

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Laws of Minnesota 2013 Accomplishment Plan



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Program or Project Title: Root River Protection and Restoration

Funds Recommended: \$ 2,750,000

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Appropriation Language: \$2,750,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for agreements to acquire land in fee for scientific and natural areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 5, and for state forest purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 7, and to acquire permanent conservation easements as follows: \$2,122,000 to The Nature Conservancy and \$628,000 to the Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$100,000 is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund, as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed acquisitions and permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

County Locations: Fillmore, Houston, and Winona.

Regions in which work will take place:

- Southeast Forest

Activity types:

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

Priority resources addressed by activity:

- Forest
- Habitat
- Prairie

Abstract:

This project will protect and restore declining habitats for important wildlife species in strategically targeted areas of outstanding biodiversity in Southeast Minnesota's Root River watershed. It will result in increased public access and expanded habitat complexes critical to the

Design and scope of work:

Importance of the Project Area:

The Root River Watershed of Southeast Minnesota is as rich in habitat for game and nongame wildlife species as it is in aesthetic beauty. Long valleys rimmed with dry prairies and hardwood hills are bisected by coldwater trout streams. Unlike any other part of the state, much of the watershed and the greater Mississippi River Blufflands have been largely untouched by glaciers for 500,000 years. As a result of this unique geology, the Blufflands—are home to diverse habitats. No other region in the state demonstrates this diversity and uniqueness of habitats.

While much of the region has been converted to cropland, pasture and rural development, many bluffs and valleys of the watershed are still home to high quality cliffs, forests, oak savannas, and prairies, including 40 different native plant community types mapped by the Minnesota Biological Survey (MBS) covering nearly 38,000 acres. The Root River watershed represents an extraordinary priority: there are 111 species of state-listed rare plants and animals in the watershed, many of them concentrated in the 353 sites of biodiversity significance mapped in the watershed by MBS.

Thanks to this diversity, the area is highly regarded for turkey and deer hunting along with trout fishing, hiking and biking. Outdoor recreation is a significant component to the local economy and heritage, drawing visitors from across the upper Midwest. However, less than 3% of the Root River Watershed is open to the public and relatively very little is in any kind of protected status. Moreover, growth of nearby communities like Rochester and LaCrosse are increasing rural development with bluff top and remote country homes. More roads, buildings and associated infrastructure further fragments an already fragmented landscape, disturbing forest habitat and increasing already high erosion rates. In addition, farming practices have increasingly encroached on these unique habitats including tracts in this proposal and have had significant impacts to water quality.

To maintain this legacy of the unique natural habitats, there are three primary needs or opportunities in the region: 1) expand the amount of protected land—both public and private—in strategic locations based on existing protected lands and high-quality habitat; 2) maximize the quality of this protected habitat through well-executed restoration and enhancement projects; and 3) increase public access to these unique habitats in this area of the state with relatively little public lands.

Investment in the Root River watershed by the Outdoor Heritage Fund would expand and connect larger contiguous blocks of protected lands, allowing land managers to restore and maintain native habitats at a scale difficult to accomplish with fragmented ownership. An example of this is the frequent prescribed fire burns necessary to reclaim the unique “goat prairies” and oak savanna from the cedar and buckthorn hillsides, which is most effective at larger scale.

Certain habitat complexes stand out in the watershed, including the different units of the R.J. Dorer Memorial Forest, state parks, and larger blocks of existing conservation easements. These complexes serve as hubs for additional protection through strategic fee title and conservation easement acquisitions. This proposal aims to enhance this prior conservation investment and ensure that the legacy of the Blufflands region is preserved for the future.

Overall Scope of Work:

This project has three primary components: 1) fee title acquisition of approximately 128 acres of forest and 15 acres of prairie along coldwater trout streams adjacent to state forest land, scientific and natural areas and a state park; 2) Restoration and enhancement of 160 acres of prairie and forest habitat within these protected habitat complexes; and 3) Strategic protection of approximately 350 acres of high-quality habitat on private lands within these complexes through the acquisition of conservation easements. Project partners include The Nature Conservancy, the Minnesota DNR and the Minnesota Land Trust. Priority for these three activities will be placed on targeted tracts within high biodiversity conservation complexes identified by project partners as representing the highest quality and most diverse habitat types in the watershed.

