

2007 Project Abstract

For the Period Ending June 30, 2009

PROJECT TITLE: Metropolitan Area Wildlife Corridors – Phase III: DNR Fish & Wildlife Acquisition & Development (3.5)

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FUNDING SOURCE: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

LEGAL CITATION: ML 2007, Chap. 30, Sec. 2, Subd. 4C.

APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$172,000

Overall Project Outcome and Results

The project goal was for Fish & Wildlife to acquire Aquatic Management Areas (AMAs) adjacent to lakes and streams to ensure the protection of critical riparian habitat, angler access, and management access. Specific goals were to secure fee title or permanent easements on approximately 32 acres and/or 0.4 miles of lakeshore and stream shoreline including sensitive watershed, riparian, or headwaters areas.

This project resulted in the completion of two fee title acquisition parcels on the Vermillion River in Dakota County. Totals for the two acquisitions equal 46.9 acres, including 0.89 total miles of shoreline. One of the parcels on the Vermillion River was also paid for with Phase II acquisition dollars, resulting in both acres and miles being divided proportionately between the two phases. As part of this project, Environmental and Natural Resources Trust dollars (\$160,000) directly acquired approximately 33.2 acres of the total, including 0.62 miles of stream. Other state dollars (\$60,250) acquired approximately 13.7 acres, including 0.27 miles of stream.

<u>Vermillion River, Parcel 2, Dakota County</u>											
Trust	Trust	Other			Other	Other	Other	Other	Total	Total	
Acres	Miles	Trust \$	St. \$	Other \$	St. Acres	St. Miles	Acres	Miles	Acres	Miles	
29.5	0.59	\$130,000	\$60,250	\$0	13.7	0.27	0	0	43.2	0.86	

<u>Vermillion River, Parcel 4, Dakota County</u>											
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Acres	Miles	Trust \$	St. \$	Other \$	St. Acres	St. Miles	Acres	Miles	Acres	Miles	
3.7	0.03	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	0	0	0	0	3.7	0.03	

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Project Results Use and Dissemination

Information about these sites will be disseminated through the DNR's network of information systems. These Aquatic Management Areas will be included on DNR PRIM maps, indicating that they are open for public use.

**LCCMR Final Work Program Report – 2007
Metropolitan Area Wildlife Corridors – Phase III**

Date of Report: February 12, 2009
LCCMR Work Program Update Report : NA
Date of Next Status Report: NA
Date of Work program Approval: July 1,2007
Project Completion Date: June 30, 2009

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Location: Greater Metro Region (targeted portions of 15 counties – see map)

Total Biennial LCCMR Project Budget:	LCCMR Appropriation:	\$172,000
	Minus Amount Spent:	\$172,000
	Equal Balance:	\$ 0

Legal Citation: ML 2007, Chap. 30, Sec. 2, Subd. 4C.

Appropriation Language: Metropolitan Area Wildlife 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. & III. FINAL PROJECT SUMMARY:

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As part of this project, Environmental and Natural Resources Trust dollars (\$10,000) were allocated for site development. Development is being accomplished with other state dollars (Heritage and Game & Fish), so this \$10,000 was directed towards acquisition.

Professional Services costs for Phase III acquisitions totaled \$12,000

IV. OUTLINE OF PROJECT RESULTS: Acquisition will focus on linkages that provide both fish and wildlife habitat values. The acquired lands will be designated and managed as Aquatic Management Areas (AMA) or Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) or a combination of both. Any shoreline easements acquired will provide environmental protection of the shoreline and riparian zone as well as public angler access.

Result 1: Fish and Wildlife Land Acquisition

Allocation \$172,000 Balance \$0

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<u>Program Area/Result</u>	<u>Trust Dollars Spent</u>	<u>Trust Accomplishments</u>
	<u>\$ 172,000</u>	<u>47 acres with .09 miles of shoreline</u>

Professional services in the amount of \$12,000 related to land acquisition is included.

