

# Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

## Laws of Minnesota 2019 Accomplishment Plan



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**Program or Project Title:** Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration

**Funds Recommended:** \$ 2,946,000

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**Legislative Citation:** ML 2019, Ch. X, Art. 1, Sec. 2, subd. X(x)

**Appropriation Language:**

**County Locations:** Stearns

**Eco regions in which work will take place:**

- Forest / Prairie Transition
- Prairie

**Activity types:**

- Enhance
- Protect in Easement
- Protect in Fee
- Restore

**Priority resources addressed by activity:**

- Habitat
- Prairie
- Wetlands

### Abstract:

This project will permanently protect, restore and enhance critical habitat within the Sauk River Watershed, which has experienced considerable habitat loss and is at high risk for more land use conversion. Using conservation easements and fee land acquisition, we will protect approximately 720 acres of high priority habitat in Minnesota's Prairie and Forest-Prairie Transition area and will restore/enhance approximately 290 acres of wetlands and accompanying uplands to create vital habitat for important waterfowl and SGCN populations. Properties selected will be strategically targeted using an innovative site prioritization model that maximizes conservation benefit and financial leverage.

### Design and scope of work:

Sauk River Watershed District (SRWD), Minnesota Land Trust (MLT), and Pheasant Forever (PF), along with technical assistance provided by Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), Todd SWCD, Douglas SWCD, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR), and The Nature Conservancy (TNC), will partner to implement habitat protection and restoration within the Sauk River Watershed (SRW). Sites that include top priority habitats, such as existing high quality or easily restorable wetland complexes, upland forests, floodplain forests, and prairies will be prioritized. Prioritized sites will be protected to preserve and enhance critical

habitat for waterfowl and other important wildlife species.

This program will protect high caliber habitats and protect and restore degraded habitats in key locations. The SRW is in a rapidly growing region of the state that has also experienced some of the most intense conversion from perennial cover to cropland in the past decade. This conversion is expected to increase. Interest by landowners in protecting their land is strong in the SRW, but often these lands do not qualify for CREP. A small window of opportunity exists to protect these high habitat quality sites now as they are expiring from CRP, before they are developed or converted back to farm land. This year alone in the SRW there are 434 CRP contracts expiring, comprising 3,122 acres of quality habitat.

SRWD will manage the grant and will subcontract for associated R/E activities. PF will negotiate and secure fee title acquisitions and oversee related R/E activities. MLT will negotiate and close on all associated conservation easements.

#### Conservation Easements:

SRWD, with assistance from local partners such as the County SWCDs, will conduct outreach to landowners within targeted priority areas identified using TNC's Multiple Benefits Analysis that has been completed for protection prioritization in the SRW. Interested landowners will submit proposals to MLT using a competitive request for proposal (RFP) process that will rank properties based on ecological value and cost, prioritizing the projects that provide the best ecological value and acquiring them at the lowest cost to the state. MLT will secure approximately 1,200 acres of permanent conservation easements and develop restoration and habitat management plans for eased acres.

#### Fee acquisition:

PF will coordinate with MN DNR and United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) on all potential fee simple acquisitions. PF will work with willing sellers to protect and restore 109 acres of strategically identified parcels within the SRW and then donate the parcels to the MN DNR as a WMA or FWS as WPA where they will be managed as wildlife habitat and provide public access in perpetuity.

#### Restoration and Enhancement:

SRWD, with assistance from County SWCDs, will restore/enhance approximately 290 acres of wetland, riparian and associated upland habitat on conservation easements acquired. Specific activities and scope will vary based on quality of parcel but may include performing hydrologic restoration, invasive species management, and installing vegetation to increase site biodiversity. PF will manage all needed restoration activities on fee acquisition sites.

### **How does the request address MN habitats that have: historical value to fish and wildlife, wildlife species of greatest conservation need, MN County Biological Survey data, and/or rare, threatened and endangered species inventories:**

This program will utilize a prioritization framework that uses SGCN and quality habitat as major weighting factors. The SRW region is an important migratory corridor for forest birds and waterfowl. It contains wetlands, upland forests, and shorelands, which are essential habitats to Minnesota's wildlife diversity and health, all of which will be targeted for protection and restoration/enhancement as part of this program.

