

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Minnesota Forest Recovery Project Phase III Laws of Minnesota 2025 Accomplishment Plan

General Information

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Project Title: Minnesota Forest Recovery Project Phase III

Funds Recommended: \$3,543,000

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Appropriation Language:

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Location Information

County Location(s): Itasca, St. Louis, Lake, Cook, Cass and Beltrami.

Eco regions in which work will take place:

Northern Forest

Activity types:

- Enhance
- Protect in Easement

Priority resources addressed by activity:

Forest

Narrative

Abstract

Northern Minnesota's forests face unprecedented challenges that must be addressed now in order to maintain benefits for fish, wildlife and climate. Emerald ash borer, spruce budworm, excessive fuel loads, and a changing climate threaten more than 1,700,000 acres of forest. Development pressures continue to fragment important wildlife habitats. To address these issues, this project builds on the success of past Forest Recovery Project Phases 1-2 to enhance 6,000 acres through tree species diversification, mechanical fuels treatments, and prescribed burning. It will also help ensure habitat connectivity by protecting 460 acres in forest conservation easements.

Design and Scope of Work

In northern Minnesota, vast expanses of forest are now in poor condition with diminished value for wildlife. Emerald ash borer is marching north, threatening up to a million acres of black ash forests. The current spruce budworm outbreak has damaged over 670,000 acres of forest and compounds a broader issue of excessive fuel loads. A changing climate exacerbates all of these issues, and development pressures continue to fragment large tracts of contiguous forests.

To address these threats, the Forest Recovery Project uses a collaborative, landscape-scale approach to scale up appropriate enhancements and targeted conservation easements. Phases 1-2 of the project enhanced 12,000 acres of forest, complemented by an additional 49,000 acres of enhancements conducted with other funds since 2007. In Phase 3 of the project, we're poised to continue this work through 6,000 acres of enhancements.

Enhancement categories and treatments include:

- Treating spruce budworm impacted forests to remove dead/dying trees via chainsaw work, roller chopping, anchor chaining, rock raking, winter shearing, and/or mulching, followed by tree planting to regenerate the stands.
- Increasing tree species diversity in black ash stands ahead of emerald ash borer infestation.
- Enhancing riparian corridor habitat and connectivity along streams, rivers, and undeveloped lakeshores.
- Reducing woody fuels using mechanical equipment, hand crews and prescribed burning.
- Planting and tending trees to increase forest diversity and resilience.

We use a collaborative approach to identify enhancement sites across DNR, US Forest Service, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, and Beltrami, Lake, and St. Louis County lands. We continually seek additional landowner partners. Other partners who help identify sites include the 1854 Treaty Authority, The Minnesota Land Trust, and the Ruffed Grouse Society, and multi-partner collaborative groups including the Arrowhead, North Shore Forest, and Manitou collaboratives and Minnesota Forest Resource Council Landscape Committees.

Conservation easements will be acquired from willing sellers (goal for Phase III is 460 acres). In collaboration with the MN DNR Forests for the Future Program, we are purposely keeping options open to match landowners with the conservation easement option that works best for them (DNR or TNC). We are prioritizing sites based on factors including tract size, Minnesota Biological Survey data, aquatic features, contribution to larger complexes of protected forest land, forest condition, and relevance to the Resilient and Connected Network data (developed by TNC scientists and partners). We seek to conserve the largest and most important gaps in the Resilient and Connected Network.

Our implementation model includes a combination of partner consultation, TNC Staffing, and contracted field crews and operators. TNC forest program staffing is essential to communicate frequently with partners, map and

plan annual work, conduct site reconnaissance, set up and manage contracts, monitor progress, and report results. Seasonal staff assist with prescribed fire and fuels work.

Explain how the plan addresses habitat protection, restoration, and/or enhancement for fish, game & wildlife, including threatened or endangered species conservation

This proposal addresses habitat enhancement for fish, game and wildlife in several main ways. First, it increases or improves habitats that have declined or have been degraded. Second, it helps prevent future degradation and habitat loss. And finally, it enhances habitat connectivity.

Examples of degraded forests include spruce budworm impacted stands and large areas of birch decline along the North Shore. The degradation of these stands results in overall loss of forest cover and structural diversity that are important for wildlife, often getting stuck in brushy conditions that do not regenerate well without new disturbance and planting. Our treatments help re-establish long-lived conifers that benefit species of greatest conservation need such as:

- Evening Grosbeak
- Olive-sided Flycatcher
- Spruce Grouse
- Purple Finch
- Connecticut Warbler
- Black-backed Woodpecker
- Winter Wren
- Moose
- Boreal Owl
- Canada Lynx

Many spruce-budworm-impacted stands can be found in riparian areas along North Shore trout streams. A loss of forest cover is detrimental to trout and other cold-water species, because shade from trees helps keep these waters cold. This is especially important in a warming climate. In addition, maintaining forest cover along streams is important for habitat structure and connectivity for many terrestrial species. Species that benefit from our riparian forest treatments include:

- Veery
- Black-billed Cuckoo
- Olive-sided Flycatcher
- Common Merganser
- Winter Wren
- Four-toed salamander
- Eastern red-backed salamander
- Coaster Brook Trout
- Lake Sturgeon

Another example of degraded forests are those with excessive fuel buildup. These stands are at risk of fire and often lack open, younger forest conditions. Mechanical treatments and prescribed fire reduce catastrophic fire risk and create younger forest conditions that benefit wildlife such as:

Golden-winged Warbler

- Veery
- American Woodcock
- Moose
- Whitetail deer
- Ruffed Grouse

Finally, the conservation easement component of our project will help ensure long-term habitat connectivity for species that depend on large continuous tracts of forest.

What are the elements of this plan that are critical from a timing perspective?

Minnesota's forests are in trouble. A recent analysis conducted by The Nature Conservancy found that about 30% of forests in Northern Minnesota need enhancement to improve habitat and resilience. Our current pace of action to enhance and protect Minnesota's iconic Northwoods forests is being out matched and over-run by insects, diseases, the effects of a declining workforce, and changes to markets for forest products. Many of the negative predictions about our forest health and integrity are coming true and then some. Fortunately, the strength and effectiveness of partnerships between public agencies, NGOs, tribes, and forest industry are also stronger and more effective than what might have been predicted 10 years ago. We have many of the answers and tools in place to get ahead of the threats to the Northwoods. Investing now will make a difference and can set forests up to require less investment in the future.

Describe how the plan expands habitat corridors or complexes and/or addresses habitat fragmentation:

For prioritizing lands for conservation easements, we are explicitly seeking to build conservation complexes and protect habitat corridors. We are targeting some of the larger private holdings in otherwise conserved areas to help ensure landscape contiguity and prevent habitat fragmentation. We are using The Nature Conservancy's Resilient and Connected Network data, developed in collaboration with hundreds of state, federal, and academic scientists to create a continental network of lands and waters that are resilient and will allow nature to adapt to a changing climate. Northern Minnesota, and Great Lakes forests in general, are a key continental priority in that network. We will prioritize among those parcels with the other data mentioned above including MN Biological Survey data.

For our enhancement work, we continually seek opportunities to create larger complexes of habitat by combining treatments across landowner boundaries. Riparian corridors are some of the most important elements of connectivity on the landscape which is why our proposal targets them specifically for enhancement.

Which top 2 Conservation Plans referenced in MS97A.056, subd. 3a are most applicable to this project?

- Minnesota Forest Resource Council Landscape Plans
- Minnesota's Wildlife Action Plan 2015-2025

Explain how this plan will uniquely address habitat resilience to climate change and its anticipated effects on game, fish & wildlife species utilizing the protected or restored/enhanced habitat this proposal targets.

The Nature Conservancy has a long history of analyzing and addressing climate change threats through our protection and enhancement actions. One foundation for this work is our nation-wide data identifying a "resilient

and connected network" of sites that expected to be most resilient to climate change. We use this data to prioritize all of our work. At the implementation stage, we prioritize a suite of climate change adaptation tactics identified in scientific literature that are expected be most effective for ensuring habitat resilience. These include ensuring and increasing connectivity, increasing species and habitat structural diversity, and assisting short-range species migration that anticipates habitat change driven by climate change. We are planting tree species, using seed sources, and targeting habitats for enhancement that are predicted to have the best chance of persisting and providing habitat for wildlife into the future.

