



Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Minnesota Forests for the Future Phase X
Laws of Minnesota 2025 Accomplishment Plan

General Information

Date: 11/12/2024

Project Title: Minnesota Forests for the Future Phase X

Funds Recommended: \$5,241,000

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Appropriation Language:

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Location Information

County Location(s): St. Louis, Cook, Morrison, Hubbard, Crow Wing, Mille Lacs, Todd and Isanti.

Eco regions in which work will take place:

- Forest / Prairie Transition
- Northern Forest

Activity types:

- Protect in Easement

Priority resources addressed by activity:

- Forest
- Habitat

- Wetlands

Narrative

Abstract

The MN Forests for the Future Program focuses on protecting high conservation value forest lands and will acquire and steward 4,440 acres of working forest conservation easements on priority forest and riparian habitat in the northern forest and forest/prairie transition regions across eight counties focused on private in-holdings and land adjacent to public land. Protecting large blocks of private forest achieves multiple benefits: conserving critical habitat, forested land cover essential for high water quality/quantity, building climate resilience and sustaining the forested landscape critical for local jobs in tourism and timber.

Design and Scope of Work

MN Forests for the Future Ph. X protects forest/riparian habitat in the North Central, North East and Central areas; strategically targeting large forest blocks threatened by conversion and fragmentation. Nearly 7.5 million acres (44%) of MN's forests are privately-owned and at risk of fragmentation or conversion. Since 2008, MN has experienced some of the highest conversion rates in the U.S., with the highest located in North Central MN. This program protects forests through permanent working forest conservation easement acquisitions. Protection work achieves multiple benefits by conserving critical habitat, maintaining forested land cover essential for high water quality/quantity, building climate resilience and by sustaining the forested landscape critical for recreation and local jobs in tourism and timber. This work is crucial to conserving wildlife that require large intact forests and provides perpetual protection for fish, game and wildlife that inhabit these forested landscapes.

This proposal focuses on northern forests and forest/prairie areas building on existing protection and utilizing strong partnerships including local governments and citizen groups. Private in-holdings and land adjacent to publicly owned land are prioritized leveraging larger blocks of protected forest habitat, more protection against fragmentation, multiplying the effects of climate refugia and resilience, and providing habitat corridors especially important for wildlife movement. Land cover and land use directly impacts water quality/quantity; by protecting forests in key areas, this program will also protect drinking water, recharge aquifers, reduce nutrient and sediment to lakes and streams, protect floodplains, sustain fisheries and further mitigate climate change. Protection of forested land is critical for local economies including tourism, timber and outdoor recreation opportunities.

Acquisition of permanent conservation easements will protect 4,440 acres of intact high conservation value forests and keep them in private ownership. Work is strategically focused to build on existing protection, address private in-holdings, address regional conservation and management goals and meet private landowner demand.

Program guidelines have been developed and implemented for >15 years ensuring protection work is strategically located and stewardship sound and efficient. A forest management plan is included with each conservation easement and updates required regularly; the plans make the land eligible for DNR forest stewardship including technical assistance and cost-sharing for forest BMPs and many conservation easement landowners choose to participate in these programs to better conserve and manage their privately-owned forested habitat. Ongoing stewardship includes annual landowner meetings and on-site monitoring. Local government communication occurs so projects are supported and can continue to grow. Discussions/partnership with conservation organizations & citizen groups are on-going making protection efforts informed and efficient.

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

The predominant threat for wildlife Species in Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) and protected species is habitat degradation, loss and fragmentation. Maintaining intact and healthy forest habitat, especially large contiguous tracts, reduces stressors on these populations. Permanently protecting parcels in this proposal as permanent

