

Date of Report: June 30, 2000

Date of Next Status Report: December 31, 2000

Date of Work Program Approval:

LCMR Work Program 1997 & 1999

I. PROJECT TITLE: Prairie Heritage  
Prairie Heritage II

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Total Biennial Budget:

**Prairie Heritage**

\$ LCMR	500,000.00	\$ Match	500,000.00
-\$LCMR Amount Spent:	500,000.00	-\$ Match Amount Spent:	736,075.24
=\$LCMR Balance	- 0 -	=\$Match Balance	+236,075.24

**Prairie Heritage II**

\$ LCMR	500,000.00	\$ Match	500,000.00
-\$LCMR Amount Spent:	178,914.33	-\$ Match Amount Spent:	312,589.66
=\$LCMR Balance	321,085.67	=\$Match Balance	187,410.34

**A. Legal Citation:**

Prairie Heritage: ML 1997, [Chapt. 216], [Sect. 15], and Subd. 17(d). ML 1999 Chapter 231 Sec. 16 Subd. 25. Carryforward (a) The availability of the appropriation for the following projects is extended to June 30, 2000: Laws 1997, Chapt. 216, Sect. 15, and Subd. 17(d), prairie heritage project.

Prairie Heritage II: ML 1999, [Chap. 231], [Sect. 16], Subd. 13(e).

**PRAIRIE HERITAGE PROJECT:**

PHF: This appropriation is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Pheasants Forever, Inc., to acquire and develop land for prairie grasslands and wetlands to be donated to the public. The land must be open and accessible to the public. This appropriation must be matched by at least \$500,000 of non-state money. In addition to the required work program, parcels may not be acquired until parcel lists have been submitted to the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources and the commission has approved the parcel list or allowed 60 days to pass.

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**PHF II:** \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year are from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Pheasants Forever, Inc. to acquire and develop land for prairie grasslands and wetlands to be donated to the public. The land must be open and accessible to the public. This appropriation must be matched by at least \$500,000 of non-state money. In addition to the required work program, parcels may not be acquired until parcel lists have been submitted to the legislative commission on Minnesota resources and the commission has approved the parcel list or allowed 60 days to pass.

**B. Status of Match Requirement:**

**PHF:** Pheasants Forever's match requirement has been met.

**PHF II:** Pheasants Forever's match commitment is \$500,000.00 in non-state match. To date, Pheasants Forever has spent \$312,589.66 of the match requirement.

**II. PROJECT SUMMARY AND RESULTS:**

**PHF & PHF II:**

- a. Development of promotional materials and application procedure packet
- b. Conduct up to 5 regional information meetings to invoke involvement of conservation organizations
- c. Acquisition of remnant prairie grasslands, wetlands, and restorable adjacent properties and subsequent deeding to public agency.
- d. Assistance with restoration of parcels acquired in c. Cooperating with agency property deeded to.

**III. PROGRESS SUMMARY:**

Pheasants Forever has been a successful grantee of an additional \$785,000 in non-state funding for the Prairie Wetland Heritage Conservation Initiative. Funding provided through the North American Wetlands Conservation Council by the North American Wetlands Conservation Act will provide additional leverage for LCMR dollars. Pheasants Forever staff have conducted 4 regional meetings with PF Chapters and other conservation partners to inform interested parties about PHF. Exhibit A lists prairie remnant and related acquisitions that are completed, active and proposed for approval by LCMR. Funding requests exceed appropriated funding for PHF, funding will be provided to projects on a first come first serve basis as demand for funds becomes greater than funds available. Projects proposed in Exhibit A that do not receive funding under PHF would roll into PHF II.

**IV. OUTLINE OF PROJECT RESULTS:**

**Result 1: Produce Promotional Materials and Application for Cost Share:**

Development and dissemination of PHF brochure and information packet containing application for matching funds for acquisition & development, i.e. procedures, criteria, requirements, etc., in conjunction with the MN DNR and USFWS and other public governmental agencies whom will be the final recipients of deeded PHF acquisitions. If necessary these monies may be sent to accomplish Result 3 – Acquisition.

