

## **2008 Project Abstract**

For the Period Ending June 30, 2011

**PROJECT TITLE:** Local Initiative Grants – Regional Parks and Natural and Scenic Areas

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**FUNDING SOURCE:** Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

**LEGAL CITATION:** M. L. 2008, Chap. 367, Sec. 2, Subd. 3(j)

**APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$1,000,000**

### **Overall Project Outcome and Results**

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This is the first of a series of acquisitions for the Bertram Chain of Lakes project. Wright County and the City of Monticello have a MOU with the YMCA of Minneapolis, owner of the property, until 12-31-2013 to complete the entire purchase. Funding for this first phase includes the \$1 million appropriated through this subdivision as well as \$200,000 from a grant through the Metro Greenways program.

The goal is to complete acquisition of the entire 1,200 acres (approximately 200 acres of lakes and 1,000 acres of land), including four undeveloped lakes (consisting of 5.75 miles of shore land and 1.5 miles of streams) in Wright County (Monticello Township/Monticello City). The land will be used for the preservation and protection of shore land, open space, natural resources and access for public recreation and enjoyment.

### **Project Results and Dissemination**

Several site tours of the proposed park property have been conducted by Wright County and the City of Monticello for legislators, state and local government staff and officials, and other interested individuals. Background information, photos and maps have been disseminated to explain the proposed project and illustrate the features of the landscape.

## Trust Fund 2008 Work Program Final Report

**Date of Report:** February 2, 2009

**Trust Fund 2008 Work Program Final Report**

**Date of Work program Approval:** June 10-11, 2008

**Project Completion Date:** January 2009

**I. PROJECT TITLE: Local Initiative Grants - Regional Parks and Natural Areas**

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**Location:** The project location is in Wright County and the property is located in Monticello Township with a zip code of 55362. Attached is a map of the acquisition site.

<b>Total Trust Fund Project Budget:</b>	<b>Trust Fund Appropriation:</b>	\$ 1,000,000
	<b>Minus Amount Spent:</b>	\$ 1,000,000
	<b>Equal Balance:</b>	\$ 0

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**Appropriation Language:**

\$1,000,000 is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for a grant to Wright County for land acquisition for a proposed regional park on the Bertram Chain of Lakes in Wright County. If the acquisition for a proposed regional park on the Bertram Chain of Lakes is not completed by June 30, 2010, then the appropriation is available for matching grants to other local governments for acquisition of regional parks and natural and scenic areas as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 85.019, subdivisions 2, paragraph (b), and 4a. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2011, at which time the project must be

completed and final products delivered, unless an earlier date is specified in the work program.

## **II. and III. FINAL PROJECT SUMMARY**

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## **IV. OUTLINE OF PROJECT RESULTS:**

**Result 1:** First phase of the three-phase acquisition of Bertram Chain of Lakes Regional Park (outline for proposed acquisition process attached).

**Description:** Final outcome of this three-phase project is a joint partnership with Wright County and the City of Monticello to acquire fee title to 1200 acres of natural lands including three undeveloped lakes with over 7 miles of shore lands by the end of the 2013. The land will be managed and operated as a regional park. The YMCA has owned this property since 1963 and has offered a day camp focused on the natural resources and outdoor activities.

**Summary Budget Information for Result 1:** **Trust Fund Budget:** \$1,000,000.00  
**Amount Spent:** \$1,000,000.00  
**Balance:** \$0

<b>Deliverable</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Status</b>
1. Fee Title Acquisition	January, 2009	\$1,000,000	Completed

**Final Report Summary:** (January, 2009): The first phase was completed with the acquisition in December 2008 of 319 acres. The land acquired consists of two parcels. The first (Parcel #6) includes 174.64 acres of upland. Marsh and wetlands located in the southeastern corner of the property. The second (Parcel #5A) consists of 104.33 acres of upland and wooded shore land. This includes 6,279 linear feet of shoreline on Long Lake. The remaining acreage acquired consists of 39.7 acres of open water.

**Result 2:** If the acquisition for a proposed regional park on the Bertram Chain of Lakes is not completed by June 30, 2010, then the appropriation is available for matching grants to other local governments for acquisition of regional parks and natural and scenic areas as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 85.019, subdivisions 2, paragraph (b). This appropriation is available until June 30, 2011, at which time the project must be completed and final products delivered, unless an earlier date is specified in the work program.

