

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council Laws of Minnesota 2015 Final Report



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Program or Project Title: Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection - Phase IV

Funds Recommended: \$3,740,000

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Appropriation Language: \$3,740,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources to implement the Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan through the acquisition of permanent conservation easements to protect native prairie and grasslands. Up to \$165,000 is for establishing monitoring and enforcement funds as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquisition of lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the final report.

County Locations: Big Stone, Clay, Kittson, Lac qui Parle, Polk, Redwood, Wilkin, and Yellow Medicine.

Eco regions in which work was completed:

- Forest / Prairie Transition
- Prairie

Activity types:

- Protect in Easement

Priority resources addressed by activity:

- Prairie

Summary of Accomplishments:

The Native Prairie Bank Program perpetually protected via conservation easement 1,342 acres of native prairie from willing landowners. This exceeds the original outcome goal of 760 acres by 582 acres. Easement acquisition focused on Minnesota Prairie Plan identified landscapes and targeted high quality prairies that provide valuable wildlife habitat.

Process & Methods:

The loss of native prairie and associated grassland habitat is arguably the greatest conservation challenge facing western and southern Minnesota. This appropriation aimed to protect 760 acres of native prairie habitat by accelerating the enrollment of Native Prairie Bank easements. Not only were the prairie protection outcomes met but they were exceeded by 582 acres.

Acceleration, such as this, is necessary to address the loss of native prairie and associated grasslands. Today, only about 1.3% of Minnesota's original 18 million acres of prairie remains. The few remaining acres of native prairie once were thought of as unsuitable for crop production, however with advancements in technology and equipment, in addition to growing competition for tillable acres, this is no longer the case. Unfortunately, grassland-to-cropland conversion is not the only impact to native prairie, significant degradation and loss is also occurring due to property development, mineral extraction and lack of prairie-oriented management. If the

current trajectory of grassland and prairie loss continues it will be devastating to grassland dependent wildlife populations.

Recognizing that protecting grassland and wetland habitat is one of the most critical conservation challenges facing Minnesota, over a dozen leading conservation organizations have developed a road map for moving forward – the Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan. This plan calls for several outcomes, one being the protection of all remaining native prairie, largely through conservation easements. One of the primary easement tools for native prairie protection in Minnesota is the DNR administered Native Prairie Bank easement. Native Prairie Bank was established by the 1987 legislature to protect private native prairie lands by authorizing the state to acquire conservation easements from willing landowners. Native Prairie Bank targets the protection of native prairie tracts, but can also include adjoining lands as buffers and additional habitat.

Originally, this appropriation aimed to protect 760 acres of native prairie through Native Prairie Bank easements. Eligible tracts were to be located within priority landscapes identified in the Minnesota Prairie Plan and prioritized based on several evaluation factors including:

- 1) Size and quality of habitat, focusing on diverse native prairie communities that have been identified by the Minnesota Biological Survey
- 2) The occurrence of rare species, or suitability habitat for rare species
- 3) Lands that are part of a larger habitat complex

Ultimately, 10 native prairie parcels for a total of 1,342 acres (582 acres more than initial 760 acre goal) were perpetually protected through this appropriation via Native Prairie Bank Easements. These now protected native prairies are unique natural resources that consist of thousands of different organisms, plants, animals, bacteria and soil fungi. Their complex interactions provide the food, water and shelter required by many of Minnesota's rare, threatened and endangered species. These prairies house a wide variety of pollinator species, some of which often cannot survive in other habitats, including prairie restorations.

How does the request address MN habitats that have: historical value to fish and wildlife, wildlife species of greatest conservation need, MN County Biological Survey data, and/or rare, threatened and endangered species inventories:

Native Prairie Bank prioritizes protection of sites identified by the Minnesota Biological Survey and targets rare and endangered plant and animal species, high quality plant communities, and key habitats for Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) identified in the State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP). SWAP identifies 139 SGCNs alone in the Prairie Parkland Province. SWAP also identifies prairie as a key habitat in 11 different subsections within the State. Prairie, as a habitat type, contains more SGCNs than any other habitat in Minnesota. Native Prairie Bank protects these unique wildlife habitats, works with the landowners of these tracts to manage and enhance them, all in a way that is permanent and enduring.

Describe the science based planning and evaluation model used:

The Minnesota Biological Survey (MBS) systematically collects, interprets and delivers data on plant and animal distribution and the ecology of native plant communities. This data is used directly in the scoring and evaluation of potential Native Prairie Bank parcels. Scoring criteria used for this appropriation has been uploaded and included with this final report. MBS also conducts long-term monitoring to assess outcomes of conservation actions.

