

M.L. 2015 Project Abstract

For the Period Ending June 30, 2018

PROJECT TITLE: Conservation Assistance Acceleration Project

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FUNDING SOURCE: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

LEGAL CITATION: M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec.2, Subd. 08d

APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$1,000,000

AMOUNT SPENT: \$999,027

AMOUNT REMAINING: \$973

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Project Results Use and Dissemination

The MN Conservation Lands Summary can be found at:

http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/easements/CLS_Statewide_Summary_August_2018.pdf and was recently updated 8/17/2018.



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF)

M.L. 2015 Work Plan

Date of Report: July 31, 2018

Date of Next Status Update Report: Final

Date of Work Plan Approval: June 11, 2015

Project Completion Date: June 30, 2018

Does this submission include an amendment request?

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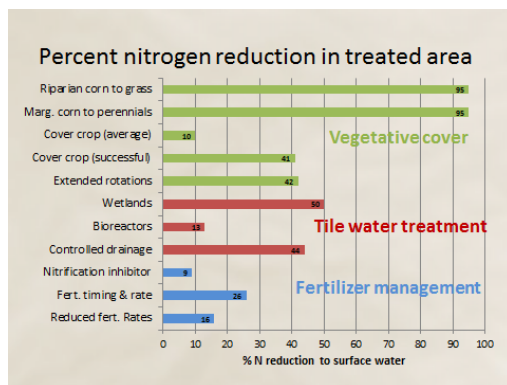
\$1,000,000 the first year is from the trust fund to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for the final phase of a pilot program to provide grants to soil and water conservation districts and other units of local and state government for employment of staff to provide technical assistance to secure enrollment and retention of private lands in federal and state conservation programs. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2018, by which time the project must be completed and final products delivered.

I. PROJECT TITLE: Conservation Assistance Acceleration Project

II. PROJECT STATEMENT:

The Conservation Assistance Acceleration Project is an enhancement to the Conservation Program Technical Assistance project currently funded by LCCMR that will position the program to better address water quality issues and help it transition to other long-term funding sources. A smooth transition is essential due to the urgent need to address nitrogen water quality concerns and capitalize on Farm Bill opportunities. The Conservation Assistance Acceleration Project plans to build upon the success of the Farm Bill Assistance Partnership (FBAP) program while placing a greater emphasis on vegetative water quality practices as detailed in MPCA’s Nitrogen in Surface Waters Report (MPCA 2013). According to MPCA’s monitoring and research, 72% of the nitrogen in our surface waters is a result of agricultural field runoff and artificial drainage. We currently have a FBAP presence in priority locations that MPCA highlighted as major nitrogen contributing watersheds. MPCA has established a goal of a 20% reduction of nitrogen in surface waters by 2015, and riparian buffers can be a significant and permanent strategy in reaching that goal (see chart below). FBAP staff are trained and knowledgeable on vegetative water quality practices and will provide the necessary targeted landowner education and solicitation.

The passage of the 2014 Federal Farm Bill brings new opportunities and possibilities to Minnesota. As part of the new Farm Bill, USDA will provide \$100 million dollars of dedicated funding annually to the newly created regional conservation partnership program. Additionally a new initiative in the 2014 Farm Bill is the dedication of \$35 million dollars over the next three years to conservation practices in the Prairie Pothole Region, which includes overlaps with the majority of the priority watersheds identified in the MPCA study. Competition for these new Farm Bill dollars will be strong and will require greater participation by states in implementation efforts. Continuing to provide the technical assistance staff to leverage these funds will place Minnesota at a competitive advantage and allow us to capture a significant portion of available Federal funding, thereby extending the conservation work that can be done. Additionally there are 710,623 acres of expiring CRP over the next 5 years in Minnesota making it important that we reenroll the most environmentally sensitive of these lands back into CRP or permanently protect these areas through an easement in order to reach our nitrogen reduction and other conservation goals. It is important that Minnesota continues to support the increase of technical assistance funding in order to maximize the effectiveness of federal and state conservation program offerings.