conservation easements maintains core forested areas and connectivity and increases the resilience of these areas to a changing climate, invasive species and other habitat threats. The proposed project uses science-based targeting methods to leverage and expand existing habitat corridors and complexes, reduce fragmentation and protect areas identified as priorities in several plans and conservation initiatives, including the MN County Biological Survey. DNR's GIS-based Strategic Land Asset Management metrics are used by an inter-disciplinary team of experts from different Divisions to prioritize and select all acquisitions, including conservation easements. The priority tracts of forest land and habitat targeted for protection have some, if not all, of the following traits: are currently unprotected inholdings; large tracts identified by the MN County Biological Survey (including sites of high quality biodiversity significance); habitat identified by the State Wildlife Action Plan as significant; presence of rare species and Species in Conservation Need or the habitat that support those species; located in a strategic habitat complex and adjacent to other protected land so that complexes can be protected and management improved. In addition, we consult with local and regional watershed/landscape planning efforts: TNC's Multiple Benefit Analysis and Resilient Lands Mapping Tool, DNR's Forest Action Plan, PCA's watershed plans, One Watershed One Plans, MFRC's Regional Landscape Plans, and Landscape Stewardship Plans. Targeted habitats of our proposal include: upland forests, forested wetlands, non-forested wetlands and stream and lake shoreline. Protection of these lands provides critical habitat for key forest game species including upland birds, white-tail deer, moose, black bear, fisher, pine marten and waterfowl as well as songbird and other non-game wildlife species. In total, this proposal supports habitat protection with significant value for nearly 200 Species in Greatest Conservation Need.

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

This proposal will permanently protect strategically important large forest blocks threatened by conversion and fragmentation. Since 2008, MN's forests have experienced some of the highest conversion rates in the U.S. with the highest occurring in North Central MN. Each year, more forest habitat is lost and degraded due to conversion, development, and fragmentation. There is an urgent need to permanently protect our remaining large blocks of high conservation value forest. Nearly 7.5 million acres (44%) of MN's forests are privately-owned. Our proposal is based on working with private landowners who are currently willing to protect strategic high conservation value forest with permanent conservation easements. We may not have another chance to protect these lands in the future so we must act now while we can, working with willing conservation landowners, before it is too late.

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

A serious and significant threat to MN's northern forests is conversion for other uses: the MN Forest Resources Council has identified parcelization as "the single most important policy issue affecting the economic and ecological health of the state's forests". The OHF: 25 Year Framework cites that "forest land has been converted to other uses...at a rate of 3,600 acres per year". The MN Forest Vision recommends that the "forest land base is enlarged and protected through permanent conservation easements and fee title acquisition" & "contiguous forest complexes should be protected and enlarged...and there should be focus to protect areas with high game populations and high levels of biodiversity". The State Wildlife Action Plan reports that "activities that fragment or degrade habitats can independently or in conjunction with invasive species reduce biological diversity" & "Habitat degradation, loss, and fragmentation are the predominant stressors impacting SGCN populations. Habitats with higher biological diversity and that are less fragmented are expected to have greater climate change resiliency than are systems with lower biological diversity and greater fragmentation." Protection of proposed lands reduces habitat loss/fragmentation & maintains forest habitat complexes. This project would expand permanently protected habitat complexes & avoid habitat conversion/development/fragmentation/degradation. The MN Forests for the Future program provides enhanced connectivity between conservation lands by protecting privately-owned properties linking public land. A key strategy for climate change mitigation is providing

corridors/connectivity between different biomes/microclimates allowing species to migrate to find suitable habitats that replace former habitats lost as the climate changes. However, many species may not be able to migrate over developed/cultivated land; providing habitat corridors for species movement benefits their ability to relocate. The MN Statewide Conservation & Preservation Plan says "forest fragmentation reduces resiliency and habitat quality for wildlife including species such as bears and wolves which need large tracts of undeveloped land". The Plan identifies the critical need "to increase forest ecosystem resilience through maintenance of large blocks of forested land and forest resource health. This requires protection of forestlands against conversion to other uses, and conservation of working forestland resources through sustainable management."

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

- Minnesota Forest Resource Council Landscape Plans
- Outdoor Heritage Fund: A 25 Year Framework

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 project enhances habitat resiliency to climate change by incorporating resources & tools developed by the State, land conservation organizations, forest ecologists, aquatic biologists, environmental analysts, climate experts & engaged community members. By prioritizing areas for conservation, identifying vulnerable species & incorporating best practices, this proposal protects & enhances habitats crucial to the resilience of game, fish & wildlife species. The MN State Wildlife Action Plan uses SGCN population viability & richness, spatially prioritized MN Biological Survey Sites of Biodiversity Significance, Lakes of biological Significance & Stream Indices of Biological Integrity to score areas. The project includes areas that score highly, indicating an elevated need for habitat protection. The permanent protection of forest land will contribute to the protection of habitat by expanding protected core areas & corridors of forested habitat directly benefiting the game, fish & wildlife species in the project area & maintaining essential migratory habitat for species dependent on intact high biodiversity.