<b>PHF</b>	LCMR Budget:	\$2,000.00	Balance	\$ - 0 -
	Match:	\$2,000.00	Balance	\$ - 0 -
	Funds from result 1 were shifted to result 3 – Acquisition			
<b>PHF II</b>	LCMR Budget:	\$2,000.00	Balance	\$2,000.00
	Match:	\$2,000.00	Balance	\$2,000.00
	Completion Date: December 30, 1999			

**Result 2: Dissemination of Applications:** Conduct up to five regional meetings with conservation organizations, i.e. PF, MWA, Ikes, MDHA, etc., throughout the Tall Grass Prairie Ecosystem Region. If necessary these monies may be sent to accomplish Result 3 – Acquisition.

<b>PHF</b>	LCMR Budget:	\$2,000.00	Balance \$	- 0 -
	Match:	\$2,000.00	Balance \$	- 0 -
	Funds from result 2 were shifted to result 3 – Acquisition			

<b>PHF II</b>	LCMR Budget:	\$2,000.00	Balance	\$2,000.00
	Match:	\$2,000.00	Balance	\$2,000.00
	Completion date: June 30, 2000			

Goal: Contact directly through regional informational meetings as many interested parties as possible, inform and walk them through the procedures, selection criteria for eligibility, application procedures, etc.

**Result 3: Acquisition:** Acquisition of remnant prairie grasslands and wetlands. On-going review of PHF projects for acquisition and subsequent submission of parcel lists to LCMR for approval for funding. Consultation and final priority ranking will be conducted in cooperation with MNDNR departments – Natural Heritage Program, SNA, CBS and the Section of Wildlife. Parcels will be purchased by PF Chapters in cooperation with other conservation organizations, PF will hold the property deeds in the interim until donated to the MNDNR or other mutually agreed upon public agency. Permanent deed restrictions will be placed upon properties limiting resale or transfer by the public agency. Professional services incurred by property recipients in the acceptance of said parcels are included within LCMR budget and are exempt from matching requirements. The acquired parcels will not be used for the MN RIM Critical Habitat Match Program.

<b>PHF</b>	LCMR Budget:	\$396,000.00	Balance	\$	-0-
	Match:	\$396,000.00	Balance		-0-
<b>PHF II</b>	LCMR Budget:	\$396,000.00	Balance:		\$217,085.67
	Match:	\$396,000.00	Balance:		\$ 83,410.34
	Completion Date: June 30, 2001				

Goal: **PHF:** The acquisition of 800 acres of remnant prairie grasslands and wetlands.  
**PHF II:** The acquisition of 800 acres of remnant prairie grasslands and wetlands.

**Result 4: Restoration:** Restoration of prairie remnant tracts in cooperation with public agency who is final recipient of property. Funds will be used for restoration work, i.e. prairie planting, wetland restoration, etc. Contracting for restoration work will be made with public agency or mutually agreed upon private contractor. Restoration plans will be agreed cooperatively between donor and final recipient of parcel deed. If necessary these monies may be spent to accomplish Result 3 – Acquisition. Submission of requests for restoration funding will be made to LCMR for funding approval.

<b>PHF</b>	LCMR Budget:	\$100,000.00	Balance	\$	-0-
	Match:	\$100,000.00	Balance		-0-
<b>PHF II</b>	LCMR Budget:	\$100,000.00	Balance:		\$100,000.00
	Match:	\$100,000.00	Balance:		\$100,000.00

## V. DISSEMINATION:

Pheasants Forever website: <http://www.pheasantsforever.org> and chapter communications with program manager.

