

## **2005 Project Abstract**

For the Period Ending June 30, 2008

**TITLE:** Land Acquisition, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

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**FUNDING SOURCE:**

**LEGAL CITATION:** ML 2005, First Special Session, Chap. 1, Article 2, Sec. 11, Subd. 6(p).

**APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$650,000**

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

A 90-acre parcel within the boundaries of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum was acquired on September 22, 2009 by combining these Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) funds with funds from a ML 2003 ENRTF appropriation. This particular land acquisition concluded a 25 year long process to acquire this parcel. The acquisition provides an internal connection to the Horticultural Research Center and adds to the Arboretum additional big woods, high quality wetlands, prairie remnants, oak savanna, and valuable tillable land for future research and education programs.

A master planning effort by the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum determined that, to a great extent, the Arboretum's watershed follows the surrounding roadways. By purchasing lands within the roadways, the Arboretum aims to secure approximately 90 - 95% of its watershed, control adjacent development, preserve a major part of the ecosystem in the Chanhassen/Victoria/Chaska area, and make the area accessible to the general public.

The arboretum's planning efforts identified 278 acres of lands to acquire. With the 90 acres added through this project, to date, 241 of the identified acres have been acquired and 37 acres of in-holdings remain left to purchase. This progress has been made possible by \$2.38 million from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund along with \$2.38 million in privately-raised matching funds.

### **Project Results Use and Dissemination**

Information about this purchase and the LCCMR's funding support will be disseminated through Arboretum publications and through information resources at the University Of Minnesota.

**Date of Report: September 4, 2009**  
**LCMR Final Work Program Report**

**Date of Next Status Report: Final Report**  
**Date of Work program Approval: June 25, 2005**  
**Project Completion Date: September 22, 2008**

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**Location:** Land acquisition will cover properties adjacent to or in close proximity to the Arboretum but not presently owned by the Arboretum within the roadways of State Highway 5 and 41, 82<sup>nd</sup> Street, and Bavaria Road, in the cities of Chanhassen and Victoria, MN.

<b>Total Biennial LCMR Project Budget:</b>	<b>LCMR Appropriation:</b>	<b>\$650,000</b>
	<b>Minus Amount Spent:</b>	<b>\$650,000</b>
	<b>Equal Balance:</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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**Appropriation Language:** \$325,000.00 the first year and \$325,000.00 the second year are from the trust fund to the University of Minnesota for an agreement with the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum foundation for the 6<sup>th</sup> biennium to acquire land from willing sellers. This appropriation must be matched by an equal amount of nonstate money. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2008, at which time the project must be completed and final products delivered, unless an earlier date is specified in the work programs

**Legal Citation:** ML 2008, Chap. 367, Sec. 2, Subd. 15 Carryforward

**Appropriation Language:** b) The availability of the appropriations for the following projects are extended to June 30, 2010:

(2) Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 1, article 2, section 11, subdivision 6, paragraph (p), land acquisition, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum;

(4) Laws 2003, chapter 128, article 1, section 9, subdivision 6, paragraph (I), as amended by Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 1, article 2, section 150, as extended by Laws 2006, chapter 243, section 16, land acquisition, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum.

## **II. AND III. FINAL PROJECT SUMMARY:**

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

This project was a continuation of an effort by the Arboretum to acquire all the lands within the roads that surround the main portion of the site. In a master planning effort it was discovered that, to a great extent, the Arboretum's watershed followed the roadway. Purchase of lands within the roadways will give the Arboretum control of approximately 90 - 95% of its watershed, control adjacent development, and preserve a major part of the ecosystem in the Chanhassen/Victoria/Chaska area.

### **Result 1: Land Acquisition**

**Description:** The 90 acres of land acquired consists of old farmland, second growth maple-basswood forests, some original forests, wetlands – including a bog, prairie remnants, overgrown and oak savanna. The land was acquired in combination with funds from a ML 2003 ENRTF appropriation.