Fee Acquisitions:

The Nature Conservancy will coordinate with MN DNR on all potential fee-title acquisitions. The Nature Conservancy will assist the participating DNR Divisions by conducting all or some of the following activities: initial site reviews, negotiations, appraisals, environmental reviews and acquisition of fee title. In the event the Conservancy comes into the chain of title, it will transfer the property to the DNR. The property acquired with this funding will be owned and managed by the DNR as State Forest or Scientific and Natural Areas, which will be open for public hunting and fishing.

Restoration and Enhancement

Restoration plans and activities will be coordinated with DNR Forestry and Nongame leads for specific state managed units and with the Minnesota Land Trust with MLT-held conservation easement lands. TNC will contract with CCM as much as possible and other local vendors for invasive brush removal and prescribed fire on 121 acres of bluff prairie, oak savanna and fire dependent forest enhancement.

Conservation Easement Acquisitions:

To complement the fee title acquisitions described above, the Minnesota Land Trust will acquire permanent conservation easements on approximately 350 acres of high quality prairie, forest and riparian habitat in the watershed. Priority will be given to important private parcels that are near-by or adjacent to existing protected habitat complexes.

The Minnesota Land Trust works only with conservation easements that are perpetual. These easements prohibit land uses or development that negatively affect important habitat and other conservation values.

As provided under the subdivisions titled "Payment Conditions and Capital Equipment Expenditures" (ML 2010, Ch. 361, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 10; ML 2011, First Special Session, Ch. 6, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 10; ML 2012, Ch. 264, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 8; ML 2013, Ch. 137, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 8; ML 2014, Ch. 256, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 8) The Nature Conservancy (the Conservancy) may be reimbursed for salary and fringe benefits based on a provisional fringe benefits rate consistent with OMB Circular A-122 and negotiated annually with the Conservancy's cognizant agency. Within 120 days of the end of each Nature Conservancy fiscal year, the Conservancy will provide MN DNR with the actual fringe benefits rate for the prior year and reconcile any overpayment made by the State.

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

- H1 Protect priority land habitats
- H2 Protect critical shoreland of streams and lakes
- H3 Improve connectivity and access to recreation
- H7 Keep water on the landscape
- LU8 Protect large blocks of forest land
- LU10 Support and expand sustainable practices on working forested lands

Which other plans are addressed in this program:

- A Vision for Wildlife and Its Use -- Goals and Outcomes 2006-2012
- Driftless Area Restoration Effort
- Long Range Plan for Fisheries Management
- Long Range Plan for the Wild Turkey
- Minnesota DNR AMA Acquisition Plan
- Minnesota DNR Nongame Wildlife Plans
- Minnesota DNR Scientific and Natural Area's Long Range Plan
- Minnesota DNR Strategic Conservation Agenda
- Minnesota Forest Resource Council Landscape Plans
- Minnesota Sustainability Framework
- Minnesota's Wildlife Action Plan 2015-2025
- Minnesota's Wildlife Management Area Acquisition - The Next 50 Years
- National Audubon Society Top 20 Common Birds in Decline
- National Fish Habitat Action Plan
- Outdoor Heritage Fund: A 25 Year Framework
- State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan
- Strategic Plan for Coldwater Resources Management in Southeastern Minnesota
- The Nature Conservancy's Root River Watershed Conservation Action Plan and Rapid Protection Plan

Which LSOHC state-wide priorities are addressed in this program:

- Not Listed

Which LSOHC section priorities are addressed in this program:

Southeast Forest:

- Protect forest habitat through acquisition in fee or easement to prevent parcelization and fragmentation and to provide the ability to access and manage landlocked public properties

- Protect, enhance, and restore habitat for fish, game, and nongame wildlife in rivers, cold-water streams, and associated upland habitat
- Protect, enhance, and restore remnant goat prairies
- Restore forest-based wildlife habitat that has experienced substantial decline in area in recent decades

Relationship to other funds:

- Not Listed

Describe the relationship of the funds:

How does this program accelerate or supplement your current efforts in this area:

This project accelerates the efforts of several local partnerships working in the Root River Watershed. A broad cross section of state, federal and local agencies along with nongovernment organizations participate in a conservation collaborative and a Landscape Stewardship Plan for the Root River Watershed. Root River watershed partners have identified priority conservation efforts based on the Minnesota Biological Survey, public land assets and natural resource value. Partners have agreed to coordinate ongoing conservation efforts and participate in land protection along with public and private land restoration and management.

