2007 Project Abstract
For the Period Ending June 30, 2009

**TITLE:** Metro Conservation Corridors Phase III (3.3) – Fee Acquisition for Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge

**PROJECT MANAGER:** Deborah Loon

**ORGANIZATION:** Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc.

**ADDRESS:** 2312 Seabury Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55406

**WEB SITE ADDRESS:** www.mnvalleytrust.org

**FUND:** Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

**LEGAL CITATION:** ML 2007, Ch. 30, Sec. 2, Subd. 4c (3.3)

**APPROPRIATION AMOUNT:** $210,000

**Overall Project Outcome and Results**

The Minnesota Valley Trust acquired fee title to 69.13 acres of significant habitat in the Minnesota River Valley in Jessenland Township of Sibley County. Of that acreage, the grant from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund covered 49.1 acres and MN Valley Trust (other non-state funds) covered 20 acres.

In addition, the Minnesota Valley Trust acquired fee title to 80 acres of significant habitat in the Minnesota River Valley in Faxon Township of Sibley County, completing and exceeding the match commitment of this work program.

After restoration of these parcels, they will be donated to the US Fish and Wildlife Service for perpetual management as part of the Jessenland Unit of the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

**Project Results Use and Dissemination**

The Minnesota Valley Trust will publicize the completion of this acquisition and plans for the lands through its website 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.
I. PROJECT TITLE: Metro Conservation Corridors Phase III - Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust – 3.3

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Location: Within project area 10 of the Metro Conservation Corridors, specifically Carver, LeSueur, Scott and/or Sibley Counties.

Total Trust Fund Project Budget: Trust Fund Appropriation: $210,000  
Minus Amount Spent: $210,000  
Equal Balance: $0

Legal Citation: ML 2007, Chapter 30, Section 2, Subdivision 4c (3.3).

Appropriation Language: (c) Metro Conservation Corridors- Phase III $2,500,000 is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for acceleration of agency programs and cooperative agreements with The Trust for Public Land; Friends of the Mississippi River; Great River Greening; Minnesota Land Trust; Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc.; Trout Unlimited; and Friends of the Minnesota Valley for the purposes of planning, restoring, and protecting important natural areas in the metropolitan region, as defined by Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2, and portions of the surrounding counties, through grants, contracted services, conservation easements, and fee acquisition. Land acquired with this appropriation must be sufficiently improved to meet at least minimum management standards as determined by the commissioner. 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 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: (1) as an outdoor recreation unit under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.07; or (2) as provided in Minnesota Statutes,
sections 89.018, subdivision 2, paragraph (a); 97A.101; 97A.125; 97C.001; and 97C.011. The commissioner may similarly designate any lands acquired in less than fee title.

II. and III. FINAL PROJECT SUMMARY: The Minnesota Valley Trust acquired fee title to 69.13 acres of significant habitat in the Minnesota River Valley in Jessenland Township of Sibley County. Of that acreage, the grant from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund covered 49.1 acres and MN Valley Trust (other non-state funds) covered 20 acres.

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IV. OUTLINE OF PROJECT RESULTS:

Result 1: Acquire significant habitat.

Summary Budget Information for Result 1: Trust Fund Budget: $210,000
Amount Spent: $210,000
Balance: $0

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Final Completion Date: 5/21/2008

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V. TOTAL TRUST FUND PROJECT BUDGET: $210,000

Staff or Contract Services: $0
Equipment: $0
Development: $0 (improvement to land or building)
Restoration: $0 (how many acres)
Acquisition, including easements: $210,000 – 49.1 acres were acquired with Trust Fund grant by the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc.
Another 20 acres of this parcel and 80 acres of another parcel were acquired by the MN Valley Trust to complete the match commitment (total nonprofit, non-state funds of $375,519).

TOTAL TRUST FUND PROJECT BUDGET: $210,000

Explanation of Capital Expenditures Greater Than $3,500:

VI. OTHER FUNDS & PARTNERS: The Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc. spent $375,719 to complete this acquisition and the additional acquisition of 80 acres for the match.

A. Project Partners: US Fish and Wildlife Service, Metro Conservation Corridors partners

B. Other Funds Spent during the Project Period: $375,719

C. Past Spending: None on this specific project.

D. Time: 2 years. No additional time beyond June 30, 2009 will be needed.

VII. DISSEMINATION: As projects are completed, the Minnesota Valley Trust will announce its accomplishments through press releases and the Trust’s newsletter.

VIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:
Periodic work program progress reports will be submitted not later than February 8, 2008, October 10, 2008 and February 1, 2009. A final work program report and associated products will be submitted between June 30 and August 1, 2009 as requested by the LCCMR.

IX. RESEARCH PROJECTS: na
## Attachment A: Budget Detail for 2007 Projects

### Project Title: Metro Conservation Corridors Phase III - Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust - 3.3

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

### Trust Fund Appropriation: $210,000

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.

### 2007 Trust Fund Budget

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