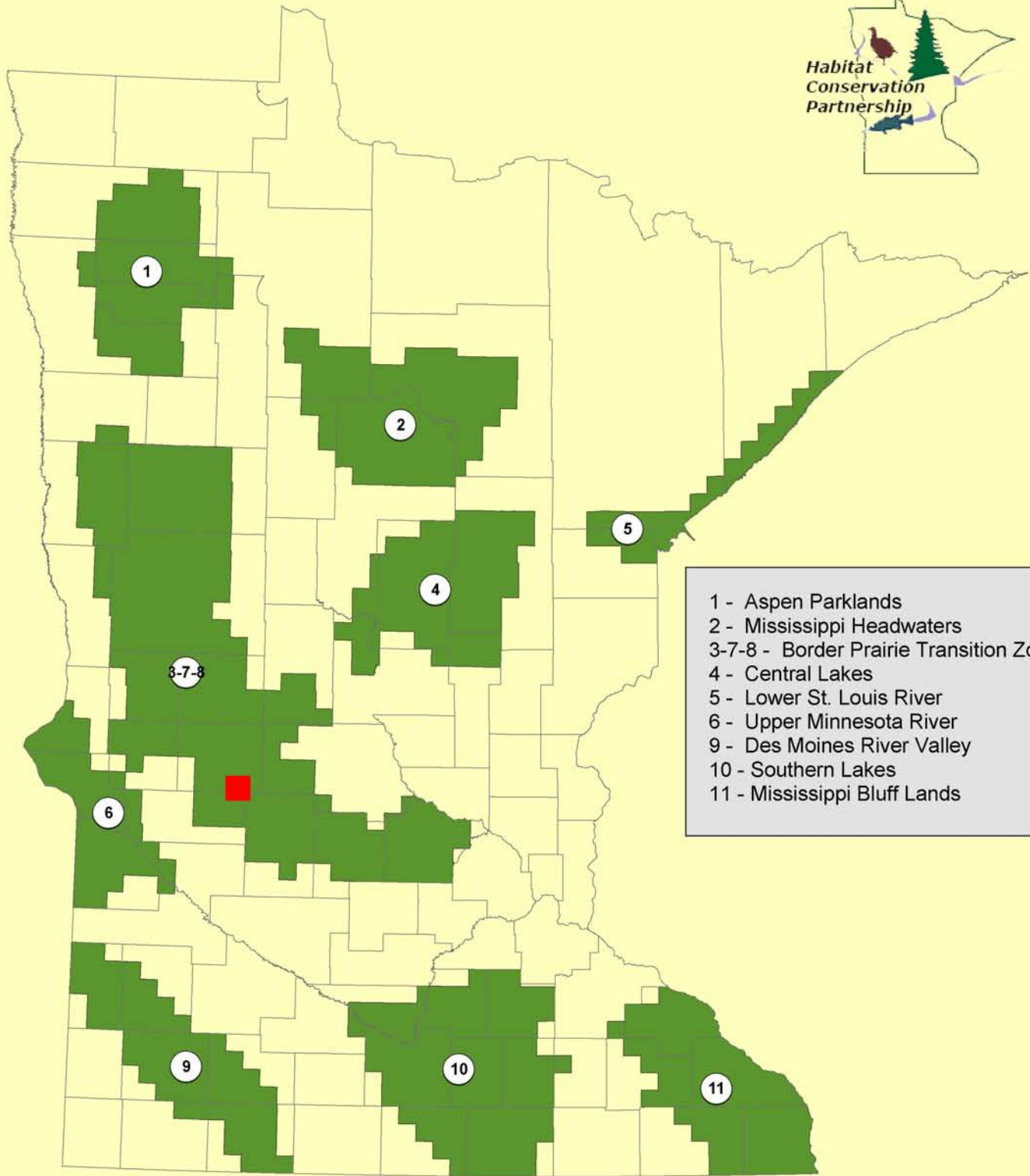
**Project Manager Name:** Michael Pressman

**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				
<b>BUDGET ITEM</b>											
<b>Personnel</b>							20,000	20,000	0	20,000	0
<b>Contracts</b>											
<i>Prescribed burning crews, tree removal and/or seeding services</i>							60,000	60,000	0	60,000	0
<b>Land acquisition</b>	300,000	300,000	0							300,000	0
<b>Land rights acquisition</b>				50,000	50,000	0				50,000	0
<b>Professional Services</b>											
<i>Appraisals, surveys, title work, closing costs, environmental review</i>											
<b>COLUMN TOTAL</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$430,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

# 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