Acquisition and restoration projects included in this proposal build on 50 years of land conservation in the R.J. Doer Memorial Hardwood Forest. The DNR and local partners have made progress in recent years restoring rare and declining habitats like bluff prairies and oak savannas. However, it is widely recognized that much more needs to be done to revert these declining habitats. Partners are working together to protect and restore habitat mosaics that include forest, prairie, oak savanna and riparian areas.

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:

Not Listed

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

Acquisition projects will be adjacent to or within close proximity to existing protected lands, including state-owned lands and lands under conservation easement. This would allow for the expansion of maintenance and restoration activities that are currently taking place on those protected lands and adjacent private lands. Habitats cleared of invasive species will be maintained with prescribed fire. Protection and restoration projects will improve future prescribed fire and maintenance activities. The conservation easements will be monitored and enforced through the Minnesota Land Trust's comprehensive conservation easement stewardship program. The Minnesota Land Trust was one of the first land trusts in the country to be accredited by the Land Trust Alliance Accreditation Commission. Accreditation means that this land trust abides by the Land Trust Standards and Practices and operates in an ethical, legal and technically sound manner. The accreditation seal is a mark of distinction in land conservation. It recognizes organizations for meeting national standards for excellence, upholding the public trust and ensuring that conservation efforts are permanent.

Activity Details:

Will there be planting of corn or any crop on OHF land purchased or restored in this program - **No**

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

Yes, for fee title acquisitions for the SNA program. Local government approval is not required for additions to the Forestry program or for acquisition of conservation easements by the Minnesota Land Trust.

Is the land you plan to acquire (fee title) free of any other permanent protection - **Yes**

Is this land open for hunting and fishing - **Yes**

Lands acquired in fee will be designated as either State Forest or Scientific and Natural Areas. Fee lands will be open to public hunting and fishing as provided in the Constitution.

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

Is the land you plan to acquire (easement) free of any other permanent protection - **Yes**

Is the activity on permanently protected land per 97A.056, subd 13(f) and/or public waters per MS 103G.005, Subd. 15 - **Yes (WMA, SNA, Private Land, County/Municipal, State Forests, no)**

Accomplishment Timeline:

Activity	Approximate Date Completed
Initiate Restorations - Brush and Tree Clearing on 47 acres	November 2013
Initiate Restorations - Brush and Tree Clearing on 74 acres	March 2014
Prescribed Fire on 27 acres	April 2014
Finish Brush and Tree Clearing - 47 acres	December 2014
Finish Brush and Tree Clearing - 74 acres	March 2015
Rx Fire on 94 acres	April 2015
Protection - 143 Acres	June 2016
Conservation Easements - 350 acres	June 2016
Finish brush clearing	June 2018

Date of Final Report Submission: 7/30/2018

Federal Funding:

Do you anticipate federal funds as a match for this program - **No**

Outcomes:

Programs in southeast forest region:

- Healthier populations of endangered, threatened, and special concern species as well as more common species
- High priority riparian lands, forestlands, and savannas are protected from parcelization and fragmentation
- Landlocked public properties have increased access for land managers
- Remnant goat prairies are perpetually protected
- Rivers, streams, and surrounding vegetation provide corridors of habitat
- Stream to bluff habitat restoration and enhancement will keep water on the land to slow runoff and degradation of aquatic habitat
- Springshed protection

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

Not Listed

Total Amount of Request: \$ 2750000

Budget and Cash Leverage

Budget Name	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	\$230,500	\$17,000	TNC, TNC, TNC	\$247,500
Contracts	\$450,000	\$29,000	TNC	\$479,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	\$1,247,000	\$0		\$1,247,000
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	\$0	\$0		\$0
Easement Acquisition	\$420,000	\$90,000	Private Source	\$510,000
Easement Stewardship	\$60,000	\$0		\$60,000
Travel	\$12,000	\$900	TNC	\$12,900
Professional Services	\$255,000	\$9,800	TNC	\$264,800
Direct Support Services	\$0	\$0		\$0
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	\$25,000	\$0		\$25,000
Capital Equipment	\$0	\$0		\$0
Other Equipment/Tools	\$500	\$1,000	TNC	\$1,500
Supplies/Materials	\$25,000	\$4,300	TNC	\$29,300
DNR IDP	\$25,000	\$0		\$25,000
Total	\$2,750,000	\$152,000		\$2,902,000