**Description:** To be determined contingent on inability to complete Result 1.

**Summary Budget Information for Result 2:** **Trust Fund Budget:** \$0  
**Amount Spent:** \$0  
**Balance:** \$0

<b>Deliverable</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Status</b>
1. Fee title acquisition	June 30, 2011	\$0	N/A

**Final Report Summary:** (January, 2009): This result is not applicable since the first phase of the project outlined in Result 1 was completed.

**V. TOTAL TRUST FUND PROJECT BUDGET:**

**Staff or Contract Services:** \$0.00

**Equipment:** \$0.00

**Development:** \$ 0.00

**Restoration:** \$ 0.00

**Acquisition, including easements:** \$ 1,000,000.00 (approximately 319 acres, including land and water)

**Other:** The acquisition of this Regional Park is a partnership between Wright County and the City of Monticello. The partners contributed \$2,400,000 towards the purchase in the first phase. During phase II and III each partner will contribute additional funds for a grand total local match of \$11.5 million over the three phases.

The City and County will also be seeking assistance through other state funding sources to raise \$8,000,000 more that will secure this acquisition.

**TOTAL TRUST FUND PROJECT BUDGET: \$1,000,000.00**

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

**VI. OTHER FUNDS & PARTNERS:**

**A. Project Partners:** There are no additional partners in this project. Wright County and the City of Monticello will jointly be responsible.

**B. Other Funds Proposed to be Spent during the Project Period:** Additional funds for the first phase acquisition included a Metro Greenways Program grant of \$200,000. Other matching funds that may be spent for future acquisition have not been finalized at this point. The partners will be using funds from a variety of sources, including in-kind labor, equipment and supplies, park dedication funds, donations, and general revenue dollars to create facilities, restore natural resources, and make improvements to the future regional park.

**C. Past Spending:** An appraiser was hired to draft an appraisal guiding the value of the property. No other funds have been expended at this time.

**D. Time:** The Phase I acquisition process was completed by the end of 2008. Wright County and the City of Monticello will continue to work towards obtaining additional funds through future State Bonding Bills, LCCMR allocations, and other grant opportunities. Following the purchase, funds will be raised through a variety of means for the purpose of restoration of natural communities and facility development.

**VII. DISSEMINATION:** The partners used a variety of media sources, including the local papers, radio and mass email to keep citizens updated on the progress of this purchase.

