



Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

07/26/2023 Status Update

Project Title: Forest Habitat Protection Revolving Account

Funds Recommended: \$1,000,000

Money Spent: 0%

Acres Accomplished: 0%

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Legislative Citation: ML 2016, Ch. 172, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3(h)

Appropriation Language: \$1,000,000 the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire lands in fee and permanent conservation easements for wildlife habitat purposes, for forest consolidation and connective corridor purposes, or to prevent forest fragmentation under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 7. Proceeds from any subsequent sale of lands acquired with this appropriation must be used for the purposes of this appropriation. Any sale proceeds remaining unused upon close of the appropriation availability must be returned to the outdoor heritage fund. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan. Unless otherwise provided, this appropriation is available until June 30, 2022. For acquisition of real property, this appropriation is available until June 30, 2023, if a binding agreement with a landowner or purchase agreement is entered into by June 30, 2022, and closed no later than June 30, 2023. Of this amount, up to \$50,000 is to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the final report.

Describe progress-to date in this reporting period, including successes and challenges:

The status of this project has not changed from the last status report. The concept originally laid out in this appropriation was new and previously untried; it maybe not be able to be accomplished due to many factors. We continue to look for appropriate properties to bring forwards for review, however have determined that previously identified properties did not conform to the intent and restrictions of the fund. Properties that have been selected and put forwards have not passed our internal review process.

Budget

Item	AP Amount	Spent to Date	% Spent	OHF \$ Left to Spend
Personnel	\$32,000	-	0.0%	\$32,000
Contracts	\$15,000	-	0.0%	\$15,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	-	-	-	-
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	-	-	-	-
Easement Acquisition	\$770,000	-	0.0%	\$770,000
Easement Stewardship	\$50,000	-	0.0%	\$50,000
Travel	\$3,000	-	0.0%	\$3,000
Professional Services	\$125,000	-	0.0%	\$125,000
Direct Support Services	\$4,000	-	0.0%	\$4,000
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	-	-	-	-
Supplies/Materials	\$1,000	-	0.0%	\$1,000
DNR IDP	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	\$1,000,000	-	0%	\$1,000,000

Output Tables

0% Accomplished

Acres by Resource Type (Table 1)

	Wetland		Prairie		Forest		Habitat		Total	
Type	AP	To Date	AP	To Date	AP	To Date	AP	To Date	AP	To Date
Protectw/ PILT	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Protect w/o PILT	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Easement	0	-	0	-	379	0	0	-	379	0
Restore	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Enhance	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Total	0	-	0	-	379	0	0	-	379	0

Acres within each Ecological Section (Table 3)

	Metro / Urban		Forest / Prairie		SE Forest		Prairie		N. Forest		Total	
Type	AP	To Date	AP	To Date	AP	To Date	AP	To Date	AP	To Date	AP	To Date
Protectw/ PILT	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Protect w/o PILT	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Easement	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	379	0	379	0
Restore	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Enhance	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Total	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	379	0	379	0