Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council Proposal Evaluation Scoring Sheet - ML 2026 / FY 2027

Member Name:	**Suzanne Baird**
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PA 01	2026 RIM Grasslands Reserve, Phase 7	8	7	7	6	9	7	5	8	8	2	7	8	**82**	
PA 02	Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program, Phase 18	8	8	9	9	10	10	9	9	9	4	9	9	**103**	
PA 03	DNR WMA & SNA Acquisition, Phase 18	10	9	9	7	8	7	9	7	9	0	8	8	**91**	Contradiction in acres - 900 acres in Scope - 1000 acres in the climate section - explain
PA 04	Martin County WMA Acquisition, Phase 10	7	7	8	8	9	7	8	6	8	2	7	7	**84**	How much land are you acquiring vs restoring? Output tables only reflect acquisition - no restoration. Budget accounts for restoring - very confusing
PA 05	ML 2026 Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge, Phase 16	9	10	8	7	9	9	9	8	9	2	8	8	**96**	
PA 06	MN Prairie Recovery Program, Phase 15	9	10	10	6	8	8	8	9	8	4	7	7	**94**	Personel cost are extremely high - some are needed but some in excess. Over 25% of the proposal is personnel and DSS. Would like to see those costs reduced in proportion to the work being complet
PA 07	Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley, Phase 12	9	8	7	8	9	8	10	7	9	2	9	9	**95**	
PA 08	RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water	10	7	9	7	8	8	6	8	9	10	8	8	**98**	
PRE 01	2026 Accelerating the USFWS Habitat Conservation Easement Program	10	10	10	8	8	9	8	7	9	4	9	8	**100**	
PRE 02	DNR Grassland Enhancement, Phase 17	9	6	8	4	7	7	8	6	8	0	8	7	**78**	
PRE 03	Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands, Phase 9	9	10	7	7	8	8	7	6	8	2	9	9	**90**	
FA 01	Northern Forests Legacy Project	10	8	9	10	9	9	9	8	9	2	9	9	**101**	
FA 02	Sand Lake/7 Beavers Acquisition & Enhancement	8	8	9	9	8	6	8	8	9	2	8	8	**91**	
FRE 01	DNR Forest Restoration and Enhancement, Phase 6	8	9	8	9	8	8	8	7	9	0	7	7	**88**	Travel and personnel expenses seem high. What are you spending the $223,100 on in the splies line?
FRE 02	Enhancing Critical Wildlife Forest Habitats and Watersheds on Superior National Forest	9	10	8	8	8	8	8	9	8	2	9	9	**96**	
WA 01	Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program, Phase 18	8	8	9	10	9	9	9	8	9	6	9	8	**102**	
WA 02	RIM Wetlands - Restoring the most productive habitat in Minnesota	9	8	9	8	9	7	9	10	9	10	6	7	**101**	1,320 acres of easements acquired with $27,591,400 is a very high cost per acre.
WA 03	Shallow Lake & Wetland Protection & Restoration Program	10	9	9	10	10	10	9	8	10	4	8	8	**105**	
WA 04	Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration Program, Phase 11	10	9	7	7	9	9	10	10	9	2	8	8	**98**	
WRE 01	DNR Wetland Habitat Team	5	6	7	4	7	7	7	6	7	0	4	5	**65**	Proposal is misleading since it is a new proposal for staffing not the continuation of ongoing work. This investment is more about staffing than work on the ground. I do not recall any recommendation from the Council to go in this direction.
WRE 02	Howard Lake Habitat Restoration	8	7	6	8	5	6	7	9	7	6	7	10	**86**	
WRE 03	Living Shallow Lakes and Wetlands Enhancement & Restoration Initiative	10	9	10	9	8	9	9	8	9	4	8	7	**100**	
WRE 04	Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancements, Phase 18	8	9	9	6	8	7	8	7	8	0	7	7	**84**	WRE1 and WRE 4 are the same proposal split in half. The total proposal is $23,795,000. If combined the % of staffing is extremely high. Overreach??
WRE 05	Talcot Lake	8	9	8	7	9	8	9	7	9	0	8	9	**91**	Engineering costs seem a little high but may be appropriate. This sounds like a stand alone project - what other work has been done on this WMA to the tune of $14M?
WRE 06	Roseau Lake Rehabilitation, Phase 3	8	8	8	8	9	7	9	8	9	2	10	9	**95**	

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HA 01	2026 Riparian Habitat Protection in the Kettle and Snake River Watersheds	9	10	10	8	9	8	8	9	9	0	10	9	**99**	
HA 02	Cannon River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Program - 15	10	10	10	8	9	9	8	8	8	2	8	7	**97**	
HA 03	DNR AMA Fee-Title and Trout Stream Easement Acquisition	9	10	8	10	8	8	9	7	9	0	8	7	**93**	
HA 04	Washington County Habitat Protection and Restoration Partnership, Phase 2	8	7	7	7	9	7	9	8	9	4	7	7	**89**	Very little specifics on what exactly is planned related to "enhancement". This makes it difficult to determine if budget is reasonable. Estimate on donated easement value seems high and no information to support - thus inflating the leverage number.
HA 05	Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes - ML2026	10	9	8	8	8	10	8	7	8	2	9	8	**95**	
HA 06	Greenbelt, Phase 1	10	9	8	9	9	8	8	9	8	2	9	9	**98**	
HA 07	Hardwood Hills Habitat Conservation Program, Phase 3	9	9	9	7	9	8	8	8	8	2	9	9	**95**	
HA 08	Integrating Habitat and Clean Water	7	8	9	7	9	8	8	8	9	0	8	8	**89**	The proposal discusses leveraging CWF but the proposal has no leverage identified.
HA 09	Metro Big Rivers 16	10	10	8	8	9	8	9	7	9	2	7	6	**93**	Personnel cost look high as well as land cost -
HA 10	Minnesota Statewide Trout Habitat Enhancement & Protection	8	8	8	7	9	8	8	10	9	4	9	9	**97**	Not a lot of specifics on what the enhancement work entails.
HA 11	Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project, Phase 10	9	9	8	8	10	8	9	9	9	2	9	8	**98**	
HA 12	Protecting Coldwater Fisheries on Minnesota's North Shore, Phase 4	8	9	9	7	8	8	9	8	9	2	9	9	**95**	
HA 13	Protecting Minnesota's Lakes of Outstanding Biological Significance, Phase 5	10	9	8	8	9	8	8	8	9	2	8	8	**95**	
HA 14	Protection and Restoration of Money Creek and its Natural Riparian Communities	10	10	8	8	7	7	7	7	8	0	9	9	**90**	
HA 15	Red River Basin Riparian Habitat Program, Phase 2	9	9	9	6	8	8	8	7	9	4	7	6	**90**	
HA 16	Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program	9	10	8	9	8	9	9	10	8	2	9	9	**100**	
HA 17	Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration, Phase 14	9	8	8	6	9	8	8	8	9	2	8	7	**90**	
HA 18	St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration, Phase 7	9	9	9	9	8	10	9	8	9	2	8	7	**97**	
HA 19	Upper Mississippi Flyway Habitat Conservation Program	10	9	9	8	10	8	9	8	9	2	9	10	**101**	
HRE 01	A River of Birds in the Sky: Conserving Minnesota's Flyway	9	8	9	6	8	8	8	7	7	4	8	8	**90**	The personnel and DDS costs are over 1/3 of the proposal - would like to see more going to the restroation work itself.