Which LSOHC section priorities are addressed in this program?

Northern Forest

Restore forest-based wildlife habitat that has experienced substantial decline in area in recent decades

Outcomes

Programs in the northern forest region:

• Improved availability and improved condition of habitats that have experienced substantial decline ~ We will seek and leverage funds to measure regeneration success, structural variables, and other measures of stand condition of treated sites. We will encourage landowner partners to do the same.

Per MS 97A.056, Subd. 24, Please explain whether the request is supplanting or is a substitution for any previous funding that was not from a legacy fund and was used for the same purpose.

This proposal does not substitute or supplant previous funding that was not from a legacy fund.

How will you sustain and/or maintain this work after the Outdoor Heritage Funds are expended?

This project will strengthen and support the many collaborative efforts across the forested region by mobilizing efforts to increase the pace and scale of forest protection, restoration and enhancement. Through this effort, we are developing consistent methodologies and approaches that can be institutionalized through a collaborative process, thus ensuring a long-term commitment that follows ecological need and urgency. When possible, Outdoor Heritage funds will be used to leverage federal and private funds to expand restoration and enhancement efforts to the most critically needed locations.

Actions to Maintain Project Outcomes

| Year | Source of Funds | Step 1 | Step 2 | Step 3 |
|------------|--|--|---|--------|
| 7, 10 | We will seek a mix of private and public funds | Check sapling condition, repeat burns on appropriate sites | Prune white pines for blister rust | - |
| 20, 40, 60 | Landowner responsibility | Check stand condition | Treat as appropriate | - |
| 5 | We will seek a mix of private and public funds | Release/cut competing brush around seedlings | - | - |
| 1-7 | We will seek a mix of private and public funds | Install browse protection on planted seedlings, remove fuel loads or burn on appropriate sites | Monitor seedling survival, fuel, burn success | - |

Provide an assessment of how your program celebrates cultural diversity or reaches diverse communities in Minnesota, including reaching low- and moderate-income households:

Phases1-2 of the project already includes the Leech Lake Band of the Ojibwe as a partner through their Division of Resource Management (DRM), with several projects emphasizing interests of the band within the Leech Lake Reservation and its overlap with the Chippewa National Forest. These include prescribed fire to enhance pine woodland systems, blueberry regeneration and associated open habitats, and enhancing diversity in black ash stands. These are reservation interests that were initiated by the Leech Lake DRM. TNC recently updated a Memorandum of Understanding with the Leech Lake Division of Resource Management that provides a mechanism for further collaboration on mutual goals.

Through TNC private funding, we are also working to engage a with a range of Indigenous Nations to look for opportunities to partner and meet mutual goals. One example is two listening sessions held in with Indigenous Nations in 2022, focused on reforestation opportunities in Minnesota. In these sessions, we heard especially about Indigenous interest in diversifying black ash stands, concern about addressing the spruce budworm outbreak, and work force and capacity issues.

Another step we took in 2023 was to hire a Tribal Nations & Indigenous Communities Partnership Director. This Director is now strengthening relationships between TNC and Tribes, and will help us develop connections between the Forest Recovery Project and Tribal conservation efforts.

Over the past several years, TNC has also strengthened its overall capacity to increase diversity, equity, and inclusion in all of our work, especially in the area of hiring practices. We are starting to see a more diverse seasonal and permanent work force that is essential for engaging with diverse communities throughout Minnesota.

Activity Details

Requirements

If funded, this program will meet all applicable criteria set forth in MS 97A.056? Yes

Is the land you plan to acquire (easement) free of any other permanent protection?

Who will manage the easement?

The land owners.

Who will be the easement holder?

Either TNC or DNR.

What is the anticipated number of easements (range is fine) you plan to accomplish with this appropriation?

1-3

Will restoration and enhancement work follow best management practices including MS 84.973 Pollinator Habitat Program?

Yes

Is the restoration and enhancement activity on permanently protected land per 97A.056, Subd 13(f), tribal lands, and/or public waters per MS 103G.005, Subd. 15 or on lands to be acquired in this program? Yes

Where does the activity take place?

- WMA
- Permanently Protected Conservation Easements
- County/Municipal
- State Forests
- Other: US Forest Service Lands
- AMA

Land Use

Will there be planting of any crop on OHF land purchased or restored in this program, either by the proposer or the end owner of the property, outside of the initial restoration of the land?

No

Will insecticides or fungicides (including neonicotinoid and fungicide treated seed) be used within any activities of this program either in the process of restoration or use as food plots?

No

Will the eased land be open for public use?

No

Are there currently trails or roads on any of the proposed acquisitions?

No

Will new trails or roads be developed or improved as a result of the OHF acquisition?

No

Will the acquired parcels be restored or enhanced within this appropriation?

No

Enhancement work in this project emphasizes lands that are already protected. Restoration and enhancement on acquired easements may be considered in future phases of this project, if needed.

Will the land that you acquire (fee or easement) be restored or enhanced within this program's funding and availability?

No

Explain how, when, and source of the R/E work:

Enhancement work in this project emphasizes lands that are already protected. Restoration and enhancement on acquired easements may be considered in future phases of this project, if needed.

Timeline

| Activity Name | Estimated Completion Date |
|--|---------------------------|
| Complete final prescribed burns | June 2029 |
| Acquire conservation easements | June 2029 |
| Complete second season of browse protection | November 2026 |
| Conservation easements: Landowner outreach and due | July 2025-June 2029 |
| diligence | |
| Complete third season of planting | May 2028 |
| Complete third season of site preparation | July-December 2027 |
| Complete second season of planting | May 2027 |
| Complete second season of site preparation | July-December 2026 |
| Complete first season of planting | May 2026 |
| Complete first season of browse protection | November 2025 |
| Complete first season of site preparation | July-December 2025 |

Date of Final Report Submission: 11/01/2029

Availability of Appropriation: Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation

- (a) Money appropriated in this section may not be spent on activities unless they are directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation and are specified in the accomplishment plan approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. Money appropriated in this section must not be spent on indirect costs or other institutional overhead charges that are not directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation. Money appropriated for fee title acquisition of land may be used to restore, enhance, and provide for public use of the land acquired with the appropriation. Public-use facilities must have a minimal impact on habitat in acquired lands.
- (b) Money appropriated in this section is available as follows:
- (1) money appropriated for acquiring real property is available until June 30, 2029;
- (2) money appropriated for restoring and enhancing land acquired with an appropriation in this section is available for four years after the acquisition date with a maximum end date of June 30, 2033;
- (3) money appropriated for restoring or enhancing other land is available until June 30, 2030;
- (4) notwithstanding clauses (1) to (3), money appropriated for a project that receives at least 15 percent of its funding from federal funds is available until a date sufficient to match the availability of federal funding to a maximum of six years if the federal funding was confirmed and included in the original approved draft accomplishment plan; and
- (5) money appropriated for other projects is available until the end of the fiscal year in which it is appropriated.

Budget

Budget reallocations up to 10% do not require an amendment to the Accomplishment Plan.