Personnel

Position	FTE	Over # of years	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Project Manager	0.49	3.00	\$75,600	\$7,600	TNC	\$83,200
Protection Specialist	0.25	3.00	\$50,000	\$5,000	TNC	\$55,000
TNC Grant Administrator	0.23	3.00	\$43,900	\$4,400	TNC	\$48,300
MLT Conservation and Legal Staff	0.40	3.00	\$61,000	\$0		\$61,000
Total	1.36	12.00	\$230,500	\$17,000		\$247,500

Budget and Cash Leverage by Partnership

Budget Name	Partnership	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	TNC	\$169,500	\$17,000	TNC, TNC, TNC	\$186,500
Contracts	TNC	\$450,000	\$29,000	TNC	\$479,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	TNC	\$1,247,000	\$0		\$1,247,000
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	TNC	\$0	\$0		\$0
Easement Acquisition	TNC	\$0	\$0		\$0
Easement Stewardship	TNC	\$0	\$0		\$0
Travel	TNC	\$5,000	\$900	TNC	\$5,900
Professional Services	TNC	\$175,000	\$9,800	TNC	\$184,800
Direct Support Services	TNC	\$0	\$0		\$0
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	TNC	\$25,000	\$0		\$25,000
Capital Equipment	TNC	\$0	\$0		\$0
Other Equipment/Tools	TNC	\$500	\$1,000	TNC	\$1,500
Supplies/Materials	TNC	\$25,000	\$4,300	TNC	\$29,300
DNR IDP	TNC	\$25,000	\$0		\$25,000
Total		\$2,122,000	\$62,000		\$2,184,000

Personnel - TNC

Position	FTE	Over # of years	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Project Manager	0.49	3.00	\$75,600	\$7,600	TNC	\$83,200
Protection Specialist	0.25	3.00	\$50,000	\$5,000	TNC	\$55,000
TNC Grant Administrator	0.23	3.00	\$43,900	\$4,400	TNC	\$48,300
Total	0.96	9.00	\$169,500	\$17,000		\$186,500

Budget Name	Partnership	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	Minnesota Land Trust	\$61,000	\$0		\$61,000
Contracts	Minnesota Land Trust	\$0	\$0		\$0
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	\$420,000	\$90,000	Private Source	\$510,000
Easement Stewardship	Minnesota Land Trust	\$60,000	\$0		\$60,000
Travel	Minnesota Land Trust	\$7,000	\$0		\$7,000
Professional Services	Minnesota Land Trust	\$80,000	\$0		\$80,000
Direct Support Services	Minnesota Land Trust	\$0	\$0		\$0
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	Minnesota Land Trust	\$0	\$0		\$0
Capital Equipment	Minnesota Land Trust	\$0	\$0		\$0
Other Equipment/Tools	Minnesota Land Trust	\$0	\$0		\$0
Supplies/Materials	Minnesota Land Trust	\$0	\$0		\$0
DNR IDP	Minnesota Land Trust	\$0	\$0		\$0
Total		\$628,000	\$90,000		\$718,000

Personnel - Minnesota Land Trust

Position	FTE	Over # of years	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
MLT Conservation and Legal Staff	0.40	3.00	\$61,000	\$0		\$61,000
Total	0.40	3.00	\$61,000	\$0		\$61,000

Output Tables

Table 1a. Acres by Resource Type

Type	Wetlands	Prairies	Forest	Habitats	Total
Restore	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	15	128	0	143
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Easement	0	0	431	0	431
Enhance	0	115	45	0	160
Total	0	130	604	0	734

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

Type	Native Prairie
Restore	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	0
Protect in Easement	0
Enhance	14
Total	14

Table 2. Total Funding by Resource Type

Type	Wetlands	Prairies	Forest	Habitats	Total
Restore	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$150,000	\$1,376,000	\$0	\$1,526,000
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$0	\$628,000	\$0	\$628,000
Enhance	\$0	\$246,000	\$350,000	\$0	\$596,000
Total	\$0	\$396,000	\$2,354,000	\$0	\$2,750,000

Table 3. Acres within each Ecological Section

Type	Metro Urban	ForestPrairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N Forest	Total
Restore	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	0	143	0	0	143
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Easement	0	0	431	0	0	431
Enhance	0	0	160	0	0	160
Total	0	0	734	0	0	734