**VI. CONTEXT:**

- A. Significance:** Less than 1% of Minnesota's original 18 million acres of Tall Grass Prairie exists today. Nearly 1/3 of the states endangered and threatened plant and animal species inhabit the prairie ecosystem. Preservation of this historic resource which shaped the destiny of our state has largely centered upon the acquisition of large tracts. Each year hundreds of acres of valuable prairie are lost to agricultural, commercial, and residential development. With the loss of each acre, Minnesota comes closer to losing the treat wealth of historic, biological, and educational values the prairie ecosystem provides. Existing prairie relics are the repositories of the plant and animal communities that charted the course of anthropological history in Minnesota. The PHF seeks to preserve and restore small prairie grassland and wetland remnants for public benefit as living classrooms of Minnesota's pioneer heritage. Acquisition of remnant small acreage tracts of the prairie ecosystem will protect and enhance Minnesota's endangered and threatened plant and animal communities. These unique and rare plant and animal communities are valuable environmental education resources. These relics of the Tall Grass Prairie Ecosystem are living history books of Minnesota's economic, social and natural heritage. Acquisition and restoration of these areas will provide for the preservation and enhancement of native plant communities ensuring Minnesota's prairie legacy. The establishment and maintenance of living prairie classrooms will provide a focus for community fund raising and involvement in resource management, preservation and restoration.
- B. Time:** This project will be completed within the biennium. Future funding for the continuance of the project will be sought from private and public foundations, corporations and individuals in addition to continued community support.
- C. Budget Context:** Despite the effort of governmental and private programs which have preserved large acreages of native grasslands hundreds of acres of Tall Grass Prairie remnants are lost annually in Minnesota. Many of these prairie relics have been overlooked by private and government preservation efforts in lieu of larger contiguous tracts. These prairie acreages will serve as living classrooms for communities throughout Minnesota serving as both an education resource and a biological reserve. Community involvement of conservation and other community organizations will ensure continued protection and benefits from these natural treasures. PHF II funds will be transferred to Pheasants Forever as in PHF so that acquisitions may take place in a timely and efficient manner. All interest earned on ETF dollars will be returned to the ETF at the end of the grant period.

July 1995 – June 1997	July 1997 - June 1999	July 1999 – June 2001
	PHF	PHF II
1.LCMR \$	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00
2.Non-Match (State \$)	\$ 383,600.00	\$
3. <u>Match (Cash)</u> \$	\$ 736,075.24	\$ 500,000.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$ 1,619,675.24	\$ 1,000,000.00

<b>Budget:</b>	<b>PHF</b>	<b>PHF II</b>
<b>Personnel</b>	\$	
<b>Equipment</b>	\$	
<b>Acquisition</b>	\$ 497,798.12*	\$ 396,000
<b>Development</b>	\$ 2,201.88	\$ 100,000
<b>Other</b>	\$ - 0 -	\$ 4,000
<b>Total</b>	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000

Includes \$20,000 retained by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for professional service fees such as appraisals, closing costs, etc.

**VII. COOPERATION:**

Name	Position	Affiliation	LCMR Funds	%Time
Dave Nomsen,	Vice President of Government Affairs	PFI	-0-	10%
Joe Duggan,	Vice President of Development and PA	PFI	-0-	5%
Matt Holland	Wildlife Biologist	PFI	-0-	5%
Kim Hennings		MNDNR	-0-	3%

**VIII. Location:**  
Statewide in the Prairie Region.

**IX. Reporting Requirements:**  
Periodic work-program progress reports will be submitted not later than December 30, 1997, June 30, 1998, December 30, 1998, June 30, 1999, December 30, 1999, June 30, 2000, December 30, 2000, June 30, 2001.

# **EXHIBIT A** **PROJECT LIST**

<b>Prairie Heritage Fund (PHF) and PHF II - Land Acquisition &amp; Development</b>
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**PHF**

\$500,000 LCMR

\$430,000 Prairie Wetland Heritage Cons. Initiative (PWHCI)

\$500,000 Pheasants Forever (PFI)