Which LSOHC section priorities are addressed in this program?

Forest / Prairie Transition

- Protect, restore, and enhance habitat for waterfowl, upland birds, and species of greatest conservation need

Northern Forest

- Provide access to manage habitat on landlocked public properties or protect forest land from parcelization and fragmentation through fee acquisition, conservation or access easement

Outcomes

Programs in forest-prairie transition region:

- Protected, restored, and enhanced nesting and migratory habitat for waterfowl, upland birds, and species of greatest conservation need ~ *This project will permanently protect 1,270 acres of forest-prairie transition habitat through acquisition of conservation easements of forest and riparian areas including many wetlands, shallow lakes, ponds, shoreline and other types of riparian areas. This proposal will protect land which provides biologically diverse wildlife habitat for desirable game species and endangered, threatened, special*

concern species and SGCN; providing multiple conservation benefits to help mitigate the effects of climate change, invasive species and other major stressors. Forest Protection activities will be assessed, management planning required and documented and properties monitored. Forest composition will be inventoried. Wildlife populations will be monitored.

Programs in the northern forest region:

- Forestlands are protected from development and fragmentation ~ *This project will permanently protect 10,730 acres of northern forest and riparian areas including wetlands, streams, shoreland, small lakes and ponds. All northern forest parcels included in this proposal are at high risk of conversion and fragmentation. Forest protection activities will be assessed, management planning required/documented and properties monitored. Forest composition will be inventoried; wildlife populations will be monitored.*

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 request will fund new projects that would not otherwise be implemented but for this appropriation.

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

All land protected through permanent conservation easements will be sustained through set guidelines for conservation easement stewardship that have been developed and implemented for more than 15 years through the MN Forests for the Future Program and the MN Forest Legacy Program. Easement monitoring is conducted annually and stewardship is on-going; according to Department and Division policies and guidelines. Stewardship and conservation easement enforcement is discussed bi-monthly at DNR inter-divisional stewardship team and enforcement panel meetings. Land in conservation easement is required to be covered by a DNR-certified Woodland Stewardship Plan and updated at least every 10 years. Funding for easement stewardship is included in this proposal.

Actions to Maintain Project Outcomes

Year	Source of Funds	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
annually/perpetually	OHF - DNR Easement Stewardship Account	Monitor easements annually and enforce easement terms through annual landowner contact and on-site monitoring	Annually review forest management activities and review and update Forest Stewardship Plans periodically	-

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

This project will benefit all communities throughout the entire state of Minnesota by permanently protecting ecosystem services that provide clean drinking water, productive habitat, clean air, climate change mitigation, sedimentation/erosion control, and public recreational opportunities. Specific project scoring and implementation efforts benefit BIPOC and diverse communities through recreational opportunities that are close-to-home, culturally responsive and accessible to Minnesotans of all abilities.

The Environmental Protection Agency has developed an environmental justice mapping and screening tool. This tool indicates several of the proposed parcels fall within areas identified as environmental justice areas of concern. Demographic indicators used are: percent low-income, percent people of color, less than high school education, linguistic isolation, age under 5 and over 64. Protecting these lands mitigates some of the environmental justice concerns for at-risk populations. The DNR has diversity, equity and inclusion strategies that benefit all Outdoor

Heritage Fund projects including: public engagement that seeks out BIPOC voices and involves diverse communities, outreach and marketing of projects has this focus as well; and partnerships are at the center of all projects.

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?

Yes

Who will manage the easement?

MN DNR Division of Forestry stewards the easement; landowner manages the land in easement.

Who will be the easement holder?

MN DNR Division of Forestry

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

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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?

Yes

Describe the expected public use:

Some of the parcels will be open to the public for recreational use.

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

Yes

Describe the types of trails or roads and the allowable uses:

Forest access roads and trails have been developed to aid in forest management and habitat management practices. These roads will be maintained to provide ongoing access for forestry, fisheries and wildlife management activities on the properties.

Will the trails or roads remain and uses continue to be allowed after OHF acquisition?

Yes

How will maintenance and monitoring be accomplished?

Maintenance of forest access roads and trails will be the responsibility of the landowner (private

landowners). Monitoring of roads and trails will be conducted as part of the annual easement monitoring of the eased properties. The DNR has a monitoring and reporting plan in place that involves the Divisions of Forestry, Parks and Trails and Enforcement. This includes annual spring (and other wet season) closures, reporting issues and enforcement actions when necessary.