Totals

| Item | Funding Request | Leverage | Leverage Source | Total |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Personnel | \$406,700 | \$17,000 | TNC private | \$423,700 |
| | | | donations, federal | |
| | | | grants | |
| Contracts | \$1,679,000 | \$68,000 | USFS In-kind labor | \$1,747,000 |
| Fee Acquisition w/ | - | - | - | - |
| PILT | | | | |
| Fee Acquisition w/o | - | - | - | - |
| PILT | | | | |
| Easement Acquisition | \$580,000 | - | - | \$580,000 |
| Easement | \$84,000 | - | - | \$84,000 |
| Stewardship | | | | |
| Travel | \$22,500 | - | - | \$22,500 |
| Professional Services | \$82,100 | - | - | \$82,100 |
| Direct Support | \$195,400 | - | - | \$195,400 |
| Services | | | | |
| DNR Land Acquisition | - | - | - | - |
| Costs | | | | |
| Capital Equipment | - | - | - | - |
| Other | - | - | - | - |
| Equipment/Tools | | | | |
| Supplies/Materials | \$493,300 | \$34,000 | TNC private donations | \$527,300 |
| DNR IDP | - | - | - | - |
| Grand Total | \$3,543,000 | \$119,000 | - | \$3,662,000 |

Personnel

| Position | Annual FTE | Years Working | Funding Request | Leverage | Leverage Source | Total |
|---|------------|------------------|--------------------|----------|---|-----------|
| Forester, Coordination Support, Protection Staff | 1.5 | 3.0 | \$406,700 | \$17,000 | TNC private donations, federal grants | \$423,700 |

Amount of Request: \$3,543,000 **Amount of Leverage:** \$119,000

Leverage as a percent of the Request: 3.36%

DSS + Personnel: \$602,100

As a % of the total request: 16.99% Easement Stewardship: \$84,000

As a % of the Easement Acquisition: 14.48%

How will this program accommodate the reduced appropriation recommendation from the original proposed requested amount?

The overall appropriation will be 34% of that originally proposed. To accommodate some fixed costs, we scaled back AP conservation easement acres to 29% of those originally proposed (460/1600), and scaled back enhancement acres to 29% of those originally proposed (6000/21000).

Detail leverage sources and confirmation of funds:

Leverage sources include conservative estimates of US Forest Service in-kind labor and TNC private donations that contribute to supplies and staff time. We expect to confirm additional leverage from the Superior National Forest by the end of 2024.

Does this project have the ability to be scalable?

Yes

If the project received 50% of the requested funding

Describe how the scaling would affect acres/activities and if not proportionately reduced, why? For the easement portion, we estimate that 50% of requested funding would result in 45% of original results (720 vs. 1600 acres) due to fixed project management costs. For the enhancement portion, we estimate that 50% of requested funding would result in 45% of enhancements (9450 vs. 21,000 acres).

Describe how personnel and DSS expenses would be adjusted and if not proportionately reduced, why?

Staff costs are estimated to be reduced to 40% with 30% funding due to some fixed costs of managing the project. This would increase the proportion of DSS + Personnel/out of total request slightly, by about 1% over the fully funded request.

Personnel

Has funding for these positions been requested in the past?

Yes

Contracts

What is included in the contracts line?

The entire contracts line is dedicated to enhancement work. Typical contractors include private vendors that manage hand crews or heavy equipment operators. This proposal includes adjustments to account for Prevailing Wage requirements which result in higher cost/acre. TNC will continue to work with MN DLI on Prevailing Wage applicability.

Professional Services

What is included in the Professional Services line?

- Appraisals
- Other: environmental and minerals assessments
- Surveys
- Title Insurance and Legal Fees

Easement Stewardship

What is the number of easements anticipated, cost per easement for stewardship, and explain how that amount is calculated?

1-3. have budgeted \$28,000 per easement for stewardship based on rates used by TNC and MLT. We use an easement stewardship calculator that estimates monitoring and enforcement costs, consistent with Land Trust Alliance guidance.

Travel

Does the amount in the travel line include equipment/vehicle rental?

Yes

Explain the amount in the travel line outside of traditional travel costs of mileage, food, and lodging Where it is more cost-effective than paying mileage reimbursement, we have budgeted for car rental and fuel reimbursement.

I understand and agree that lodging, meals, and mileage must comply with the current MMB Commissioner Plan:

Yes

Direct Support Services

How did you determine which portions of the Direct Support Services of your shared support services is direct to this program?

DSS is based on The Nature Conservancy's Federal Negotiated Rate (FNR) as proposed and approved by the US Dept. of Interior on an annual basis. In this proposal we are requesting reimbursement of 7.5% of eligible base costs as determined by our annual FNR and based on suggestions from the Council in prior years' hearings. The amount requested for reimbursement represents less than one-third of the total reimbursable costs allowed under the FNR. Examples of expenses included in the FNR include services from in-house legal counsel; finance, human resources; and information technology support, all of which contribute directly to the implementation of the project. The FNR is not applied to capital equipment over \$50,000 or land acquisition.

Federal Funds

Do you anticipate federal funds as a match for this program?

No

Output Tables

Acres by Resource Type (Table 1)

| Type | Wetland | Prairie | Forest | Habitat | Total Acres |
|--|---------|---------|--------|---------|--------------------|
| Restore | - | - | ı | ı | - |
| Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability | - | - | ı | - | - |
| Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability | - | - | ı | ı | - |
| Protect in Easement | - | - | 460 | - | 460 |
| Enhance | - | - | 6,000 | ı | 6,000 |
| Total | - | - | 6,460 | - | 6,460 |

Total Requested Funding by Resource Type (Table 2)

| Type | Wetland | Prairie | Forest | Habitat | Total Funding |
|--|---------|---------|-------------|---------|---------------|
| Restore | - | ı | ı | ı | - |
| Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability | - | - | - | - | - |
| Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability | - | - | - | - | - |
| Protect in Easement | - | - | \$802,500 | - | \$802,500 |
| Enhance | - | - | \$2,740,500 | - | \$2,740,500 |
| Total | - | • | \$3,543,000 | • | \$3,543,000 |

Acres within each Ecological Section (Table 3)

| Туре | Metro/Urban | Forest/Prairie | SE Forest | Prairie | N. Forest | Total Acres |
|---|-------------|----------------|-----------|---------|-----------|--------------------|
| Restore | - | - | ı | - | ı | - |
| Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Protect in Easement | - | - | - | - | 460 | 460 |
| Enhance | - | - | - | - | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| Total | - | - | - | - | 6,460 | 6,460 |

Total Requested Funding within each Ecological Section (Table 4)

| Туре | Metro/Urban | Forest/Prairie | SE Forest | Prairie | N. Forest | Total Funding |
|---|-------------|----------------|-----------|---------|-------------|------------------|
| Restore | - | - | ı | ı | ı | - |
| Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Protect in Easement | - | - | - | - | \$802,500 | \$802,500 |
| Enhance | - | - | - | 1 | \$2,740,500 | \$2,740,500 |
| Total | - | - | - | - | \$3,543,000 | \$3,543,000 |

Average Cost per Acre by Resource Type (Table 5)

| Туре | Wetland | Prairie | Forest | Habitat |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Restore | - | - | - | - |
| Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability | - | - | - | - |
| Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability | - | - | - | - |
| Protect in Easement | - | - | \$1,744 | - |
| Enhance | - | - | \$456 | - |

Average Cost per Acre by Ecological Section (Table 6)

| Туре | Metro/Urban | Forest/Prairie | SE Forest | Prairie | N. Forest |
|---------------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Restore | ı | - | - | - | - |
| Protect in Fee with State | • | - | - | - | - |
| PILT Liability | | | | | |
| Protect in Fee w/o State | - | - | - | - | - |
| PILT Liability | | | | | |
| Protect in Easement | | - | - | - | \$1,744 |
| Enhance | | - | - | - | \$456 |

Target Lake/Stream/River Feet or Miles

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Parcels

Parcel Information

Sign-up Criteria?

No

Explain the process used to identify, prioritize, and select the parcels on your list:

For prioritizing lands for conservation easements, we are targeting some of the larger private holdings in otherwise conserved areas to help ensure landscape contiguity and prevent habitat fragmentation. We are using The Nature Conservancy's Resilient and Connected Network data, developed in collaboration with hundreds of state, federal, and academic scientists to create a continental network of lands and waters that are resilient and will allow nature to adapt to a changing climate. We will prioritize among those parcels with the other data mentioned above including MN Biological Survey data.