Table 4. Total Funding within each Ecological Section

Type	Metro Urban	ForestPrairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N Forest	Total
Restore	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$1,526,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,526,000
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$0	\$628,000	\$0	\$0	\$628,000
Enhance	\$0	\$0	\$596,000	\$0	\$0	\$596,000
Total	\$0	\$0	\$2,750,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,750,000

Target Lake/Stream/River Feet or Miles

0

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

Fillmore

Name	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection?
Choice	10208211	1,054	\$250,000	Yes
Forest 1-2	10410236	10	\$7,300	Yes
Isino urs	10310220	20	\$57,200	Yes
Olson Prairie	10408212	25	\$50,000	
Peterson	10408219	30	\$90,000	Yes
Root River (Underbakke, Bonita) 2002 - 196	10309218	99	\$1,000	Yes
Root River (Underbakke, Del and Gail) 2002 - 193	10309207	68	\$1,000	Yes
Rushford	10408225	30	\$85,900	Yes
Rushford Sand Barrens	10408228	25	\$76,800	Yes
Rushford Sand Barrens (Peterson) 2004 - 246	10408227	225	\$250	Yes
Rushford Sand Barrens (Peterson 2) 2008 - 374	10408233	115	\$250	Yes
Rushford Sand Barrens (Peterson 3) 2008 - 375	10408234	37	\$250	Yes
Rushford Sand Barrens (Peterson 4) 2011 - 432	10408227	117	\$250	Yes
Rushford State Forest	10408213	21	\$45,000	
South Branch	10212216	60	\$85,500	Yes

Houston

Name	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection?
Forest 2-2	10307224	10	\$7,300	Yes
Mound Prairie	10405234	29	\$50,000	Yes
Root River (Gilmer) 2014 - 482	10406202	277	\$1,000	Yes
Root River (Johnson)	10407221	40	\$40,000	Yes
Root River - Nesbit Ridge (Holen) 2011 - 421	10406204	244	\$1,000	Yes
Root River - Perkins Valley (Leddy) 2011 - 427	10407225	11	\$1,000	Yes
Root River (Visger) 2010 - 414	10405225	145	\$1,000	Yes
Vinegar Ridge State Forest	10407227	50	\$25,000	Yes
Wet Bark	10307214	30	\$70,500	Yes
Wet Bark State Forest	10307211	46	\$25,000	Yes

Winona

Name	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection?
Forest 3	10509235	5	\$7,800	Yes
Root River Acquisition 1	10508233	20	\$8,500	Yes

Section 2 - Protect Parcel List

Fillmore

Name	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?
Forest 1	10410236	35	\$155,800	No	Full	Full
Peterson 1	10408220	100	\$450,000	No	Full	Full
Root River 2	10212214	0	\$0	No	Full	Full
Root River 8 Easement	10408219	50	\$75,000	No	No	No
Root River 9 Easement	10408217	50	\$100,000	No	No	No
Root River Easement 11	10408202	110	\$300,000	No	No	No
Root River (Griffin Trust)	10410235	85	\$95,000	No	No	No
Root River (Griffin Trust)	10410235	95	\$95,000			
Rushford 3	10408212	52	\$150,000	No	Full	Full
Rushford 4	10408222	160	\$600,000	No	Full	Full
Rushford 5	10408221	80	\$250,000	No	Full	Full
Rushford Sand Barrens Forestry	10408221	78	\$251,700	No	Full	Full
South Branch	10212221	282	\$1,000,000	No	Full	Full

Houston

Name	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?
Forest 2	10307224	91	\$359,900	No	Full	Full
Houston 1	10307224	31	\$95,000	No	Full	Full
Houston 2	10307214	34	\$100,000	No	Full	Full
Houston 3	10204221	280	\$920,000	No	Full	Full
Root River 1 Easement	10404230	25	\$50,000	No	No	No
Root River 2 Easement	10406221	15	\$10,000	No	No	No
Root River 3 Easement	10406221	50	\$85,000	No	No	No
Root River 5 Easement	10405220	25	\$50,000	No	No	No
Root River (Johnson)	10407221	154	\$0	No	No	No

Winona

Name	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?
Forest 3-2	10509235	38	\$169,100	No	Full	Full
Root River 6 Easement	10506234	50	\$100,000	No	No	No
Root River 7 Easement	10707229	35	\$60,000	No	No	No
Root River Acquisition 1	10508234	40	\$180,400	No	Full	Full
Root River (Gilmer)	10506234	286	\$0	No	No	No

Section 2a - Protect Parcel with Bldgs

Fillmore

Name	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	# Bldgs?	Bldg Improve Desc	Value of Bldg	Disposition of Improvements
Rushford 2	10407207	278	\$950,000	1	shack	\$15,000	Remove

Section 3 - Other Parcel Activity

No parcels with an other activity type.