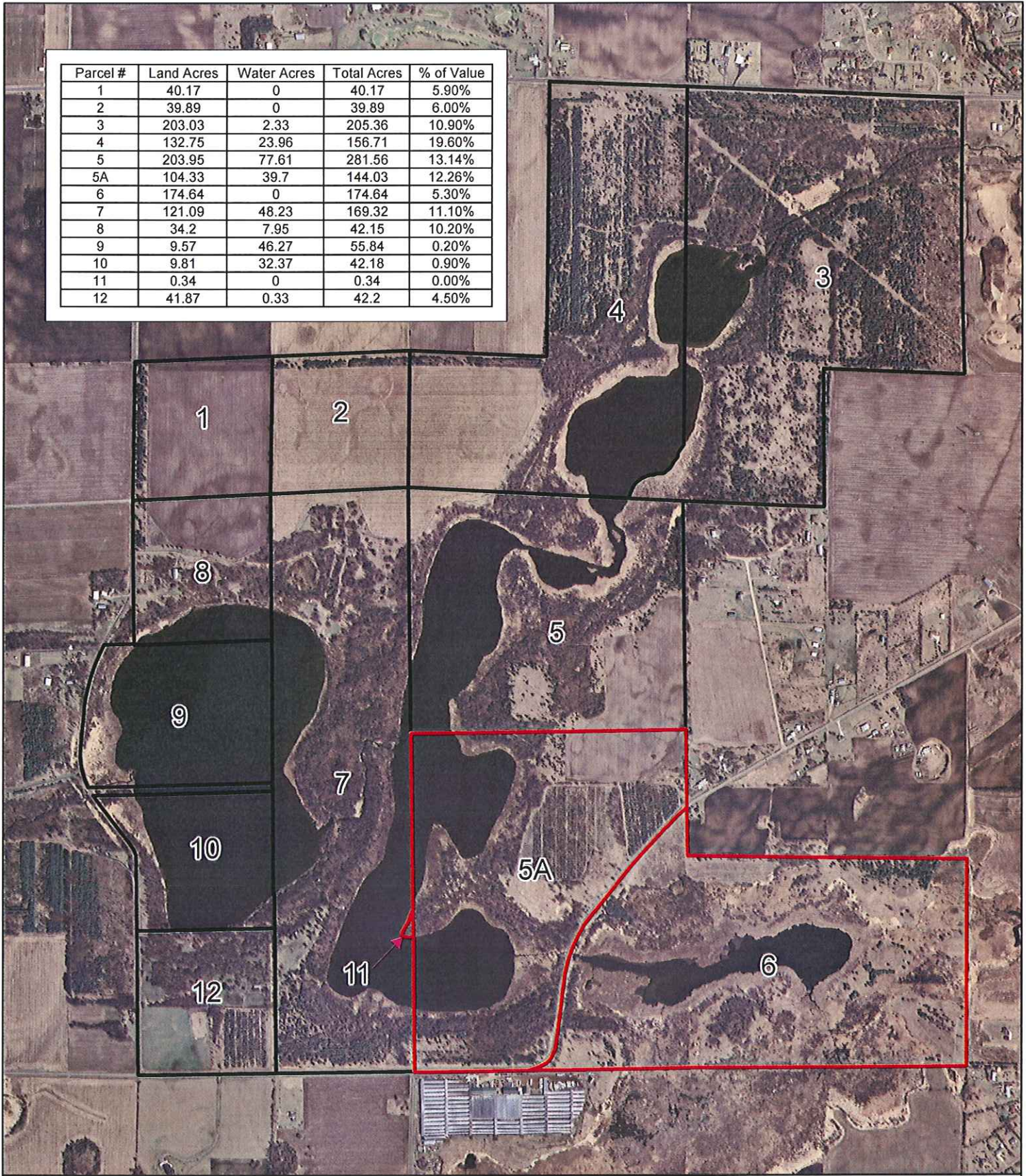
**VIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:**

A work program was submitted and approved in June, 2008,. A final work program report and associated\_products was submitted January 2009.


**IX. RESEARCH PROJECTS:** N/A, Acquisition Project.

Attachment A: Budget Detail for 2008 Projects - Summary and a Budget page for each partner (if applicable)								
<b>Project Title:</b> Nonmetropolitan Regional Parks and Natural and Scenic Areas (Bertram Chain of Lakes Acquisition)								
<b>Project Manager Name:</b> Wayne Sames and Marc Mattice								
<b>Trust Fund Appropriation:</b> \$1,000,000								
<b>2008 Trust Fund Budget</b>	<b><u>Result 1 Budget:</u></b>	<b>Amount Spent</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b><u>Result 2 Budget:</u></b>	<b>Amount Spent</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>TOTAL BALANCE</b>
	<i>Bertram Chain of Lakes acquisition</i>			<i>Other Reg. Park/Nat. and Scenic Areas</i>				
<b>BUDGET ITEM</b>								
<b>Land acquisition</b>	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	0	0	0	1,000,000	0
<b>COLUMN TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Parcel #	Land Acres	Water Acres	Total Acres	% of Value
1	40.17	0	40.17	5.90%
2	39.89	0	39.89	6.00%
3	203.03	2.33	205.36	10.90%
4	132.75	23.96	156.71	19.60%
5	203.95	77.61	281.56	13.14%
5A	104.33	39.7	144.03	12.26%
6	174.64	0	174.64	5.30%
7	121.09	48.23	169.32	11.10%
8	34.2	7.95	42.15	10.20%
9	9.57	46.27	55.84	0.20%
10	9.81	32.37	42.18	0.90%
11	0.34	0	0.34	0.00%
12	41.87	0.33	42.2	4.50%



**Bertram Chain of Lakes**  
**2008 Acquisition**  
 The YMCA of Metropolitan Minneapolis

 2008 Acquisition  
 YMCA Owned