For our enhancement work, we drew from a large pool of sites that TNC and partners identified as in need of habitat enhancement. To narrow this pool to the set of submitted parcels, we used a coarse-filter approach that considered partner priorities, geographic distribution across landscapes, distribution across partners, and overlap with the Resilient and Connected Network (which incorporates MN Biological Survey Data and the Minnesota Wildlife Action Network). The resulting parcel list is representative of enhancement need and opportunity, and is a larger pool of sites than the available funds can cover. Upon initiation of Phase III of this project, we will revisit the parcel list and consider new, pertinent information. This information will include GIS Lidar-based data on forest complexity, information on insect damage or other disturbances, and any changes in management. This process allows for substitution of sites to adjust for environmental change or new opportunities (e.g., disturbance, new opportunities to leverage other funding).

Restore / Enhance Parcels

| Name | County | TRDS | Acres | Est Cost | Existing Protection | Description |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|-------|-----------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Jessie Lake RX | Beltrami | 14731231 | 80 | \$16,000 | Yes | Under-burn |
| Schram Lake RX | Beltrami | 14630228 | 450 | \$90,000 | Yes | Under-burn |
| Foot Lake RX | Cass | 14530224 | 100 | \$20,000 | Yes | Under-burn |
| Goose Lake RX | Cass | 14129226 | 367 | \$73,400 | Yes | Under-burn |
| Kidolm Lake RX | Cass | 14127222 | 150 | \$30,000 | Yes | Under-burn |
| Lydick Brook RX | Cass | 14529208 | 130 | \$26,000 | Yes | Under-burn |
| Moss Lake RX | Cass | 14431203 | 181 | \$36,200 | Yes | Under-burn |
| North Two Pines | Cass | 14529216 | 134 | \$26,800 | Yes | Under-burn |
| Oak Point Rx | Cass | 14331213 | 616 | \$123,200 | Yes | Under-burn |
| Permanent Openings (upland | Cass | 14230229 | 400 | \$40,000 | Yes | Broadcast |
| grass) | | | | | | |
| Pine Point RX | Cass | 14231201 | 1,392 | \$278,400 | Yes | Under-burn |
| Tanglewood RX | Cass | 14130219 | 238 | \$47,600 | Yes | Under-burn |
| West Six Mile | Cass | 14528236 | 213 | \$42,600 | Yes | Under-burn |
| Ash 28 | Cook | 06004221 | 60 | \$78,000 | Yes | Black ash stand |
| | | | | | | diversification |
| Ash 29 | Cook | 06004228 | 32 | \$41,600 | Yes | Black ash stand |
| | | | | | | diversification |
| Ash 30 | Cook | 06004221 | 30 | \$39,000 | Yes | Black ash stand |
| | | | | | | diversification |
| Ash 31 | Cook | 06004221 | 49 | \$63,700 | Yes | Black ash stand |
| | | | | | | diversification |
| Banjo RX Burn | Cook | 06301202 | 395 | \$59,250 | Yes | Prescribed burn |

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|----------------------------|------|----------|-----|----------|-----|--|
| Binky 2 | Cook | 06203223 | 18 | \$3,600 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Binky 3 | Cook | 06203223 | 41 | \$8,200 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Binky NH | Cook | 06203224 | 15 | \$3,000 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Bluff 4 | Cook | 06102211 | 70 | \$14,000 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| Bluff 5 | Cook | 06102211 | 32 | \$6,400 | Yes | browse protection, release Site preparation, plant, |
| Bluff 6 | Cook | 06102211 | 36 | \$7,200 | Yes | browse protection, release Site preparation, plant, |
| Breezy 1 | Cook | 06003218 | 25 | \$5,000 | Yes | browse protection, release Site preparation, plant, |
| - | | | | | | browse protection, release |
| Breezy 2 2023 planting | Cook | 06003218 | 28 | \$5,600 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Breezy 2 2025 planting | Cook | 06003218 | 10 | \$2,000 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Breezy 3 | Cook | 06003218 | 54 | \$10,800 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Breezy 4 | Cook | 06003217 | 122 | \$24,400 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Breezy 5 | Cook | 06004213 | 40 | \$8,000 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Burnt Creek | Cook | 06204221 | 4 | \$800 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Caribou Hunter Non-Harvest | Cook | 06103226 | 11 | \$2,200 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Cascade River Riparian | Cook | 06202236 | 137 | \$10,275 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity planting in riparian buffers |
| Flute Reed Trib Riparian | Cook | 06303135 | 6 | \$450 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity |
| H61 11 | Cook | 05904212 | 20 | \$4,000 | Yes | planting in riparian buffers Site preparation, plant, |
| H61 14 | Cook | 05904229 | 64 | \$12,800 | Yes | browse protection, release Site preparation, plant, |
| H61 18 | Cook | 06101234 | 36 | \$7,200 | Yes | browse protection, release Site preparation, plant, |
| H61 3 | Cook | 06102108 | 72 | \$14,400 | Yes | browse protection, release Site preparation, plant, |
| H61 5 | Cook | 06203126 | 27 | \$5,400 | Yes | browse protection, release Site preparation, plant, |
| H61 6 | | | 70 | | | browse protection, release |
| | Cook | 06204117 | | \$14,000 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| H61 8 | Cook | 06102110 | 31 | \$6,200 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Halls Pond Non-Harvest | Cook | 06103224 | 17 | \$3,400 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Heavyweight Stewardship 4 | Cook | 06102231 | 47 | \$9,400 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Honeymoon 8 | Cook | 06004202 | 16 | \$3,200 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Honeymoon 9 | Cook | 06004202 | 31 | \$6,200 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| Hound 1 | Cook | 06101210 | 64 | \$12,800 | Yes | browse protection, release Site preparation, plant, |
| Hound 10 | Cook | 06101215 | 37 | \$7,400 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| | | | | | | browse protection, release |

