

FINAL REPORT

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2003 Project Abstract

For the Period Ending June 30, 2005

TITLE: Restoring RIM Match (05c)

PROJECT MANAGER: Kim Hennings

ORGANIZATION: MN Department of Natural Resources – Division of Fish & Wildlife

ADDRESS: Box 20, 500 Lafayette Road

WEB SITE ADDRESS: (If applicable)

FUND: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

LEGAL CITATION: ML 2003, Ch. 128, Art. 1, Sec. 9, Subd. 5c

APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$400,000

Overall Project Outcome and Results

The Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Program provides an opportunity for private individuals, groups, and businesses to help fund the acquisition or improvement of critical fish, wildlife, and native plant habitats. Private contributions of land, easements, or cash to this program are matched dollar-for-dollar by state funds. The state matching dollars are used to acquire or develop other critical natural resource habitat.

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Project Results Use and Dissemination

Information and location of the lands acquired under this project are included on the Wildlife Lands Map available at the DNR and on the DNR website at www.dnr.state.mn.us/maps/compass.

The results of the survey and assessment of prairie birds in northwestern Minnesota will be posted on the DNR Nongame Research Project site at www.dnr.state.mn.us/ecological_services/nongame/projects/research_reports.

June 30, 2005

LCMR Final Work Program Report

I. PROJECT TITLE: Restoring RIM Match (05c)

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Total Biennial LCMR Project Budget:	LCMR Appropriation:	\$ 400,000.00
	Minus Amount Spent:	\$ 400,000.00
	Equal Balance:	\$.00

Legal Citation: ML 2003, Chap. 128, Art. 1, Sec. 9, Subd. 5c.

Appropriation Language: 5 (c) Restoring RIM Match

\$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the second year are from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for the RIM critical habitat matching program to acquire and enhance fish, wildlife, and native plant habitat. Land acquired with this appropriation must be sufficiently improved to meet at least minimum management standards as determined by the commissioner of natural resources. Up to \$27,000 of this appropriation is for matching nongame program activities.

II. and III. FINAL PROJECT SUMMARY:

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Final Report Summary June 30, 2005: The number of donated and purchased lands were about 5 percent and 30 percent, respectively, less than the acres estimated at the beginning of this project. The major reason for less acres being acquired is due to the dramatic increase in land values over the past two years.

Land Donations Matched:

County	Unit	Acres	Donation Value
Blue Earth	Maple River WMA	118.9	\$43,000.00
Brown	Middle Creek WMA	40.0	\$44,600.00
Chippewa	Byholt Marsh WMA	10.0	\$16,500.00
Goodue	Gemini AMA	0.2	\$2,500.00
Houston	Root River WMA	47.0	\$65,800.00
Kandiyohi	Dalton Johnson WMA	23.2	\$53,921.00
McLeod	Mark & Ursel Smith WMA	18.6	\$37,279.00
Stearns	Paynesville Sportsman's Club WMA	63.4	\$92,000.00
TOTAL		321.3	\$355,600.00

Cash Donations Matched: \$17,400.00

Land Purchases:

County	Unit	Acres	Cost
Chippewa	Byholt Marsh WMA	10.0	\$16,500.00
Faribault	Blue Earth River AMA	62.3	\$57,200.00
Freeborn	Shell Rock WMA	49.2	\$49,500.00
Kandiyohi	Dalton Johnson WMA	21.1	\$54,489.00
McLeod	Mark & Ursel Smith WMA	18.6	\$37,279.00
Stearns	Vision WMA	42.7	\$73,600.00
Swift	Persen WMA	24.0	\$30,478.00
TOTAL		227.9	\$319,046.00

Development:

County	Unit	Acres	Cost
Cottonwood	Talcot Lake Hardwood Seeding	11.0	\$2,200.00

Other - Professional Services:

\$51,754.00

Result 2: Nongame Projects

Nongame Checkoff funds can also be matched through CHM to fund projects benefiting the nongame resource. Matching funds will be for a project entitled "An Assessment of Birds of Scientific and Natural Areas and Prairie Bank Parcels, located within the Red River Prairie and Tallgrass Aspen Parkland provinces of NW Minnesota." This project involves doing a survey and assessment of prairie birds, especially rare species, inhabiting 18 Scientific and Natural Areas on prairie tracts in NW MN, and an additional 7 sites on lands with Prairie Bank easements. A total of 25 tracts will be surveyed over the next 1 1/4 years. The \$27,000 budgeted for this activity will be used to help fund a position to conduct the survey. This is a \$68,000 "State Wildlife Grants" project involving matching federal funds for "species in greatest conservation need," so the

D. Future Spending: It is anticipated that the following sources and amounts of funding may be available after completion of this project:

Critical Habitat License Plate	\$3,500,000/year
Bonding	\$2,000,000/biennium

VII. DISSEMINATION: Information and location of the lands acquired under this project are included on the Wildlife Lands Map available at the DNR and on the DNR website at www.dnr.state.mn.us/maps/compass.

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VIII. LOCATION: Projects are located statewide.

IX. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: Periodic work program progress reports will be submitted on December 31, 2003, June 30, 2004 and December 31, 2004. A final work program report and associated products will be submitted by June 30, 2005.

Attachment A: Budget Detail for 2003 Projects - Summary and a Budget page for each partner

Proposal Title: Restoring RIM Match (05c)

Project Manager Name: Kim Hennings

LCMR Requested Dollars: \$ 400,000.00

2003 LCMR Proposal Budget	Result 1 Budget:	Amount Spent (07/22/03)	Balance (07/22/03)	Result 2 Budget:	Amount Spent (07/22/03)	Balance (07/22/03)	Result 3 Budget:	Amount Spent (07/22/03)	Balance (07/22/03)	
	Acquire significant habitat			Nongame Projects			Fill in your result title here.			
BUDGET ITEM										TOTAL FOR BUDGET ITEM
PERSONNEL: Staff Expenses, wages, salaries <i>- Be specific on who is paid \$, to do what? Make each person paid a separate line item</i>										
PERSONNEL: Staff benefits - <i>Be specific; list benefits for each person on a separate line item</i>										
Contracts										
Professional/technical (professional service costs - appraisals, abstracting, recording/deed tax, property tax, Attorney General and Div. Lands & Minerals costs)	\$50,000.00	\$51,754.00	-\$1,754.00							\$50,000.00
Other contracts (with whom?, for what?) list out: personnel, equipment, etc.										
Space rental: NOT ALLOWED	X			X			X			X
Other direct operating costs (for what? - be specific)										
Equipment / Tools (what equipment? Give a general description and cost)										
Office equipment & computers (be specific)										
Other Capital equipment (list specific items)										
Land acquisition (340 acres)	\$323,000.00	\$319,046.00	\$3,954.00							\$323,000.00
Land rights acquisition (less than fee)										
Printing										
Advertising										
Communications, telephone, mail, etc.										
Office Supplies (list specific categories)										
Other Supplies (list specific categories)										
Travel expenses in Minnesota										
Travel outside Minnesota (where?)										
Construction (for what?)										
Other land improvement		\$2,200.00	-\$2,200.00							
Other (Nongame habitat development, population census and surveys, or educational projects)				\$27,000	\$27,000.00	\$0.00				\$27,000.00
COLUMN TOTAL	\$373,000.00	\$373,000.00	\$0.00	\$27,000	\$27,000.00	\$0.00	\$			\$400,000.00