Explain Partners, Supporters, & Opposition:

The protection efforts through this appropriation were well supported by landowners and conservation organizations across the prairie landscape. Prairie Plan Local Technical Teams, made up of a variety of local conservation partners, recommended parcels and coordinated site visits. All of this support was volunteered by the conservation agencies. No appropriation dollars were allocated to partners.

Additional Comments:

Exceptional challenges, expectations, failures, opportunities, or unique aspects of program

In 2016, Native Prairie Bank did a review and lowered payment rates to better reflect real estate market value. This allowed Native Prairie Bank to acquire 582 more acres than initially anticipated. This opportunity also came with a large set of challenges. Some landowners previously interested were no longer interested, in general it appears landowners are taking much more time to decide if they want to move forward with protection, and more landowners decline offers which in-return requires staff to find more potential sites and overall increases personnel costs. Despite these challenges, so far Native Prairie Bank staff have been able to meet or exceed protection outcomes promised on all of the appropriations requested prior to this change. Unfortunately due to this change, Native Prairie Bank has not always been able to completely spend down the funding appropriated.

Other Funds Received:

- Not Listed

How were the funds used to advanced the program:

The Native Prairie Bank Program has a good track record of securing Environmental and Natural Resource Trust Fund (ENRTF) dollars for the stewardship of Native Prairie Bank easements. This includes funding for landowner stewardship plans, technical assistance, prescribed burning and invasive species control, as well as additional acquisition of easements. The program will continue to seek ENRTF funds for native prairie stewardship activities.

What is the plan to sustain and/or maintain this work after the Outdoor Heritage Funds are expended:

DNR's Conservation Easement Stewardship policy is to protect both the conservation values of the protected property and the state's investment in those interests. Stewardship elements include baseline property report creation, enforcement protocols, regular compliance monitoring, effective record keeping and reporting, and maintaining good working relationships with the easement landowners. Native Prairie Bank implements this policy by following DNR Operational Order 128 "Conservation Easement Stewardship" along with the "Ecological and Water Resources Division Conservation Easement Stewardship Plan and Guidelines", which call for annual landowner contact as well as on-the-ground monitoring once every three years. If a violation is found, annual site visits (or more frequently) are conducted until the violation is rectified. Through this appropriation, funding was deposited into an account dedicated to the perpetual monitoring and enforcement of Native Prairie Bank easements. Annual reporting on these stewardship dollars is submitted as part of the Annual Real Property Interest Report for each easement acquired.

Native Prairie Bank staff in partnership with the landowner will actively seek funding to execute the best on-going prairie management activities. These management activities, such as prescribed burning, invasive species control, woody control, etc., will be completed when feasible through a variety of funding sources.

Explain the things you will do in the future to maintain project outcomes:

Year	Source of Funds	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
On-going (Every 3 years)	Interest derived from Conservation Easement Stewardship Fund	Ongoing landowner partnership, monitoring, reporting, and easement stewardship as laid out in DNR Operational Order 128 and the Division of Ecological and Water Resources Conservation Easement Stewardship Division Guidelines		
On-going	Variety of Funding Sources (Landowner, ENRTF, OHF, Game & Fish, USDA Programs, etc.)	Native Prairie Bank staff in partnership with the landowner will actively seek funding to execute the best on-going prairie management activities. These management activities, such as prescribed burning, invasive species control, woody control, etc. will be completed when feasible.		

Outcomes:

The original accomplishment plan stated the program would

Programs in forest-prairie transition region:

- Remnant native prairies are part of large complexes of restored prairies, grasslands, and large and small wetlands - *Acres of native prairie protected from conversion*
 - *Acres of native prairie protected with high connectivity to other conservation lands*
 - *Acres protected within Prairie Plan Core and Corridor Areas*
 - *Average size of protected complex*

How will the outcomes be measured and evaluated?

Through this appropriation 158 acres of native prairie were protected within the forest-prairie transition region along with 15 acres of

associated grasslands from potential conversion, every single one of these parcels has high connectivity to other conservation lands and are located within a Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan Core Area. The average parcel size for this region through this appropriation was 87 acres, however, each of these parcels are new protected additions to much larger complexes. The larger complexes range from 100,000 acres to 300,000 acres.