A variety of SGCN will benefit from this program include Blanding's turtles, bobolinks, veerys, caddisflies, smooth green snakes, Poweshiek skippers, western harvest mice, and jumping spiders (*M. grata*). Other species that will benefit from improved habitat as part of this program include trumpeter swans, sandhill cranes, bald eagles, swainson's hawks, and dickcissels.

### **Describe the science based planning and evaluation model used:**

The program will utilize TNC's Multiple Benefits Analysis, a science-based process completed in 2017 for the Upper Mississippi River Basin, that prioritized protection sites for the SRW and other parts of this region. The Multiple Benefits Analysis developed and scored priorities according to specific but multiple cross-cutting needs and looks for the "sweet spot", where multiple benefits overlap. It includes four modules: fish and wildlife habitat, drinking water/source water, flooding and erosion control, and groundwater benefits. Each module contains numerous data layers. Sites are prioritized in each module as well as a whole. Size of parcel and proximity to other protected lands are also considered in this analysis.

The vast majority of the SRW landscape is in private ownership. Therefore, once priority parcels are identified, working with private owners on land protection strategies is key to successful conservation in this region. We will also work closely with partners in the region to identify those habitat complexes where private land protection can make a significant contribution to existing conservation investments. Specific parcels available for acquisition of easements will be further reviewed relative to each other to identify priorities among the pool of applicants. This relative ranking is based on: amount of habitat on the parcel (size), abundance of SGCN, the quality or condition of habitat, the parcel's context relative to other natural habitats and protected areas, and cost. MBS data will be another important component of potential conservation easements and fee simple acquisitions. Field visits to further identify and assess condition of habitats prior to easement acquisition will also occur, as many private lands were not formally assessed through MBS.

The program will work to build on initial conservation investments in the program area, expanding and buffering the footprint of existing protected areas, such as WMAs, WPAs, AMAs, etc., facilitating the protection of habitat corridors and reducing the potential for fragmentation of existing habitats.

## Which sections of the Minnesota Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan are applicable to this program:

- H1 Protect priority land habitats
- H5 Restore land, wetlands and wetland-associated watersheds

## Which other plans are addressed in this program:

- Minnesota DNR Strategic Conservation Agenda
- Outdoor Heritage Fund: A 25 Year Framework

## Which LSOHC section priorities are addressed in this program:

### Forest / Prairie Transition:

- Protect, enhance, and restore wild rice wetlands, shallow lakes, wetland/grassland complexes, aspen parklands, and shoreland that provide critical habitat for game and nongame wildlife

### Prairie:

- Protect, enhance, or restore existing wetland/upland complexes, or convert agricultural lands to new wetland/upland habitat complexes

## Relationship to other funds:

- Environmental and Natural Resource Trust Fund

## Describe the relationship of the funds:

SRWD, along with partners including MLT, Stearns County SWCD, MN DNR, University of Minnesota, and TNC submitted a Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) proposal for FY2019. If funded, this program will protect, restore and enhance wetland complexes in the SRW using a combination of conservation easements and restoration. Properties will be targeted that lie adjacent to the main stem of the Sauk River and that benefit drinking/source water quality.

## Does this program include leverage in funds:

Not Listed

## Per MS 97A.056, Subd. 24, Any state agency or organization requesting a direct appropriation from the OHF must inform the LSOHC at the time of the request for funding is made, whether the request is supplanting or is a substitution for any previous funding that was not from a legacy fund and was used for the same purpose:

Funding procured by any of the Parters through the Outdoor Heritage Fund via this proposal will not supplant or substitute any previous funding from a non-Legacy fund used for the same purpose.

## Describe the source and amount of non-OHF money spent for this work in the past:

Not Listed

## How will you sustain and/or maintain this work after the Outdoor Heritage Funds are expended:

MLT will sustain the land protected through conservation easements using state-of-the-art easement stewardship standards and practices. MLT is a nationally-accredited and insured land trust with a successful easement stewardship program that conducts annual property monitoring, maintains effective records management, addresses inquiries and interpretations, tracks changes in ownership, investigates potential violations and defends the easement in case of a true violation. Funding for these easement stewardship

activities is included in the project budget. In addition, MLT encourages landowners to undertake active ecological management of their properties, provides them with habitat management plans, and works with them to secure resources (expertise and funding) to undertake these activities over time.