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| Hound 3 | Cook | 06101210 | 54 | \$10,800 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Hound 4 | Cook | 06101210 | 30 | \$6,000 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Hound 5 | Cook | 06101211 | 19 | \$3,800 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Jonvik WMA II | Cook | 06102226 | 50 | \$3,750 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity |
| Laker 6 | Cook | 06101112 | 5 | \$1,000 | Yes | planting in riparian buffers Site preparation, plant, |
| Laker 7 | Cook | 06202131 | 33 | \$6,600 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| Moosehorn Lake Riparian | Cook | 06303136 | 74 | \$5,550 | Yes | browse protection, release Gap cutting and diversity |
| Morris 7 | Cook | 05905231 | 31 | | Yes | planting in riparian buffers Site preparation, plant, |
| | | | | \$6,200 | | browse protection, release |
| Morris Creek | Cook | 05905218 | 137 | \$10,275 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity planting in riparian buffers |
| Pike Lake Non Harvest 1 | Cook | 06102214 | 110 | \$22,000 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Pike Lake Non Harvest 2 | Cook | 06102213 | 122 | \$24,400 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Richey NH | Cook | 06005220 | 8 | \$1,600 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| SBW 27 | Cook | 06303120 | 39 | \$97,500 | Yes | Spruce budworm damage treatment |
| Sawbill Ash North | Cook | 06004220 | 29 | \$5,800 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Sawbill Ash South | Cook | 06004229 | 10 | \$2,000 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Sawbill Hardwood Gaps | Cook | 05904216 | 9 | \$1,800 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Smokey 5 | Cook | 05904229 | 55 | \$11,000 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Spruce Creek Riparian | Cook | 06002209 | 31 | \$2,325 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity planting in riparian buffers |
| Spud 1 | Cook | 06201127 | 50 | \$10,000 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| Spud 2 | Cook | 06201127 | 43 | \$8,600 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| Spud 3 | Cook | 06201127 | 1 | \$200 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| Spud 4 | Cook | 06201134 | 29 | \$5,800 | Yes | browse protection, release Site preparation, plant, |
| | | | | | | browse protection, release |
| Spud 5 | Cook | 06201134 | 1 | \$200 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Squash 2 | Cook | 05905211 | 16 | \$3,200 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Three Creeks Riparian | Cook | 06102202 | 757 | \$56,775 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity planting in riparian buffers |
| Two Island River Bend N | Cook | 05905228 | 56 | \$4,200 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity planting in riparian buffers |
| Two Island River Mid NE | Cook | 05905221 | 132 | \$9,900 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity |
| Two Island River Mid SW | Cook | 05905221 | 101 | \$7,575 | Yes | planting in riparian buffers Gap cutting and diversity |
| Vat 1 | Cook | 06102218 | 62 | \$12,400 | Yes | planting in riparian buffers Site preparation, plant, |
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| Vat 2 | Cook | 06103213 | 88 | \$17,600 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Ash 1 | Itasca | 15025232 | 3 | \$3,900 | Yes | Black ash stand diversification |
| Ash 10 | Itasca | 14825227 | 17 | \$22,100 | Yes | Black ash stand |
| Ash 11 | Itasca | 14625220 | 15 | \$19,500 | Yes | diversification Black ash stand |
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| Ash 12 | Itasca | 14826230 | 6 | \$7,800 | Yes | Black ash stand |
| Ash 13 | Itasca | 14825222 | 4 | \$5,200 | Yes | diversification Black ash stand |
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| Ash 14 | Itasca | 14826217 | 8 | \$10,400 | Yes | Black ash stand diversification |
| Ash 15 | Itasca | 14825228 | 34 | \$44,200 | Yes | Black ash stand |
| Ash 16 | Itaaaa | 14925203 | 10 | \$13,000 | Yes | diversification Black ash stand |
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| Ash 17 | Itasca | 14925229 | 15 | \$19,500 | Yes | Black ash stand |
| | | | | , _ , , , , , | | diversification |
| Ash 18 | Itasca | 14925213 | 13 | \$16,900 | Yes | Black ash stand |
| | | | | | | diversification |
| Ash 19 | Itasca | 14925223 | 6 | \$7,800 | Yes | Black ash stand diversification |
| Ash 2 | Itasca | 14925202 | 5 | \$6,500 | Yes | Black ash stand |
| | | | | | | diversification |
| Ash 20 | Itasca | 14925203 | 12 | \$15,600 | Yes | Black ash stand |
| Ash 21 | Itagga | 15025232 | 15 | \$19,500 | Yes | diversification Black ash stand |
| ASII Z I | Itasca | 15025252 | 15 | \$19,500 | res | diversification |
| Ash 22 | Itasca | 14725201 | 13 | \$16,900 | Yes | Black ash stand |
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| Ash 23 | Itasca | 14725201 | 6 | \$7,800 | Yes | Black ash stand diversification |
| Ash 24 | Itasca | 14826235 | 11 | \$14,300 | Yes | Black ash stand |
| | | | | , = -, | | diversification |
| Ash 25 | Itasca | 06026217 | 17 | \$22,100 | Yes | Black ash stand |
| 1.1.04 | | 07001010 | 0- | ±00 =00 | | diversification |
| Ash 26 | Itasca | 05826219 | 25 | \$32,500 | Yes | Black ash stand diversification |
| Ash 27 | Itasca | 14925203 | 17 | \$22,100 | Yes | Black ash stand |
| N311 27 | Itasca | 14723203 | 17 | Ψ22,100 | 103 | diversification |
| Ash 3 | Itasca | 14826214 | 5 | \$6,500 | Yes | Black ash stand |
| | | | | | | diversification |
| Ash 4 | Itasca | 14925206 | 16 | \$20,800 | Yes | Black ash stand diversification |
| Ash 5 | Itasca | 14827211 | 15 | \$19,500 | Yes | Black ash stand |
| 11011 0 | reasea | 1102,211 | 10 | Ψ19,000 | 105 | diversification |
| Ash 6 | Itasca | 14925229 | 22 | \$28,600 | Yes | Black ash stand |
| – | | 1 | | | | diversification |
| Ash 7 | Itasca | 15025233 | 9 | \$11,700 | Yes | Black ash stand diversification |
| Ash 8 | Itasca | 14826231 | 8 | \$10,400 | Yes | Black ash stand |
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| Ash 9 | Itasca | 14625220 | 14 | \$18,200 | Yes | Black ash stand |
| | | | | | | diversification |
| Big Too Much Lake RX Unit | Itasca | 14825214 | 400 | \$80,000 | Yes | Under-burn |
| Cutfoot Sioux RX | Itasca | 14727201 | 110 | \$22,000 | Yes | Under-burn |