Programs in prairie region:

- Remnant native prairies and wetlands are perpetually protected and adequately buffered - *Acres of native prairie protected from conversion*
 - *Acres of native prairie protected with connectivity to other conservation lands*
 - *Acres protected within Prairie Plan Core and Corridor Areas*
 - *Average size of protected complex*

How will the outcomes be measured and evaluated?

Through this appropriation 1,123 acres of native prairie were protected within the prairie region along with 46 acres of associated grasslands from potential conversion, every single one of these parcels has high connectivity to other conservation lands and are located within a Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan Core Area. The average parcel size for this region through this appropriation was 146 acres, however, each of these parcels are new protected additions to much larger complexes. The larger complexes range from 3,000 acres to 60,000 acres.

Budget Spreadsheet

Final Budget line item reallocations are allowed up to 10% and do not need require an amendment to the Accomplishment Plan

Total Amount: \$3,740,000

Budget and Cash Leverage

BudgetName	Request	Spent	Cash Leverage (anticipated)	Cash Leverage (received)	Leverage Source	Total (original)	Total (final)
Personnel	\$216,300	\$112,600	\$0	\$0		\$216,300	\$112,600
Contracts	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$5,000	\$0
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Easement Acquisition	\$3,154,000	\$2,448,500	\$0	\$0		\$3,154,000	\$2,448,500
Easement Stewardship	\$165,000	\$165,000	\$0	\$0		\$165,000	\$165,000
Travel	\$8,000	\$7,000	\$0	\$0		\$8,000	\$7,000
Professional Services	\$110,000	\$200,900	\$0	\$0		\$110,000	\$200,900
Direct Support Services	\$73,500	\$20,300	\$0	\$0		\$73,500	\$20,300
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Capital Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Other Equipment/Tools	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$1,000	\$0
Supplies/Materials	\$7,200	\$3,400	\$0	\$0		\$7,200	\$3,400
DNR IDP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Total	\$3,740,000	\$2,957,700	\$0	\$0		\$3,740,000	\$2,957,700

Personnel

Position	FTE	Over # of years	Spent	Cash Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Project Coordinator	0.02	4.00	\$6,900	\$0		\$6,900
Natural Resource Specialist	0.34	4.00	\$95,200	\$0		\$95,200
Acquisition Coordinator	0.04	4.00	\$10,500	\$0		\$10,500
Total	0.40	12.00	\$112,600	\$0		\$112,600

Amount of Request: \$3,740,000

Amount of Leverage: \$0

Leverage as a percent of the Request: 0.00%

Explain any budget challenges or successes:

Protection outcomes for Native Prairie Bank were exceeded by 582 acres, which led to an increased number of acquisitions, which in return led to increased professional service costs. Amendments were requested and approved as needed to adjust the budget to account for this change.

All revenues received by the recipient that have been generated from activities on land with money from the OHF:

Total Revenue: \$0

Revenue Spent: \$0

Revenue Balance: \$0

- E. This is not applicable as there was no revenue generated.

Output Tables

Table 1a. Acres by Resource Type

Type	Wetlands (original)	Wetlands (final)	Prairies (original)	Prairies (final)	Forest (original)	Forest (final)	Habitats (original)	Habitats (final)	Total (original)	Total (final)
Restore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Easement	0	0	760	1,342	0	0	0	0	760	1,342
Enhance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	760	1,342	0	0	0	0	760	1,342

Table 1b. How many of these Prairie acres are Native Prairie?

Type	Native Prairie (original)	Native Prairie (final)
Restore	0	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	0	0
Protect in Easement	720	1,281
Enhance	0	0
Total	720	0

Table 2. Total Funding by Resource Type

Type	Wetlands (original)	Wetlands (final)	Prairies (original)	Prairies (final)	Forest (original)	Forest (final)	Habitats (original)	Habitats (final)	Total (original)	Total (final)
Restore	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$0	\$3,740,000	\$2,957,700	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,740,000	\$2,957,700
Enhance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$3,740,000	\$2,957,700	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,740,000	\$2,957,700

Table 3. Acres within each Ecological Section

Type	Metro Urban (original)	Metro Urban (final)	ForestPrairie (original)	Forest Prairie (final)	SEForest (original)	SE Forest (final)	Prairie (original)	Prairie (final)	N Forest (original)	N Forest (final)	Total (original)	Total (final)
Restore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Easement	0	0	200	173	0	0	560	1,169	0	0	760	1,342
Enhance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	200	173	0	0	560	1,169	0	0	760	1,342