HRE 02	Bone Lake South, Phase 2	9	9	9	4	8	7	7	8	8	4	9	9	**91**	$0 Spent from FY 23 - why?
HRE 03	City of Delano - Crow River Restoration and Enhancement	7	9	7	7	7	7	7	9	8	4	10	9	**91**	Would like to better understand the use of toe wood in restoration
HRE 04	DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement, Phase 9	8	8	9	8	9	8	8	9		6	7	7	**87**	Staffing cost seem high, proposal does not explain what the $801,000 in supplies and materials is for. Seems high if most work is being contracted out. Overall there are a lot of projects to complete in a 5 year period considering you have unspent funding
HRE 05	Little Cannon River Stream Habitat Restoration	8	9	8	9	9	8	8	9	7	2	9	9	**95**	
HRE 06	Mission Creek Watershed Connectivity	8	9	8	4	9	9	8	6	9	0	8	8	**86**	Very little of the allocated funds from 5 previous awards have been spent so far 16%.
HRE 07	Mud River Enhancement Project	10	10	9	10	9	8	8	10	9	4	10	10	**107**	
HRE 08	Oak Savanna Restoration for Living Landscapes	8	7	9	8	9	8	9	8	8	6	9	9	**98**	Need clarification on ownership of land. In one place the proposal refers to projects limited to city and county-owned public lands but in other places it referes to "landowners" as if they in private ownership.
HRE 09	Swift Coulee Channel Restoration/ Enhancement, Phase 2	10	10	9	5	9	9	8	8	9	6	9	10	**102**	The proposal shows none of the previous funding spent but describes some completed work from earlier phases - can you explain this discrepacy.
HRE 10	Woods Creek Restoration	8	9	8	5	9	8	8	7	9	10			**81**	Proposal talks about work starting on design but no funding from previous allocations has been spent - can you explain this discrepancy? This project sounds like a stand alone project -please explain what the previous funding was allocated to do.
CPL	Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program ML26/FY27	20	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	**130**	Fully fund
O 1	Contract Management													**0**	Fund at nomore than $400,000
O 2	DNR Core Functions in Partner-led OHF Acquisitions													**0**	Fully fund request
O 3	Restoration Evaluations - ML 2026													**0**	Fully fund

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PA 02	Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program, Phase 18	10	10	7	5	6	6	7	5	7	1	6	7	**77**	0,0% - scalable 5.92% DSS (PF)
PA 03	DNR WMA & SNA Acquisition, Phase 18	10	10	5	5	5	4	4	5	3	1	5	4	**61**	0.0% - scalable 1.01% DSS (DNR)
PA 04	Martin County WMA Acquisition, Phase 10	10	10	7	6	7	5	5	5	6	5	6	7	**79**	7.31% - scalable 7.14% DSS (Fox Lake)
PA 05	ML 2026 Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge, Phase 16	10	10	5	6	4	6	4	5	5	5	5	4	**69**	7.25% - scalable 13.73% DSS (NC)
PA 06	MN Prairie Recovery Program, Phase 15	10	10	5	6	4	5	4	5	5	7	5	4	**70**	10.89% - scalable 26.17% DSS (NC)
PA 07	Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley, Phase 12	10	10	7	6	6	6	7	5	7	6	7	6	**83**	6.46% - scalable 4.9% DSS (PF)
PA 08	RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water	10	10	5	5	4	4	4	5	3	10	5	4	**69**	120.56% ??? - scalable 4.77% DSS (BSWR)
PRE 01	2026 Accelerating the USFWS Habitat Conservation Easement Program	10	10	7	6	6	6	7	5	6	7	7	6	**83**	11.36% - scalable 11.74% DSS (DU)
PRE 02	DNR Grassland Enhancement, Phase 17	10	10	5	4	4	4	4	5	3	1	5	4	**59**	0.0% - scalable 15.14% DSS (DNR)
PRE 03	Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands, Phase 9	10	10	7	5	6	6	7	5	7	3	7	6	**79**	1.74% - scalable 6.96% DSS (PF)
FA 01	Northern Forests Legacy Project	10	10	5	6	4	4	4	5	3	3	5	4	**63**	2.07% - not scalable .27%% DSS (DNR)
FA 02	Sand Lake/7 Beavers Acquisition & Enhancement	10	10	5	6	5	5	4	5	5	3	6	4	**68**	3.2% - not scalable 4.97% DSS (NC)
FRE 01	DNR Forest Restoration and Enhancement, Phase 6	10	10	5	6	5	6	4	5	5	1	6	4	**67**	0.0% - scalable 12.53% DSS (NC)
FRE 02	Enhancing Critical Wildlife Forest Habitats and Watersheds on Superior National Forest	10	10	5	5	6	6	5	5	5	3	5	4	**69**	2.8% - scalable 9.4% DSS (Patriot Restoration Ops) 990???
WA 01	Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program, Phase 18	10	10	7	6	6	6	7	5	7	10	7	6	**87**	28.79% scalable 6.11% DSS (PF)
WA 02	RIM Wetlands - Restoring the most productive habitat in Minnesota	10	10	5	5	4	4	4	5	3	10	5	4	**69**	106.95% - scalable 6.8% DSS (BSWR)
WA 03	Shallow Lake & Wetland Protection & Restoration Program	10	10	7	5	5	6	7	5	7	7	7	6	**82**	10% - scalable 7.15% DSS (DU)
WA 04	Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration Program, Phase 11	10	10	5	5	4	4	4	5	4	4	5	4	**64**	4.74% - scalable 7.53% DSS (MLT)
WRE 01	DNR Wetland Habitat Team	10	10	7	6	4	4	6	5	3	1	5	6	**67**	0.0% - scalable 78.53% DSS (DNR) Wetland Habitat Teams
WRE 02	Howard Lake Habitat Restoration	10	10	7	10	6	7	7	5	6	10	7	8	**93**	23.89% - not scalable 9.84% DSS (Wright SWCD/Howard Lake)
WRE 03	Living Shallow Lakes and Wetlands Enhancement & Restoration Initiative	10	10	7	6	4	6	7	5	7	7	7	6	**82**	10.02% - scalable 16.16% DSS (DU)
WRE 04	Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancements, Phase 18	10	10	5	4	4	4	4	5	3	1	5	4	**59**	0,0% - scalable 1.17% DSS (DNR)
WRE 05	Talcot Lake	10	10	5	5	4	4	4	5	3	1	5	4	**60**	0.0% - scalable 1.19% DSS (IDNR/Talcot Lake)
WRE 06	Roseau Lake Rehabilitation, Phase 3	10	10	5	5	6	4	5	5	6	3	5	5	**69**	5.0% - scalable 0.0% DSS (Roseau River Watershed)

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HA 01	2026 Riparian Habitat Protection in the Kettle and Snake River Watersheds	10	10	7	7	5	7	7	5	7	1	6	6	**78**	0.0% - scalable 11.12% DSS (Pine County SWCD)	
HA 02	Cannon River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Program - 15	10	10	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	3	5	5	**67**	2.77% - scalable 10.74% DSS (Clean River Partners) 990???	