Completed Parcel: Choice

# of Total Acres:	1054
County:	Fillmore
Township:	102
Range:	08
Direction:	2
Section:	11
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	
# of Acres: Forest:	
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	
Amount of Shoreline:	(Linear Feet)
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	
Has there been signage erected at the site:	

Completed Parcel: Houston 1

# of Total Acres:	31
County:	Houston
Township:	103
Range:	07
Direction:	2
Section:	24
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	
# of Acres: Forest:	22
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	9
Amount of Shoreline:	(Linear Feet)
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	
Has there been signage erected at the site:	
Total cost of Restoration/Enhancement:	\$95,000
Annual Reporting Organization Name:	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Annual Reporting Manager Name:	Jim Edgar
Annual Reporting Address:	912 Houston St NW
Annual Reporting City:	Preston
Annual Reporting State:	MN
Annual Reporting Zip:	55965
Annual Reporting Email:	jim.edgar@state.mn.us
Annual Reporting Phone:	6513453216
Purchase Date:	June 28, 2016
Purchase Price:	\$76,700
Appraised Value:	\$76,700
Professional Service Costs:	\$14,139
Assessed Value:	\$76,700
Total Project Cost:	\$90,839
Property Managed By:	DNR - Forestry -
Name of the unit area or location government unit or land manager:	Minnesota DNR Forestry- RJ Dorer Memorial Hardwood Forest

Completed Parcel: Houston 2

# of Total Acres:	34
County:	Houston
Township:	103
Range:	07
Direction:	2
Section:	14
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	
# of Acres: Forest:	26
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	8
Amount of Shoreline:	(Linear Feet)
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	
Has there been signage erected at the site:	
Total cost of Restoration/Enhancement:	\$100,000
Annual Reporting Organization Name:	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Annual Reporting Manager Name:	Jim Edgar
Annual Reporting Address:	912 Houston St NW
Annual Reporting City:	Preston
Annual Reporting State:	MN
Annual Reporting Zip:	55965
Annual Reporting Email:	jim.edgar@state.mn.us
Annual Reporting Phone:	6513453216
Purchase Date:	June 16, 2016
Purchase Price:	\$90,688
Appraised Value:	\$90,688
Professional Service Costs:	\$19,394
Assessed Value:	\$90,688
Total Project Cost:	\$111,593

Completed Parcel: Root River (Gilmer)

# of Total Acres:	286
County:	Wino na
Township:	105
Range:	06
Direction:	2
Section:	34
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	1
# of Acres: Forest:	181
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	0
Amount of Shoreline:	3040 (Linear Feet)
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	Looney Creek
Has there been signage erected at the site:	No - Need to verify. Signs sent to landowner to erect.
Total cost of Restoration/Enhancement:	\$0
Annual Reporting Organization Name:	Minnesota Land Trust
Annual Reporting Manager Name:	Wayne Ostlie
Annual Reporting Address:	2356 University Ave. W. Suite 240
Annual Reporting City:	St. Paul
Annual Reporting State:	MN
Annual Reporting Zip:	55114
Annual Reporting Email:	wostlie@mnland.org
Annual Reporting Phone:	651-917-6292
Purchase Date:	December 23, 2014
Purchase Price:	\$215,560
Appraised Value:	\$220,000
Professional Service Costs:	\$30,110
Total Project Cost:	\$220,000
Donations:	\$4,440
Easement Holder Organization Name:	Minnesota Land Trust
Easement Holder Manager Name:	Wayne Ostlie
Easement Holder Address:	2356 University Ave. W. Suite 240
Easement Holder City:	St. Paul
Easement Holder State:	MN
Easement Holder Zip:	55114
Easement Holder Email:	wostlie@mnland.org
Easement Holder Phone:	651-917-6292
Responsible Organization Name:	Minnesota Land Trust
Responsible Manager Name:	Wayne Ostlie
Responsible Address:	2356 University Ave. W. Suite 240
Responsible City:	St. Paul
Responsible State:	MN
Responsible Zip:	55114
Responsible Email:	wostlie@mnland.org
Responsible Phone:	651-917-6292
Underlying Fee Owner:	James & Jane Gilmer