Table 4. Total Funding within each Ecological Section

Type	Metro Urban (original)	Metro Urban (final)	Forest Prairie (original)	Forest Prairie (final)	SE Forest (original)	SE Forest (final)	Prairie (original)	Prairie (final)	N Forest (original)	N Forest (final)	Total (original)	Total (final)
Restore	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$0	\$984,000	\$381,300	\$0	\$0	\$2,756,000	\$2,576,400	\$0	\$0	\$3,740,000	\$2,957,700
Enhance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$984,000	\$381,300	\$0	\$0	\$2,756,000	\$2,576,400	\$0	\$0	\$3,740,000	\$2,957,700

Table 5. Average Cost per Acre by Resource Type

Type	Wetlands (original)	Wetlands (final)	Prairies (original)	Prairies (final)	Forest (original)	Forest (final)	Habitats (original)	Habitats (final)	Total (original)	Total (final)
Restore	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$0	\$4,921	\$2,204	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Enhance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Table 6. Average Cost per Acre by Ecological Section

Type	Metro Urban (original)	Metro Urban (final)	ForestPrairie (original)	Forest Prairie (final)	SE Forest (original)	SE Forest (final)	Prairie (original)	Prairie (final)	N Forest (original)	N Forest (final)	Total (original)	Total (final)
Restore	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$0	\$4,920	\$2,204	\$0	\$0	\$4,921	\$2,204	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Enhance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Automatic system calculation / not entered by managers

Target Lake/Stream/River Feet or Miles (original)

0

Target Lake/Stream/River Feet or Miles (final)

0

Explain the success/shortage of acre goals:

Protection outcomes were exceeded by 582 acres with less dollars spent than originally anticipated.

Parcel List

Section 1 - Restore / Enhance Parcel List

No parcels with an activity type restore or enhance.

Section 2 - Protect Parcel List

Big Stone

Name	TRDS	Acres	OHF Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?	Description
Lower Akron 5-2 NPB	12044205	85	\$239,766	No	No	No	High quality mesic prairie immediately adjacent to Lower Akron 5-1 NPB and Lac Qui Parle WMA. Located within MN Prairie Conservation Plan Lac Qui Parle Prairie Core Area.

Clay

Name	TRDS	Acres	OHF Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?	Description
Flowing 12-1 NPB	14146212	11	\$27,856	No	No	No	High biodiversity significance prairie with multiple rare species noted onsite. Located within MN Prairie Conservation Plan Agassiz Beach Ridges Core Area. Easement is a total of 285 acres, with only 11 acres being paid for with this appropriation.

Kittson

Name	TRDS	Acres	OHF Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?	Description
Norway 1-1 NPB	16046201	77	\$39,063	No	No	No	Native prairie complex consisting of high quality mesic brush-prairie and prairie meadow/carr. Located within the Aspen Parkland Prairie Core Area of the Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

Lac qui Parle

Name	TRDS	Acres	OHF Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?	Description
Freeland 27-1 NPB	11645227	29	\$53,778	No	No	No	Outstanding biodiversity significance dry sand-gravel prairie with multiple rare species noted onsite. Located within MN Prairie Conservation Plan Antelop Hills Prairie Core Area.
Freeland 27-2 NPB	11645227	71	\$108,508	No	No	No	Southern Wet Saline Prairie within the MN Prairie Conservation Plan Antelop Hills Prairie Core Area.

Polk

Name	TRDS	Acres	OHF Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?	Description
Godfrey 7-1 NPB	14844207	96	\$100,897	No	No	No	Consists of Mesic, Wet-Mesic and Seepage Prairies located within the MN Prairie Conservation Plan Glacial Ridge Core Area

Redwood

Name	TRDS	Acres	OHF Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?	Description
Swedes Forest 21-2	11437221	20	\$86,096	No	No	No	Southern Mesic and wet prairie located within large complex of other protected lands within MN River Valley. Located within MN Prairie Conservation Plan Upper Minnesota River Prairie Core Area.

Wilkin

Name	TRDS	Acres	OHF Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?	Description
Tanberg 29-2 NPB	13546229	182	\$764,538	No	No	No	Wet Prairie Complex located within MN Prairie Conservation Plan Rothsay Prairie Core Area
Tanberg 33-1	13545233	724	\$1,036,742	No	No	No	A 724 acre mesic and wet prairie, and seepage wetland communities located in the Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan Rothsay Prairie Core Area.