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| Day Brook WS | Itasca | 05923226 | 19 | \$3,800 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| | | | | | | browse protection, release |
| Dinner Creek RX | Itasca | 14727203 | 85 | \$17,000 | Yes | Under-burn |
| Farley RX | Itasca | 14829222 | 90 | \$18,000 | Yes | Under-burn |
| Mississppi UBA RX | Itasca | 14629230 | 500 | \$100,000 | Yes | Under-burn |
| Spring Lake RX | Itasca | 14825209 | 350 | \$70,000 | Yes | Under-burn |
| Sunken Lake Rx | Itasca | 14727209 | 454 | \$90,800 | Yes | Under-burn |
| West Winnie | Itasca | 14629227 | 241 | \$48,200 | Yes | Under-burn |
| 55-10-13 | Lake | 05510213 | 71 | \$14,200 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| | | | | | | browse protection, release |
| Airbase Site 1 | Lake | 05707205 | 36 | \$7,200 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| | | | | | | browse protection, release |
| Airbase Site 2 | Lake | 05707205 | 22 | \$4,400 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| | | | | | | browse protection, release |
| Another Ninemile Creek Riparian | Lake | 05906227 | 48 | \$3,600 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity |
| • | | | | | | planting in riparian buffers |
| Balsam Lake Large Riparian | Lake | 05807203 | 12 | \$900 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity |
| 5 1 | | | | | | planting in riparian buffers |
| Balsam Lake Medium Riparian | Lake | 05807202 | 3 | \$225 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity |
| • | | | | • | | planting in riparian buffers |
| Balsam Lake Small Riparian | Lake | 05807202 | 1 | \$75 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity |
| 1 | | | | • | | planting in riparian buffers |
| Bandit 5 | Lake | 06006208 | 6 | \$1,200 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| | | | | , | | browse protection, release |
| Baptism River Riparian 2024 | Lake | 05708212 | 21 | \$1,575 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity |
| | | | | , | | planting in riparian buffers |
| Bean Bear Lake Connection | Lake | 05608225 | 27 | \$2,025 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity |
| | | | | . ,- | | planting in riparian buffers |
| Bean Lake Riparian | Lake | 05608225 | 11 | \$825 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity |
| | | | | ,,,, | | planting in riparian buffers |
| Beaver River RMZ | Lake | 05709233 | 6 | \$1,200 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| | | | _ | . , | | browse protection, release |
| Beaver River West Branch | Lake | 05509210 | 20 | \$1,500 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity |
| Riparian | | | _ | . , | | planting in riparian buffers |
| Big Maple East | Lake | 05807235 | 110 | \$22,000 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| | | | | , | | browse protection, release |
| Big Thirtynine Creek Trib | Lake | 05709236 | 21 | \$1,575 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity |
| 8 3 | | | | . , | | planting in riparian buffers |
| Blessner SBW Harvest and | Lake | 05806229 | 135 | \$27,000 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| Crushing | | | | 4=:,000 | | browse protection, release |
| Bodepher | Lake | 05609211 | 114 | \$22,800 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| 2 outpilot | 20170 | 00007211 | | 422,000 | 100 | browse protection, release |
| Bodepher RMZ | Lake | 05609211 | 49 | \$9,800 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| Bodepher Id-12 | Zune | 000001211 | 1, | 43,000 | 105 | browse protection, release |
| Cascade Falls Riparian | Lake | 05607210 | 350 | \$26,250 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity |
| dascade Lans Riparian | Lake | 03007210 | 330 | Ψ20,230 | 103 | planting in riparian buffers |
| Cat in the Box South | Lake | 05807225 | 65 | \$13,000 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| dat in the Box Boath | Lake | 03007223 | 05 | Ψ15,000 | 103 | browse protection, release |
| Cedar Creek Lake County | Lake | 05608202 | 59 | \$11,800 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| dedar dreek bake dounty | Lake | 03000202 | 37 | Ψ11,000 | 103 | browse protection, release |
| Corridor Aspen | Lake | 05608222 | 82 | \$16,400 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
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| Cowboy 1 | Lake | 06007232 | 46 | \$9,200 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| COWDOY 1 | Lake | 00007232 | 40 | ΨΊ,ΔΟΟ | 103 | browse protection, release |
| Cowboy 2 | Lake | 05907204 | 18 | \$3,600 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| COWDOY 2 | Lake | 03707204 | 10 | φυ,υυυ | 103 | browse protection, release |
| Cowboy 4 | Lake | 05907204 | 5 | \$1,000 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| Cowboy 4 | Lake | 03707204 | J | Ψ1,000 | 163 | browse protection, release |
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| H61 1 | Lake | 05806236 | 39 | \$7,800 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| H61 10 | Lake | 05607201 | 38 | \$7,600 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| H61 12 | Lake | 05607215 | 39 | \$7,800 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| H61 13 | Lake | 05409228 | 38 | \$7,600 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| H61 15 | Lake | 05707236 | 37 | \$7,400 | Yes | browse protection, release Site preparation, plant, |
| H61 16 | Lake | 05409222 | 40 | \$8,000 | Yes | browse protection, release Site preparation, plant, |
| H61 17 | Lake | 05607215 | 39 | \$7,800 | Yes | browse protection, release Site preparation, plant, |
| | | | | | | browse protection, release |
| H61 19 | Lake | 05409222 | 39 | \$7,800 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| H61 2 | Lake | 05706230 | 39 | \$7,800 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| H61 20 | Lake | 05409222 | 40 | \$8,000 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| H61 21 | Lake | 05707236 | 39 | \$7,800 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| H61 22 | Lake | 05607211 | 41 | \$8,200 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| H61 23 | Lake | 05706219 | 39 | \$7,800 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| H61 24 | Lake | 05706230 | 39 | \$7,800 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| H61 25 | Lake | 05508228 | 16 | \$3,200 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| H61 26 | Lake | 05508228 | 25 | \$5,000 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| H61 4 | Lake | 05706203 | 38 | \$7,600 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| H61 7 | Lake | 05806236 | 40 | \$8,000 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| H61 9 | Lake | 05706203 | 36 | \$7,200 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| Heffelfinger North | Lake | 05808231 | 13 | \$2,600 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| Hen Creek Riparian | Lake | 05709223 | 34 | \$2,550 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity |
| Hockamin Creek SBW Mulching | Lake | 05708226 | 25 | \$5,000 | Yes | planting in riparian buffers Site preparation, plant, |
| Hollywood Hardwoods | Lake | 05707207 | 50 | \$10,000 | Yes | browse protection, release Site preparation, plant, |
| , | | | | | | browse protection, release |
| Hut 2 hardwood 2 | Lake | 05707205 | 59 | \$11,800 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Joe's Minnows | Lake | 06010232 | 34 | \$6,800 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Junction Creek East | Lake | 05807209 | 24 | \$1,800 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity planting in riparian buffers |
| Knife River Balsam North | Lake | 05211208 | 23 | \$4,600 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Knife River Balsam South | Lake | 05211218 | 22 | \$4,400 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Knife River South Slopes | Lake | 05211218 | 9 | \$1,800 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
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| Lake Twentythree Riparian | Lake | 05807223 | 21 | \$1,575 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity planting in riparian buffers |
| Lake Twentythree Trust Land | Lake | 05807223 | 1 | \$75 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity planting in riparian buffers |
| Leskinen Creek Again | Lake | 05707222 | 65 | \$4,875 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity planting in riparian buffers |
| Leskinen Creek Tiny | Lake | 05707215 | 21 | \$1,575 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity planting in riparian buffers |
| Lift (T-18) | Lake | 05907206 | 58 | \$11,600 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| Lindstrom Creek Small Riparian | Lake | 05707232 | 14 | \$1,050 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity planting in riparian buffers |
| Little Marais Rd | Lake | 05707216 | 10 | \$2,000 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Lower Bean Lake Riparian | Lake | 05608225 | 24 | \$1,800 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity |
| Manitou Rd Stand 25 | Lake | 05907216 | 11 | \$2,200 | Yes | planting in riparian buffers Site preparation, plant, |
| Manitou River South Branch | Lake | 05807207 | 84 | \$6,300 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity |
| More Cedar Creek Riparian | Lake | 05608223 | 13 | \$975 | Yes | planting in riparian buffers Gap cutting and diversity |
| More Lindstrom Creek | Lake | 05708225 | 101 | \$7,575 | Yes | planting in riparian buffers Gap cutting and diversity planting in riparian buffers |
| More Tikkanen Creek Riparian | Lake | 05707208 | 18 | \$1,350 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity planting in riparian buffers |
| Most East East Branch Baptism | Lake | 05807229 | 100 | \$7,500 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity planting in riparian buffers |
| Murphy Lake RMZ | Lake | 05611218 | 3 | \$600 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Murphy Point Pine | Lake | 05611218 | 8 | \$1,600 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Nicado 2023 | Lake | 05608201 | 57 | \$11,400 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Nine Mile 10A | Lake | 05906214 | 4 | \$800 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Nine Mile 12 | Lake | 05906215 | 49 | \$9,800 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Nine Mile 3 | Lake | 05906215 | 36 | \$7,200 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Nine Mile 4 | Lake | 05906214 | 48 | \$9,600 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Nine Mile 4A | Lake | 05906214 | 7 | \$1,400 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Nine Mile 7 | Lake | 05906222 | 4 | \$800 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Nine Mile 9 | Lake | 05906211 | 7 | \$1,400 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Ninemile Creek 9 | Lake | 05906233 | 37 | \$2,775 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity planting in riparian buffers |
| North McDougal Planting | Lake | 06010236 | 42 | \$8,400 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Ole Salvage 2 | Lake | 05908205 | 36 | \$7,200 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Oliver Creek Riparian | Lake | 05707206 | 20 | \$1,500 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity planting in riparian buffers |
| Palisade Creek Trib | Lake | 05607217 | 79 | \$5,925 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity planting in riparian buffers |

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| Penn Creek Riparian | Lake | 05608225 | 55 | \$4,125 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity planting in riparian buffers |
| Pine Creek 3.0 | Lake | 05511219 | 117 | \$23,400 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Rabbit Hutch Aspen | Lake | 05311208 | 76 | \$15,200 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Rabbit Hutch HW | Lake | 05311208 | 75 | \$15,000 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Random Pond Riparian | Lake | 05607230 | 25 | \$1,875 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity planting in riparian buffers |
| SBW 1 | Lake | 05711226 | 36 | \$90,000 | Yes | Spruce budworm damage treatment |
| SBW 10 | Lake | 05709219 | 39 | \$97,500 | Yes | Spruce budworm damage treatment |
| SBW 11 | Lake | 05709205 | 40 | \$100,000 | Yes | Spruce budworm damage treatment |
| SBW 12 | Lake | 05709218 | 40 | \$100,000 | Yes | Spruce budworm damage treatment |
| SBW 13 | Lake | 05710224 | 39 | \$97,500 | Yes | Spruce budworm damage treatment |
| SBW 14 | Lake | 05709207 | 40 | \$100,000 | Yes | Spruce budworm damage treatment |
| SBW 15 | Lake | 05709207 | 40 | \$100,000 | Yes | Spruce budworm damage treatment |
| SBW 16 | Lake | 05709218 | 40 | \$100,000 | Yes | Spruce budworm damage treatment |
| SBW 17 | Lake | 05709218 | 39 | \$97,500 | Yes | Spruce budworm damage treatment |
| SBW 18 | Lake | 05710201 | 39 | \$97,500 | Yes | Spruce budworm damage treatment |
| SBW 19 | Lake | 05709219 | 41 | \$102,500 | Yes | Spruce budworm damage treatment |
| SBW 20 | Lake | 05710201 | 36 | \$90,000 | Yes | Spruce budworm damage treatment |
| SBW 21 | Lake | 05709218 | 41 | \$102,500 | Yes | Spruce budworm damage treatment |
| SBW 22 | Lake | 05809219 | 41 | \$102,500 | Yes | Spruce budworm damage treatment |
| SBW 23 | Lake | 05709206 | 40 | \$100,000 | Yes | Spruce budworm damage treatment |
| SBW 24 | Lake | 05810211 | 38 | \$95,000 | Yes | Spruce budworm damage treatment |
| SBW 25 | Lake | 05910234 | 40 | \$100,000 | Yes | Spruce budworm damage treatment |
| SBW 26 | Lake | 05810202 | 40 | \$100,000 | Yes | Spruce budworm damage treatment |
| SBW 3 | Lake | 05710213 | 39 | \$97,500 | Yes | Spruce budworm damage treatment |
| SBW 4 | Lake | 05710211 | 39 | \$97,500 | Yes | Spruce budworm damage treatment |
| SBW 5 | Lake | 05710214 | 39 | \$97,500 | Yes | Spruce budworm damage treatment |
| SBW 6 | Lake | 05710212 | 39 | \$97,500 | Yes | Spruce budworm damage treatment |
| SBW 7 | Lake | 05710213 | 39 | \$97,500 | Yes | Spruce budworm damage treatment |
| SBW 8 | Lake | 05710201 | 39 | \$97,500 | Yes | Spruce budworm damage treatment |