CRP Expiration Year	Total CRP Acres
9/30/2014	206,426
9/30/2015	100,483
9/30/2016	89,918
9/30/2017	102,800
9/30/2018	210,996

III. OVERALL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:

Project Status as of January 31, 2016:

We are in the final stages of a previous LCCMR Grant M.L.2013, Chp. 52, Subd. 04f total of \$3m that is nearly completed and closes June 30, 2016. During the first 6 months of this grant work plan we have only spent \$1872 as part of the transition from the ML2013 grant to the ML2015 grant. This was anticipated and as we update this work plan in July 2016 you will see the full transition has occurred. We conducted the necessary request for proposals in preparation for this grant in May of 2015 and executed grant agreements with successful candidates in August that encumbered the first year of the ENTF appropriation of \$500,000. Reimbursements to project participants continues to be on a quarterly basis upon successful submittal of an invoice to BWSR. There are currently 32.55 FTE's in place in 47 counties. See attachments b and c for details.

Project Status as of July 31, 2016:

This report contains the first substantive work conducted utilizing ML 2015 Conservation Assistance funding phase #4. Due to overlap of ML 2013 Conservation Technical Assistance funding phase #3, we wrapped up that grant expenditure and transitioned spending to this current work plan since the January 2016 update. During the first year of this project ~~91,026~~ 9,102 acres were enrolled as shown on attachment "C". With a very modest 2,966 acres of CRP enrolled during signup #49 there was a lot of effort invested to signup 31,662 ac. to have only 9% approved for funding. As the CRP program works to reduce acres nationwide to get under the 24m acre cap by 2018 it will continue to be a challenge to achieve measurable acres in MN. A couple of other key CRP practices that are available on a continuous signup basis such as wetlands and pheasant habitat have been fully subscribed and are awaiting further authorization as well. Work has picked up greatly with buffers as a result of the MN Buffer initiative and the need to establish riparian buffers before they are required in 2017 and 2018. We will see a lot of progress in this area as it relates to CRP in future reports.

The annual review, budgeting, request for proposals, and selection process was conducted in April and May. There were 39.05 fte's approved for funding to begin on July 1, 2016. One key aspect of this expanded effort in FY 2017 is the emphasis DNR has placed on the MN Pheasant Action Plan that supports expanding the Farm Bill Assistance effort by and additional 10 fte's. We were able to fund an additional 7.5 fte's towards this goal under the current budget.

Project Status as of January 31, 2017:

This report update is an opportunity to reflect back on 2017 as a year of progress in conservation. As it specifically relates to CRP enrollment, staff have been working to meet deadlines for re-enrollment all the while USDA is managing the reduction in acres nationally to fall within the 24 million acre cap by Oct. 1, 2018 end of current farm bill. Expiring CRP participants were given the opportunity to re-enroll and compete in the current pool of acres as they become available, and/or simply defer their contract start date Oct. 1, 2017. All plans, some of which there were hundreds in each county needed to be written to accommodate re-enrollment. In addition late fall, USDA announced an additional 50,000 acre allocation of MN "State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement" (SAFE) as well as another 30,000 ac. of wetland restoration projects. All part of the continuous CRP signup program where landowners can enroll at any time during the year. With the advent of a new 60,000 ac. CREP announced as this report is being updated, 2017 will be another large year in grassland and wetland conservation. Please note I did go back into the July 31, 2016 project status and Activity 1 status update sections and reduce the acreage amounts reported with a line out and new number inserted. The reason for this is that as we closed out ML 2013 Technical Assistance Grants project, we had an overlap of that grant and this current grant for the period of July 2015 to June 2016. During this overlap year 90% of the funding and work was reported to ML 2013 and now 10% is funded and reported to ML 2015. I did not want to simply report the total accomplishment in both and this now accurately shows the split between 2 work plans as further illustrated in Attachment C.

We currently have all 39 fte's within the project fully occupied. It is an ongoing challenge to retain and keep positions filled while employee's seek more stable funded or advancement type positions within the conservation field. This does result in building our future capacity.

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The new MN CREP was opened for enrollment in May of 2017 with the first round of applications due July 15th and basically monthly thereafter. CREP signup is continuous and not affected by CRP acreage cap of 24m acres.