Yellow Medicine

Name	TRDS	Acres	OHF Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?	Description
Stony Run 3-1	11640203	48	\$150,670	No	No	No	Mesic prairie intermixed with sedge meadow and wetland complexes. Located in the Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan upper Minnesota River Valley Core Area.

Section 2a - Protect Parcel with Bldgs

No parcels with an activity type protect and has buildings.

Section 3 - Other Parcel Activity

No parcels with an other activity type.

Completed Parcel: Flowing 12-1 NPB

# of Total Acres:	11
County:	Clay
Township:	141
Range:	46
Direction:	2
Section:	12
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	
# of Acres: Forest:	
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	11
Amount of Shoreline:	0 (Linear Feet)
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	
Has there been signage erected at the site:	No - This is a conservation easement on private land.
Annual Reporting Organization Name:	DNR-EWR
Annual Reporting Manager Name:	Shelley Hedtke
Annual Reporting Address:	1509 1st Ave N.
Annual Reporting City:	Fergus Falls
Annual Reporting State:	MN
Annual Reporting Zip:	56537
Annual Reporting Email:	shelley.hedtke@state.mn.us
Annual Reporting Phone:	218-739-7576
Purchase Date:	August 16, 2016
Purchase Price:	\$27,564
Appraised Value:	\$0
Professional Service Costs:	\$292
Assessed Value:	\$0
Total Project Cost:	\$27,856
Donations:	\$0
Easement Holder Organization Name:	MN DNR
Easement Holder Manager Name:	Judy Schulte
Easement Holder Address:	1241 E Bridge Street
Easement Holder City:	Redwood Falls
Easement Holder State:	MN
Easement Holder Zip:	56283
Easement Holder Email:	judy.schulte@state.mn.us
Easement Holder Phone:	507-637-6016
Responsible Organization Name:	MN DNR
Responsible Manager Name:	Judy Schulte
Responsible Address:	1241 E Bridge Street
Responsible City:	Redwood Falls
Responsible State:	MN
Responsible Zip:	56283
Responsible Email:	judy.schulte@state.mn.us
Responsible Phone:	507-637-6016
Underlying Fee Owner:	Bradley & Gretchen Bjerken

Completed Parcel: Freeland 27-1 NPB

# of Total Acres:	29
County:	Lac qui Parle
Township:	116
Range:	45
Direction:	2
Section:	27
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	
# of Acres: Forest:	
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	28.6
Amount of Shoreline:	
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	
Has there been signage erected at the site:	No - This is a conservation easement on private land.
Annual Reporting Organization Name:	MN DNR
Annual Reporting Manager Name:	Judy Schulte
Annual Reporting Address:	1241 E Bridge Street
Annual Reporting City:	Redwood Falls
Annual Reporting State:	MN
Annual Reporting Zip:	56283
Annual Reporting Email:	judy.schulte@state.mn.us
Annual Reporting Phone:	507-637-6016
Purchase Date:	October 13, 2017
Purchase Price:	\$41,199
Appraised Value:	\$0
Professional Service Costs:	\$12,579
Assessed Value:	\$0
Total Project Cost:	\$53,778
Donations:	\$0
Easement Holder Organization Name:	MN-DNR
Easement Holder Manager Name:	Rhett Johnson
Easement Holder Address:	175 County Road 26
Easement Holder City:	Windom
Easement Holder State:	MN
Easement Holder Zip:	56101
Easement Holder Email:	rhett.johnson@state.mn.us
Easement Holder Phone:	507-831-2900
Responsible Organization Name:	MN-DNR
Responsible Manager Name:	Rhett Johnson
Responsible Address:	175 County Road 26
Responsible City:	Windom
Responsible State:	MN
Responsible Zip:	56101
Responsible Email:	rhett.johnson@state.mn.us
Responsible Phone:	507-832-6042
Underlying Fee Owner:	Gary & Carla Gritmacker

