

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

4H: MN Valley Refuge Expansion - MN Valley Trust

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Total Biennial Project Budget

Result	ENTF Allocation	ENTF Funds Spent	ENTF Balance	Other Funds Proposed	Other Funds Spent
Acquisition	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$232,976
Total	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$232,976

Work Program Summary

Overall Project Outcome and Results

The Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc. acquired 77.94 acres of significant habitat in Beauford Township of Blue Earth County (HCP Project Area 10) on August 2, 2007. Of the 77.94 acres, 23.41 acres were purchased with Environment and Natural Resources Trust grant funds and the balance of 54.53 acres were purchased with Minnesota Valley Trust funds.

This tract sits just east of the existing Cobb Waterfowl Production Area (WPA) and adjacent to Perch Lake, an important migratory waterfowl resting lake. This 480 acre lake hosts more than 10,000 migrating waterfowl each year and is designated as an important resting area for Lesser Scaup. It is designated by the DNR for wildlife management, one of only 40 such lakes in Minnesota with that designation.

The MN Valley Trust will acquire another 72.37 acres from the same landowner in the near future. That land is immediately east of this parcel and has approximately 2,000 feet of shoreline on the south end of Perch Lake.

Project Results Use and Dissemination

The Minnesota Valley Trust will publicize the completion of this acquisition and plans for the lands through its newsletter and news releases to the local media. After restoration is completed, the land will be donated to the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge and Wetland Management District. All funding partners will be acknowledged on Refuge kiosks, including the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund, as recommended by the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources.

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Acquisition Activities

Project Name: Perch Lake WPA
Tract: 1
Project Area: 10 - Southern Lakes
Township: 106, Range: 26, Section: 13
Acquisition Holder: USFWS-WPA
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Once the additional land is acquired, the MN Valley Trust will conduct restoration activities, working cooperatively with other partners. Restoration plans include tile breaks, earthen berms, and pump abandonment to restore approximately six wetlands totaling 20 acres. Another 130 acres will be seeded to native grass and will provide nesting habitat for a host of grassland species.

This acquisition and restoration will provide a critical link from Perch Lake to the Cobb River WPA complex located just west of this tract.

Acquisition reported via LCCMR website: No

<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funds Use</i>	<i>Funding Amount</i>	<i>Prorated Acres</i>	<i>Grassland Acres</i>	<i>Woodland Acres</i>	<i>Wetland Acres</i>	<i>Shoreline Feet</i>	<i>Riparian Feet</i>
ENTF	Fees	\$100,000.00	23.41	20.40	0.00	3.00	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	Fees	\$232,976.00	54.53	47.54	0.00	7.00	0.00	0.00
Perch Lake WPA Total		\$332,976.00	77.94	67.94	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00

Acquisition Totals (By Funding Type)

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Total:	\$332,976.00	77.94	67.94	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00

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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: Habitat Acquisition for Minnesota Valley Wetland Management District, USFWS - 4(h)

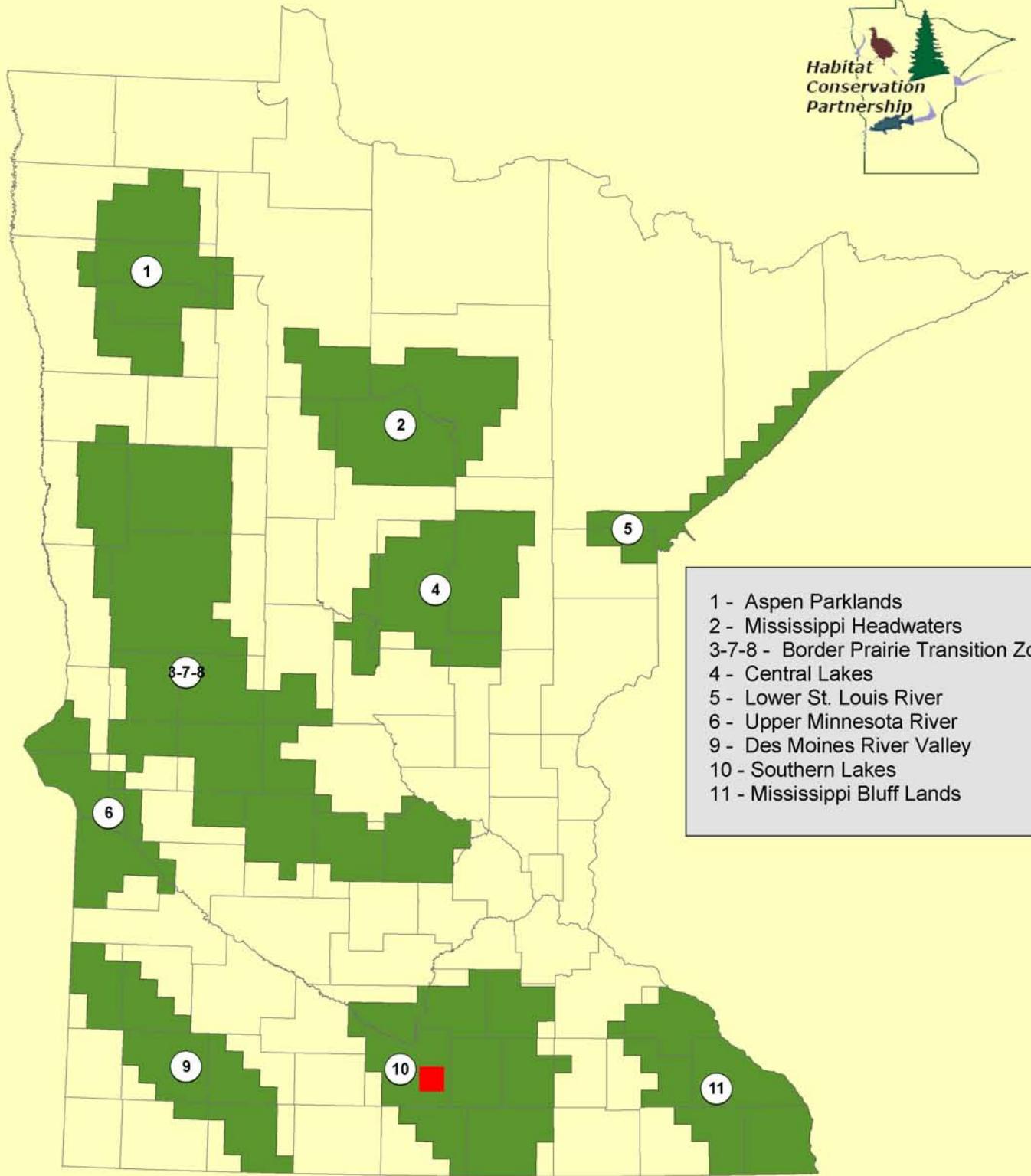
Project Manager Name: Deborah Loon, Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc.

LCMR Requested Dollars: \$ 100,000

2007 Trust Fund Budget	<u>Result 1 Budget:</u>	Amount Spent	Balance	
	<i>Acquired 23.41 acres of priority habitat in focus area 10 for Minnesota Valley Wetland Management District, USFWS</i>			
BUDGET ITEM				TOTAL FOR BUDGET ITEM
Land acquisition	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	0	\$ 100,000.00
COLUMN TOTAL	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00

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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