Acquisition projects will abut or be within close proximity to existing protected lands, including state-owned lands and lands under conservation easement. This will allow for the expansion of maintenance and restoration activities currently taking place on those protected lands and adjacent private lands. Lands outside of this connectivity will be maintained by fee-title land holders (MNDNR, USFWS) and/or the Sauk River Watershed District (conservation land inspections). Habitats cleared of invasive species will be maintained with prescribed fire and other practices.

**Explain the things you will do in the future to maintain project outcomes:**

Year	Source of Funds	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
2025 and in perpetuity	Minnesota Land Trust - long term stewardship and enforcement fund	Annual monitoring of conservato in easements in perpetuity	enforcement as necessary	
Every 4-6 years	MN DNR, USFWS, Landowners	Prescribed fire, tree control, invasive species control		

**Activity Details:**

If funded, this program will meet all applicable criteria set forth in MS 97A.056 - **Yes**

Will there be planting of corn or any crop on OHF land purchased or restored in this program - **Yes**

Explain

For fee acquisitions, the primary purposes of WMAs are to develop and manage for the production of wildlife and for compatible outdoor recreation. To fulfill those goals, the DNR may use limited farming specifically to enhance or benefit the management of state lands for wildlife. This proposal may include initial development plans or restoration plans to utilize farming to prepare previously farmed sites for native plant seeding. This is a standard practice across the Midwest to prepare the seedbed for native seed planting. In restorations, non neonicotinoid treated seed will be used and no herbicides other than glyphosate. On a small percentage of WMAs (less than 2.5%), DNR uses farming to provide a winter food source for a variety of wildlife species in agriculture-dominated landscapes largely devoid of winter food sources. There are no immediate plans to use farming for winter food on any of the parcels in this proposal.

On conservation easements, MLT may incorporate the short-term use of agricultural crops, which is an accepted best practice in some instances for preparing a site for restoration. For example, short-term use of soybeans could be used for restorations to control weed seedbeds prior to prairie planting. In some cases, this necessitates the use of GMO-treated products to facilitate herbicide use to control weeds present in the seedbank. However, neonicotinoids will not be used.

The purpose of the MLT's conservation easements is to protect existing high quality natural habitat and to preserve opportunities for future restoration. As such, we restrict any agricultural lands and use on the properties. In cases where there are agricultural lands associated with the larger property, we will either carve the agricultural area out of the conservation easement, or in some limited cases, we may include a small percentage of agricultural lands if it is not feasible to carve those areas out. In such cases, however, we will not use OHF funds to pay the landowners for that portion of the conservation easement.

Will local government approval be sought prior to acquisition - **No**

Local governments are notified of each proposed land acquisition that will be transferred to the state and program staff are available to discuss projects with local government staff and/or elected officials.

Is the land you plan to acquire (fee title) free of any other permanent protection - **No**

A limited number of the parcels may have a federal or state easement on a portion of the tract which provides permanent protection for wetlands or grasslands. If a parcel has one of these encumbrances, and is still deemed a high priority by our agency partners, we will follow guidance established by the Outdoor Heritage Fund to proceed, or use non-state funding to acquire the residual value of the protected portion of the property.

Is this land currently open for hunting and fishing - **No**

Will the land be open for hunting and fishing after completion - **Yes**

Fee-title acquisition land secured as part of this project will be open for hunting and fishing.

Who will eventually own the fee title land?

**State of MN**

Land acquired in fee will be designated as a:

**WMA**

What is the anticipated number of closed acquisitions (range is fine) you plan to accomplish with this appropriation?

**Pheasants Forever anticipates closing on 1-2 acquisitions with this appropriation.**

Will the eased land be open for public use - **No**

Is the land you plan to acquire (easement) free of any other permanent protection - **No**

A limited number of the parcels may have a federal or state easement on a portion of the tract which provides permanent protection for wetlands or grasslands. If a parcel has one of these encumbrances, and is still deemed a high priority by our agency partners, we will follow guidance established by the Outdoor Heritage Fund to proceed, or use non-state funding to acquire the residual value of the protected portion of the property.

Who will manage the easement?

**Minnesota Land Trust**

Who will be the easement holder?

**Minnesota Land Trust**

What is the anticipated number of easements (range is fine) you plan to accomplish with this appropriation?