Completed Parcel: Freeland 27-2 NPB

# of Total Acres:	71
County:	Lac qui Parle
Township:	116
Range:	45
Direction:	2
Section:	27
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	
# of Acres: Forest:	
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	70.9
Amount of Shoreline:	0 (Linear Feet)
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	
Has there been signage erected at the site:	No - This is a conservation easement on private land.
Annual Reporting Organization Name:	MN DNR Division of Ecological and Water Resources
Annual Reporting Manager Name:	Judy Schulte
Annual Reporting Address:	1241 E Bridge Street
Annual Reporting City:	Redwood Falls
Annual Reporting State:	MN
Annual Reporting Zip:	56283
Annual Reporting Email:	judy.schulte@state.mn.us
Annual Reporting Phone:	507-637-6016
Purchase Date:	June 12, 2018
Purchase Price:	\$94,047
Appraised Value:	\$0
Professional Service Costs:	\$14,461
Assessed Value:	\$0
Total Project Cost:	\$108,508
Donations:	\$0
Easement Holder Organization Name:	MN DNR-Division of Ecological and Water Resources
Easement Holder Manager Name:	Judy Schulte
Easement Holder Address:	1241 E Bridge Street
Easement Holder City:	Redwood Falls
Easement Holder State:	MN
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Easement Holder Email:	judy.schulte@state.mn.us
Easement Holder Phone:	507-637-6016
Responsible Organization Name:	MN DNR-Division of Ecological and Water Resources
Responsible Manager Name:	Rhett Johnson (Judy Schulte)
Responsible Address:	175 County Road 26
Responsible City:	Windom
Responsible State:	MN
Responsible Zip:	56101
Responsible Email:	rhett.johnson@state.mn.us
Responsible Phone:	507-832-6042
Underlying Fee Owner:	Mark & Christin Jordahl

Completed Parcel: Godfrey 7-1 NPB

# of Total Acres:	96
County:	Polk
Township:	148
Range:	44
Direction:	2
Section:	07
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	
# of Acres: Forest:	
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	96
Amount of Shoreline:	0 (Linear Feet)
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	
Has there been signage erected at the site:	No - This is a conservation easement on private land.
Annual Reporting Organization Name:	MN DNR
Annual Reporting Manager Name:	Judy Schulte
Annual Reporting Address:	1241 E Bridge Street
Annual Reporting City:	Redwood Falls
Annual Reporting State:	MN
Annual Reporting Zip:	56283
Annual Reporting Email:	judy.schulte@state.mn.us
Annual Reporting Phone:	507-637-6016
Purchase Date:	December 21, 2016
Purchase Price:	\$84,542
Appraised Value:	\$0
Professional Service Costs:	\$16,355
Assessed Value:	\$0
Total Project Cost:	\$100,897
Donations:	\$0
Easement Holder Organization Name:	MN DNR
Easement Holder Manager Name:	Judy Schulte
Easement Holder Address:	1241 E Bridge Street
Easement Holder City:	Redwood Falls
Easement Holder State:	MN
Easement Holder Zip:	56283
Easement Holder Email:	judy.schulte@state.mn.us
Easement Holder Phone:	507-637-6016
Responsible Organization Name:	MN DNR
Responsible Manager Name:	Judy Schulte
Responsible Address:	1241 E Bridge Street
Responsible City:	Redwood Falls
Responsible State:	MN
Responsible Zip:	56283
Responsible Email:	judy.schulte@state.mn.us
Responsible Phone:	507-637-6016
Underlying Fee Owner:	Kenneth & Phyllis Pederson

Completed Parcel: Lower Akron 5-2 NPB

# of Total Acres:	85
County:	Big Stone
Township:	120
Range:	44
Direction:	2
Section:	05
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	
# of Acres: Forest:	
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	85
Amount of Shoreline:	0 (Linear Feet)
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	
Has there been signage erected at the site:	No - This is a conservation easement on private land.
Annual Reporting Organization Name:	MN DNR
Annual Reporting Manager Name:	Judy Schulte
Annual Reporting Address:	1241 E Bridge Street
Annual Reporting City:	Redwood Falls
Annual Reporting State:	MN
Annual Reporting Zip:	56283
Annual Reporting Email:	judy.schulte@state.mn.us
Annual Reporting Phone:	507-637-6016
Purchase Date:	November 29, 2016
Purchase Price:	\$217,234
Appraised Value:	\$0
Professional Service Costs:	\$22,532
Assessed Value:	\$0
Total Project Cost:	\$239,766
Donations:	\$0
Easement Holder Organization Name:	MN-DNR
Easement Holder Manager Name:	Judy Schulte
Easement Holder Address:	1241 E Bridge Street
Easement Holder City:	Redwood Falls
Easement Holder State:	MN
Easement Holder Zip:	56283
Easement Holder Email:	judy.schulte@state.mn.us
Easement Holder Phone:	507-637-6016
Responsible Organization Name:	DNR-EWR
Responsible Manager Name:	Rhett Johnson
Responsible Address:	175 County Road 26
Responsible City:	Windom
Responsible State:	MN
Responsible Zip:	56101
Responsible Email:	rhett.johnson@state.mn.us
Responsible Phone:	507-832-6042
Underlying Fee Owner:	Mark & MaryAnn Abicht

