



OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND Recommendations Bill Summary ML 2022 / Fiscal Year 2023

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council Recommendations

LSOHC Recommendations Highlights

In the fourteenth year of Outdoor Heritage Funding (OHF), the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council is recommending a total of 46 programs be funded by the MN Legislature for a total of \$155,361,000.

- 80,929 acres of wildlife habitat throughout Minnesota is estimated to be restored, enhanced, and/or protected.
- 127 miles of shoreline will be restored, enhanced and/or protected.
- An additional \$33,370,000 in federal, state, and private conservation funding is expected to be leveraged with FY2023 OHF.
- 29 different organizations are recommended for funding (2 state agencies, 9 local units of government, and 18 non-government organizations).
- Continued investment in robust on-going programs constitutes 90% of the programs recommended.
- Activities include: native prairie protection, wetland restoration, trout stream enhancement, public wildlife land enhancements, shallow lake enhancement, forest fragmentation prevention, strategic land acquisition in fee and conservation easement.



Plover Prairie – 240 acres native prairie protected in Chippewa county via The Nature Conservancy’s Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project (ML 2011). © Richard Hamilton Smith



Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Protection — Island Lake Conservation Easement held by the MN Land Trust located in Crow Wing County, MN. This project protects nearly 25,000 feet of shoreline.

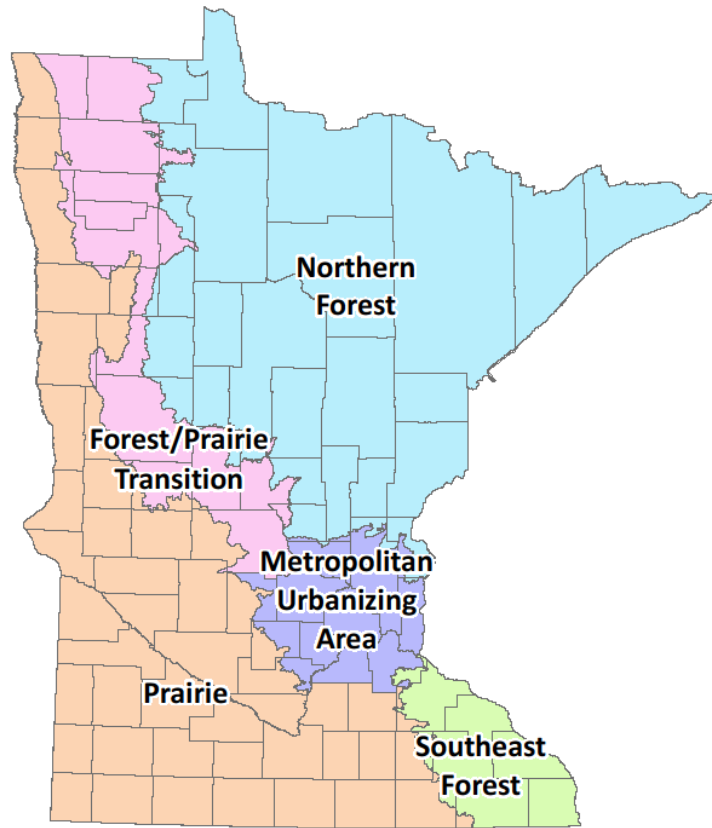
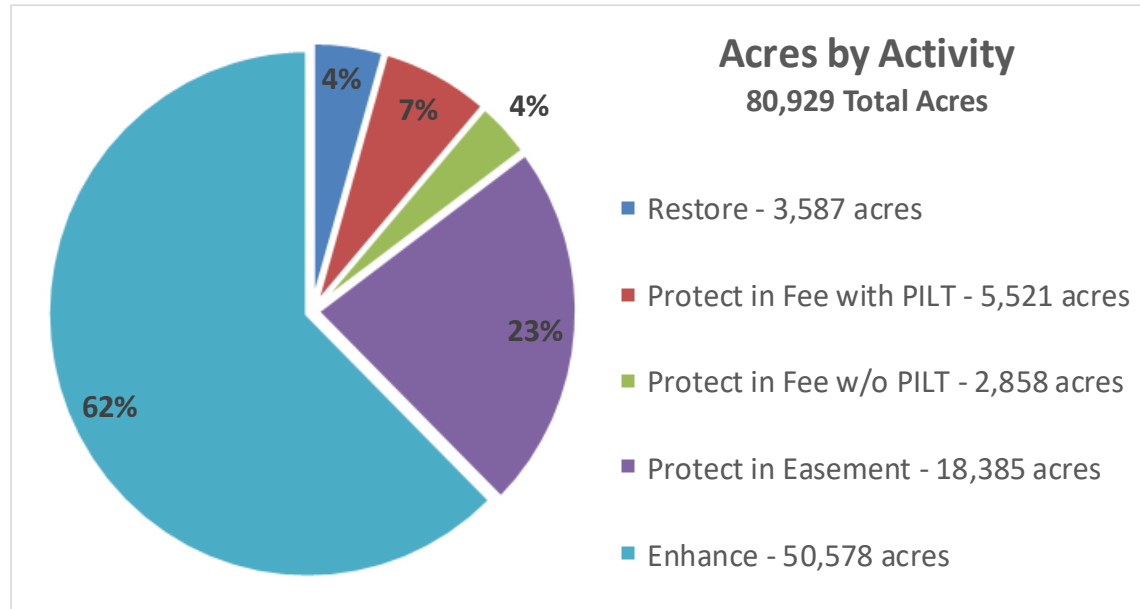
Constitutional Amendment - Article XI—Sec. 15.