The 24m ac. nationwide cap has new CRP applications at a standstill until after Oct. 1 at which time existing contracts expire and create room within this cap. During this window of time 1600 previously accepted landowner applications are being completed for contracts to begin this Oct. 1.

Project Status as of January 31, 2018:

Although MN continues to lose land enrolled in conservation programs such as CRP. The Farm Bill Assistance Partnership, as a result of this grant program, helped to make MN #1 in CRP enrollment in the US. With over 2,400 contracts processed on 33,400 ac. we were able to reduce the overall loss significantly in this state. The national cap on CRP acres at 24 million acres has resulted in a shut-down of new enrollment except for MN CREP which is open for enrollment. Early word just received is that CRP will open again for enrollment on April 1, 2018 for continuous signup practices but there will not be a general CRP signup until at least 2020. A new farm bill is currently being worked on to replace the current bill that expires Sept. 30, 2018 of this year.

Total results for 2017 are 87,000 ac. with a collective grant period total since the beginning of this project totaling 148,105ac.

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IV. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES:

ACTIVITY 1:

Description: Facilitation of 40,000 acres of vegetative water quality practices Budget: \$1,000,000.00

Technicians provide the direct link between available conservation programs offered by state and federal agencies and the private landowner. Technicians will be employed to connect available programs with eligible landowners in priority locations. A yearly request for proposals will solicit all 90 SWCD’s interest in hiring field staff to concentrate on direct marketing and enrollment assistance. The Farm Bill Assistance Committee reviews, scores and ranks these requests based upon identified workload, goals, past performance and available funding. As this project is part of a larger staffing effort, we anticipate exceeding the 20 FTE’s expected to be funded out of this grant as other funds are available. As indicated on the attached map, there currently exists over 34 FTE’s covering 49 counties. Some staff have multi-county responsibility. The added capacity beyond the LCCMR funding is expected to vary from year to year as funding from additional sources is secured and implemented in conjunction with this project. It is anticipated that during the 2 year grant period that a minimum of 40,000 acres of vegetative and other water quality practices will be implemented to help meet the nitrogen reduction goals. Funding for projects will come from Federal Farm Bill programs like the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) and state programs including RIM, Clean Water Fund, Outdoor Heritage Fund, and others.

Summary Budget Information for Activity 1:

ENRTF Budget: \$ 1,000,000
Amount Spent: \$ 999,027
Balance: \$ 973

Outcome	Completion Date
1. Staffing: employ 20 Full-Time Equivalents (FTE’s) for 2 full years within a 3 year period from this grant. Staff will be making direct landowner contacts to explain relevant programs, such as CRP, RIM, EQIP, Clean Water Fund, and walk them through the enrollment process. We anticipate total staff coverage of more than 30 FTE’s in up to 50 agricultural based counties (depending on other funding available). Some staff will have multi county responsibility. Staff are typically employed by the local SWCD or delegated through a contractual arrangement with a 3 rd party such as Pheasants Forever.	July 1, 2018
2. 40,000 ac. vegetative and other water quality practices implemented	July 1, 2018
3. BWSR publishes program impacts and associated acres in the MN Conservation Lands Summary. Example of one measurement will be CRP acres set to expire vs. those retained for another 15 year contract.	August 31, 2018

Activity Status as of January 31, 2016:

1. In August 2015 BWSR issued grant agreements to the successful 41 SWCD fiscal agents involved with the employment of 32.55 FTE’s covering 47 counties. The available \$500,000 is fully encumbered.
2. Progress towards the 2 year acreage goals of 40,000 ac. of vegetated or water quality practices has essentially just begun.
3. As we progress through the next 6 months there will be a transition from work progress under the previous LCCMR grant ML 2013 to full funding from this grant ML 2015.