HA 03	DNR AMA Fee-Title and Trout Stream Easement Acquisition	10	10	5	4	7	4	4	5	3	1	5	4	**62**	0.0% - scalable .16% DSS (DNR)	
HA 04	Washington County Habitat Protection and Restoration Partnership, Phase 2	10	10	8	8	5	7	7	5	7	7	7	7	**88**	10.01% - scalable 17.29% DSS (Washington County)	
HA 05	Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes - ML2026	10	10	5	5	5	6	5	5	5	6	5	5	**72**	8.17% - scalable 3.71% DSS (Northern Waters Land Trust) 990???	
HA 06	Greenbelt, Phase 1	10	10	7	7	7	7	7	5	6	4	7	7	**84**	4.55% - scalable 0.0% DSS (Comfort Lake/Forest Lake Watershed)	
HA 07	Hardwood Hills Habitat Conservation Program, Phase 3	10	10	5	5	4	4	4	5	4	5	5	4	**65**	6.48% - scalable 10.19% DSS (MLT) 990???	
HA 08	Integrating Habitat and Clean Water	10	10	5	4	4	4	4	5	3	1	5	4	**59**	0.0% - scalable 6,87% DSS (BSWR)	
HA 09	Metro Big Rivers 16	10	10	5	5	4	5	4	5	5	5	5	4	**67**	7.25% - scalable 8.81% DSS (MN Valley Trust)	
HA 10	Minnesota Statewide Trout Habitat Enhancement & Protection	10	10	8	8	7	7	7	5	7	7	7	7	**90**	12.67% - scalable 10.94% DSS (MN Trout Unlimited)	
HA 11	Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project, Phase 10	10	10	7	6	7	6	7	5	7	2	7	7	**81**	.95% - scalable 8.91% DSS (Mississippi Headwaters Board)	
HA 12	Protecting Coldwater Fisheries on Minnesota's North Shore, Phase 4	10	10	5	5	4	5	4	5	4	6	5	4	**67**	7.42% - scalable 11.0% DSS (MLT)	
HA 13	Protecting Minnesota's Lakes of Outstanding Biological Significance, Phase 5	10	10	5	5	4	5	4	5	4	7	5	4	**68**	9.26% - scalable 8.11% DSS (MLT)	
HA 14	Protection and Restoration of Money Creek and its Natural Riparian Communities	10	10	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	1	5	5	**66**	0.0% - scalable 0.0% DSS (RES, LLC)	
HA 15	Red River Basin Riparian Habitat Program, Phase 2	10	10	7	7	6	7	5	5	7	8	7	7	**86**	12.96% - scalable 6.13% DSS (Red River Watershed Board)	
HA 16	Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program	10	10	7	7	6	7	7	5	7	3	7	7	**83**	2.25% - scalable 1.5% DSS (Shell Rock River Watershed District)	
HA 17	Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration, Phase 14	10	10	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	4	5	5	**68**	5.08% - scalable 10.08% DSS (The Trust for Public Land) 990???	
HA 18	St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration, Phase 7	10	10	5	6	5	5	6	5	5	3	5	5	**70**	4.09% - scalable 8.2% DSS (Wild Rivers Conservancy)	
HA 19	Upper Mississippi Flyway Habitat Conservation Program	10	10	5	5	4	5	4	5	4	4	5	4	**65**	7.82% - scalable 12.19% DSS (MLT)	
HRE 01	A River of Birds in the Sky: Conserving Minnesota's Flyway	10	10	7	6	7	6	7	5	6	6	6	5	**81**	14.9% - scalable 34.79% DSS (Audubon)	
HRE 02	Bone Lake South, Phase 2	10	10	8	7	7	7	7	5	7	7	7	6	**88**	10% - scalable 0.0% DSS (Comfort Lake/Forest Lake Watershed)	
HRE 03	City of Delano - Crow River Restoration and Enhancement	10	10	8	8	5	8	7	5	7	8	7	7	**90**	14.63% - scalable 0.0% DSS (City of Delano-Crow River)	
HRE 04	DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement, Phase 9	10	10	5	5	4	4	4	5	3	10	5	4	**69**	27.26% - scalable 17.97 DSS (DNR)	
HRE 05	Little Cannon River Stream Habitat Restoration	10	10	7	8	7	7	8	5	7	3	7	7	**86**	5.49 - scalable 7.9% DSS (Minnesota Trout Unlimited)	
HRE 06	Mission Creek Watershed Connectivity	10	10	5	4	4	4	4	5	3	1	5	4	**59**	0.0% - scalable 23.28% DSS (DNR)	
HRE 07	Mud River Enhancement Project	10	10	6	7	7	6	5	5	6	5	7	6	**80**	12.84% - not scalable 0.0% DSS (Red Lake Watershed District)	
HRE 08	Oak Savanna Restoration for Living Landscapes	10	10	5	4	4	4	4	5	3	10	5	4	**68**	23.89% - scalable 10.1% DSS (BSWR)	
HRE 09	Swift Coulee Channel Restoration/ Enhancement, Phase 2	10	10	7	7	8	7	7	5	7	10	7	7	**92**	29.09% - scalable 0.0% DSS (Middle-Snake-Tamarac Watershed District)	
HRE 10	Woods Creek Restoration	10	10	8	10	8	7	8	5	7	10	7	7	**97**	94.99% - not scalable 0.0% DSS (Cook County)	
CPL	Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program ML26/FY27	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	**60**		
O 1	Contract Management	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	**60**		
O 2	DNR Core Functions in Partner-led OHF Acquisitions	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	**60**		
O 3	Restoration Evaluations - ML 2026	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	**60**		

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PA 01	2026 RIM Grasslands Reserve, Phase 7	10	10	10	9	9	9	9	8	9	2	7	7	**99**	
PA 02	Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program, Phase 18	8	9	10	9	9	9	9	8	9	10	7	7	**104**	
PA 03	DNR WMA & SNA Acquisition, Phase 18	9	9	10	9	8	9	9	8	8	0	7	7	**93**	unspent funds
PA 04	Martin County WMA Acquisition, Phase 10	8	9	10	8	9	9	9	8	7	7	7	6	**97**	
PA 05	ML 2026 Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge, Phase 16	10	10	10	9	9	8	9	8	9	7	7	7	**103**	unspent funds
PA 06	MN Prairie Recovery Program, Phase 15	10	10	10	9	9	9	9	8	7	10	7	7	**105**	unspent funds
PA 07	Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley, Phase 12	8	9	10	9	9	9	9	8	8	6	7	7	**99**	
PA 08	RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water	10	10	10	10	9	9	9	8	7	10	7	7	**106**	unspent funds
PRE 01	2026 Accelerating the USFWS Habitat Conservation Easement Program	10	10	10	10	9	9	9	8	8	10	7	7	**107**	unspent funds