\$1,430,000 TOTAL

**PHF II**

\$500,000 LCMR

\$100,000 Northern Tallgrass Prairie

\$500,000 Pheasants Forever

\$1,100,000 TOTAL

County	Project Name	Acres	Total Cost	LCMR Share	Status
Chippewa	Milan WMA I Tr. 11	40	22,500	7,500	C
	Milan WMA II Tr. 12	40	18,000	6,000	C
	Milan WMA tract 9	10	4,500	3,000	C
	Grace WMA Addn	110	92,000	60,000	C
Dodge	PF WMA tract 3	120	100,000	33,333	C
Freeborn	Panicum Prairie WMA	250	33,000	11,000	A
	Grass Lake Addn a	40	5,000	2,500	C
	Grass Lake Addn b	40	5,000	1,667	A
Lincoln	TBA WMA	106	90,000	30,000	A
Lyon	Rooster Flats WMA add'n	150	150,000	50,000	A
McLeod	Sumter WMA	80	88,000	29,334	C
	TBA WMA	76	110,000	36,667	A
	TBA WMA	81	38,235	19,163	A
Nobles	Peterson WMA, tr. 13	33	29,000	19,333	C
	Groth WMA, Tr. 3	26	10,000	6,666	C
Redwood	Two Rivers WMA	726	768,000	123,333	C
Renville	Dybsand WMA addition	40	39,000	13,000	C
Rock	Little Beaver Creek WMA	54	38,800	12,934	C
	Big John's WMA	67	33,500	10,166	C
Stearns	Padua WMA	45	47,000	15,667	C
	Tribute WMA	160	104,000	34,667	C
	Prairie Heritage WMA	351	210,702	70,234	C
	Kurilla WMA	210	143,000	71,500	C
	Prairie Heritage WMA	40	30,000	15,000	C
Wilkin	Rothsay WMA add'n	101	48,200	10,000	C
Todd	Quistorff Prairie WMA	153	120,000	40,000	A
Traverse	Bois de Sioux WMA add'n	22	10,000	3,333	A
Yellow Med.	Lower Antelope Valley	120	54,000	18,000	C
	Lower Antelope Valley	120**	4,000	2,201	C*
Pipestone	WMA Add'n	102	60,000	30,000	P
Stearns	Kurilla WMA	210**	7,000	3,500	P*
Lincoln	TBA WMA	160	130,000	65,000	P

**Status Codes:** C=Completed – Total Cost: \$1,885,202 LCMR Share: \$569,702

A=Active – Total Cost: \$ 451,235 LCMR Share: \$206,830

P=Proposed – Total Cost: \$ 137,000 LCMR Share: \$ 68,500

\* Development

\*\* Duplicate Acres

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### Completed & Active Project Descriptions

**Milan WMA I Tr. 11 Add'n, Chippewa County 40 acres Total Cost \$22,500**

Project is adjacent to 468 acres of DNR and FWS lands, contains 27 acres of remnant prairie and wetland. Species include switchgrass, bluestem, Indiangrass, sunflower, blazing star, white prairie clover and many other grasses and forbs. Area will likely be used as native seed source for other wildlife areas.

Funding package: \$ 7,500 Chippewa County Pheasants Forever  
7,500 LCMR  
7,500 PWHCI  
\$22,500 TOTAL COST

**Milan WMA Tr. 12 Add'n, Chippewa County 40 acres Total Cost \$18,000**

Project is directly adjacent to Milan WMA tract 11, and contains 40 acres of remnant prairie. Area will likely be used as a native seed source for other wildlife areas.

Funding package: \$ 6,000 Chippewa County Pheasants Forever  
6,000 LCMR  
6,000 PWHCI  
\$18,000 TOTAL COST

**Milan WMA Tr. 9 Add'n, Chippewa County 10 acres Total Cost \$4,500**

Project directly adjacent to existing Milan WMA, and contains 10 acres of remnant prairie.

Funding package: \$1,500 Chippewa County Pheasants Forever  
3,000 LCMR  
~~1,500 PWHCI~~  
\$4,500 TOTAL COST

**Grace WMA Addn, Chippewa County 110 Acres Total cost \$92,000**

53 Acres of high quality native prairie and wetlands make this a unique find in the heavily agricultural mid-portion of Chippewa County. Additional cropland acreage is being obtained to enhance the prairie as well as to connect this piece to the existing Grace WMA.