...33 percent of the receipts shall be deposited in the outdoor heritage fund and may be spent only to restore, protect, and enhance wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife;...

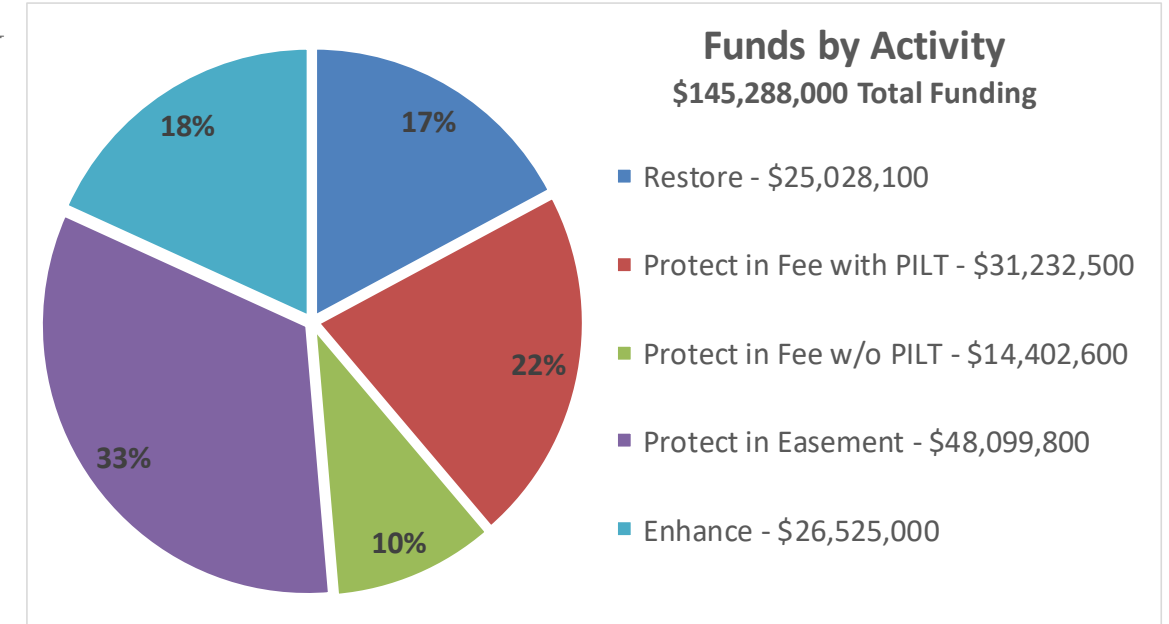
...The dedicated money under this section must supplement traditional sources of funding for these purposes and may not be used as a substitute. Land acquired by fee with money deposited in the outdoor heritage fund under this section must be open to the public taking of fish and game during the open season unless otherwise provided by law...