PRE 02	DNR Grassland Enhancement, Phase 17	10	10	10	9	9	10	9	8	7	0	7	7	**96**	unspent funds
PRE 03	Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands, Phase 9	10	10	10	9	9	9	9	8	7	2	7	7	**97**	unspent funds
FA 01	Northern Forests Legacy Project	10	10	10	10	10	9	9	8	10	2	7	10	**105**	
FA 02	Sand Lake/7 Beavers Acquisition & Enhancement	10	10	10	10	10	9	9	8	10	3	8	9	**106**	
FRE 01	DNR Forest Restoration and Enhancement, Phase 6	8	9	9	9	8	9	9	8	8	0	7	6	**90**	
FRE 02	Enhancing Critical Wildlife Forest Habitats and Watersheds on Superior National Forest	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	7	7	3	7	7	**81**	
WA 01	Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program, Phase 18	8	9	8	9	9	9	9	8	9	10	7	7	**102**	
WA 02	RIM Wetlands - Restoring the most productive habitat in Minnesota	10	10	10	10	9	9	9	8	7	10	7	7	**106**	
WA 03	Shallow Lake & Wetland Protection & Restoration Program	10	9	10	9	9	9	9	8	10	10	7	7	**107**	
WA 04	Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration Program, Phase 11	10	10	10	9	9	9	9	8	10	5	7	7	**103**	unspent funds
WRE 01	DNR Wetland Habitat Team	9	8	8	6	7	7	8	7	5	0	7	7	**79**	unspent funds/LSOHC rec?
WRE 02	Howard Lake Habitat Restoration	10	10	8	8	8	8	9	8	8	10	7	7	**101**	not scalable
WRE 03	Living Shallow Lakes and Wetlands Enhancement & Restoration Initiative	10	10	10	8	9	9	9	8	9	10	7	6	**105**	
WRE 04	Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancements, Phase 18	10	9	10	8	9	10	9	8	7	0	7	6	**93**	unspent funds
WRE 05	Talcot Lake	9	10	10	8	8	7	9	8	8	0	7	7	**91**	unspent funds
WRE 06	Roseau Lake Rehabilitation, Phase 3	9	10	9	9	9	8	9	8	10	5	7	7	**100**	

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HA 01	2026 Riparian Habitat Protection in the Kettle and Snake River Watersheds	9	10	10	9	9	9	9	8	8	0	7	7	**95**	
HA 02	Cannon River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Program - 15	10	10	10	9	9	9	9	8	10	3	7	7	**101**	
HA 03	DNR AMA Fee-Title and Trout Stream Easement Acquisition	10	10	9	8	8	8	9	8	10	0	7	6	**93**	
HA 04	Washington County Habitat Protection and Restoration Partnership, Phase 2	9	10	9	9	8	9	9	8	9	10	7	7	**104**	
HA 05	Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes - ML2026	10	10	9	8	8	9	9	8	10	8	7	7	**103**	
HA 06	Greenbelt, Phase 1	9	9	10	10	9	9	9	8	10	5	7	7	**102**	
HA 07	Hardwood Hills Habitat Conservation Program, Phase 3	10	10	10	9	9	9	9	8	10	6	7	7	**104**	
HA 08	Integrating Habitat and Clean Water	8	8	10	9	9	8	9	8	7	0	7	7	**90**	unspent funds
HA 09	Metro Big Rivers 16	10	10	10	9	9	8	9	8	10	7	7	7	**104**	unspent funds
HA 10	Minnesota Statewide Trout Habitat Enhancement & Protection	8	9	8	8	9	8	9	8	9	10	7	7	**100**	unspent funds
HA 11	Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project, Phase 10	10	10	9	9	9	8	9	8	9	1	7	7	**96**	
HA 12	Protecting Coldwater Fisheries on Minnesota's North Shore, Phase 4	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	8	10	7	7	7	**102**	
HA 13	Protecting Minnesota's Lakes of Outstanding Biological Significance, Phase 5	10	10	10	9	8	8	9	8	10	9	7	7	**105**	
HA 14	Protection and Restoration of Money Creek and its Natural Riparian Communities	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	0	7	7	**78**	
HA 15	Red River Basin Riparian Habitat Program, Phase 2	9	8	9	8	9	9	9	8	8	10	7	7	**101**	
HA 16	Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program	9	9	9	8	9	8	9	8	10	2	7	7	**95**	
HA 17	Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration, Phase 14	10	10	10	9	10	8	9	8	10	5	7	7	**103**	
HA 18	St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration, Phase 7	10	10	10	9	9	10	9	8	10	4	7	7	**103**	
HA 19	Upper Mississippi Flyway Habitat Conservation Program	9	10	10	9	9	9	9	8	10	8	7	7	**105**	
HRE 01	A River of Birds in the Sky: Conserving Minnesota's Flyway	9	10	10	9	9	8	9	8	9	10	7	7	**105**	
HRE 02	Bone Lake South, Phase 2	9	10	10	8	8	8	9	8	8	10	7	7	**102**	
HRE 03	City of Delano - Crow River Restoration and Enhancement	8	8	9	8	8	8	9	8	8	10	7	7	**98**	
HRE 04	DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement, Phase 9	10	9	10	9	10	9	9	8	9	10	7	7	**107**	
HRE 05	Little Cannon River Stream Habitat Restoration	10	9	9	9	9	9	9	8	9	5	7	7	**100**	
HRE 06	Mission Creek Watershed Connectivity	9	9	9	8	9	9	9	8	10	0	7	7	**94**	unspent funds
HRE 07	Mud River Enhancement Project	9	9	8	8	8	8	9	8	10	10	7	7	**101**	not scalable
HRE 08	Oak Savanna Restoration for Living Landscapes	9	10	10	8	10	9	9	8	8	10	7	7	**105**	
HRE 09	Swift Coulee Channel Restoration/ Enhancement, Phase 2	9	9	8	8	8	8	9	8	9	10	7	7	**100**	
HRE 10	Woods Creek Restoration	8	9	8	9	9	8	9	8	9	10	7	7	**101**	not scalable
CPL	Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program ML26/FY27	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	**120**	
O 1	Contract Management													**0**	
O 2	DNR Core Functions in Partner-led OHF Acquisitions													**0**	
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PA 07	Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley, Phase 12	7	7	8	7	8	7	8	8	8	2	7	3	**80**
PA 08	RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water	8	8	7	7	8	7	8	8	8	10	8	4	**91**
PRE 01	2026 Accelerating the USFWS Habitat Conservation Easement Program	8	8	8	7	8	7	8	8	8	6	8	6	**90**
PRE 02	DNR Grassland Enhancement, Phase 17	8	7	8	5	8	7	8	8	7	0	5	3	**74**
