

1997 & 1999 Project Abstract

For the Period Ending June 30, 2001

TITLE: Prairie Heritage Fund & Prairie Heritage Fund - Continuation

PROJECT MANAGER: Matt Holland

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FUND: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

LEGAL CITATION:

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

APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$500,000 Prairie Heritage Fund (PHF)

\$500,000 Prairie Heritage Fund - continuation

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Date of Report: July 1, 2001

Date of Next Status Report: LCMR Final Work Program Report

LCMR Work Program 1997 & 1999

I. PROJECT TITLE: Prairie Heritage
Prairie Heritage - continuation

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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:	742,647.24
<hr/> =\$LCMR Balance	- 0 -	<hr/> =\$Match Balance	+242,647.24
 Prairie Heritage II			
\$ LCMR	500,000.00	\$ Match	500,000.00
-\$LCMR Amount Spent:	500,000.00	-\$ Match Amount Spent:	630,543.86
<hr/> =\$LCMR Balance	- 0 -	<hr/> =\$Match Balance	+130,543.86

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Appropriation Language: (e) Prairie Heritage Fund - Continuation

\$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 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.

II. FINAL PROJECT SUMMARY

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IV. OUTLINE OF PROJECT RESULTS:

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

Developed and distributed information on the PHF and PHF - Continuation. Provided grant criteria and specifications for qualifying projects.

PHF	LCMR Budget:	\$2,000.00	Actual	\$ - 0 -	Balance	\$ - 0 -
	Match:	\$2,000.00	Actual	\$ - 0 -	Balance	\$ - 0 -

Grant and matching funds from result 1 were shifted to result 3 – Acquisition

PHF II	LCMR Budget:	\$2,000.00	Actual	\$2,000.00	Balance	\$ - 0 -
	Match:	\$2,000.00	Actual	\$ - 0 -	Balance	\$ - 0 -

\$2,000 match was provided from Result 3, acquisition

Result 2: Dissemination of Applications: Conducted five regional meetings throughout the Tall Grass Prairie Ecosystem Region. Conducted dozens of individual meetings with PF chapters, DNR personnel and landowners.

PHF	LCMR Budget:	\$2,000.00	Actual	\$ - 0 -	Balance	\$ - 0 -
	Match:	\$2,000.00	Actual	\$ - 0 -	Balance	\$ - 0 -

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	Match:	\$2,000.00	Actual	\$ - 0 -	Balance	\$ - 0 -

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Result 3: Acquisition: Acquisition of remnant prairie grasslands and wetlands. Parcels were purchased by PF Chapters in cooperation with other conservation organizations, PF will hold the property deeds in the interim until donated to the MNDNR. Permanent deed restrictions were 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. A list of projects completed, county location, acreage and cost are found in attachment A.

PHF	LCMR Budget:	\$396,000.00	Actual	\$497,798.12	Balance	\$ -0-
	Match:	\$396,000.00	Actual	\$742,647.24	Balance	\$ -0-
PHF II	LCMR Budget:	\$396,000.00	Actual	\$493,912.60	Balance:	\$ -0-
	Match:	\$396,000.00	Actual	\$630,543.86	Balance:	\$ -0-

Result: **PHF:** PF acquired 2,197 acres of remnant prairie and associated grasslands and wetlands

Result: **PHF II:** PF acquired 1,486 acres of remnant prairie and associated grasslands and wetlands

Result 4: Restoration: Pheasants Forever restored two tracts to prairie through this grant for a total of 120 acres. Other restoration efforts for tracts acquired are ongoing. PF biologists and PF chapters continue to work with DNR Area Managers to develop habitat on WMA parcels acquired through the PHF. A list of projects completed, county location, acreage and cost are found in attachment A.

PHF	LCMR Budget:	\$100,000.00	Actual:	\$ 2,201.88	Balance	\$ -0-
	Match:	\$100,000.00	Actual:	\$ 2,341.00	Balance	\$ -0-

\$97,798.12 of the LCMR budget was transferred to Result 3, acquisition. \$97,659 match was realized in Result 3, acquisition

PHF II	LCMR Budget:	\$100,000.00	Actual:	\$ 2,087.40	Balance:	\$ -0-
	Match:	\$100,000.00	Actual:	\$ 4,174.80	Balance:	\$ -0-

\$97,912.60 of the LCMR budget was transferred to Result 3, acquisition. \$95,925.20, match was realized in Result 3, acquisition.

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 was completed within the biennium.

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.Match (Cash)_\$	\$	742,647.24	\$ 630,543.86
TOTAL\$	\$	1,626,247.24	\$ 1,130,543.86

Budget:	PHF	PHF II
Personnel	\$	
Equipment	\$	
Acquisition	\$ 497,798.12*	\$ 493,912.60*
Development	\$ 2,201.88	\$ 2,087.40
Other	\$ - 0 -	\$ 4,000.00
Total	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00

*Includes \$20,000 in PHF and \$35,000 in PHF - continuation 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.

