



Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Acquisition of Property Surrounding Lake Tamarack Laws of Minnesota 2013 Final Report

General Information

Date: 05/27/2025

Project Title: Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Acquisition of Property Surrounding Lake Tamarack

Funds Recommended: \$1,000,000

Legislative Citation: ML 2013, Ch. 137, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 5(e)

Appropriation Language: \$1,000,000 in the first year is to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota to acquire land in fee surrounding Lake Tamarack in Carver County to be added to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. A land description must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

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Location Information

County Location(s): Carver.

Eco regions in which work will take place:

Metro / Urban

Activity types:

Protect in Fee

Restore

Enhance

Priority resources addressed by activity:

Wetlands

Prairie

Forest

Habitat

Narrative

Summary of Accomplishments

The Arboretum, consistent with the priorities of the LSOHC, successfully purchased 78.13 acres in Victoria, Minnesota adjacent to Arboretum property. The purchase will ensure the protection of the deepest lake in Carver County and valuable habitat for future generations.

Process & Methods

The University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum purchased the property at 400 Arboretum Boulevard, Victoria, (previously known as the Kerber Farm or Lano Bureau Property), effective Friday, November 1, 2013. The property consists of 78.13 acres in Carver County. This is the final property purchase identified in the Arboretum's 1995 Boundaries Plan. Over 300 acres have been added to the Arboretum during the last 18 years. The property is north of State Highway 5 and directly adjacent to the Horticultural Research Center. The property contains native forest, wetlands, tillable land and 1,300 feet of lakeshore on Lake Tamarack. Current structures on the property will be evaluated for condition and safety and some will likely be retained for unheated storage while others may be demolished.

This property will be used in the future for research; protection of wildlife, wetlands and water quality; protection of Big Woods, Oak Savanna and Upland meadow; and educational and public recreational purposes. Research uses have not been determined and roads, fencing and irrigation would need to be installed in the 10 acre area designated for research. Some of the current soybean fields could also be used for alternative crop, forage crop or restoration research projects and we could have partners from across the University of Minnesota or other conservation and natural resources groups.

Because we received LCCMR and LSOHC funding to purchase the property, the Arboretum will provide FREE public access. The Arboretum will work over the next several months to develop public access policies and install signage.

Finally, the Arboretum will also be working with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to plan access for fishing and bow hunting, which is required for property purchased with LSOHC funding. This will not begin until Fall of 2014.

Explain Partners, Supporters, & Opposition

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

What other dedicated funds may collaborate with or contribute to this program?

Environment and Natural Resource Trust Fund

How were the funds used to advance the program?

Funding for this purchase was provided by the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) - recommended by the Legislative Citizens Commission for Minnesota Resources (LCCMR), the Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) and the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Foundation. The Arboretum received full funding of \$2,000,000 from the Environmental Natural Resources Trust Fund to acquire a 35 acre portion of the property at 400 Arboretum Boulevard, Victoria (previously known as the Kerber Farm or Lano Bureau Property).

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

Budget

Totals

Item	Requested	AP Amount	Spent	Leverage	Received Leverage	Leverage Source	Original Total	Final Total
Personnel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contracts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$3,450,000	\$3,312,500	ENTRF, University of Minnesota and Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Foundation	\$4,450,000	\$4,312,500
Easement Acquisition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Easement Stewardship	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Travel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Professional Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Direct Support Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment/Tools	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supplies/Materials	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DNR IDP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$3,450,000	\$3,312,500	-	\$4,450,000	\$4,312,500

Explain any budget challenges or successes:

Total Revenue: -

Revenue Spent: -

Revenue Balance: -

Of the money disclosed above, what are the appropriate uses of the money:

Output Tables

Acres by Resource Type (Table 1)

Type	Wetland (AP)	Wetland (Final)	Prairie (AP)	Prairie (Final)	Forest (AP)	Forest (Final)	Habitat (AP)	Habitat (Final)	Total Acres (AP)	Total Acres (Final)
Restore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	10	10	8	8	18	18
Protect in Easement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enhance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	10	10	8	8	18	18

Total Requested Funding by Resource Type (Table 2)

Type	Wetland (AP)	Wetland (Final)	Prairie (AP)	Prairie (Final)	Forest (AP)	Forest (Final)	Habitat (AP)	Habitat (Final)	Total Funding (AP)	Total Funding (Final)
Restore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	\$570,200	\$570,200	\$429,800	\$429,800	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Protect in Easement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	\$570,200	\$570,200	\$429,800	\$429,800	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

Acres within each Ecological Section (Table 3)

Type	Metro / Urban (AP)	Metro / Urban (Final)	Forest / Prairie (AP)	Forest / Prairie (Final)	SE Forest (AP)	SE Forest (Final)	Prairie (AP)	Prairie (Final)	N. Forest (AP)	N. Forest (Final)	Total (AP)	Total (Final)
Restore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	18	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	18
Protect in Easement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enhance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	18	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	18

Total Requested Funding within each Ecological Section (Table 4)