PRE 03	Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands, Phase 9	8	7	8	7	8	8	8	8	8	0	7	7	**84**
FA 01	Northern Forests Legacy Project	8	8	7	9	9	6	8	8	8	0	7	8	**86**
FA 02	Sand Lake/7 Beavers Acquisition & Enhancement	8	7	7	9	9	6	8	8	8	0	7	8	**85**
FRE 01	DNR Forest Restoration and Enhancement, Phase 6	6	6	7	5	6	6	6	6	6	0	6	5	**65**
FRE 02	Enhancing Critical Wildlife Forest Habitats and Watersheds on Superior NF	4	4	5	4	4	4	7	4	4	0	5	6	**51**
WA 01	Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program, Phase 18	8	8	8	8	8	7	8	8	7	10	8	6	**94**
WA 02	RIM Wetlands - Restoring the most productive habitat in Minnesota	8	6	7	7	8	7	8	8	8	10	6	5	**88**
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WA 04	Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration Program, Phase 11	8	8	8	7	8	7	8	8	8	0	6	5	**81**
WRE 01	DNR Wetland Habitat Team	6	7	6	4	5	5	6	5	5	0	5	0	**54**
WRE 02	Howard Lake Habitat Restoration	7	7	6	5	5	6	7	7	6	8	7	8	**79**
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WRE 05	Talcot Lake	6	7	8	4	6	6	8	7	8	0	6	5	**71**
WRE 06	Roseau Lake Rehabilitation, Phase 3	8	8	8	6	5	7	7	8	8	0	8	5	**78**
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HA 03	DNR AMA Fee-Title and Trout Stream Easement Acquisition	8	7	7	7	8	7	7	8	8	0	9	7	**83**
HA 04	Washington County Habitat Protection and Restoration Partnership, Phase 2	7	7	7	7	8	7	7	8	8	4	8	7	**85**
HA 05	Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes - ML2026	8	8	7	7	8	7	7	8	8	4	7	5	**84**
HA 06	Greenbelt, Phase 1	5	6	7	7	7	5	6	7	8	0	7	7	**72**
HA 07	Hardwood Hills Habitat Conservation Program, Phase 3	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	8	8	4	8	7	**89**
HA 08	Integrating Habitat and Clean Water	7	6	7	6	7	6	6	7	8	0	6	4	**70**
HA 09	Metro Big Rivers 16	5	6	7	6	7	5	7	7	8	4	6	5	**73**
HA 10	Minnesota Statewide Trout Habitat Enhancement & Protection	7	7	7	6	7	5	7	6	7	6	6	5	**76**
HA 11	Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project, Phase 10	7	7	7	7	7	6	6	7	8	0	6	4	**72**
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HA 14	Protection and Restoration of Money Creek and its Natural Riparian Communities	6	6	7	6	8	6	6	7	8	0	4	4	**68**
HA 15	Red River Basin Riparian Habitat Program, Phase 2	7	7	6	6	8	6	6	5	8	6	6	4	**75**
HA 16	Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program	8	6	6	6	8	6	7	6	7	0	7	5	**72**
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HRE 08	Oak Savanna Restoration for Living Landscapes	6	7	7	6	8	6	7	7	6	10	7	7	**84**
HRE 09	Swift Coulee Channel Restoration/ Enhancement, Phase 2	5	5	6	6	7	4	6	7	7	10	8	7	**78**
HRE 10	Woods Creek Restoration	8	8	7	6	8	6	7	8	8	10	8	9	**93**
CPL	Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program ML26/FY27	8	8	8	6	7	6	8	8	8	6	8	8	**89**
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Leverage	
0-5%	0
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16-20%	8
21-25%	10

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PRE 02	DNR Grassland Enhancement, Phase 17	7	8	7	5	6	7	8	5	7	4	7	4	**75**	
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FA 01	Northern Forests Legacy Project	7	8	7	5	6	6	8	6	7	4	6	3	**73**	
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FRE 02	Enhancing Critical Wildlife Forest Habitats and Watersheds on Superior National Forest	8	7	6	6	5	6	7	6	5	5	7	5	**73**	new request - hasn't received OHF funding; note: the org is based out of CA
WA 01	Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program, Phase 18	6	8	8	5	7	6	8	6	6	5	7	4	**76**	
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WRE 02	Howard Lake Habitat Restoration	8	7	7	5	6	6	8	6	6	5	9	9	**82**	
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CPL	Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program ML26/FY27	10	10	8	8	8	9	9	8	8	8	9	8	**103**	
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PA 02	Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program, Phase 18	8	8	8	7	7	7	8	8	9	9	7	8	**94**	$ request higher than historical. Land acquisitions for public use - good use of past funds
PA 03	DNR WMA & SNA Acquisition, Phase 18	8	8	8	7	7	7	8	8	9	8	6	7	**91**	CPA over 10k - historical amounts much smaller. Past $ spent?
PA 04	Martin County WMA Acquisition, Phase 10	8	8	8	7	8	7	8	7	9	9	6	7	**92**	Why such a high CPA? More than 10k. Good use of past funds
PA 05	ML 2026 Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge, Phase 16	7	7	8	7	8	7	7	7	8	6	7	8	**87**	Will easements be open to public or only acquired lands. CPA is lower than most proposals. Request 3-4x higher than prevous grants
PA 06	MN Prairie Recovery Program, Phase 15	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	7	6	6	6	**79**	Confused - can't reconcile whethre it's enhancement or acquisition and how it connects with past funds granted.
PA 07	Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley, Phase 12	7	7	8	7	8	8	8	7	8	8	7	7	**90**	12m ask - historical amounts lower. Acreage unclear
PA 08	RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water	8	8	8	7	8	8	8	7	7	10	7	6	**92**	Cost per acre track record is hard to understand -- 13.3k in 2025, 8.5k in 2015-18. Why different. Comparsion to historical amounts?
PRE 01	2026 Accelerating the USFWS Habitat Conservation Easement Program	7	7	8	7	7	8	8	7	8	7	7	7	**88**	Sig higher than historical amounts. Private lands?