**MLT expects to close on 1-8 easement acquisitions through this grant. The number of easement acquisitions proposed can vary significantly due to the size and cost of targeted parcels. The maximum number of easements is capped at 8 based on the amount of stewardship funding requested.**

Are there currently trails or roads on any of the acquisitions on the parcel list - **Yes**

Describe the types of trails or roads and the allowable uses:

Most conservation easements are established on private lands, many of which have driveways, field roads and trails located on them. Often, these established trails and roads are permitted in the terms of the easement and can be maintained for personal use if their use does not significantly impact the conservation values of the property. Creation of new roads/trails or expansion of existing ones is typically not allowed.

Will the trails or roads remain and uses continue to be allowed after OHF acquisition - **Yes**

How will maintenance and monitoring be accomplished:

Existing trails and roads are identified in the project baseline report and will be monitored annually as part of the Land Trust's stewardship and enforcement protocols. Maintenance of permitted roads/trails in line with the terms of the easement will be the responsibility of the landowner.

Will new trails or roads be developed or improved as a result of the OHF acquisition - **No**

Will the acquired parcels be restored or enhanced within this appropriation? - **Yes**

A modest amount of restoration and/or enhancement funding has been allotted to easements acquired through this grant, earmarked to the Sauk River Watershed District appropriation. These funds will enable significant improvement to the condition and extent of habitat on protected lands, making good projects great.

Will restoration and enhancement work follow best management practices including MS 84.973 Pollinator Habitat Program - **Yes**

Is the activity on permanently protected land per 97A.056, subd 13(f), tribal lands, and/or public waters per MS 103G.005, Subd. 15 - **Yes (WMA, WPA, Permanently Protected Conservation Easements)**

## Accomplishment Timeline:

Activity	Approximate Date Completed
Site prioritization and targeted outreach	December 2020
Conservation easement and fee-title acquisition completed	June 2022
Restoration	June 2024

Date of Final Report Submission: 10/31/2024

## Federal Funding:

Do you anticipate federal funds as a match for this program - **Yes**

Are the funds confirmed - **No**

What is the approximate date you anticipate receiving confirmation of the federal funds - **07/01/2019**

## Outcomes:

### Programs in forest-prairie transition region:

- Protected, restored, and enhanced nesting and migratory habitat for waterfowl, upland birds, and species of greatest conservation need *Large corridors and complexes of biologically diverse wildlife habitat, providing nesting and migratory habitat for waterfowl, upland birds, and Species in Greatest Conservation Need will be restored and protected. Partners will work together to identify priority lands using existing data and public plans, then coordinate protection, restoration and enhancement activities in those priority areas. Success within each priority area will be determined based on the percentage of area protected, restored and/or enhanced.*

### Programs in prairie region:

- Restored and enhanced upland habitats *Large corridors and complexes of biologically diverse wildlife habitat, providing nesting and migratory habitat for waterfowl, upland birds, and Species in Greatest Conservation Need will be restored and protected. Partners will work together to identify priority lands using existing data and public plans, then coordinate protection, restoration and enhancement activities in those priority areas. Success within each priority area will be determined based on the percentage of area protected, restored and/or enhanced.*

# Budget Spreadsheet

Budget reallocations up to 10% do not require an amendment to the Accomplishment Plan

## How will this program accommodate the reduced appropriation recommendation from the original proposed requested amount

Outputs were reduced proportionately to the funding that was allocated – both between partners and within specific partner allocations. This proportional allocation was tweaked to enable SRWD to effectively manage the grant and ensure R/E projects are completed. MLT's budget allows for 8 conservation easements and associated R/E activities.

**Total Amount of Request: \$ 2946000**

### Budget and Cash Leverage

BudgetName	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	\$140,500	\$0		\$140,500
Contracts	\$109,000	\$0		\$109,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	\$500,000	\$13,600	Federal Funds, Landowner donations, contractor donations	\$513,600
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	\$0	\$0		\$0
Easement Acquisition	\$1,375,000	\$280,000	Landowner donations, contractor donations	\$1,655,000
Easement Stewardship	\$192,000	\$0		\$192,000
Travel	\$10,000	\$0		\$10,000
Professional Services	\$561,500	\$0		\$561,500
Direct Support Services	\$30,000	\$0		\$30,000
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	\$10,000	\$0		\$10,000
Capital Equipment	\$0	\$0		\$0
Other Equipment/Tools	\$2,000	\$0		\$2,000
Supplies/Materials	\$0	\$0		\$0
DNR IDP	\$16,000	\$0		\$16,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,946,000</b>	<b>\$293,600</b>		<b>\$3,239,600</b>

