



FY 12 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Recommended Appropriations

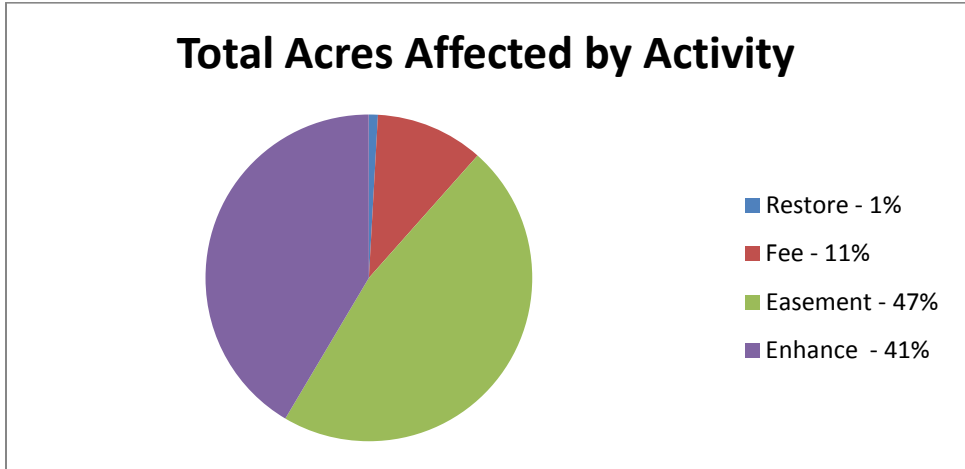
from the Outdoor Heritage Fund

The tables and figures that follow summarize the expected impacts of the appropriations recommended by the LSOHC for fiscal year 2012. The data omit the expected impacts of the Conservation Partners Legacy grant program, which is recommended for funding at \$5,629,000.

- The council recommended 27 proposals for funding, totaling \$86 million.
- Organizations recommended to receive funding include one watershed district, two counties, two state agencies, and one federal agency, and nine non-governmental organizations.
- Most proposals (19 out of 27) are continuations of previously recommended programs, including the Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area, The Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project, The Metro Big Rivers program, the Green Corridor Program, and Reinvest In Minnesota-Wetlands Reserve Program.
- **The majority of activity** (45,193 acres) is in conservation easement acquisition, which incurs no PILT liability. Three main programs, RIM-WRP, Minnesota Forest for the Future, and Protecting Sensitive Shorelands in North Central Minnesota, will negotiate and hold most of these conservation easement acquisitions.
- **The majority of funding** (\$44,025,391) is in fee acquisition. Five programs -- Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area, Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area, LaSalle Lake, and DNR Wildlife Management Area, Scientific and Natural Area, State Prairie Bank, and Forest Lands -- account for 49% of recommendations.
- The need for enhancement activities remains strong with several state programs, such as the DNR's forest habitat enhancement, accelerated prairie restoration and enhancement, and wetlands and shallow lakes, taking a leading role.
- Conservation work in the prairie and prairie/forest transition area constitutes 53% of the activity and 56% of the recommended funds.
- PILT obligations are created by 11% of overall protect activity and by 60% of fee acquisition.
- 134 miles of shoreline will be affected.