PRE 02	DNR Grassland Enhancement, Phase 17	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	7	8	4	7	7	**90**	Very small amounts in the past and not fully spent. Why not?
PRE 03	Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands, Phase 9	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	9	4	7	7	**90**	Why such small amounts in the past and why not spent? Seems like a good way to leverage dollars for habitat.
FA 01	Northern Forests Legacy Project	7	8	8	9	8	7	10	7	8	5	8	8	**93**	Huge project, urgency, cost per acre?
FA 02	Sand Lake/7 Beavers Acquisition & Enhancement	7	8	8	9	9	9	8	7	9	7	8	8	**97**	Unique property, low cost per acre?
FRE 01	DNR Forest Restoration and Enhancement, Phase 6	8	8	8	7	7	7	9	9	9	5	9	9	**95**	Request way higher than past allocation
FRE 02	Enhancing Critical Wildlife Forest Habitats and Watersheds on Superior National Forest	7	7	8	7	8	8	9	7	9	5	9	5	**89**	High cost per acre, track record?
WA 01	Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program, Phase 18	7	7	7	7	9	9	10	8	7	7	8	7	**93**	2+X histori amount, cost per acre?
WA 02	RIM Wetlands - Restoring the most productive habitat in Minnesota	8	7	7	7	8	8	10	9	8	10	6	7	**95**	Cost per acre? Money spent so far? 3x historic amt
WA 03	Shallow Lake & Wetland Protection & Restoration Program	7	7	7	7	8	8	10	7	7	5	6	7	**86**	2x historic amount, good money use
WA 04	Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration Program, Phase 11	7	7	8	7	7	8	7	7	7	5	6	5	**81**	Easements, cost per acre, how much private?
WRE 01	DNR Wetland Habitat Team	7	7	8	7	8	8	7	8	6	5	7	6	**84**	Personnel
WRE 02	Howard Lake Habitat Restoration	6	7	6	6	5	5	5	6	5	5	6	5	**67**	One lake, low leverage
WRE 03	Living Shallow Lakes and Wetlands Enhancement & Restoration Initiative	7	7	8	7	8	8	10	7	8	6	7	5	**88**	3+X historic amounts, easement? Public access?
WRE 04	Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancements, Phase 18	7	7	8	7	8	8	10	8	8	6	5	5	**87**	Money spent? 5X historical?
WRE 05	Talcot Lake	7	7	8	7	7	7	10	9	8	6	7	7	**90**	Past funding? Confusing.
WRE 06	Roseau Lake Rehabilitation, Phase 3	7	7	8	8	7	7	8	8	7	6	7	7	**87**	Scalable

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HA 01	2026 Riparian Habitat Protection in the Kettle and Snake River Watersheds	7	7	8	7	8	7	8	8	7	7	7	7	**88**	$5m ask, .1.5m historical, 45% spent.
HA 02	Cannon River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Program - 15	8	8	8	9	8	8	8	8	7	8	8	7	**95**	Building on a lot of past success, public, dollars not fully spent from past
HA 03	DNR AMA Fee-Title and Trout Stream Easement Acquisition	8	8	8	8	9	8	8	7	7	4	8	7	**90**	Hasn't got much funding in past - would like to know why - seems like a good use of dollars
HA 04	Washington County Habitat Protection and Restoration Partnership, Phase 2	7	8	7	7	8	8	7	7	8	6	7	7	**87**	Important area for water quality - higher budget requests, easements not open to public
HA 05	Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes - ML2026	7	7	8	8	8	8	7	7	8	7	7	7	**89**	Much lower past amounts. Leverage unclear. Amount spent so far?
HA 06	Greenbelt, Phase 1	7	7	7	7	7	6	7	6	7	6	6	6	**79**	2023 money not spent, no money 2024. Would like to understand this one.
HA 07	Hardwood Hills Habitat Conservation Program, Phase 3	7	7	6	7	8	7	7	7	8	6	7	6	**83**	Can't understand why the ask is for $5.5 m when past amounts have been $1.8 m and not fully spent. Would be good to know whether public lands are prioritized.
HA 08	Integrating Habitat and Clean Water	7	7	7	7	8	7	8	7	8	7	7	7	**87**	Ask is for 10m, past amounts are in 2-3m range. Easements underway.
HA 09	Metro Big Rivers 16	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	8	8	7	8	7	**95**	Big ask. Tons of collaboration, high urgency, historic amounts less. Early grants spent.
HA 10	Minnesota Statewide Trout Habitat Enhancement & Protection	8	8	9	7	8	8	9	8	8	7	7	7	**94**	Important area - $4m ask much larger than in past. No dollars granted since 2023 and 2022 and 23 dollars not spent. Why?
HA 11	Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project, Phase 10	8	8	7	7	8	7	9	7	8	7	7	8	**91**	Current money spent. Can't tell how much will be public and how much will be private easements.
HA 12	Protecting Coldwater Fisheries on Minnesota's North Shore, Phase 4	8	8	9	9	8	8	8	7	8	7	8	8	**96**	Not an unreasonable budget request for the need. Private easements but direct benefit to public use.
HA 13	Protecting Minnesota's Lakes of Outstanding Biological Significance, Phase 5	7	7	8	6	7	7	8	7	7	7	8	6	**85**	Ask nearly 3x historical spend. Delineation between public acquisition and private easements?
HA 14	Protection and Restoration of Money Creek and its Natural Riparian Communities	8	8	9	8	8	9	8	8	8	7	9	9	**99**	I like this project a lot. Would like to see some private landowner leverage.
HA 15	Red River Basin Riparian Habitat Program, Phase 2	8	8	7	7	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	**89**	Big area, big project, big ask -- $21m for private easements (5m historical)
HA 16	Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program	8	8	7	7	8	8	7	8	8	8	7	7	**91**	Ask is big based on past years but specifics spelled out and past money has been spent. Good track record.
HA 17	Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration, Phase 14	7	7	8	7	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	**88**	Confusing -- $19m ask when historically it hs been less than 5. Lists easements but then says land open for public acces. How much private easment and how much public?
HA 18	St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration, Phase 7	8	8	8	8	9	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	**92**	Would like to understand funding history - 13m in 2023 but much lower in other years.
HA 19	Upper Mississippi Flyway Habitat Conservation Program	8	8	7	8	7	8	7	8	8	8	7	7	**91**	Ends up being roughly $5,000/acre. Not funded in the past. All private?
HRE 01	A River of Birds in the Sky: Conserving Minnesota's Flyway	7	7	8	7	8	7	8	7	7	8	8	8	**90**	Good leverage, reasonable budget - but it hasn't been spent in past years. Why
HRE 02	Bone Lake South, Phase 2	8	8	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	**91**	Clearly defined project in metro area - would like to understand progress on Phase I.
HRE 03	City of Delano - Crow River Restoration and Enhancement	7	7	7	8	7	7	8	8	8	8	7	7	**89**	Area in pretty dire need of help - appropriate for LSOHC funds? Crow River overall needs help.