### Personnel

Position	FTE	Over # of years	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
State Coordinator	0.01	3.00	\$1,700	\$0		\$1,700
Field Staff	0.01	3.00	\$1,900	\$0		\$1,900
Grants Staff	0.01	3.00	\$1,900	\$0		\$1,900
MLT Protection Staff	0.40	3.00	\$110,000	\$0		\$110,000
Water Resource Manager	0.04	3.00	\$11,900	\$0		\$11,900
Project Management Supervisor	0.04	3.00	\$13,100	\$0		\$13,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.51</b>	<b>18.00</b>	<b>\$140,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$140,500</b>

### Budget and Cash Leverage by Partnership

BudgetName	Partnership	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	Pheasants Forever	\$5,500	\$0		\$5,500
Contracts	Pheasants Forever	\$46,000	\$0		\$46,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	Pheasants Forever	\$500,000	\$13,600	Federal Funds, Landowner donations, contractor donations	\$513,600
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	Pheasants Forever	\$0	\$0		\$0
Easement Acquisition	Pheasants Forever	\$0	\$0		\$0
Easement Stewardship	Pheasants Forever	\$0	\$0		\$0
Travel	Pheasants Forever	\$0	\$0		\$0
Professional Services	Pheasants Forever	\$11,500	\$0		\$11,500
Direct Support Services	Pheasants Forever	\$1,000	\$0		\$1,000
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	Pheasants Forever	\$10,000	\$0		\$10,000
Capital Equipment	Pheasants Forever	\$0	\$0		\$0
Other Equipment/Tools	Pheasants Forever	\$0	\$0		\$0
Supplies/Materials	Pheasants Forever	\$0	\$0		\$0
DNR IDP	Pheasants Forever	\$16,000	\$0		\$16,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$590,000</b>	<b>\$13,600</b>		<b>\$603,600</b>

**Personnel - Pheasants Forever**

Position	FTE	Over # of years	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
State Coordinator	0.01	3.00	\$1,700	\$0		\$1,700
Field Staff	0.01	3.00	\$1,900	\$0		\$1,900
Grants Staff	0.01	3.00	\$1,900	\$0		\$1,900
Total	0.03	9.00	\$5,500	\$0		\$5,500

Budget Name	Partnership	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	Minnesota Land Trust	\$110,000	\$0		\$110,000
Contracts	Minnesota Land Trust	\$48,000	\$0		\$48,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	Minnesota Land Trust	\$0	\$0		\$0
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	Minnesota Land Trust	\$0	\$0		\$0
Easement Acquisition	Minnesota Land Trust	\$1,375,000	\$280,000	Landowner donations, contractor donations	\$1,655,000
Easement Stewardship	Minnesota Land Trust	\$192,000	\$0		\$192,000
Travel	Minnesota Land Trust	\$10,000	\$0		\$10,000
Professional Services	Minnesota Land Trust	\$150,000	\$0		\$150,000
Direct Support Services	Minnesota Land Trust	\$29,000	\$0		\$29,000
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	Minnesota Land Trust	\$0	\$0		\$0
Capital Equipment	Minnesota Land Trust	\$0	\$0		\$0
Other Equipment/Tools	Minnesota Land Trust	\$2,000	\$0		\$2,000
Supplies/Materials	Minnesota Land Trust	\$0	\$0		\$0
DNR IDP	Minnesota Land Trust	\$0	\$0		\$0
Total		\$1,916,000	\$280,000		\$2,196,000

**Personnel - Minnesota Land Trust**

Position	FTE	Over # of years	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
MLT Protection Staff	0.40	3.00	\$110,000	\$0		\$110,000
Total	0.40	3.00	\$110,000	\$0		\$110,000