Funding package: \$ ~~32,000~~ Chippewa County Pheasants Forever/The Nature Conservancy  
~~60,000~~ LCMR  
~~30,666~~ PWHCI  
\$92,000 TOTAL COST

**Pheasants Forever WMA Add'n, Dodge County 120 acres Total Cost \$100,000**

Project contains significant prairie remnants and enhances MNDNR ability to manage area and buffer other prairie areas. Site contains *Valerian*- a prairie species on the MN list of threatened species. Location is Dodge County.

Funding package: \$ 33,334 Tri-County Pheasants Forever  
33,333 LCMR  
33,333 PWHCI  
\$100,000 TOTAL COST

**Panicum Prairie WMA, Tr. 4 Freeborn County 250 acres Total cost \$33,000**

Project is located in Sec. 35 Township 101N21W in Freeborn County. Project contains 120 acres of untilled native prairie pasture and oak savanna.

Funding package: \$ 11,000 South Central Pheasants Forever  
11,000 LCMR  
11,000 PWHCI  
\$33,000 TOTAL COST

**Panicum Prairie WMA, Freeborn County 40 acres Total cost \$5,000**  
This addition to the existing Panicum Prairie WMA will provide additional prairie expansion for the Grass Lake Project.

Funding package: \$ 2,500 South Central Pheasants Forever  
2,500 LCMR  
1,666 PWHCI  
\$ 5,000 TOTAL

~~Grass Lake Add'n b, Freeborn County 40 acres Total cost \$5,000~~  
~~This tract has existing native prairie and will provide additional acreage to the Panicum Prairie WMA.~~

~~Funding package: \$ 1,667 South Central Pheasants Forever  
1,667 LCMR  
1,666 PWHCI  
\$ 5,000 TOTAL COST~~

~~TBA WMA, Lincoln County 106 Acres Total cost \$90,000~~  
~~This tract contains native prairie and is located within the Verdi Well Field in Verdi Township, Lincoln County.~~

~~Funding package: \$30,000 Buffalo Ridge Pheasants Forever  
30,000 LCMR  
30,000 PWHCI  
\$90,000 TOTAL COST~~

**Rooster Flats WMA Add'n, Lyon County 150 Acres Total cost \$150,000**  
This tract would add on to an existing WMA purchased through the PHF partnership and would secure an additional 20 acres of native prairie. The additional acreage will be used to enhance the existing prairie remnants.

Funding package: \$ 50,000 Lyon County Pheasants Forever  
100,000 LCMR  
50,000 PWHCI  
\$150,000 TOTAL COST

**Sumter WMA, McLeod County 80 acres Total Cost \$88,000**  
Project is located in McLeod County, and contains 29.4 acres of existing wetland and approximately 25 acres of remnant prairie. MNDNR assessment concluded that while existing species are dominated by cool season exotics, the parcel was never tilled and with proper management will contain significant stands of native grasses and forbs.

Funding package: \$29,334 McLeod County Pheasants Forever  
29,234 LCMR  
29,234 PWHCI  
\$88,000 TOTAL COST

**TBA WMA, McLeod County 75 Acres Total Cost \$110,000**  
Project is located in McLeod County and contains 20 acres of pastured native prairie. Near existing Henke WMA.

Funding Package: \$ 36,667 McLeod County PF  
\$ 36,667 LCMR  
\$ 36,667 PWHCI  
\$110,000 TOTAL COST

**TBA WMA                      McLeod County                      81 Acres                      Total Cost \$38,325.80**

Project is located in McLeod County along the Crow River. Site has 50 untilld acres of prairie and riparian areas with scattered shrubs. Remnant sites have good numbers of wildflowers. McLeod County Pheasants Forever WMA is within ½ mile.

Funding Package                      \$ 19,162.90 McLeod County PF  
   \$ 11,881.80 Sold off a Parcel  
   \$ 19,162.90 LCMR  
   \$ 38,325.80 TOTAL COST (\$50,207 less the portion sold off)

**Peterson WMA Tr. 13 Addn                      Nobles County                      33 acres                      Total Cost \$29,000**

Project is adjacent to Peterson WMA in Nobles county, and contains 33 acres of prairie remnants.