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| SBW 9 | Lake | 05710213 | 39 | \$97,500 | Yes | Spruce budworm damage treatment |
| Sawmill Creek North | Lake | 05707213 | 52 | \$3,900 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity planting in riparian buffers |
| Silver Creek 3 | Lake | 05310216 | 5 | \$375 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity planting in riparian buffers |
| Snake T Resto | Lake | 05908233 | 8 | \$1,600 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| Sonju East Lakeshore Riparian | Lake | 05807227 | 7 | \$525 | Yes | browse protection, release Gap cutting and diversity |
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| Sonju North Lakeshore Riparian | Lake | 05807227 | 36 | \$2,700 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity |
| | | | | | | planting in riparian buffers |
| Sonju South Lakeshore Riparian | Lake | 05807227 | 22 | \$1,650 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity |
| South Jimmer | Lake | 05510214 | 77 | \$15,400 | Yes | planting in riparian buffers Site preparation, plant, |
| South Jimmer | Lake | 03310214 | , , | Ψ13,400 | 163 | browse protection, release |
| Stand 450 | Lake | 05808221 | 15 | \$3,000 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| 0 145 | - 1 | 0700001 | | +1.000 | | browse protection, release |
| Stand 467 | Lake | 05808221 | 9 | \$1,800 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| Starbuck 3 | Lake | 06009226 | 14 | \$2,800 | Yes | browse protection, release Site preparation, plant, |
| Starbuck 5 | Lake | 00009220 | 14 | \$4,000 | ies | browse protection, release |
| Stewart Camp | Lake | 05411234 | 16 | \$3,200 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| 1 | | | | . , | | browse protection, release |
| Stewart River 3 | Lake | 05310219 | 10 | \$750 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity |
| | 7 1 | 0500000 | | 40.000 | ** | planting in riparian buffers |
| Sven Salvage | Lake | 05908208 | 41 | \$8,200 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Swedish Fiddle | Lake | 05411234 | 61 | \$12,200 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| | | | - | ,,_ , | | browse protection, release |
| The Other Bear Lake Riparian | Lake | 05608225 | 21 | \$1,575 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity |
| m o | 7 1 | 06000224 | 01 | ¢1 (200 | 37 | planting in riparian buffers |
| Tomcat 9 | Lake | 06008234 | 81 | \$16,200 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Two Island River Lake Co | Lake | 05906212 | 21 | \$1,575 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity |
| | | | | | | planting in riparian buffers |
| Two Island River Trust | Lake | 05906212 | 65 | \$4,875 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity |
| Upland Trail Resto | Lake | 05011226 | 22 | \$4,400 | Yes | planting in riparian buffers |
| opiand Trail Resto | Lake | 05811236 | 22 | \$4,400 | res | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Wanless Road DNR SBW Mulching | Lake | 06007236 | 26 | \$5,200 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| | | | | . , | | browse protection, release |
| Worm 1 | Lake | 05908205 | 68 | \$13,600 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| Vat Anathan Dantian Dinasian | T -1 | 05000221 | 22 | ታጋ 47 ፫ | W | browse protection, release |
| Yet Another Baptism Riparian | Lake | 05808221 | 33 | \$2,475 | Yes | Gap cutting and diversity planting in riparian buffers |
| 1005 RX Burn | St. Louis | 06617235 | 109 | \$16,350 | Yes | Prescribed burn for oak |
| | | | | | | blueberry habitat |
| | - | | | | | restoration |
| 1006 RX Burn | St. Louis | 06516204 | 421 | \$63,150 | Yes | Prescribed burn for oak |
| | | | | | | blueberry habitat restoration |
| 1007 RX Burn | St. Louis | 06616232 | 511 | \$76,650 | Yes | Prescribed burn for oak |
| | 25. 20 410 | | | ÷. 5,550 | - 35 | blueberry habitat |
| | | | | | | restoration |
| 4 Day 113 | St. Louis | 05613216 | 6 | \$1,200 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| | | | | | | browse protection, release |

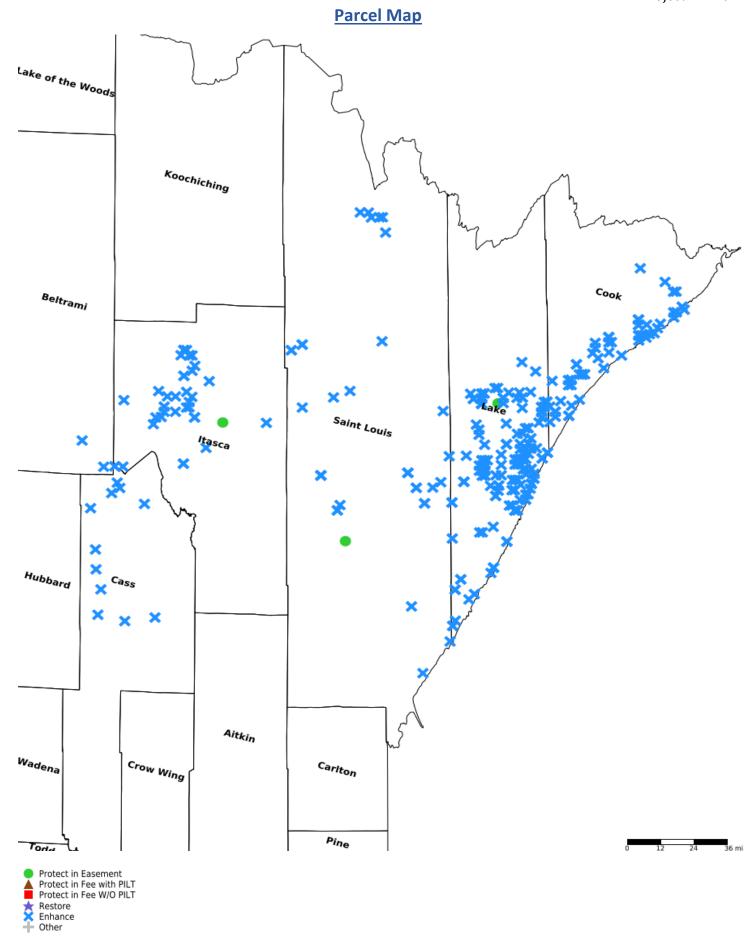
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|-----------------------------|------------|----------|-----|-----------|----------|--|
| 4 Day 116 | St. Louis | 05613216 | 6 | \$1,200 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Amity Tract 2 | St. Louis | 05113232 | 40 | \$8,000 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Blueberry Hill 1 | St. Louis | 06121216 | 14 | \$2,800 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| Blueberry Hill 2 | St. Louis | 06121216 | 2 | \$400 | Yes | browse protection, release Site preparation, plant, |
| Dempsey Creek 164 | Ch I avria | 05719218 | 21 | \$4,200 | Yes | browse protection, release |
| Dempsey Creek 164 | St. Louis | 05/19218 | 21 | \$4,200 | res | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Dempsey Creek 174 | St. Louis | 05719218 | 10 | \$2,000 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Dempsey Creek 197 | St. Louis | 05719218 | 17 | \$3,400 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| Dempsey Creek 213 | St. Louis | 05719218 | 10 | \$2,000 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| | St. Louis | | 10 | Ψ2,000 | 103 | browse protection, release |
| Fairbanks 250 | St. Louis | 05713236 | 21 | \$4,200 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Jawbone 1 | St. Louis | 05714216 | 35 | \$7,000 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| | | | | | | browse protection, release |
| Jawbone 2 | St. Louis | 05714216 | 30 | \$6,000 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Jawbone 3 | St. Louis | 05714216 | 15 | \$3,000 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| | | | | | | browse protection, release |
| K21-531427 (Scholastica) | St. Louis | 05314227 | 11 | \$2,200 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Knife River WP Restoration | St. Louis | 05212236 | 39 | \$7,800 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Little Pauline RX Burn | St. Louis | 06516201 | 595 | \$89,250 | Yes | Prescribed burn for oak |
| | | | | , | | blueberry habitat |
| | | | | | | restoration |
| Luster PU 11 | St. Louis | 05912215 | 123 | \$24,600 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Murray Road 653 | St. Louis | 06120207 | 10 | \$2,000 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Murray Road 808 | St. Louis | 06120207 | 1 | \$200 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| • | | | | | | browse protection, release |
| Nigh Creek RX Burn | St. Louis | 06515220 | 165 | \$24,750 | Yes | Prescribed burn for oak blueberry habitat restoration |
| Osborn Road Central | St. Louis | 06019236 | 17 | \$3,400 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| | | | | | | browse protection, release |
| Pile of Jack Pine | St. Louis | 06116201 | 19 | \$3,800 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Pine Lake | St. Louis | 05812236 | 300 | \$60,000 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Push and Glide | St. Louis | 06018225 | 58 | \$8,700 | Yes | Prescribed burn |
| SBW 2 | St. Louis | 05712228 | 41 | \$102,500 | Yes | Spruce budworm damage |
| Shiver Creek NE 1 | St. Louis | 05714236 | 22 | \$4,400 | Yes | treatment Site preparation, plant, |
| | ot. Louis | 03/14230 | | ΨΤ, ΤΟΟ | | browse protection, release |
| Shiver Creek NE 2 | St. Louis | 05714236 | 8 | \$1,600 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| Shoepack Spruce (Stand_814) | St. Louis | 05921212 | 24 | \$4,800 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, browse protection, release |
| St. Louis River East 303 | St. Louis | 05618219 | 6 | \$1,200 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| | | 1 | | | <u> </u> | browse protection, release |