Budget Name	Partnership	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	Sauk River Watershed District	\$25,000	\$0		\$25,000
Contracts	Sauk River Watershed District	\$15,000	\$0		\$15,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	Sauk River Watershed District	\$0	\$0		\$0
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	Sauk River Watershed District	\$0	\$0		\$0
Easement Acquisition	Sauk River Watershed District	\$0	\$0		\$0
Easement Stewardship	Sauk River Watershed District	\$0	\$0		\$0
Travel	Sauk River Watershed District	\$0	\$0		\$0
Professional Services	Sauk River Watershed District	\$400,000	\$0		\$400,000
Direct Support Services	Sauk River Watershed District	\$0	\$0		\$0
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	Sauk River Watershed District	\$0	\$0		\$0
Capital Equipment	Sauk River Watershed District	\$0	\$0		\$0
Other Equipment/Tools	Sauk River Watershed District	\$0	\$0		\$0
Supplies/Materials	Sauk River Watershed District	\$0	\$0		\$0
DNR IDP	Sauk River Watershed District	\$0	\$0		\$0
Total		\$440,000	\$0		\$440,000

**Personnel - Sauk River Watershed District**

Position	FTE	Over # of years	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Water Resource Manager	0.04	3.00	\$11,900	\$0		\$11,900
Project Management Supervisor	0.04	3.00	\$13,100	\$0		\$13,100
Total	0.08	6.00	\$25,000	\$0		\$25,000

Amount of Request: \$2,946,000

Amount of Leverage:	\$293,600
Leverage as a percent of the Request:	9.97%
DSS + Personnel:	\$170,500
As a % of the total request:	5.79%

**How did you determine which portions of the Direct Support Services of your shared support services is direct to this program:**

PF utilizes the Total Modified Direct Cost method. This methodology is annually approved by the U.S. Department of Interior's National Business Center as the basis for the organization's Indirect Cost Rate agreement. PF's allowable direct support services cost is 4.12%. In this proposal, PF has discounted its rate to 1.5% of the sum of personnel, contracts, professional services, and travel. We are donating the difference-in-kind.

**What is included in the contacts line?**

The SRWD and Pheasants Forever will contract for wetland/grassland restoration, tree removal, prescribed fire, building removal, posts, signs, and other development activities. MLT will contract for the writing of habitat management plans.

**Does the amount in the travel line include equipment/vehicle rental? - Yes**

**Explain the amount in the travel line outside of traditional travel costs of mileage, food, and lodging:**

Land Trust staff regularly rent vehicles for grant-related purposes, which is a significant cost savings over use of personal vehicles.

**Describe and explain leverage source and confirmation of funds:**

Leverage is expected from multiple sources including but not limited to federal sources, land value donations, contractor donations and Pheasants Forever (PF). Not every source is 100% confirmed at this point. However, PF has an exemplary track record of delivery and over-achievement of match commitments that further stretch OHF funding.

**What is the cost per easement for stewardship and explain how that amount is calculated?**

The Land Trust easement stewardship cost is based on a number of factors, including: 1) easement administration & management, 2) monitoring, 3) updating of monitoring workbooks and baseline documentation reports, 4) encouraging voluntary compliance, 5) addressing potential violations, and 6) legal enforcement. The current cost is set at \$24,000/easement.

## Output Tables

**Table 1a. Acres by Resource Type**

Type	Wetlands	Prairies	Forest	Habitats	Total
Restore	0	0	0	290	290
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	10	99	0	0	109
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Easement	0	0	0	611	611
Enhance	0	0	0	0	0
Total	10	99	0	901	1,010

**Table 1b. How many of these Prairie acres are Native Prairie?**

Type	Native Prairie
Restore	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	99
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	0
Protect in Easement	0
Enhance	0
Total	99

**Table 2. Total Funding by Resource Type**

Type	Wetlands	Prairies	Forest	Habitats	Total
Restore	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$440,000	\$440,000
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$54,100	\$535,900	\$0	\$0	\$590,000
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,916,000	\$1,916,000
Enhance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$54,100	\$535,900	\$0	\$2,356,000	\$2,946,000

**Table 3. Acres within each Ecological Section**

Type	Metro Urban	ForestPrairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N Forest	Total
Restore	0	100	0	190	0	290
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	50	0	59	0	109
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Easement	0	305	0	306	0	611
Enhance	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	455	0	555	0	1,010

**Table 4. Total Funding within each Ecological Section**

Type	Metro Urban	ForestPrairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N Forest	Total
Restore	\$0	\$151,700	\$0	\$288,300	\$0	\$440,000
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$265,000	\$0	\$325,000	\$0	\$590,000
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$958,000	\$0	\$958,000	\$0	\$1,916,000
Enhance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$1,374,700	\$0	\$1,571,300	\$0	\$2,946,000