Completion Date: June 30, 2009

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Professional Services Total:

Grand Total (Trust only: professional + trust \$): \$ 12,000

**Summary Budget Information for Result 1: LCMR Budget \$ 172,000
Balance \$ 0**

**Result 2: Fish and Wildlife Land Acquisition Development
Allocation \$10,000 Balance \$ 0**

This project will bring lands purchased with Metropolitan Area Wildlife Corridors dollars up to minimum management standards. Dollars will be used for improvements such as site clean-up, access, parking areas, gates, and habitat improvement. Development will be conducted on lands acquired with both Metropolitan Area Wildlife Corridors Phase I and Phase II dollars.

Completion Date: June 30, 2009

Description Acquisition improvements, including signage of parcel, parking, clean-up, building removal, plantings, etc.

**Summary Budget Information for Result 1: LCMR Budget \$ 10,000
Balance \$ 0**

Result Status as of February 8, 2008

None of our monies have been spent to date.

Result Status as of August 1, 2008:

Result Status as of February 1, 2009

\$10,000 was shifted to acquisition

Final Report Summary: \$10,000 was shifted to acquisition

TOTAL LCMR PROJECT BUDGET: SEE ATTACHMENT A

All Results: Personnel: \$

All Results: Equipment: \$

All Results: Development: \$ 0

All Results: Acquisition: \$ 172,000

All Results: Other:

TOTAL LCMR PROJECT BUDGET: \$172,000

Explanation of Capital Expenditures Greater Than \$3,500: NA

V. OTHER FUNDS & PARTNERS: Other Fish & Wildlife funds may be used to compliment LCMR monies, including, Trout Stamp, Heritage, RIM, or Fish & Wildlife Bonding.

A. Project Partners: See Table 1.

B. Other Funds being spent during the Project Period:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Fisheries</u>	<u>Wildlife</u>
2006	Bonding	\$2,000,000	\$14,000,000
Total		\$2,000,000	\$14,000,000

C. Required Match (if applicable): NA

D. Past Spending:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Fisheries</u>	<u>Wildlife</u>
1995	ETF*	\$ 300,000	\$ 510,000
1995	ERF**		\$ 140,000
1997	ETF	\$ 567,000	\$ 500,000
2001	ETF	\$2,000,000	
2003	ETF – Metro	\$ 384,000	\$ 240,000
2003	ETF – Outstate	\$ 600,000	
2005	ETF - Metro	\$ 290,000	
2005	ETF - Outstate	\$ 280,000	

Total \$4,421,000 \$1,390,000

*Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

**Future Resources Fund

E. Time: 2 years, until June 30, 2009.

VII. DISSEMINATION: Metro Corridors will periodically distribute information about the program through the widely broadcasted emails to people on the Regional Greenways Collaborative (RGC) database, through the RGC quarterly meetings, and jointly held county meetings. As projects are completed, Counties will be notified and acquisitions will be published in the State Register.

VIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: Periodic work program progress reports will be submitted not later than February 1st and August 1st each year, starting with February 1st, 2008. A final work program report will be submitted by July 1st, 2009.

IX. RESEARCH PROJECTS: NA

Project Manager Name: Mike Halverson
 LCMR Requested Dollars:

\$ 172,000

BUDGET ITEM	Result 1: Acquisition			Result 2: Development			TOTAL			Comments
	Amount Budgeted (\$)	Amount Spent (\$)	Balance (\$)	Amount Budgeted (\$)	Amount Spent (\$)	Balance (\$)	Amount Budgeted (\$)	Amount Spent (\$)	Balance (\$)	
PERSONNEL										
Staff expenses, wages, salaries, & benefits			\$ -			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	<i>[list here names &/or titles of staff budgeted, what they will do, their FTE pd w/LMCR \$\$, & % fringe paid]</i>
DEVELOPMENT										
Land improvement			\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Parking and signs
DEVELOPMENT - SUBTOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
ACQUISITION										
Land acquisition <i>(fee title & conservation easement)</i>	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000	\$ -			\$ -	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 160,000.00	\$ -	Fee Title
Land transaction costs <i>(e.g. survey, title, appraisal, environmental, & legal)</i>	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	
ACQUISITION - SUBTOTAL	\$ 172,000	\$ 172,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 172,000.00	\$ 172,000.00	\$ -	
OTHER										
Travel expenses in Minnesota			\$ -			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
OTHER - SUBTOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL LCMR Funding	\$ 172,000	\$ 172,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 172,000.00	\$ 172,000.00	\$ -	