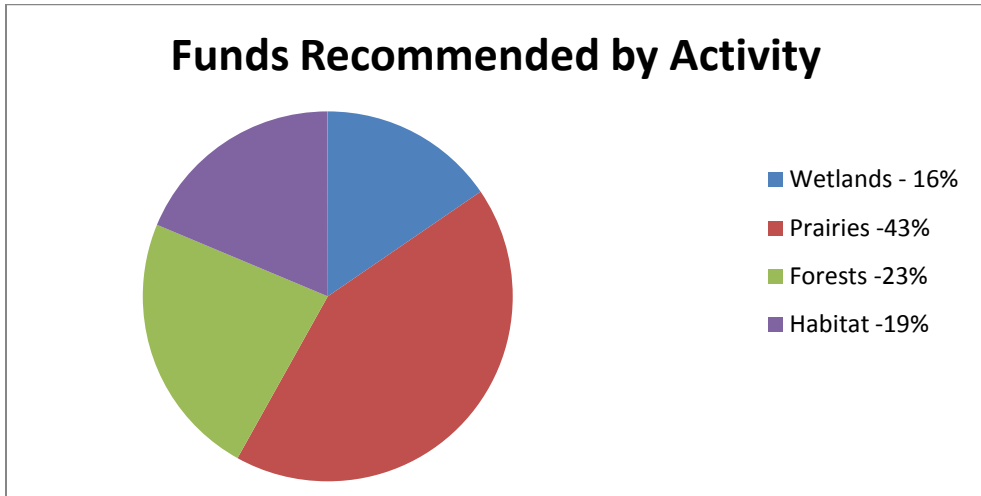
Acres Affected – 96,692

	Wetlands	Prairies	Forests	Habitat	TOTAL
Restore	65	651	109	25	850
Fee	1,537	4,848	2,901	957	10,243
Easement	3,259	9,214	31,511	1,209	45,193
Enhance	6,841	25,417	7,429	719	40,406
TOTAL	11,702	40,130	41,950	2,910	96,692



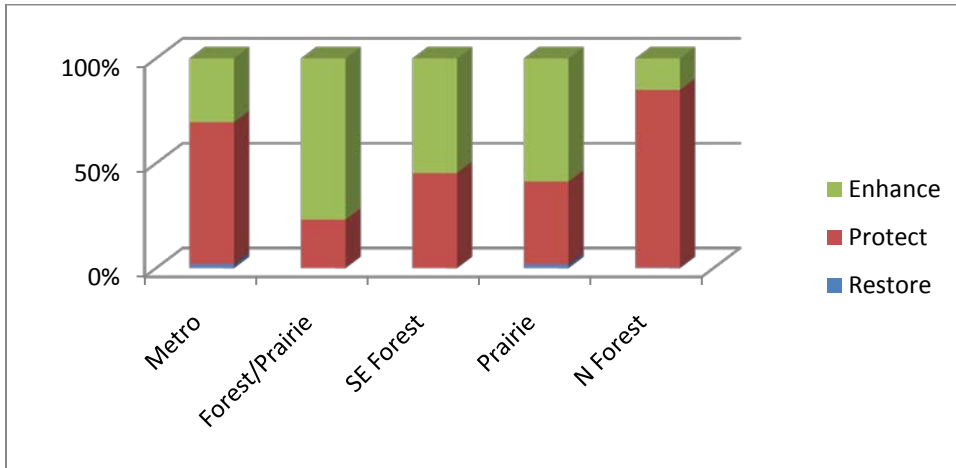
Funds Recommended -- \$80,154,000

	Wetlands	Prairies	Forests	Habitat	TOTAL
Restore	\$90,000	\$467,000	\$74,500	\$9,500	\$641,000
Fee	\$6,368,882	\$20,045,073	\$8,922,686	\$8,688,750	\$44,025,391
Easement	\$4,853,000	\$10,915,885	\$7,965,104	\$3,922,500	\$27,656,489
Enhance	\$1,205,118	\$3,180,502	\$911,500	\$2,534,000	\$7,831,120
TOTAL	\$12,517,100	\$34,608,458	\$16,873,692	\$16,154,750	\$80,154,000