HRE 04	DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement, Phase 9	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	8	6	7	7	**90**	Big punch list of long-term projects. Reconcile with amount spent to date/remaining - seems to be being spent down.
HRE 05	Little Cannon River Stream Habitat Restoration	8	8	8	8	9	8	9	7	7	7	8	8	**95**	Interesting project with high public and ecological benefit. Hard to tell if budget is adequate or what the work plan is. New project.
HRE 06	Mission Creek Watershed Connectivity	8	8	9	7	8	8	8	7	8	7	7	7	**92**	Mentions 900 acres and non-state funds but not in the leverage section. Past money spend would be helpful to understand. Wish we could see projgress to date.
HRE 07	Mud River Enhancement Project	8	8	8	7	8	7	9	8	8	8	8	8	**95**	Really wish this project was scalable. Good leverage dollars and like that it can be executed all on public land. Says $ received in past but no detail.
HRE 08	Oak Savanna Restoration for Living Landscapes	8	8	8	7	8	8	8	7	7	8	7	7	**91**	New project without prior funding. Good amount of leverage. Amount of availability to public vs. tribal lands - any supplemental funding from tribal sources? ENRTF?
HRE 09	Swift Coulee Channel Restoration/ Enhancement, Phase 2	8	8	7	8	9	8	7	8	8	9	7	7	**94**	Phase II of multi-phase project. Strong leverage.
HRE 10	Woods Creek Restoration	8	8	8	8	7	8	8	7	8	8	7	7	**92**	Good self-contained project - would like to understand the amount requested (750k) in context of previous amounts granted (and not yet spent)
CPL	Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program ML26/FY27	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	**108**	Scored high based on established practice and historic use. Does not fit other grants so cannot be scored in same manner.
O 1	Contract Management	9	9	NA	9	NA	NA	NA	8	8	NA	9	9	**61**	Staff
O 2	DNR Core Functions in Partner-led OHF Acquisitions	9	9	NA	9	NA	NA	NA	8	8	NA	9	9	**61**	Staff
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PRE 02	DNR Grassland Enhancement, Phase 17	8	7	8	6	5	6	6	6	8	0	6	6	**72**	
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FA 01	Northern Forests Legacy Project	8	7	7	6	6	6	5	6	8	2	6	5	**72**	
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WRE 03	Living Shallow Lakes and Wetlands Enhancement & Restoration Initiative	8	7	8	7	7	7	7	8	7	10	7	7	**90**	
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PA 04	Martin County WMA Acquisition, Phase 10	5	5	5	5	7	5	10	7	5	5	3	1	**63**	Purchase, Open to public use, 7% matching fund, $17K/acre,
PA 05	ML 2026 Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge, Phase 16	5	5	5	2	5	2	5	5	4	5	3	3	**49**	Mostly Easements/some purchase, most acres not open to public use, 7% matchng funds, $6K/acre but mostly restoration on easments?
PA 06	MN Prairie Recovery Program, Phase 15	5	5	5	5	5	6	10	5	5	7	5	1	**64**	Purchase/mostly enhance, open to public, 11% matching funds, funds mostly for restoration at $7K/acre
PA 07	Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley, Phase 12	5	4	7	7	7	5	10	8	5	4	5	1	**68**	Purchase, open to public use, 6% matching funds, $7k/acre purchase
PA 08	RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water	4	4	5	2	5	2	5	5	4	10	1	1	**48**	Easements. Not open to public use, 120% matching funds, $28K/acre- WHY WOULD WE PAY THAT PER ACRE????
PRE 01	2026 Accelerating the USFWS Habitat Conservation Easement Program	3	5	6	2	1	3	5	5	4	7	4	1	**46**	Enhance CURRENT easements. Not open to public use, 11% matchng fund, $4K/acre
PRE 02	DNR Grassland Enhancement, Phase 17	5	5	5	4	1	6	10	5	5	1	5	5	**57**	Enhance 22,000 acres of WMA's, Open to public use. No matching funds, $400/acre
PRE 03	Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands, Phase 9	6	5	5	6	1	6	10	5	5	2	5	6	**62**	Enhance 6,000 acres of WMA's, Open t o public use. 2% matching funds, $1200/acre
FA 01	Northern Forests Legacy Project	5	5	4	10	5	5	10	10	7	2	10	10	**83**	Purchase. Open to public use. 2% matching funds. $1K/acre
FA 02	Sand Lake/7 Beavers Acquisition & Enhancement	5	5	4	10	5	5	10	10	7	2	10	10	**83**	Purchase. Open to public use. 3% matching funds. $1K/acre
FRE 01	DNR Forest Restoration and Enhancement, Phase 6	5	5	4	5	5	7	7	5	5	1	5	5	**59**	Enhance 22,000 acres of public lands, Open t o public use. No matching funds, $350/acre
FRE 02	Enhancing Critical Wildlife Forest Habitats and Watersheds on Superior National Forest	5	5	5	5	5	7	7	5	5	2	3	5	**59**	Enhance 2,600 acres of public lands, Open t o public use. 3% matching funds, $1800/acre
WA 01	Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program, Phase 18	5	5	5	3	5	5	5	5	5	9	5	1	**58**	Purchase 1500 acres. Open to public use. 29% matching funds. $10K/acre. Phase 18???????
WA 02	RIM Wetlands - Restoring the most productive habitat in Minnesota	4	4	5	2	5	2	5	5	4	10	1	1	**48**	Easements. Not open to public use, 107% matching funds, $22K/acre. WHY WOULD WE PAY THAT PER ACRE???? Phase 16
WA 03	Shallow Lake & Wetland Protection & Restoration Program	4	5	5	5	7	5	10	8	5	1	7	2	**64**	Purchase, adds to exisitng WMA open to public, 10% matching funds, $10k/acre. Phase 15
WA 04	Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration Program, Phase 11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	Abstract does not match funding backup. Says purchase 1400 acres but no costs for acquired lands listed. Need explanation
WRE 01	DNR Wetland Habitat Team	5	5	4	5	4	1	5	5	5	1	5	5	**50**	DNR staff costs. $181K/person/yr.
WRE 02	Howard Lake Habitat Restoration	5	5	5	7	4	5	5	5	5	8	8	5	**67**	Restore 745 acre lake. Open to Public. 24% matching funds, No past funding requests. $2.2k/acre.
WRE 03	Living Shallow Lakes and Wetlands Enhancement & Restoration Initiative	5	5	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	6	5	1	**56**	Enhance/Restore. Looks to be all land open to public. Main $$ for water control structures. 10% matching funds.$7k/acre Phase 12
WRE 04	Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancements, Phase 18	5	5	5	5	4	5	6	5	5	1	3	1	**50**	Enhance/Restore wetlands. Open to Public. $for tile removal, ditch plugs, water control & include cattail removal. No matching funds.$2k/acre Phase 18. Slow in using past funds??