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

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:

No, if any restoration or enhancement work is done, it will be done by the landowners.

Timeline

Activity Name	Estimated Completion Date
Develop conservation easement monitoring plans, forest stewardship plans, dedicate easement stewardship	December 31, 2027
Develop conservation easement monitoring plans, forest stewardship plans, dedicate easement stewardship	December 31, 2027

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	\$75,000	\$25,000	USFS	\$100,000
Contracts	-	-	-	-
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	-	-	-	-
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	-	-	-	-
Easement Acquisition	\$4,530,500	\$2,000,000	variety of private/public sources	\$6,530,500
Easement Stewardship	\$400,000	-	-	\$400,000
Travel	-	-	-	-
Professional Services	\$222,000	-	-	\$222,000
Direct Support Services	\$12,500	-	-	\$12,500
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	-	-	-	-
Supplies/Materials	\$1,000	-	-	\$1,000
DNR IDP	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	\$5,241,000	\$2,025,000	-	\$7,266,000

Personnel

Position	Annual FTE	Years Working	Funding Request	Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Forest Legacy Coordinator	0.25	4.0	\$75,000	\$25,000	USFS	\$100,000

Amount of Request: \$5,241,000

Amount of Leverage: \$2,025,000

Leverage as a percent of the Request: 38.64%

DSS + Personnel: \$87,500

As a % of the total request: 1.67%

Easement Stewardship: \$400,000

As a % of the Easement Acquisition: 8.83%

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

Number of conservation easements acquired (and therefore acres protected) are reduced according to priority based on highest conservation value and available funding.

Detail leverage sources and confirmation of funds:

Leverage is from a variety of public and private sources provided over the life of the program including USFS administrative grant funds and RIM Critical Habitat Match credits generated by previous private donations to the program.

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?

Number of conservation easements acquired (and therefore acres protected) would be reduced according to priority based on highest conservation value and available funding.

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

DSS expenses would be proportionately reduced; personnel expenses would be reduced.

Personnel

Has funding for these positions been requested in the past?

Yes

Professional Services

What is included in the Professional Services line?

- Appraisals
- Other : closing costs, recording fees
- 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?

There are nineteen conservation easements prioritized as high conservation value on our project list waiting for funding. Of these, it is too early to anticipate which will be cut because of the reduced funding. Approximately half of the potential conservation easement are of a large size (>1,000 ac and >5,000 ac); size is one of many factors that determines the stewardship amount according to the DNR easement stewardship calculator. Therefore, the actual amount of stewardship funding used per easement will be determined as the projects are developed and prioritized.

Direct Support Services

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

DNR Direct and Necessary Cost Calculator

Federal Funds

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

Yes

Are the funds confirmed?

Yes

- Cash : \$25,000

Output Tables**Acres by Resource Type (Table 1)**

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat	Total Acres
Restore	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	4,440	-	4,440
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	4,440	-	4,440

Total Requested Funding by Resource Type (Table 2)

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat	Total Funding
Restore	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	\$5,241,000	-	\$5,241,000
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	\$5,241,000	-	\$5,241,000

Acres within each Ecological Section (Table 3)

Type	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N. Forest	Total Acres
Restore	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	700	-	-	3,740	4,440
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	700	-	-	3,740	4,440

Total Requested Funding within each Ecological Section (Table 4)

Type	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N. Forest	Total Funding
Restore	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	\$1,000,000	-	-	\$4,241,000	\$5,241,000
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	\$1,000,000	-	-	\$4,241,000	\$5,241,000

Average Cost per Acre by Resource Type (Table 5)

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat
Restore	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	-	\$1,180	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-

Average Cost per Acre by Ecological Section (Table 6)

Type	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N. Forest
Restore	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-

Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Easement	-	\$1,428	-	-	\$1,133
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-

Target Lake/Stream/River Feet or Miles

Parcels

Parcel Information

Sign-up Criteria?