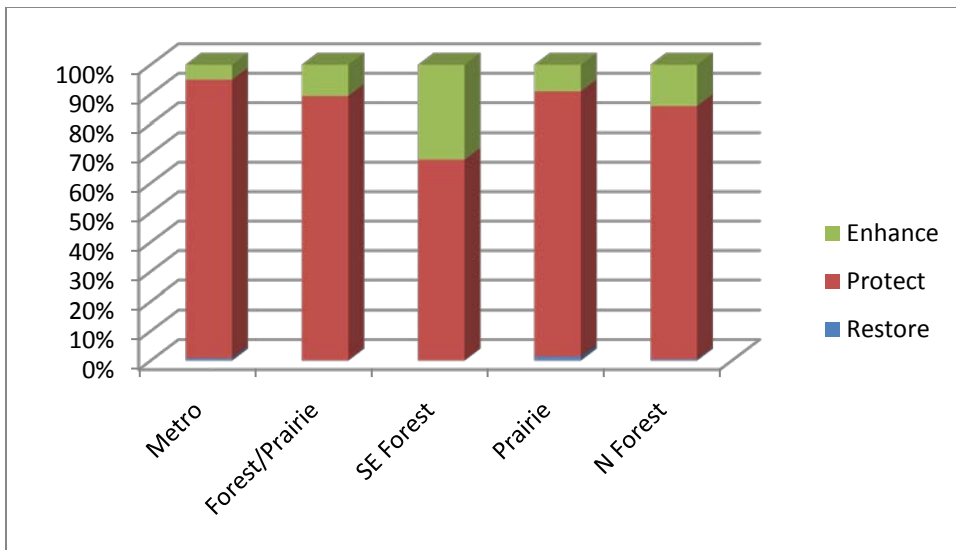
Acres by Ecological Section

	Metro	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N Forest	TOTAL
Restore	41	0	0	725	84	850
Protect	1,511	2,242	1,174	16,274	34,235	55,436
Enhance	674	7,533	1,417	24,181	6,602	40,406
TOTAL	2,226	9,775	2,591	41,180	40,921	96,692



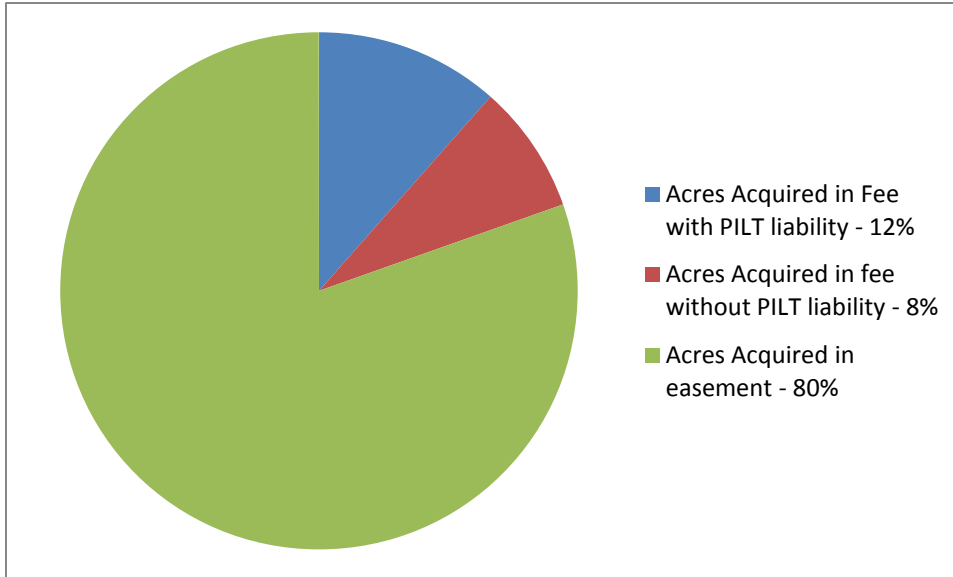
Funds by Ecological Section

	Metro	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N Forest	TOTAL
Restore	\$61,000	\$0	\$0	\$515,000	\$65,000	\$641,000
Protect	\$7,344,075	\$5,338,241	\$4,420,095	\$35,468,643	\$17,390,826	\$69,961,880
Enhance	\$397,145	\$633,295	\$2,082,736	\$3,581,608	\$2,856,336	\$9,55,120
TOTAL	\$7,802,220	\$5,971,536	\$6,502,831	\$39,582,251	\$20,312,162	\$80,154,000



Payment in Lieu of Taxes

- Acres acquired with PILT liability: 5,860
- Acres acquired without PILT liability: 4,384
- Acres acquired with permanent conservation easement: 45,192
- Estimated total value of lands acquired: \$25,946,077
- Total estimated state PILT liability: \$194,596



Personnel

- \$4,335,003 is for personnel costs or 6% of total recommendations.
- 36 FTEs will be directly supported within the programs, with 19 in state positions and 16 in NGO positions. Additional FTEs will be created as a result of non-personnel expenditures.
- Of that total, \$2,895,706 is to state agencies and \$1,439,297 to NGOs.