Funding package:                      \$ 9,667 Nobles Ct. PF with support from Okabena-Ocheda  
   Watershed District  
   19,333 LCMR  
   ~~9,667~~ PWHCI  
   \$29,000 TOTAL COST

**Groth WMA tract 3 addn                      Nobles County                      25 acres                      Total Cost \$10,000**

Project provides an additional 25 acres of prairie upland to existing Groth WMA.

Funding package:                      \$ 3,334 Nobles County Pheasants Forever  
   6,666 LCMR  
   ~~3,334~~ PWHCI  
   \$10,000 TOTAL COST

**Two Rivers WMA                      Redwood County                      726 acres                      Total cost \$768,000**

Potential premiere acquisition at confluence of Plum Creek and Cottonwood river. Contains significant prairie remnants and potential to restore frequently flooded areas along river corridors.

Funding package:                      \$130,000 Redwood County Pheasants Forever, MHF, Gander Mtn  
   130,000 LCMR  
   130,000 PWHCI  
   378,000 Additional sources  
   \$768,000 TOTAL COST

**Dysband WMA addition                      Renville County                      40acres                      Total Cost \$39,000**

Project adds to existing wetland. USFWS is in process of buying adjacent uplands and will restore to native prairie mix.

Funding package:                      \$ 13,000 Renville County PF  
   13,000 LCMR  
   13,000 PWHCI  
   \$ 39,000 TOTAL COST

**Little Beaver Creek                      Rock County                      54 acres                      Total Cost \$38,800**

Project is located in Rock County, contains significant prairie remnants, and is a high priority acquisition by MNDNR.

Funding package:                      \$12,934 Rock County Pheasants Forever  
   12,934 LCMR  
   12,934 PWHCI  
   \$38,800 TOTAL COST

**Big John's WMA, Rock County 67 acres Total Cost \$33,500**

This tract is located on the Iowa border in Rock County and connects with an existing WMA in Iowa to create a large block of wildlife habitat accessible to the public. The tillable acres will be restored to native grasses and the existing native prairie will be enhanced with management.

Funding package: \$13,166 Rock County PF  
10,167 LCMR  
10,167 PWHCI  
\$33,500 TOTAL COST

**Padua WMA Stearns County 45 acres Total cost \$47,000**

Addition to existing 276 acre Padua WMA in Stearns County. Acquisition surrounded three existing wetlands, contains small remnant prairie fringe areas, and buffers large existing prairie on private lands.

Funding package: \$ 15,667 Stearns County Pheasants Forever  
15,667 LCMR  
15,667 PWHCI  
\$ 47,000 TOTAL COST

**Tribute WMA Stearns County 160 acres Total Cost \$104,000**

Project is located near existing Regal Meadow -The Nature Conservancy and Roscoe Prairie SNA - MNDNR Unit. Contains small remnant prairies on site and adjoins 10 acre private land prairie.

Funding package: \$ 34,667 Stearns County Pheasants Forever  
34,667 LCMR  
34,667 PWHCI  
\$104,000 TOTAL

**Prairie Heritage WMA Stearns County 351 Acres Total cost \$210,702**

New WMA in Sec. 36 Crow river township, Stearns County. Upland grasslands with some river bottom and scattered prairie remnants. Excellent wintering area for deer and pheasants. High priority for MNDNR.

Funding package: \$ 70,234 Stearns County Pheasants Forever  
70,234 LCMR  
70,234 PWHCI  
\$210,702 TOTAL COST

**Kurilla WMA Stearns County 210 acres Total Cost \$143,000**

This tract lies just north of New Munich in Stearns County and includes two tracts of native prairie within its boundaries. The property is diverse with oak woods, several wetlands, Sauk River bottoms, native prairie, and 2 small agricultural fields.

Funding package: \$ 71,500 Stearns County Pheasants Forever & Partners  
71,500 LCMR  
~~80,000~~ PWHCI  
\$143,000 TOTAL COST

**Prairie Heritage WMA Addition , Stearns County 40 Acres Total Cost \$30,000**

This would be an addition to the Prairie Heritage WMA (purchased in PHF I) and contains significant remnant prairie and wetlands that would enhance the existing remnant prairie on the 351 acre Prairie Heritage WMA. This acquisition would also connect two existing WMA's.