No

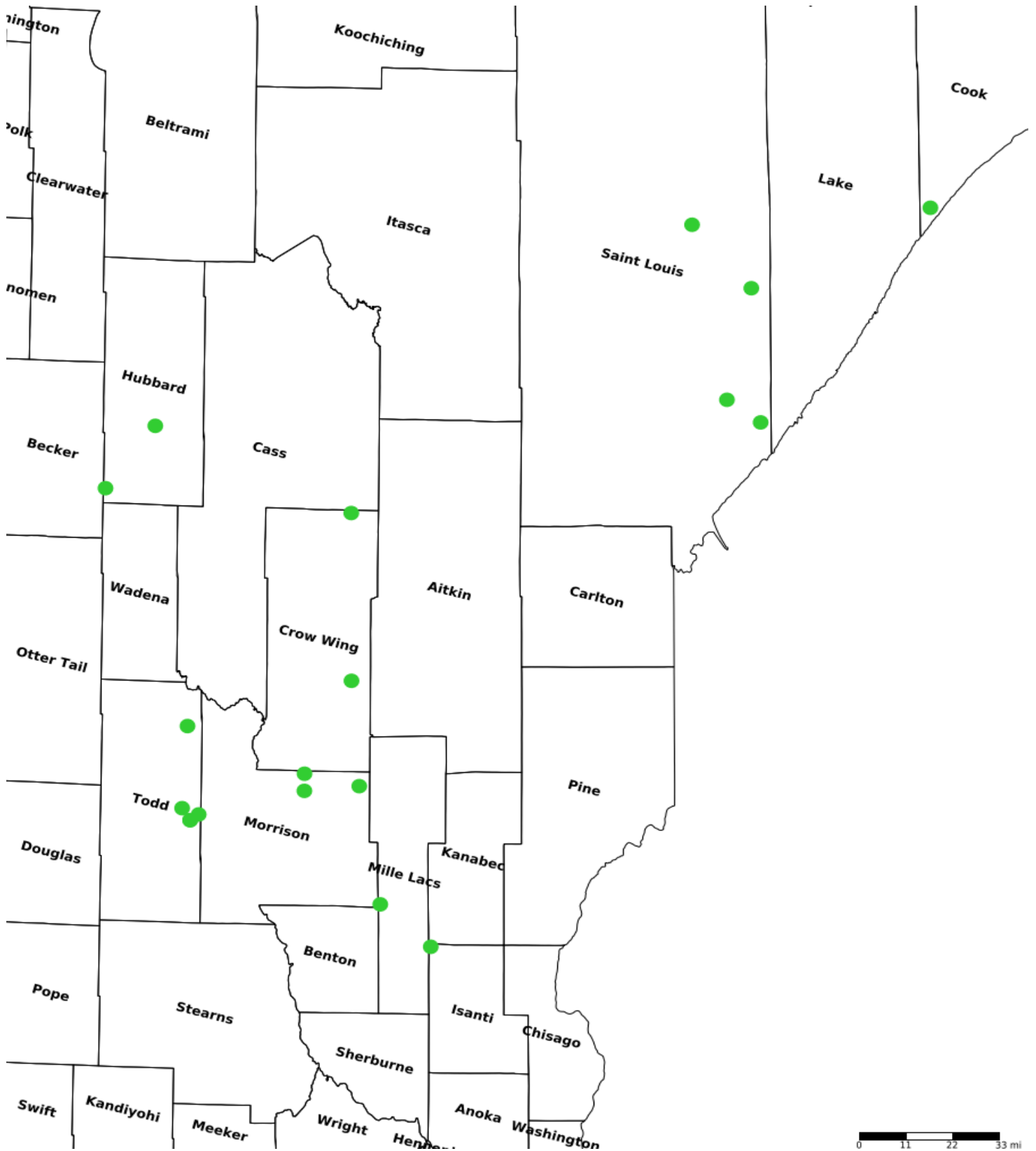
Explain the process used to identify, prioritize, and select the parcels on your list:

Applications to the MN Forests for the Future Program are made by interested willing landowners. The Program uses GIS analysis to expand protection of large habitat blocks and corridors. DNR's GIS-based Strategic Land Asset Management metrics are used by an inter-disciplinary team of experts from different Divisions to prioritize and select all acquisitions, including conservation easements. The tracts of forest land targeted for protection with this program have some, if not all, of the following traits: are currently unprotected inholdings; large tracts that have been identified by the Minnesota County Biological Survey (including identified sites of high quality biodiversity significance); corridors and habitat identified by the State Wildlife Action Plan as significant; presence of rare species and Species in Conservation Need or the habitat that support those species; are located in a strategic habitat complex and are adjacent to other protected land so that complexes can be protected and management improved. In addition, we consult with local and regional watershed and landscape planning efforts such as The Nature Conservancy's Multiple Benefit Analysis and Resilient Lands Mapping Tool, DNR's Forest Action Plan and Assessment of Need, PCA's watershed planning efforts, BWSR's and local SWCD's One Watershed One Plan efforts, the MFRC's Regional Landscape Plans, and the DNR/BWSR Landscape Stewardship Plans.