Subd. 2. Prairies		9 projects totaling \$34,166,000
Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program, Phase XIV	Pheasants Forever	\$ 5,520,000
RIM Grassland Reserve, Phase IV	BWSR	\$ 4,424,000
Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley, Phase VIII	MN Prairie Chicken Society / PF	\$ 4,330,000
MN Prairie Recovery Program, Phase XII	The Nature Conservancy	\$ 4,400,000
Enhanced Public Land – Open Landscapes, Phase II	MN Sharp-Tailed Grouse Society / PF	\$ 2,494,000
RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water, Phase X	BWSR	\$ 4,283,000
Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge, Phase XIII	The Nature Conservancy	\$ 3,774,000
Martin County DNR WMA, Phase VI	Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc.	\$ 1,929,000
DNR Grassland Enhancement, Phase XIV	MN DNR	\$ 3,012,000
Subd. 3. Forests		6 projects totaling \$12,932,000
Minnesota Forest Recovery Project, Phase II	The Nature Conservancy	\$ 4,471,000
Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape ACUB, Phase X	Morrison SWCD	\$ 2,909,000
Minnesota Forests for the Future, Phase IX	MN DNR	\$ 2,439,000
Big Woods Protection at Stieg Woods	City of Rogers	\$ 995,000
DNR Forest Enhancement, Phase II	MN DNR	\$ 2,118,000
Subd. 4. Wetlands		7 projects totaling \$26,108,000
Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program, Phase XIV	Pheasants Forever	\$ 5,400,000
Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration Program, Phase VII	Minnesota Land Trust	\$ 3,248,000
Wild Rice Shoreland Protection, Phase VIII	BWSR	\$ 1,434,000
Shallow Lake & Wetland Protection & Restoration Program, Phase XI	Ducks Unlimited	\$ 4,660,000
RIM Wetlands - Restoring Most Productive Habitat in MN's Prairie Pothole Region	BWSR	\$ 4,095,000
Living Shallow Lake Enhancement & Wetland Restoration Initiative, Phase VIII	Ducks Unlimited	\$ 5,027,000
DNR Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancements, Phase XIV	MN DNR	\$ 2,244,000
Subd. 5. Habitats		22 projects totaling \$81,532,000
Dakota County Habitat Protection/Restoration, Phase VIII	Dakota County	\$ 5,915,000
Integrating Habitat and Clean Water	BWSR	\$ 2,300,000
Protecting Coldwater Fisheries of Minnesota's North Shore, Phase II	Minnesota Land Trust	\$ 3,311,000
Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration, Phase X	TPL, TNC, MLT	\$ 5,225,000
Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project, Phase VII	Miss. Headwaters Board, TPL, BWSR	\$ 5,329,000
Shell Rock River Habitat Restoration Program, Phase XI	Shell Rock River Watershed	\$ 1,403,000
DNR WMA and SNA Acquisition, Phase XIV	MN DNR	\$ 1,391,000
Cannon River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Program, Phase XI	Cannon Waters Partners, TPL, GRG	\$ 2,571,000
Washington County Habitat Protection and Restoration Partnership	Washington County, MLT	\$ 4,182,000
Metro Big Rivers, Phase XII	MNVNWRP, FMR, TPL, MLT, GRG	\$ 7,996,000
St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration, Phase III	Wild Rivers Conservancy, TPL, MLT	\$ 3,612,000
Fisheries Habitat Protection of Strategic North Central MN Lakes, Phase VIII	Northern Waters Land Trust, MLT	\$ 4,424,000
Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection & Restoration, Phase IV	Sauk River WD, PF, MLT	\$ 3,990,000
DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement, Phase V	MN DNR	\$ 5,049,000
Klondike Clean Water Retention Project, Phase II	Two Rivers Watershed District	\$ 964,000
Buffalo River Watershed Stream Habitat Program, Phase II	Buffalo-Red River Watershed District	\$ 2,348,000
DNR St. Louis River Restoration Initiative, Phase IX	MN DNR, MLT	\$ 4,794,000
DNR Fish Passage Enhancement through Targeted Culvert Replacement, Phase I	MN DNR	\$ 831,000
Restoring and Enhancing Minnesota's Important Bird Areas, Phase III	Audubon Minnesota	\$ 2,087,000
Enhancing Metro and North Shore Trout Stream Habitats	MN Trout Unlimited	\$ 1,130,000
Daylighting Phalen Creek	Lower Phalen Creek Project	\$ 3,230,000
Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program, Phase XIV: Statewide and Metro Habitat	MN DNR	\$ 9,450,000
Subd. 6. Administration		3 items totaling \$623,000
Contract Management	MN DNR	\$ 300,000
Technical Evaluation Panel	MN DNR	\$ 200,000
Initial Development Plan Coordinator	MN DNR	\$ 123,000