Activity Status as of July 31, 2016:

1. We concluded FY 2016 and the phase #3 grant while transitioning towards this Phase #4 grant. The 32.55 FTE's in place for FY 2016 have been increased to 39.05 FTE's in 53 counties.
2. Annual review, budgeting, request for proposals and project selection occurred during the months of April and May.
3. Progress towards the 2 year acreage goal of 40,000 ac. as essentially been exceeded and will continue to build with ~~91,026~~ 9102ac. already reported. Buffers will become a major driver of acres enrolled in CRP in the next couple of years as landowners seek options to comply with the forth coming buffer requirements.

Activity Status as of January 31, 2017:

1. Grant agreements processed in August with 48 SWCD's to employ 39 staff equivalents covering 53 counties.
2. Implementation of projects is at 68,168 ac. with exponential growth in buffer strips statewide. Demonstrates and interest from landowners to seek conservation programs as a result of impending buffer deadlines and buffer map distribution. Please note I did go back into the July 31, 2016 project status and Activity 1 status update sections and reduce the acreage amounts reported with a line out and new number inserted. The reason for this is that as we closed out ML 2013 Technical Assistance Grants project, we had an overlap of that grant and this current grant for the period of July 2015 to June 2016. During this overlap year 90% of the funding and work was reported to ML 2013 and now 10% is funded and reported to ML 2015. I did not want to simply report the total accomplishment in both and this now accurately shows the split between 2 work plans as further illustrated in Attachment C.

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1. Grant Agreements were processed in June to continue the 39.05 staff equivalents in the 53 county participating area.
2. Implementation of projects is at 101,793 ac. CRP has put a hold on new enrollment due to the 24m ac. nationwide cap. However, there continues to be a shortage of staff assistance within NRCS to complete conservation plans so staff funded under this grant are working hard to meet CRP deadlines so landowners can be enrolled in CRP. This does not affect the new CREP which began enrollment in May.

Activity Status as of January 31, 2018:

1. We continue to support 39 staff equivalents in the 53 county project area. We are very close to closing out our project early with only one grant agreement containing \$2690 that will be utilized in the near future.
2. Implementation of projects now stands at 148,104ac. since the start of this project. Just this past fall over 2,400 contracts were processed on 33,400 ac. As a result we were able to reduce the overall loss significantly in this state. The national cap on CRP acres at 24 million acres has resulted in a shut-down of new enrollment except for MN CREP which is open for enrollment. Early word just received is that CRP will open again for enrollment on April 1, 2018 for continuous signup practices but there will not be a general CRP signup until at least 2020.

Final Report Summary:

1. Completion of this project resulted in the support of 40 staff equivalents in a 54 county SWCD area. The project staff and corresponding budget have been transitioning to other state and federal grant funding sources so although this phase of LCCMR funding has sunset, the project continues on with a continued focus on CRP where and when available as well as the new MN CREP program. We will be returning \$973 as a small remaining balance that was unused by one county participating the program and we were not able to re-encumber the funds to another county before the grant period ended.
2. Final implementation numbers far exceed the original stated goal of 40,000 ac. During this grant period a total of 167,500 ac. were implemented. This is due in part to some positive options available to landowners to participate in but also a strong indication of the leverage afforded at over 3:1 to the ENTRF \$1m appropriation as shown on the bottom of Attachment C. Future progress will continue to be realized during the current CRP re-enrollment window as well the new MN CREP initiative.
3. Although completely separate and additive to the ongoing FBA staffing effort, BWSR is also working with LCCMR on a \$6m CREP implementation grant funded under M.L. 2017.

V. DISSEMINATION:

Description:

Data is collected on staff time spent, acres impacted and landowners contacted on a quarterly basis and is available to the project partners and participants. Tracking of MN conservation estate can be found at http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/easements/CLS_Statewide_Summary.pdf. This document is updated each year in August and reflects the acres of MN land enrolled in conservation programs.

Status as of January 31, 2016:

The MN Conservation Land Summary was updated and posted on August 13, 2015.

Status as of July 31, 2016:

The MN Conservation Land Summary will be updated and posted in mid August 2016.

Status as of January 31, 2017:

The MN Conservation Land Summary was update and posted on August 16, 2016.

Status as of July 31, 2017:

The MN Conservation Land Summary will again be updated in mid August 2017.

Status as of January 31, 2018:

The MN Conservation Lands Summary was updated and posted on the BWSR website August 9th, 2017.