Completed Parcel: Norway 1-1 NPB

# of Total Acres:	77
County:	Kittson
Township:	160
Range:	46
Direction:	2
Section:	01
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	
# of Acres: Forest:	
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	76.5
Amount of Shoreline:	0 (Linear Feet)
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	
Has there been signage erected at the site:	No - This is a conservation easement on private land.
Annual Reporting Organization Name:	MN DNR
Annual Reporting Manager Name:	Judy Schulte
Annual Reporting Address:	1241 E Bridge Street
Annual Reporting City:	Redwood Falls
Annual Reporting State:	MN
Annual Reporting Zip:	56283
Annual Reporting Email:	judy.schulte@state.mn.us
Annual Reporting Phone:	507-637-6016
Purchase Date:	October 30, 2018
Purchase Price:	\$22,012
Appraised Value:	\$0
Professional Service Costs:	\$17,051
Assessed Value:	\$0
Total Project Cost:	\$39,063
Donations:	\$0
Easement Holder Organization Name:	MN DNR
Easement Holder Manager Name:	Judy Schulte
Easement Holder Address:	1241 E Bridge Street
Easement Holder City:	Redwood Falls
Easement Holder State:	MN
Easement Holder Zip:	56283
Easement Holder Email:	judy.schulte@state.mn.us
Easement Holder Phone:	507-637-6016
Responsible Organization Name:	MN DNR
Responsible Manager Name:	Judy Schulte
Responsible Address:	1241 E Bridge Street
Responsible City:	Redwood Falls
Responsible State:	MN
Responsible Zip:	56283
Responsible Email:	judy.schulte@state.mn.us
Responsible Phone:	507-637-6016
Underlying Fee Owner:	Norman Ross Becken

Completed Parcel: Stony Run 3-1

# of Total Acres:	48
County:	Yellow Medicine
Township:	116
Range:	40
Direction:	2
Section:	03
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	
# of Acres: Forest:	
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	47.6
Amount of Shoreline:	0 (Linear Feet)
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	
Has there been signage erected at the site:	No - This is a conservation easement on private land.
Annual Reporting Organization Name:	MN DNR
Annual Reporting Manager Name:	Judy Schulte
Annual Reporting Address:	1241 E Bridge Street
Annual Reporting City:	Redwood Falls
Annual Reporting State:	MN
Annual Reporting Zip:	56283
Annual Reporting Email:	judy.schulte@state.mn.us
Annual Reporting Phone:	507-637-6016
Purchase Date:	May 18, 2018
Purchase Price:	\$135,166
Appraised Value:	\$0
Professional Service Costs:	\$15,504
Assessed Value:	\$0
Total Project Cost:	\$150,670
Donations:	\$0
Easement Holder Organization Name:	MN DNR
Easement Holder Manager Name:	Judy Schulte
Easement Holder Address:	1241 E Bridge Street
Easement Holder City:	Redwood Falls
Easement Holder State:	MN
Easement Holder Zip:	56283
Easement Holder Email:	judy.schulte@state.mn.us
Easement Holder Phone:	507-637-6016
Responsible Organization Name:	MN DNR
Responsible Manager Name:	Rhett Johnson (Judy Schulte)
Responsible Address:	175 County Road 26
Responsible City:	Windom
Responsible State:	MN
Responsible Zip:	56101
Responsible Email:	rhett.johnson@state.mn.us
Responsible Phone:	507-832-6042
Underlying Fee Owner:	Darrell & Debra Landmark