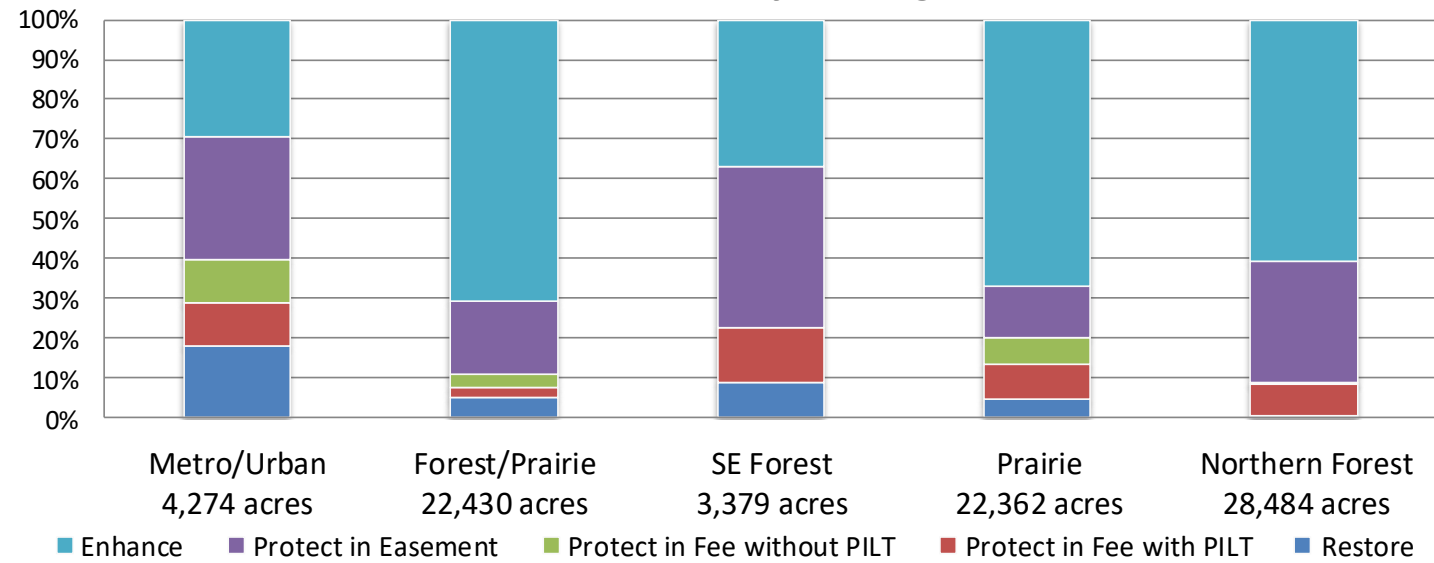
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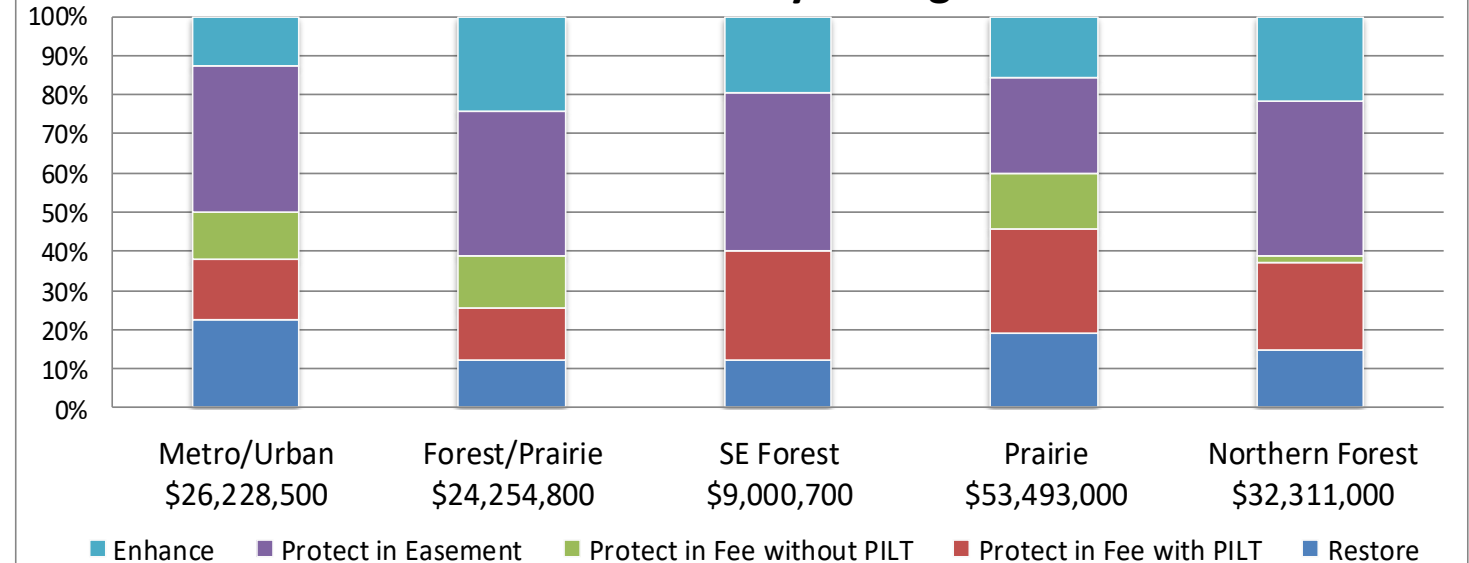
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Distribution of FUNDS by Ecological Section