Status as of July 31, 2018:

The MN Conservation Lands Summary will be updated in mid- August 2018.

Final Report Summary:

The MN Conservation Lands Summary will be updated in Mid- August 2018.

VI. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY:

A. ENRTF Budget Overview:

Budget Category	\$ Amount	Overview Explanation
Professional/Technical/Service Contracts:	\$1,000,000	SWCD or SWCD-contracted staff employment
TOTAL ENRTF BUDGET:	\$1,000,000	

Explanation of Use of Classified Staff: N/A

Explanation of Capital Expenditures Greater Than \$5,000: N/A

Number of Full-time Equivalents (FTE) Directly Funded with this ENRTF Appropriation: 0

Number of Full-time Equivalents (FTE) Estimated to Be Funded through Contracts with this ENRTF Appropriation: 40

B. Other Funds:

Source of Funds	\$ Amount Proposed	\$ Amount Spent	Use of Other Funds
Non-state			
SWCD Local Match-Cash	\$300,000	\$460,482	*Match to LCCMR and to enhance FTE opportunities.
State			
DNR, BWSR-Cash	\$750,000	\$3,146,998	*Match to LCCMR Funding and to enhance FTE opportunities.
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS:	\$1,050,000	\$3,607,480	

*Match funding is projected to come from state and local sources in the amount shown. The exact breakdown between state and federal may need to be adjusted during this project period due to legislative appropriations.

VII. PROJECT STRATEGY:

A. Project Partners:

The Farm Bill Assistance Partnership (FBAP) program Steering Committee will provide direction to this project and consists of the following: MN DNR-Prairie Habitat Team Supervisor, Pheasants Forever-North Region Manager, MN BWSR-Private Lands Coordinator, USDA-NRCS-State Resource Conservationist, and MN Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

B. Project Impact and Long-Term Strategy

- Provide a means to implement the many plans in MN to address water quality and wildlife habitat. Plans such as the MN Nutrient Reduction Strategy, MN Sediment Strategy, MN Prairie Plan, and Watershed Restoration Action Plans (WRAPS), all which are solid in their recommendations but typically lack a strong delivery mechanism. Implementation of these plans will result in improved water quality, soil health and wildlife habitat.
- Priority is placed upon those counties experiencing the greatest potential loss of CRP acres in critical watersheds.
- The greatest emphasis is on permanent enrollment, but we also recognize that once funding for permanent programs is exhausted, we must utilize shorter term federal programs to their fullest extent.
- At a time when the Minnesota landscape is rapidly changing due to a reduction in CRP acres and the desire to farm all available acres, this project will have an immediate impact on grassland and wetland retention

for clean water and wildlife habitat. Key parcels will be identified for permanent protection as funding is available.

As this program is an extension of previous efforts, there is a tremendous opportunity for success based on a proven track record. The partners know how to implement the programs and there will essentially be no start up time required. This request is for the start of a transition period as we move the funding for the Farm Bill Assistance Partnership away from a LCCMR funded project to an agency funded project. We are currently asking LCCMR to fund 50% of total project costs with the remaining 50% coming from agency and LGU partners during this 2 year transition.

C. Funding History:

Funding Source and Use of Funds	Funding Timeframe	\$ Amount
M.L. 2009, Chp. 143, Sec. 2, Subd. 4i.	July 1, 2009-June 30, 2011	\$1,000,000
M.L. 2011, 1 st Special Session, Chp. 2, Art 3, Sec. 2, Subd. 04l	July 1, 2011-June 30, 2013	\$625,000
M.L. 2013, Chp. 52, Sec. 2, Subd. 04f	July 1, 2013-June 30, 2016	\$3,000,000

VIII. FEE TITLE ACQUISITION/CONSERVATION EASEMENT/RESTORATION REQUIREMENTS: N/A

IX. VISUAL COMPONENT or MAP(S): See Attached Map

X. RESEARCH ADDENDUM: N/A

XI. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

Periodic work plan status update reports will be submitted no later than January 31, 2016, July 31, 2017, January 31, 2017, July 31, 2017, and January 31, 2018. A final report and associated products will be submitted between June 30 and August 15, 2018.

**Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund
M.L. 2015 Project Budget**



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M.L. 2015 ENRTF Appropriation: \$1,000,000

3 years, June 30, 2018

Date of Report: August 15, 2018

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BUDGET	Activity 1 Budget	Amount Spent	Activity 1 Balance	TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL BALANCE
BUDGET ITEM	<i>Technical Assistance Grants</i>				
Professional/Technical/Service Contracts					
Contracts with SWCD's or other partner's to employ up to 20 FTE's (Farm Bill Assistance Technicians) for 2 full years within a 3 year period from July 1, 2015-June 30, 2018. Staff are typically employed by the local SWCD or delegated through a contractual arrangement with a 3rd party such as Pheasants Forever.	\$1,000,000	\$999,027	\$973	\$1,000,000	\$973
COLUMN TOTAL	\$1,000,000	\$999,027	\$973	\$1,000,000	\$973

FY 2016/2017/2018 (PHASE XV, PHASE XVI, PHASE XVII) FARM BILL ASSISTANCE #4

July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2018

	COUNTIES	Approved		Project Total		LCCMR/ENTRF #4
		2016 % FTE	Work Hours	State Amount	Local Match	
1	Aitkin/Carlton	100%	2080	\$81,289	\$9,032	\$28,530
2	Becker	100%	2080	\$145,024	\$16,114	\$28,530
3	Benton/Mille Lacs/Morrison	75%	1560	\$106,215	\$11,802	\$21,399
4	Big Stone	100%	2080	\$132,091	\$14,677	\$28,530
5	Blue Earth	100%	2080	\$87,076	\$9,675	\$28,530
6	Brown/Watonwan	100%	2080	\$72,810	\$8,090	\$28,530
7	Carver	100%	2080	\$119,964	\$13,329	\$20,835
8	Chippewa	100%	2080	\$125,953	\$13,995	\$20,835
9	Chisago	25%	520	\$36,271	\$4,030	\$7,133
10	Clay	100%	2080	\$81,752	\$9,084	\$28,530
11	Cottonwood	50%	1040	\$68,662	\$7,629	\$14,266
12	Dodge	50%	1040	\$33,566	\$3,730	\$6,571
13	Douglas	100%	2080	\$79,572	\$8,841	\$28,530
14	Faribault	100%	2080	\$80,620	\$8,958	\$13,140
15	Fillmore	50%	1040	\$22,461	\$2,496	\$13,294
16	Goodhue	50%	1040	\$61,026	\$6,781	\$14,266
17	Grant	100%	2080	\$132,576	\$14,731	\$28,530
18	Jackson	85%	1768	\$122,545	\$13,616	\$24,252
19	Kandiyohi	100%	2080	\$83,229	\$9,248	\$28,530
20	Lac Qui Parle	100%	2080	\$74,876	\$8,320	\$15,390
21	Le Sueur	100%	2080	\$87,992	\$9,777	\$13,140
22	Lincoln	70%	1456	\$95,097	\$10,566	\$19,973
23	Lyon	100%	2080	\$71,398	\$7,933	\$28,530
24	Martin	50%	1040	\$70,026	\$7,781	\$14,266
25	McLeod	50%	1040	\$29,250	\$3,250	\$6,571
26	Meeker/McLeod	50%	1040	\$53,323	\$5,925	\$21,961
27	Mower	75%	1560	\$103,807	\$11,534	\$21,399
28	Murray	100%	2080	\$40,506	\$4,501	\$13,140
29	Nicollet/Sibley	100%	2080	\$73,173	\$8,130	\$13,140
30	Nobles	100%	2080	\$141,266	\$15,696	\$28,530
31	Ottertail East	50%	1040	\$69,227	\$7,692	\$14,266
32	Ottertail West	100%	2080	\$76,042	\$8,449	\$28,530
33	Pennington	100%	2080	\$81,881	\$9,098	\$28,530
34	Pipestone/Rock	50%	520	\$69,968	\$7,774	\$14,266
35	Pope	100%	2080	\$126,937	\$14,104	\$28,530
36	Redwood	75%	1560	\$121,178	\$13,464	\$21,399
37	Renville	100%	2080	\$139,193	\$15,466	\$28,530
38	Rice	50%	1040	\$61,196	\$6,800	\$14,266
39	Scott	25%	520	\$33,569	\$3,730	\$7,133
40	Stearns	100%	2080	\$81,018	\$9,002	\$28,530
41	Stevens	100%	2080	\$147,582	\$16,398	\$28,530
42	Swift	100%	2080	\$77,338	\$8,593	\$28,530
43	Todd	100%	2080	\$81,813	\$9,090	\$28,530
44	Traverse	100%	2080	\$142,440	\$15,827	\$28,530
45	Watonwan	100%	2080	\$52,083	\$5,787	\$13,140
46	Wilken	75%	1560	\$115,987	\$12,887	\$21,399
47	Winona	25%	520	\$35,089	\$3,899	\$7,133
48	Yellow Medicine	75%	1560	\$120,067	\$13,341	\$20,454
GRAND TOTALS		39.05		\$4,146,024	\$460,482	\$999,027