<b>Summary Budget Information for Result 1:</b>	<b>LCMR Budget</b>	<b>\$650,000</b>
	<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

**Completion Date:** The land was purchased on September 22, 2008.

**Final Report Summary:** A 90-acre parcel within the boundaries of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum was acquired on September 22, 2009 by combining these Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) funds with funds from a ML

2003 ENRTF appropriation. The acquisition provides an internal connection to the Horticultural Research Center and adds to the Arboretum additional big woods, high quality wetlands, prairie remnants, oak savanna, and valuable tillable land for future research and education programs.

#### **V. TOTAL LCMR PROJECT BUDGET:**

**All Results: Land Acquisition: \$650,000**

**All Results: Other: \$0**

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**Explanation of Capital Expenditures Greater Than \$3,500:** (90 acres of in-holdings, was purchased by the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Foundation, title was turned over to the University of Minnesota)

#### **VI. OTHER FUNDS & PARTNERS:**

**A. Project Partners:** There were no formal partners for this project but the Arboretum works with private donors to raise the matching funds for land acquisition.

**B. Other Funds Being Spent During The Project Period:** The \$650,000 requested from the LCMR was matched 1:1 with privately raised to purchase this property. These funds were contributed, along with other funds including an ML 2003 ENRTF appropriation, toward the purchase of the 90 acres of land (in-holdings) within the projected Arboretum boundary.

**C. Required Match (if applicable):** *Please see above.*

#### **D. Past Spending:**

Biennium	LCMR Allocation	Private Match	Total Amount Expended/Available for Land Acquisition
1995-97	\$ 500,000 (land)	\$ 540,000 (land)	\$ 1,040,000
1997-99	\$ 450,000	\$ 689,963	\$ 1,139,963
1999-2001	\$ 700,000	\$ 700,000	\$ 1,400,000
2001-2003 (extended to June 2004)	\$ 730,000	\$ 730,000 (\$551,117 – expended to date)	\$ 1,460,000
2003-06	\$ 325,000	\$ 325,000	\$ 650,000

**E. Time:** The project was completed on September 22, 2009.

#### **VII. DISSEMINATION:** *na*

**VIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:** Periodic work program progress reports will be submitted not later than January 2006, August 2006, January 2007, August

2007, January 2008. A final work program report and associated products was submitted by September 4, 2009.

**IX. RESEARCH PROJECTS:** *na*

Attachment A: Budget Detail for 2005 Projects - Summary and a Budget page for each partner (if applicable)

Proposal Title: *Land Acquisition, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum*

Project Manager Name: Dr. Mary Meyer, Interim Director

LCMR Requested Dollars: \$650,000.

1) See list of non-eligible expenses, do not include any of these items in your budget sheet

2) Remove any budget item lines not applicable

2005 LCMR Proposal Budget	Result 1 Budget:	Amount Spent (date)	Balance	
BUDGET ITEM				TOTAL FOR BUDGET ITEM
PERSONNEL: Staff Expenses, wages, salaries – Be specific on who is paid \$, to do what? Make each person paid a separate line item	0			
PERSONNEL: Staff benefits – Be specific; list benefits for each person on a separate line item	0			
Contracts	0			
Professional/technical (with whom?, for what?)	0			
Other contracts (with whom?, for what?) list out: personnel, equipment, etc.	0			
Other direct operating costs (for what? – be specific)	0			
Equipment / Tools (what equipment? Give a general description and cost)	0			
Office equipment & computers - NOT ALLOWED unless unique to the project	0			
Other Capital equipment (list specific items)	0			
Land acquisition (how many acres: 10-15)	650,000	650,000	0	
Land rights acquisition (less than fee)	0			
Printing	0			
Other Supplies (list specific categories)	0			
Travel expenses in Minnesota	0			
Travel outside Minnesota (where?)	0			
Construction (for what?)	0			
Other land improvement (for what?)	0			
Other (Describe the activity and cost) be specific	0			
COLUMN TOTAL	650,000	650,000	0	650,000

# Boundary Plan