EXHIBIT A **PROJECT LIST**

Prairie Heritage Fund (PHF) and PHF II - Land Acquisition & Development
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PHF

\$ 500,000.00 LCMR
 \$ 742,647.24 Pheasants Forever (PFI)
 \$ 383,600.00 Non-eligible Match
 \$1,626,247.24 TOTAL

PHF II

\$ 500,000.00 LCMR
 \$ 630,543.86 Pheasants Forever
 \$1,130,543.86 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
Clay	Barnesville WMA Add'n	498	292,000	118,641	C
Dodge	PF WMA tract 3	120	100,000	33,333	C
Freeborn	Panicum Prairie WMA	250	33,000	11,000	C
	Panicum Praire WMA Tr7	40	5,000	2,500	C
	Panicum Prairie WMA	56	56,400	24,000	C
Kandiyohi	Regal Flats WMA	144	115,000	57,500	C
McLeod	Sumter WMA	80	88,000	29,334	C
	McLeod Prairie Her. WMA	76	110,000	36,667	C
	Crow River II WMA	81	38,235	19,163	C
Nobles	Peterson WMA, tr. 13	29	34,000	22,666	C
	Groth WMA, Tr. 3	23	5,768	3,845	C
	Lambert Prairie WMA	15	11,000	5,500	C
Pipestone	Woodstock WMA Add'n	86	56,374	28,187	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	12,000	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
	Kurilla WMA	40**	6,232	2,087	C*
	Prairie Heritage WMA	40	30,000	15,000	C
Wilkin	Trbiute WMA Add'n	83	53,950	26,975	C
	Rothsay WMA Add'n	101	48,200	10,000	C
Yellow Med.	Lower Antelope Valley	120	54,000	18,000	C
	Lower Antelope Valley	80**	4,543	2,201	C*

Status Codes: C=Completed – Total Cost: \$2,756,791.10
 Acres acquired: 3,683 Acres developed: 120

LCMR Share: \$1,000,000

* Development
 ** Duplicate Acres

Final Report

Completed 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
 \$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
 \$92,000 TOTAL COST

Barnesville WMA Add'n Clay County 498 Acres Total Cost \$292,000

Adjacent to the existing Barnesville WMA, this tract will provide much needed upland cover to complement the large wetland already under state ownership. Knob Prairie still exists and much is in pasture that has never seen the plow.

Funding Package \$ 14,693 Clay County Pheasants Forever
 118,641 LCMR
 66,666 Northern Tallgrass Prairie Conservation Initiative - NAWCA
 92,000 Donation to Pheasants Forever - Landowner
 292,000 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, Tr. 7 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
\$ 5,000 TOTAL

Panicum Prairie WMA Addition Freeborn County 56 Acres Total Cost \$56,400

This tract contains wet prairie and is along the Shell Rock River in Southern Freeborn County. This tract would add on to the Panicum Prairie WMA and would provide restoration and enhancement potential for native prairie.

Funding package: \$ 20,000 South Central Pheasants Forever
\$ 24,000 LCMR
\$ 12,400 Landowner Donation to Pheasants Forever
\$ 56,400 TOTAL COST

Regal Flats WMA Kandiyohi County 144 Acres \$115,000

This tract contains cropland and river bottoms along the Crow River in NE Kandiyohi County. The cropland acres would allow for significant prairie restoration and sits adjacent to a native prairie holding of the Nature Conservancy. A group of cooperating conservation groups and DNR Area Managers are partnering in an effort to acquire this area which has significant restoration possibilities, possibly using local ecotype seed from the adjacent Nature Conservancy prairies.

Funding Package \$ 57,500 PF and partners
\$ 57,500 LCMR
\$ 115,000 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

McLeod Prairie Heritage 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

Crow River II WMA McLeod County 81 Acres Total Cost \$38,325.80

Project is located in McLeod County along the Crow River. Site has 50 untilled 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 29 acres Total Cost \$34,000

Project is adjacent to Peterson WMA in Nobles county, and contains 29 acres of prairie remnants.

Funding package: \$ 11,334 Nobles Ct. PF and Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District
 22,666 LCMR
 \$ 34,000 TOTAL COST

Groth WMA tract 3 addn Nobles County 23 acres Total Cost \$5,768

Project provides an additional 23 acres of prairie upland to existing Groth WMA.

Funding package: \$ 1,923 Nobles County Pheasants Forever
 3,845 LCMR
 \$ 5,768 TOTAL COST

Lambert Prairie WMA Nobles County 15 Acres Total Cost \$11,000

This tract contains 10 acres of virgin prairie and will provide permanent undisturbed nesting cover for ground nesting wildlife in an area where such cover is in short supply. It is adjacent to another tract that has several small wetlands and a 5 acre type III wetland.

Funding package: \$ 5,500 Nobles County Pheasants Forever
 \$ 5,500 LCMR
 \$11,000 TOTAL COST

Gomer's Draw WMA Pipestone County 86 Acres Total Cost \$56,374

This tract contains native prairie in the form of pasture. Approximately 38 acres are native wet prairie with the remaining acres in cropland and CRP. This tract would be an addition to the Woodstock WMA and would provide protection for existing remnant prairie. Enhancement and restoration of this tract makes it an excellent candidate for the PHF.

Funding Package \$ 28,187 Pipestone County PF
 \$ 28,187 LCMR
 \$ 56,374 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

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

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
	12,000	LCMR
	8,332	PWHCI
	\$33,500	TOTAL COST

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

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

Total Cost \$53,950

This tract is one of the larger remnant pieces of mesic prairie which also includes wetland edge, a small amount of cropland, and old grove. Just to the south of this tract is a large 40 acre restored wetland on private land. This tract offers excellent nesting cover potential for waterfowl and other upland nesting birds. This tract is also identified as a high priority site by the DNR County Biological Survey for acquisition.

Funding Package	\$ 26,975	Stearns County PF
	\$ 26,975	LCMR
	\$ 53,950	TOTAL COST

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

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
	\$143,000	TOTAL COST

Development

Total Cost \$6,232.00

Native Prairie restoration upon the Kurilla WMA, expanding the buffer around the remnant native prairie and wetlands existing on this unit.

Funding Package	\$ 2,087	Stearns County PF
	\$ 2,087	LCMR
	\$ 2,087	PWHCI - NAWCA
	\$ 6,232	TOTAL COST

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

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

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

Total Cost \$4,543

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
	\$ 2,341	Yellow Medicine PF
	\$ 4,543	TOTAL COST