MN Farmland Initiative Progress Summary #4

ACRES REPORTED:

COUNTY/MONTH	Hours	# Contacts	Total Enrolled		Filterstrips		Riparian Buffers		Wetlands		General CRP		Management Activities		Other		Wind Breaks	
			Contracts	Acres	Contracts	Acres	Contracts	Acres	Contracts	Acres	Contracts	Acres	Contracts	Acres	Contracts	Acres	Contracts	Acres
STATEWIDE																		
July 2015	5804.45	3412	393	5758.67	94	662.1	57	524.79	59	1447.79	0	0	32	674.84	151	2449.15	37	107.52
August 2015	2829.411	864	211	3155.14	72	585.16	16	228.45	34	1020.12	5	39.6	8	273	95	1334.12	17	48.64
September 2015	5504.375	1753	1389	28826.97	493	3857.23	99	974.23	335	15612.43	5	35.4	79	4025.93	383	4455.27	119	289.42
October 2015	5689.875	1057	242	3953.98	72	445.61	2	38.2	34	910.41	23	223.76	33	713.52	78	1622.48	11	53.05
November 2015	5548.75	1144	271	4934.39	87	614.7	1	2.3	54	1930.56	6	30.47	11	178.65	112	2177.71	15	65.34
December 2015	6124.486	946	271	5322.74	54	254.2	17	53	71	2464.59	0	0	10	102.57	119	2448.38	5	16.31
January 2016	5513.75	1379	202	3958.2	31	134.84	3	10.58	58	1724.29	0	0	5	18	100	2059.3	5	11.19
February 2016	5716	1115	270	5474	39	176.88	4	21.33	71	2822.57	18	380.07	8	66.4	117	1968.87	13	37.88
March 2016	6243.86	1392	363	7321.55	69	301.61	2	11.57	137	4276.15	9	232.06	28	419.3	94	2035.08	24	45.78
April 2016	5869.45	1848	388	6563.03	110	519.84	4	42.1	157	4287.91	0	0	16	465.9	74	1204.8	27	42.48
May 2016	5483.35	1328	421	11892.93	125	711.99	8	100.19	125	4302.97	1	64.7	20	271	118	6371.31	24	70.77
June 2016	5467.71	1792	297	3865.08	76	457.42	11	98.45	117	1942.4	1	3.11	11	120.6	69	1210.36	12	32.74
Total end #3 Project	65795.468	18030	4718	91026.68	1322	8721.58	224	2105.19	1252	42742.19	68	1009.17	261	7329.71	1510	29336.83	309	821.12