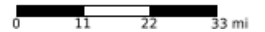
Easement Parcels

Name	County	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection
RWF - Lake/Cook	Cook	05805204	2,360	-	No
Clearwater Forest Camp 2	Crow Wing	04528217	167	-	No
Pike	Crow Wing	13826201	80	-	No
Miller	Hubbard	14133230	291	-	No
Weber	Hubbard	13935219	150	-	No
Anderson	Isanti	03725206	60	-	No
Roehl	Mille Lacs	03927231	155	-	No
Eagle Ranch	Morrison	04230204	1,640	-	No
Envision	Morrison	04230221	1,320	-	No
Richardson	Morrison	04228215	1,700	-	No
Brimson	St. Louis	05612208	200	-	No
Clover Valley 2	St. Louis	05212203	82	-	No
Hodnick	St. Louis	05815213	1,155	-	No
RWF - Alden Lake	St. Louis	05313217	1,600	-	No
Little Elk 5 - Lake Beauty	Todd	13032234	420	-	No
Little Elk 6 - Parent	Todd	13032225	120	-	No
Little Elk Forest 3	Todd	13032234	90	-	No
Little Elk Forest 4	Todd	13032220	700	-	No
Wochnick	Todd	13232209	480	-	No

Parcel Map



- Protect in Easement
- ▲ Protect in Fee with PILT
- Protect in Fee W/O PILT
- ★ Restore
- ✕ Enhance
- ⊕ Other





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Comparison Report

Program Title: ML 2025 - Minnesota Forests for the Future Phase X

Organization: MN DNR

Manager: Christine Ostern

Budget

Requested Amount: \$13,988,700

Appropriated Amount: \$5,241,000

Percentage: 37.47%

Item	Requested Proposal	Leverage Proposal	Appropriated AP	Leverage AP	Percent of Request	Percent of Leverage
Personnel	\$75,000	\$25,000	\$75,000	\$25,000	100.0%	100.0%
Contracts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	-	-	-	-	-	-
Easement Acquisition	\$12,900,000	\$2,000,000	\$4,530,500	\$2,000,000	35.12%	100.0%
Easement Stewardship	\$400,000	-	\$400,000	-	100.0%	-
Travel	-	-	-	-	-	-
Professional Services	\$600,000	-	\$222,000	-	37.0%	-
Direct Support Services	\$12,700	-	\$12,500	-	98.43%	-
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supplies/Materials	\$1,000	-	\$1,000	-	100.0%	-
DNR IDP	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	\$13,988,700	\$2,025,000	\$5,241,000	\$2,025,000	37.47%	100.0%

If the project received 70% of the requested funding

Describe how the scaling would affect acres/activities and if not proportionately reduced, why?

Number of conservation easements acquired (and therefore acres protected) would be reduced according to priority based on highest conservation value and available funding.

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

DSS expenses would be proportionately reduced; personnel expenses are already very low and would not be adjusted.

If the project received 50% of the requested funding

Describe how the scaling would affect acres/activities and if not proportionately reduced, why?

Number of conservation easements acquired (and therefore acres protected) would be reduced according to priority based on highest conservation value and available funding.

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

DSS expenses would be proportionately reduced; personnel expenses would be reduced.

Output

Acres by Resource Type (Table 1)

Type	Total Proposed	Total in AP	Percentage of Proposed
Restore	0	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	0	-	-
Protect in Easement	12,000	4,440	37.0%
Enhance	0	-	-

Total Requested Funding by Resource Type (Table 2)

Type	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	\$13,988,700	\$5,241,000	37.47%
Enhance	-	-	-

Acres within each Ecological Section (Table 3)

Type	Total Proposed	Total in AP	Percentage of Proposed
Restore	0	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	0	-	-
Protect in Easement	12,000	4,440	37.0%
Enhance	0	-	-

Total Requested Funding within each Ecological Section (Table 4)

Type	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	\$13,988,700	\$5,241,000	37.47%
Enhance	-	-	-