**Table 5. Average Cost per Acre by Resource Type**

Type	Wetlands	Prairies	Forest	Habitats
Restore	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1517
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$5410	\$5413	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3136
Enhance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Table 6. Average Cost per Acre by Ecological Section**

Type	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	Northern Forest
Restore	\$0	\$1517	\$0	\$1517	\$0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$5300	\$0	\$5508	\$0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$3141	\$0	\$3131	\$0
Enhance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Automatic system calculation / not entered by managers*

**Target Lake/Stream/River Feet or Miles**

0 miles

## Parcel List

*For restoration and enhancement programs ONLY: Managers may add, delete, and substitute projects on this parcel list based upon need, readiness, cost, opportunity, and/or urgency so long as the substitute parcel/project forwards the constitutional objectives of this program in the Project Scope table of this accomplishment plan. The final accomplishment plan report will include the final parcel list.*

### Section 1 - Restore / Enhance Parcel List

No parcels with an activity type restore or enhance.

### Section 2 - Protect Parcel List

Stearns

Name	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?
Partners WMA	12232203	40	\$180,000	No	Full	Not Applicable
TBDWMA	12331206	125	\$500,000	No	Full	Full
TBDWMA	12331235	80	\$400,000	No	Full	Full
TBDWMA	12636212	400	\$1,800,000	Yes	Full	Not Applicable
WPA/Zion	12332215	160	\$800,000	No	Full	Not Applicable

### Section 2a - Protect Parcel with Bldgs

Stearns

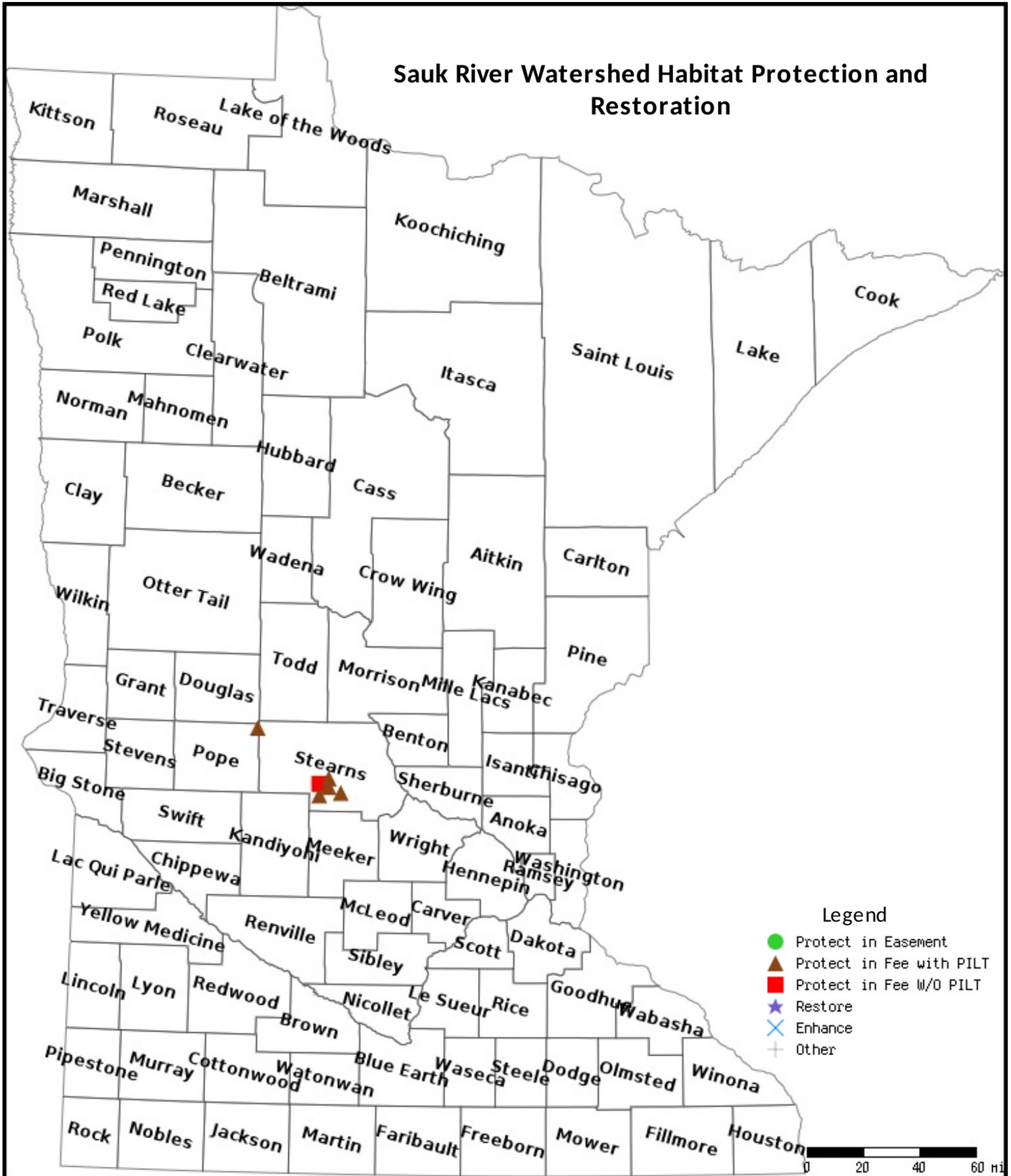
Name	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	# Bldgs?	Bldg Improve Desc	Value of Bldg	Disposition of Improvements
TBDWMA	12331219	300	\$1,200,000	13	2 old farm sites	\$40,000	