10% of Accompl LCCMR#3*	6579.5468	1803	471.8	9102.668	132.2	872.158	22.4	210.519	125.2	4274.219	6.8	100.917	26.1	732.971	151	2933.683	30.9	82.112
July 2016	3483.67	863	265	3549.47	102	589.22	12	106.85	70	1199.58	15	324.41	7	232.8	46	1030.22	22	66.39
August 2016	7601.11	1453	1106	17114.21	416	2848.77	103	1116.63	269	6144.04	30	621.73	42	3175	178	2862.23	106	345.81
September 2016	7075.735	1930	1912	22223.58	941	5418.57	109	1181.82	393	8317.82	40	863.84	25	549.15	275	5140.51	170	751.87
October 2016	6545.875	1201	163	1630.02	87	345.05	2	39.92	29	807.77	4	49.79	3	58.2	17	255.21	21	74.08
November 2016	6496	1510	259	4484.96	116	420.11	4	71.4	58	2419.68	1	5.75	16	355.19	49	1190.61	5	22.22
December 2016	6593.36	1595	250	3064	105	392.7	4	71.62	45	1079.92	2	19.02	2	62.64	69	1367.03	23	71.07
January 2017	6511.5	1597	316	4647.58	116	755.64	7	39.68	61	1810.1	0	0	1	6	91	1924.69	40	111.47
February 2017	6563.25	2115	416	6962.73	168	1266.76	3	19.48	70	2463.74	1	7.2	4	354.3	134	2728.93	36	122.32
March 2017	7377.86	2519	825	8918.39	288	1339.59	20	118.21	107	3151.96	167	0	7	317.85	205	3874.95	31	115.83
April 2017	6017.75	1389	584	6690.75	237	968.69	3	11.85	94	2290.64	0	0	15	273.1	209	3078.9	26	67.57
May 2017	6681.75	1157	542	5890.74	188	899.73	9	31.3	97	2913.86	3	22.38	22	358.6	195	1584.03	28	80.84
June 2017	6156.81	1455	464	7514.52	199	833.87	20	92.51	49	1598.25	8	110.55	19	2608.55	155	2232.97	14	37.82
July 2017	5202.125	884	288	9944.52	116	425.88	6	58.99	20	341.18	0	0	37	3701.1	106	5402.07	3	15.3
August 2017	7706.375	1556	459	9826.87	145	527.13	1	4.09	32	654.07	3	21.2	137	4055.52	133	4534.1	8	30.76
September 2017	6613.75	2303	318	4564.48	109	651.71	7	79.1	31	1068.73	4	52.26	19	218.31	136	2470.42	12	23.95
October 2017	7004.75	1284	604	6431.83	193	878.67	31	258.12	108	2652.76	0	0	1	16	241	2550.11	30	76.17
November 2017	7028.87	1380	872.09	8730.55	335	1437.87	47	435.54	123	3120.7	0	0	13	1140.7	305.03	2506.93	49.06	88.81
December 2017	6420.13	1167	867.95	6812.84	236	984.21	16	128.46	122	2426.16	1	44.9	12	513.5	411.95	2627	69	88.61
January	7150.62	2045	30	1725.8	2	32.17	3	34.08	1	4.67	0	0	7	94.6	12	1350.28	0	0
February	6257	2000	77	1580.77	0	0	0	0	1	91.02	0	0	16	311.08	4	254.67	0	0
March	6674.25	1259	91	3763.26	4	31.41	1	12.53	6	181.09	0	0	11	172.56	9	415.67	1	2
April	6339.87	1238	51	2289.2	1	1.06	0	0	1	59.75	0	0	12	99.3	16	543.65	0	0
May	6059.25	1085	62	2521	3	5.53	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	1468.75	10	685.87	0	0
June	5888.25	1776	228	7496.43	62	287.44	0	0	46	779.14	0	0	77	5583.9	14	351.41	16	249.9
TOTAL	162,029.46	38,564.00	11,521.84	167,481.17	4,301.20	22,213.94	430.40	4,122.70	1,958.20	49,850.85	285.80	2,243.95	572.10	26,459.67	3,171.98	53,896.14	740.96	2,524.90

*Break between LCCMR Project #3 and #4. 10% of #3 accomplishments funded by this LCCMR #4 project workplan.

FUNDING:

July 1, 2015 - December 31, 2017

LCCMR-ENTRF#4	STATE	LOCAL MATCH	TOTAL
\$999,027	\$3,146,998	\$460,482	\$4,606,507