Total Cost \$ 15,000 Stearns County PF  
\$ 15,000 LCMR PHF  
\$ 30,000 TOTAL COST

**Quistorff WMA Add'n, Todd County 153 Acres Total Cost \$120,000**

This tract is adjacent to the Quistorff WMA in Todd County. The tract provides significant opportunity to restore wetlands and prairies. Although no native prairie exists on this tract, the Quistorff WMA has significant remnant prairie and wetlands. The ox-cart trail that connected Pembina, ND and St. Paul, MN goes through this property.

Funding package: \$ 40,000 Todd County Pheasants Forever & Partners  
40,000 LCMR  
40,000 Northern Tall Grass Prairie NAWCA  
\$120,000 TOTAL COST

**~~Bois de Sioux WMA Addn, Traverse County 22 acres Total Cost \$10,000~~**

~~This tract will add native prairie to the existing Bois de Sioux WMA in Traverse County. The site has been grazed, and with the acquisition the prairie will be restored and enhanced with management.~~

~~Funding package: \$ 3,333 Traverse County PF  
3,333 LCMR  
3,334 PWHCI  
\$ 10,000 TOTAL COST~~

**Rothsay WMA Add'n, Wilkin County 101 acres Total cost \$48,200**

Project includes an addition to existing rothsay WMA. Acquisitions will greatly enhance MNDNR ability to manage prairie by prescribed burning. Area will likely be used as a native seed source for other wildlife areas.

Funding package : \$10,000 Wilkin County Pheasants Forever and MHF  
10,000 LCMR  
28,200 Other Partners  
\$48,200 TOTAL COST

**Lower Antelope Valley, Yellow Medicine County 110 acres Total cost \$54,000**

Project is a high priority by MNDNR and The Nature Conservancy, due to significant prairie remnants, and is located in Yellow Medicine County.

Funding package: 18,000 Yellow Medicine Pheasants Forever & MN Habitat Fund  
18,000 LCMR  
18,000 PWHCI  
\$54,000 TOTAL COST

**Development**

**Lower Antelope Valley WMA, Yellow Medicine County 120 Acres Total Cost \$4,000**

The \$4,000 cost for seeding of native prairie grasses and habitat restoration on the agricultural portion of this parcel enhances existing native prairie and wetland components and values. This WMA was purchased through the PHF and now is going to be restored and enhanced.

Funding Package: \$ 2,201 LCMR  
\$ 2,000 Yellow Medicine PF  
\$ 4,201 TOTAL COST

**- Proposed Project Descriptions -**

**TBA WMA                      Lincoln County                      160 Acres                      Total Cost \$130,000**  
 This quarter section has native prairie remnants adjacent to it and has the potential to be a significant prairie complex in SW Minnesota. Restoration of this parcel would be to native prairie using local genotype seeds from area prairies.

Funding Package                      \$ 65,000 Buffalo Ridge PF, PF MN Habitat Fund  
    \$ 65,000 LCMR  
    \$ 130,000 TOTAL COST

**Development**

**Kurilla WMA                      Stearns County                      210 Acres                      Total Cost \$7,000**  
 Native Prairie restoration upon the Kurilla WMA, expanding the buffer around the remnant native prairie and wetlands existing on this unit.

Funding Package                      \$ 3,500 Stearns County PF  
    \$ 3,500 LCMR  
    \$ 7,000 TOTAL COST

~~**WMA Addition, Pipestone County                      102 Acres                      Total Cost \$60,000**~~

~~This parcel contains remnant prairie (grazed) that will be restored through removing grazing pressures, burning and other appropriate management practices.~~

~~Funding Package                      \$ 30,000 Pipestone County PF  
    \$ 30,000 LCMR PHF  
    \$ 60,000 TOTAL COST~~

# LCMR Prairie Heritage Fund – Proposed Projects

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