Completed Parcel: Swedes Forest 21-2

# of Total Acres:	20
County:	Redwood
Township:	114
Range:	37
Direction:	2
Section:	21
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	
# of Acres: Forest:	
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	20.1
Amount of Shoreline:	0 (Linear Feet)
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	NA
Has there been signage erected at the site:	No - This is a conservation easement on private land.
Annual Reporting Organization Name:	MN DNR
Annual Reporting Manager Name:	Judy Schulte
Annual Reporting Address:	1241 E Bridge Street
Annual Reporting City:	Redwood Falls
Annual Reporting State:	MN
Annual Reporting Zip:	56283
Annual Reporting Email:	judy.schulte@state.mn.us
Annual Reporting Phone:	507-637-6016
Purchase Date:	June 19, 2019
Purchase Price:	\$59,666
Appraised Value:	\$0
Professional Service Costs:	\$26,430
Assessed Value:	\$0
Total Project Cost:	\$86,096
Donations:	\$0
Easement Holder Organization Name:	MN DNR
Easement Holder Manager Name:	Judy Schulte
Easement Holder Address:	1241 East Bridge Street
Easement Holder City:	Redwood Falls
Easement Holder State:	MN
Easement Holder Zip:	56283
Easement Holder Email:	judy.schulte@state.mn.us
Easement Holder Phone:	507-637-6016
Responsible Organization Name:	MN DNR
Responsible Manager Name:	Judy Schulte
Responsible Address:	1241 E Bridge Street
Responsible City:	Redwood Falls
Responsible State:	MN
Responsible Zip:	56283
Responsible Email:	judy.schulte@state.mn.us
Responsible Phone:	507-637-6016
Underlying Fee Owner:	Patricia Grannes

Completed Parcel: Tanberg 29-2 NPB

# of Total Acres:	182
County:	Wilkin
Township:	135
Range:	46
Direction:	2
Section:	29
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	
# of Acres: Forest:	
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	182
Amount of Shoreline:	0 (Linear Feet)
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	
Has there been signage erected at the site:	No - This is a conservation easement on private land.
Annual Reporting Organization Name:	MN DNR
Annual Reporting Manager Name:	Judy Schulte
Annual Reporting Address:	1241 E Bridge Street
Annual Reporting City:	Redwood Falls
Annual Reporting State:	MN
Annual Reporting Zip:	56283
Annual Reporting Email:	judy.schulte@state.mn.us
Annual Reporting Phone:	507-637-6016
Purchase Date:	August 26, 2016
Purchase Price:	\$748,150
Appraised Value:	\$0
Professional Service Costs:	\$16,388
Assessed Value:	\$0
Total Project Cost:	\$764,538
Donations:	\$0
Easement Holder Organization Name:	MN DNR
Easement Holder Manager Name:	Judy Schulte
Easement Holder Address:	1241 E Bridge Street
Easement Holder City:	Redwood Falls
Easement Holder State:	MN
Easement Holder Zip:	56283
Easement Holder Email:	judy.schulte@state.mn.us
Easement Holder Phone:	507-637-6016
Responsible Organization Name:	DNR-EWR
Responsible Manager Name:	Shelley Hedtke
Responsible Address:	1509 1st Ave N
Responsible City:	Fergus Falls
Responsible State:	MN
Responsible Zip:	56537
Responsible Email:	shelley.hedtke@state.mn.us
Responsible Phone:	218-739-7576
Underlying Fee Owner:	OC Properties II, LLC

Completed Parcel: Tanberg 33-1

# of Total Acres:	724
County:	Wilkin
Township:	135
Range:	45
Direction:	2
Section:	33
# of Acres: Wetlands/Upland:	
# of Acres: Forest:	
# of Acres: Prairie/Grassland:	724.3
Amount of Shoreline:	0 (Linear Feet)
Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable):	
Has there been signage erected at the site:	No - This is a conservation easement on private land.
Annual Reporting Organization Name:	MN DNR
Annual Reporting Manager Name:	Judy Schulte
Annual Reporting Address:	1241 E Bridge Street
Annual Reporting City:	Redwood Falls
Annual Reporting State:	MN
Annual Reporting Zip:	56283
Annual Reporting Email:	judy.schulte@state.mn.us
Annual Reporting Phone:	507-637-6016
Purchase Date:	June 27, 2018
Purchase Price:	\$1,018,961
Appraised Value:	\$0
Professional Service Costs:	\$17,890
Assessed Value:	\$0
Total Project Cost:	\$1,036,851
Donations:	\$0
Easement Holder Organization Name:	MN DNR
Easement Holder Manager Name:	Judy Schulte
Easement Holder Address:	1241 E Bridge Street
Easement Holder City:	Redwood Falls
Easement Holder State:	MN
Easement Holder Zip:	56283
Easement Holder Email:	judy.schulte@state.mn.us
Easement Holder Phone:	507-637-6016
Responsible Organization Name:	MN DNR
Responsible Manager Name:	Judy Schulte
Responsible Address:	1241 E Bridge Street
Responsible City:	Redwood Falls
Responsible State:	MN
Responsible Zip:	56283
Responsible Email:	judy.schulte@state.mn.us
Responsible Phone:	507-637-6016
Underlying Fee Owner:	OC Properties III, LLC

Parcel Map

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