Completed Parcel: Root River (Griffin Trust)

# of Total Acres:	85
County:	Fillmore
Township:	104
Range:	10
Direction:	2
Section:	35
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	33
# of Acres: Forest:	52
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	0
Amount of Shoreline:	5739 (Linear Feet)
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	Root River
Has there been signage erected at the site:	No - Signs were presented to the landowner; will confirm through next annual monitoring visit if they have been erected.
Total cost of Restoration/Enhancement:	\$95,000
Annual Reporting Organization Name:	Minnesota Land Trust
Annual Reporting Manager Name:	Wayne Ostlie
Annual Reporting Address:	2356 University Ave. West, Suite 240
Annual Reporting City:	St Paul
Annual Reporting State:	MN
Annual Reporting Zip:	55114
Annual Reporting Email:	wostlie@mnland.org
Annual Reporting Phone:	651-647-9590
Purchase Date:	December 15, 2016
Purchase Price:	\$88,000
Appraised Value:	\$88,000
Assessed Value:	\$200,700
Total Project Cost:	\$88,000
Donations:	\$0
Easement Holder Organization Name:	Minnesota Land Turst
Easement Holder Manager Name:	Wayne Ostlie
Easement Holder Address:	2356 University Ave. West, Suite 240
Easement Holder City:	St Paul
Easement Holder State:	MN
Easement Holder Zip:	55114
Easement Holder Email:	wostlie@mnland.org
Easement Holder Phone:	651-647-9590
Responsible Organization Name:	Minnesota Land Turst
Responsible Manager Name:	Wayne Ostlie
Responsible Address:	2356 University Ave. West, Suite 240
Responsible City:	St Paul
Responsible State:	MN
Responsible Zip:	55114
Responsible Email:	wostlie@mnland.org
Responsible Phone:	6516479590
Underlying Fee Owner:	Monica G. Griffin, as Trustee of the Monica G. Griffin Trust

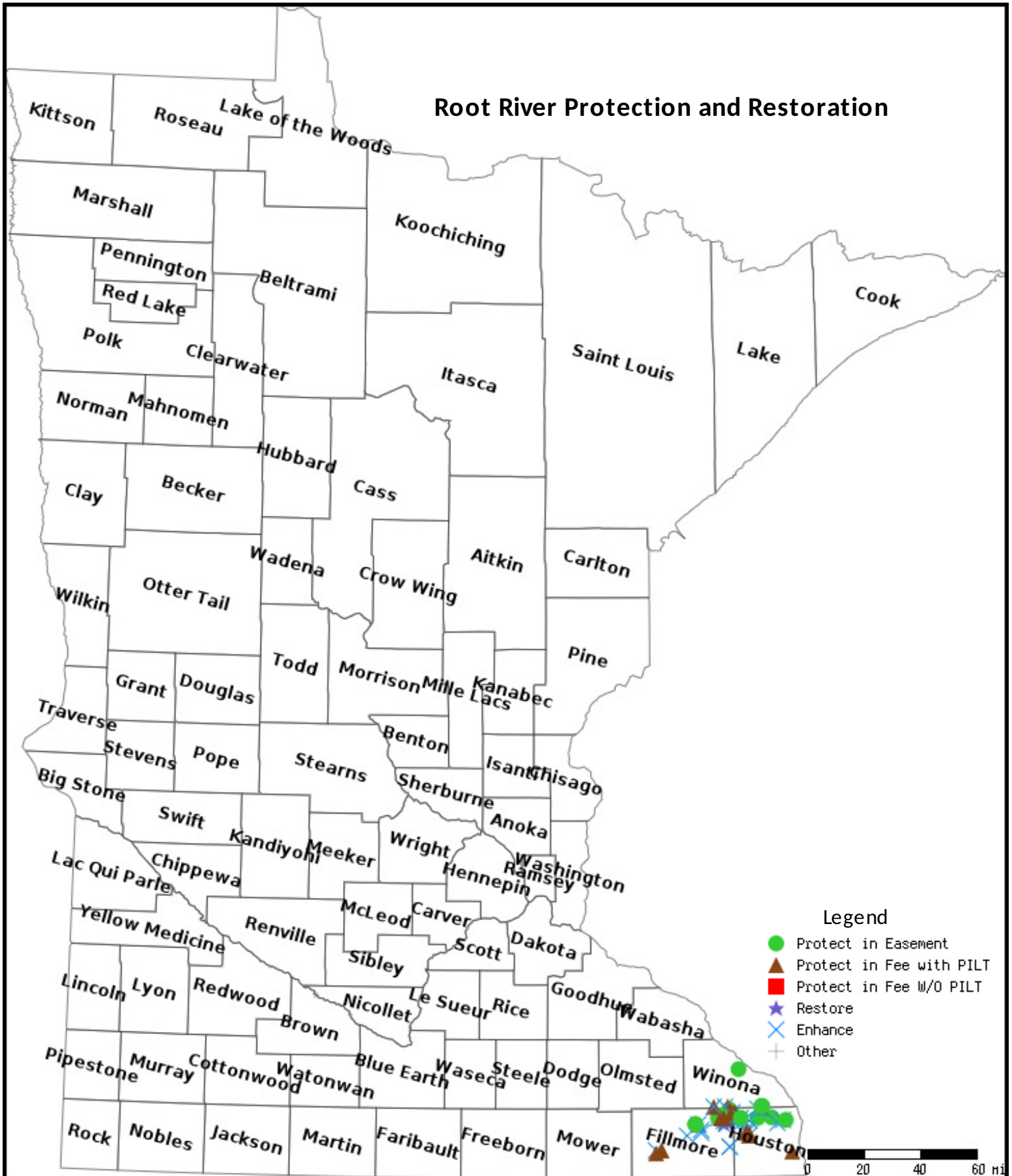
Completed Parcel: Root River (Johnson)