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| St. Louis River East 306 | St. Louis | 05618219 | 18 | \$3,600 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
|--------------------------|-----------|----------|-----|----------|-----|----------------------------|
| | | | | | | browse protection, release |
| St. Louis River East 311 | St. Louis | 05618217 | 16 | \$3,200 | Yes | Site preparation, plant, |
| | | | | | | browse protection, release |
| West Jeanette | St. Louis | 06515206 | 400 | \$60,000 | Yes | Prescribed burn for oak |
| | | | | | | blueberry habitat |
| | | | | | | restoration |

Easement Parcels

| Name | County | TRDS | Acres | Est Cost | Existing Protection |
|------|-----------|----------|-------|----------|------------------------|
| NA | Itasca | 05925230 | 99 | \$1,000 | No |
| NA | Lake | 05909212 | 99 | \$1,000 | No |
| NA | St. Louis | 05518222 | 99 | \$1,000 | No |





Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Minnesota Forest Recovery Project Phase III Comparison Report

Program Title: ML 2025 - Minnesota Forest Recovery Project Phase III

Organization: The Nature Conservancy

Manager: Jim Manolis

<u>Budget</u>

Requested Amount: \$10,276,500 **Appropriated Amount:** \$3,543,000

Percentage: 34.48%

| Item | Requested Proposal | Leverage Proposal | Appropriated AP | Leverage AP | Percent of Request | Percent of Leverage |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Personnel | \$923,000 | \$50,000 | \$406,700 | \$17,000 | 44.06% | 34.0% |
| Contracts | \$5,000,000 | \$200,000 | \$1,679,000 | \$68,000 | 33.58% | 34.0% |
| Fee Acquisition w/ PILT | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| Fee Acquisition w/o PILT | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Easement Acquisition | \$2,000,000 | - | \$580,000 | - | 29.0% | - |
| Easement Stewardship | \$135,000 | - | \$84,000 | - | 62.22% | - |
| Travel | \$37,500 | 1 | \$22,500 | 1 | 60.0% | - |
| Professional Services | \$112,500 | 1 | \$82,100 | - | 72.98% | 1 |
| Direct Support Services | \$568,000 | - | \$195,400 | - | 34.4% | - |
| DNR Land Acquisition Costs | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Capital Equipment | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other Equipment/Tools | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Supplies/Materials | \$1,500,500 | \$100,000 | \$493,300 | \$34,000 | 32.88% | 34.0% |
| DNR IDP | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Grand Total | \$10,276,500 | \$350,000 | \$3,543,000 | \$119,000 | 34.48% | 34.0% |

If the project received 70% of the requested funding

Describe how the scaling would affect acres/activities and if not proportionately reduced, why? For the easement portion, we estimate that 50% of requested funding would result in 45% of original results (720 vs. 1600 acres) due to fixed project management costs. For the enhancement portion, we estimate that 50% of requested funding would result in 45% of enhancements (9450 vs. 21,000 acres).

Describe how personnel and DSS expenses would be adjusted and if not proportionately reduced, why?

Staff costs are estimated to be reduced to 60% with 50% funding due to some fixed costs of managing the

project. This would increase the proportion of DSS + Personnel/out of total request slightly, by about 1% over the fully funded request.

If the project received 50% of the requested funding

Describe how the scaling would affect acres/activities and if not proportionately reduced, why? For the easement portion, we estimate that 30% of requested funding would result in 25% of original results (400 vs. 1600 acres) due to fixed project management costs. For the enhancement portion, we estimate that 30% of requested funding would result in 25% of enhancements (5250 vs. 21,000 acres).

Describe how personnel and DSS expenses would be adjusted and if not proportionately reduced, why?

Staff costs are estimated to be reduced to 40% with 30% funding due to some fixed costs of managing the project. This would increase the proportion of DSS + Personnel/out of total request slightly, by about 1% over the fully funded request.

Output

Acres by Resource Type (Table 1)

| Туре | Total Proposed | Total in AP | Percentage of Proposed |
|--|-------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Restore | 0 | - | - |
| Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability | 0 | ı | - |
| Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability | 0 | - | - |
| Protect in Easement | 1,600 | 460 | 28.75% |
| Enhance | 21,000 | 6,000 | 28.57% |

Total Requested Funding by Resource Type (Table 2)

| Туре | Total Proposed | Total in AP | Percentage of Proposed |
|--|-------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Restore | - | - | - |
| Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability | - | - | - |
| Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability | - | - | - |
| Protect in Easement | \$2,366,500 | \$802,500 | 33.91% |
| Enhance | \$7,910,000 | \$2,740,500 | 34.65% |

Acres within each Ecological Section (Table 3)

| Туре | Total Proposed | Total in AP | Percentage of Proposed |
|--|-------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Restore | 0 | ı | - |
| Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability | 0 | 1 | - |
| Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability | 0 | - | - |
| Protect in Easement | 1,600 | 460 | 28.75% |
| Enhance | 21,000 | 6,000 | 28.57% |

Total Requested Funding within each Ecological Section (Table 4)

| Туре | Total Proposed | Total in AP | Percentage of Proposed |
|--|-------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Restore | - | - | - |
| Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability | - | ı | - |
| Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability | - | - | - |
| Protect in Easement | \$2,366,500 | \$802,500 | 33.91% |
| Enhance | \$7,910,000 | \$2,740,500 | 34.65% |