### Section 3 - Other Parcel Activity

No parcels with an other activity type.

# Parcel Map

## Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration



Data Generated From Parcel List

# Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council Comparison Report

**Program Title:** 2019 - Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration

**Organization:** Sauk River Watershed District

**Manager:** Scott Henderson

## Budget

Requested Amount: \$5,416,000

Appropriated Amount: \$2,946,000

Percentage: 54.39%

Budget Item	Total Requested		Total Appropriated		Percentage of Request	
	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Appropriated Amount	Anticipated Leverage	Percentage of Request	Percentage of Leverage
Personnel	\$197,000	\$0	\$140,500	\$0	71.32%	-
Contracts	\$934,000	\$0	\$109,000	\$0	11.67%	-
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	\$450,000	\$12,500	\$500,000	\$13,600	111.11%	108.80%
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	\$450,000	\$12,500	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%
Easement Acquisition	\$2,700,000	\$540,000	\$1,375,000	\$280,000	50.93%	51.85%
Easement Stewardship	\$312,000	\$0	\$192,000	\$0	61.54%	-
Travel	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	100.00%	-
Professional Services	\$257,000	\$0	\$561,500	\$0	218.48%	-
Direct Support Services	\$59,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	50.85%	-
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	\$12,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	83.33%	-
Capital Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	\$5,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	40.00%	-
Supplies/Materials	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	-
DNR IDP	\$30,000	\$0	\$16,000	\$0	53.33%	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,416,000</b>	<b>\$565,000</b>	<b>\$2,946,000</b>	<b>\$293,600</b>	<b>54.39%</b>	<b>51.96%</b>

## How will this program accommodate the reduced appropriation recommendation from the original proposed requested amount?

Outputs were reduced proportionately to the funding that was allocated – both between partners and within specific partner allocations. This proportional allocation was tweaked to enable SRWD to effectively manage the grant and ensure R/E projects are completed. MLT's budget allows for 8 conservation easements and associated R/E activities.

# Output

**Table 1a. Acres by Resource Type**

Type	Total Proposed	Total in AP	Percentage of Proposed
Restore	500	290	58.00%
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	100	109	109.00%
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	100	0	0.00%
Protect in Easement	1,200	611	50.92%
Enhance	0	0	-

**Table 2. Total Funding by Resource Type**

Type	Total Proposed	Total in AP	Percentage of Proposed
Restore	785,000	440,000	56.05%
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	530,000	590,000	111.32%
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	530,000	0	0.00%
Protect in Easement	3,571,000	1,916,000	53.65%
Enhance	0	0	-

**Table 3. Acres within each Ecological Section**

Type	Total Proposed	Total in AP	Percentage of Proposed
Restore	500	290	58.00%
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	100	109	109.00%
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	100	0	0.00%
Protect in Easement	1,200	611	50.92%
Enhance	0	0	-

**Table 4. Total Funding within each Ecological Section**

Type	Total Proposed	Total in AP	Percentage of Proposed
Restore	785,000	440,000	56.05%
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	530,000	590,000	111.32%
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	530,000	0	0.00%
Protect in Easement	3,571,000	1,916,000	53.65%
Enhance	0	0	-