# of Total Acres:	154
County:	Houston
Township:	104
Range:	07
Direction:	2
Section:	21
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	0
# of Acres: Forest:	70
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	0
Amount of Shoreline:	3339 (Linear Feet)
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	
Has there been signage erected at the site:	No - Need to verify. Signs sent to landowner to erect.
Total cost of Restoration/Enhancement:	\$0
Annual Reporting Organization Name:	Minnesota Land Trust
Annual Reporting Manager Name:	Wayne Ostlie
Annual Reporting Address:	2356 University Ave. W., Suite 240
Annual Reporting City:	St. Paul
Annual Reporting State:	MN
Annual Reporting Zip:	55114
Annual Reporting Email:	wostlie@mnland.org
Annual Reporting Phone:	651-917-6292
Purchase Date:	September 08, 2014
Purchase Price:	\$105,000
Appraised Value:	\$120,000
Professional Service Costs:	\$13,575
Total Project Cost:	\$120,000
Donations:	\$15,000
Easement Holder Organization Name:	Minnesota Land Trust
Easement Holder Manager Name:	Wayne Ostlie
Easement Holder Address:	2356 University Ave. W., Suite 240
Easement Holder City:	St. Paul
Easement Holder State:	MN
Easement Holder Zip:	55114
Easement Holder Email:	wostlie@mnland.org
Easement Holder Phone:	651-917-6292
Responsible Organization Name:	Minnesota Land Trust
Responsible Manager Name:	Wayne Ostlie
Responsible Address:	2356 University Ave. W., Suite 240
Responsible City:	St. Paul
Responsible State:	MN
Responsible Zip:	55114
Responsible Email:	wostlie@mnland.org
Responsible Phone:	651-917-6292
Underlying Fee Owner:	Joel & Audery Johnson

Completed Parcel: Rushford Sand Barrens Forestry

# of Total Acres:	78
County:	Fillmore
Township:	104
Range:	08
Direction:	2
Section:	21
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	
# of Acres: Forest:	77.66
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	
Amount of Shoreline:	1400 (Linear Feet)
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	Root River
Has there been signage erected at the site:	Yes
Total cost of Restoration/Enhancement:	\$251,700
Annual Reporting Organization Name:	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Annual Reporting Manager Name:	Jim Edgar
Annual Reporting Address:	912 Houston St NW
Annual Reporting City:	Preston
Annual Reporting State:	MN
Annual Reporting Zip:	55965
Annual Reporting Email:	jim.edgar@state.mn.us
Annual Reporting Phone:	651.345.3216
Purchase Date:	June 10, 2016
Purchase Price:	\$231,039
Appraised Value:	\$231,039
Professional Service Costs:	\$19,120
Assessed Value:	\$231,039
Total Project Cost:	\$251,694
Property Managed By:	DNR - Forestry -
Name of the unit area or location government unit or land manager:	Rushford Sand Barrens addition

Parcel Map



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