RESOURCE TYPE (ACRES)

ACTIVITY	WETLANDS	PRAIRIES	FORESTS	HABITATS	TOTAL
Restore	1,030	931	641	985	3,587
Protect in Fee with PILT	548	2,260	2,488	225	5,521
Protect in Fee without PILT	482	2,023	343	10	2,858
Protect in Easement	576	2,506	11,529	3,774	18,385
Enhance	15,102	16,425	18,042	1,009	50,578
TOTAL	17,738	24,145	33,043	6,003	80,929
PERCENT	22%	30%	41%	7%	-

RESEOURCE TYPE (FUNDING)

ACTIVITY	WETLANDS	PRAIRIES	FORESTS	HABITATS	TOTAL
Restore	\$5,660,800	\$2,411,000	\$1,676,000	\$15,280,300	\$25,028,100
Protect in Fee with PILT	\$5,954,100	\$14,563,000	\$9,355,500	\$1,359,900	\$31,232,500
Protect in Fee without PILT	\$2,273,200	\$9,627,400	\$2,502,000	\$0	\$14,402,600
Protect in Easement	\$3,601,700	\$13,417,000	\$17,287,400	\$13,793,700	\$48,099,800
Enhance	\$7,098,200	\$7,744,900	\$7,680,400	\$4,001,500	\$26,525,000
TOTAL	\$24,588,000	\$47,763,300	\$38,501,300	\$34,435,400	\$145,288,000
PERCENT	17%	33%	26%	24%	-