Type	Metro/ Urban (AP)	Metro/ Urban (Final)	Forest / Prairie (AP)	Forest / Prairie (Final)	SE Forest (AP)	SE Forest (Final)	Prairie (AP)	Prairie (Final)	N. Forest (AP)	N. Forest (Final)	Total (AP)	Total (Final)
Restore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Protect in Easemen t	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

Target Lake/Stream/River Feet or Miles

1300

Explain the success/shortage of acre goals

Outcomes

Programs in metropolitan urbanizing region:

A network of natural land and riparian habitats will connect corridors for wildlife and species in greatest conservation need ~ *The Arboretum will monitor wildlife, remove invasive species, and provide access to fishing and public usage.*

Core areas protected with highly biologically diverse wetlands and plant communities, including native prairie, Big Woods, and oak savanna ~ *The Arboretum will monitor wildlife, remove invasive species, and provide access to fishing and public usage.*

Other ~ *The Arboretum will monitor wildlife, remove invasive species, and provide access to fishing and public usage.*

Improved aquatic habitat indicators ~ *The Arboretum will monitor wildlife, remove invasive species, and provide access to fishing and public usage.*

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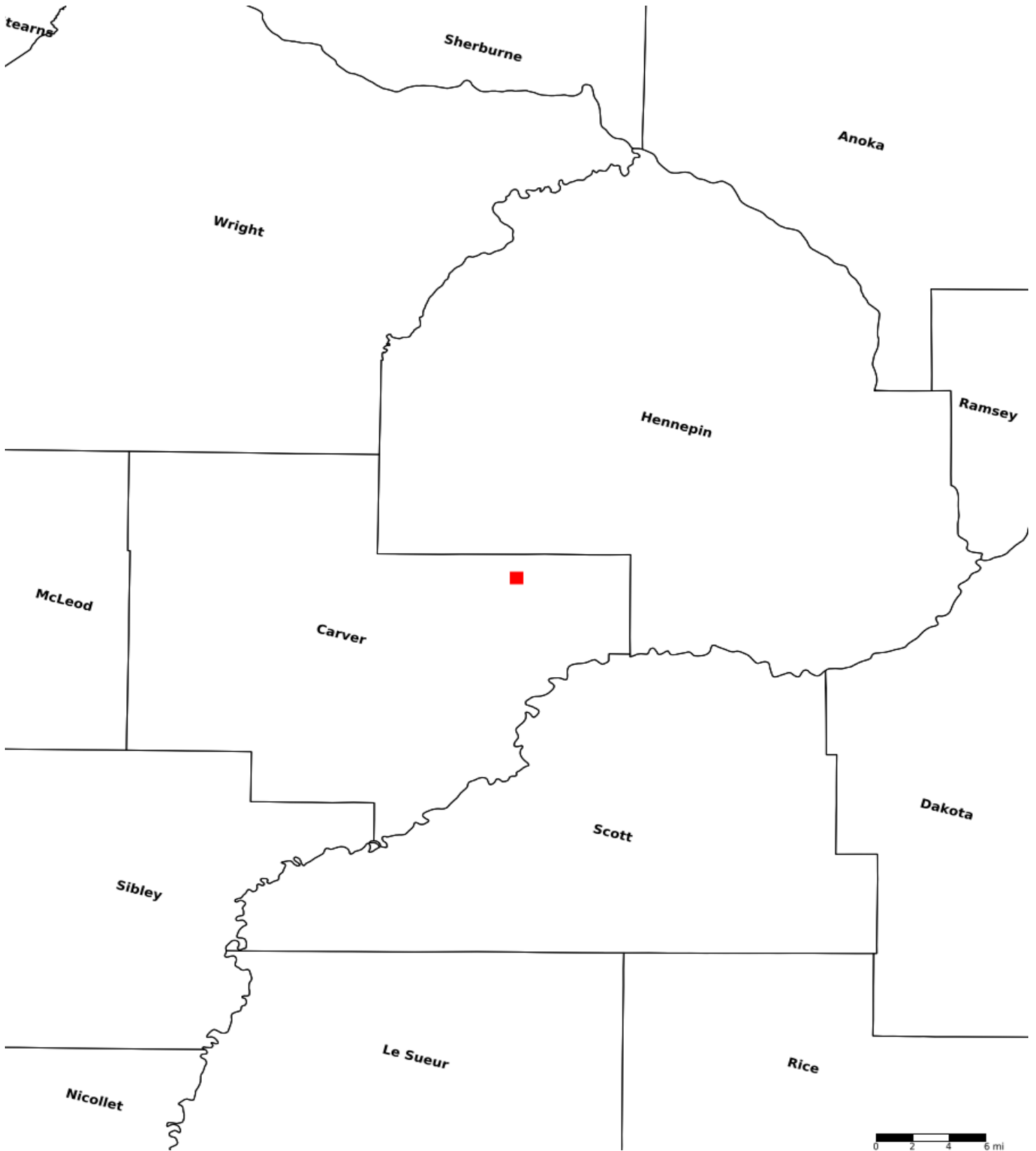
Sign-up Criteria?

[Yes - Sign up criteria is attached](#)

Fee Parcels

Name	County	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection
Arboretum1LakeTamarackproperty	Carver	11623207	78	\$98,500	No

Parcel Map



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