WRE 05	Talcot Lake	3	3	5	4	5	5	5	4	5	1	3	3	**46**	Enhance/Restore. Open to Public. $$ for water control structure. No matching funds.$8k/acre. Phase 6?? Doesn't say. Committed $11Mill to project in past. Slow spending past $$. Give them $1 mill to fund engineering and get a plan.
WRE 06	Roseau Lake Rehabilitation, Phase 3	5	5	5	3	5	5	5	5	5	3	5	6	**57**	Restoration. Open to public. Levees and water control structures on 4.6 miles of river. 5% matching Funds. $2K/acre. Phase 3. Slow spending committed $3Mill in 2020 and only $400k spent to date???.

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HA 02	Cannon River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Program - 15	5	5	5	3	5	5	5	4	5	2	6	3	**53**	Purchase/restore. Open to public. 3% matching funds. $10K/acre. Phase 15. Includes restoring 100 acres of City of Owatonna Kaplan Woods for $1.1 Mil - $11,400/acre - Is that correct?? What are they doing there?
HA 03	DNR AMA Fee-Title and Trout Stream Easement Acquisition	5	5	5	5	4	5	6	5	5	1	5	5	**56**	Purchase 195 acres of trout stream/Easements on 330 acres. Open to Public. No matching funds. $19k/acre to purchase - $8k/acre for easement (Note - spending $40k/acre to purchase 30 acres???). Phase 6??
HA 04	Washington County Habitat Protection and Restoration Partnership, Phase 2	5	5	5	5	6	5	5	4	4	6	5	3	**58**	Easements 385 acres(and staff??)/Ehance 970 acres . Not open to public. 10% matching fund. $1.1 Mil of $7.6 Mil request is for staff costs). Easements $14.4K/acre - Enhance $1400/acre. Phase 2
HA 05	Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes - ML2026	5	5	6	6	6	6	7	5	6	5	10	6	**73**	Purchase 933 acres of lakeshore. Protect cold water fisheries. Open to public. 8% matching funds. $9k/acre of lakeshore. Seems like a good price. At least Phase 11? Good history on spending
HA 06	Greenbelt, Phase 1	5	5	3	3	3	4	4	5	6	3	5	1	**47**	Purchase 200 acres/Easements 100 acres. Protect wetlands in Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed. Open to public but use decided on site by site basis with hunting & Fishing governed by local municipal - not Mn DNR. 5% matching funds. $11k/acre
HA 07	Hardwood Hills Habitat Conservation Program, Phase 3	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	5	4	4	5	3	**51**	Easements- minimal restore/enhance. Hardwood Hills by St. Cloud. Not open to public. 6% matching funds. $3.4K/acre of Easement Phase 3
HA 08	Integrating Habitat and Clean Water	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	1	5	4	**47**	Easements. One Watershed One Plan with BWSR. Not open to public. No matching funds. $6.6k/acre. Phase 3??
HA 09	Metro Big Rivers 16	5	5	4	5	6	5	5	4	5	5	5	2	**56**	Purchase 841 acres/Restore & enhance 1392 acres. Open to Public. 7% matching funds. Phase 16. Large grants given each year .$15 Mil in 2023. Purchase - $16k/acre/Enhance 7 Restore - $5800/acre
HA 10	Minnesota Statewide Trout Habitat Enhancement & Protection	5	3	6	5	3	6	6	4	4	7	4	6	**59**	Enhance 116 acres of trout stream and acquire Easements on 36 acres. Open to public, 13% matching funds. Enhance @$38k/acre. Easements at $12k/acre. No costs shown for cost to restore by parcel???
HA 11	Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project, Phase 10	5	5	5	5	6	6	5	6	4	1	5	5	**58**	Purchase 800 acres/Easements 2000 acres. 1% Matching Fubds. Open to public.Purchase @ $6k/acre/Easements @ $2450/acre. Phase 10
HA 12	Protecting Coldwater Fisheries on Minnesota's North Shore, Phase 4	5	5	5	5	4	5	5	5	4	5	5	4	**57**	Easements on North Shore trout streams 660 acres. 7% Matching funds. Not open to Public. Easements @ 6K/acre. Phase 4,
HA 13	Protecting Minnesota's Lakes of Outstanding Biological Significance, Phase 5	6	5	5	6	5	6	6	5	5	6	6	6	**67**	Purchase 533 acres/Easements 750 acres. Preserve lake shore on critical/best fishing lakes in Central MN to protect fisheries. Only the purchased 533 acres is open to public. 9% matching funds. Purchase @ $9470/acre. Easements @$5504/acre. Phase
HA 14	Protection and Restoration of Money Creek and its Natural Riparian Communities	5	3	6	5	4	6	6	5	4	1	5	3	**53**	Easement 69 acres/Restore same 69 acres. Money Creek Trout Stream. Not open to Public. No matching funds. Easement @$4k/acre. Restore @$38,649/acre (data not shown in support info)
HA 15	Red River Basin Riparian Habitat Program, Phase 2	5	5	5	5	6	5	5	5	4	7	5	2	**59**	Easements 2900 acres. Protect Red River Basin. Not open to public. 13% matching funds. Easements @$7300/acre. Phase 3
HA 16	Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program	5	7	5	5	6	5	8	7	5	2	10	10	**75**	Purchase 31 acres/Restore & Enhance 574 acres. Shell Rock River project. Open to Public. 2% matching funds. Purchase @ $10k/acre. Restore & Enhance @ $313/acre. Very clear goals! Phase 13?
HA 17	Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration, Phase 14	5	5	5	5	7	5	5	5	4	3	8	8	**65**	Purchase 1000 acres/Easements 1725 acres/Restore & Enhance 2610 acres. SE MN Driftless area projects. Purchase open to public. Easements are not open to the public. 5% matching funds. Purchase @$ 11k/acre. Easements at $ 3k/acre. Restore/Enhance
HA 18	St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration, Phase 7	5	5	5	5	6	5	5	5	4	3	5	8	**61**	Purchase 720 acres/Easements 880 acres. Land protection along St. Croix River. Purchase open to public. Easements are not open to the public. 4% matching funds. Purchase $6478/acre/Easements $4943. Phase 7
HA 19	Upper Mississippi Flyway Habitat Conservation Program	5	5	5	5	6	6	5	5	4	5	5	8	**64**	Easements 856 acres/Restore & Enhance 20 acres. Upper Mississippi River Flyway between St Cloud and Minneapolis. Not open to Public. 8% matching funds. Easements @ $5443/acre. Restore & Enhance @ $21,040/acre. Spendy restoration. No prior
HRE 01	A River of Birds in the Sky: Conserving Minnesota's Flyway	COI	COI	COI	COI	COI	COI	COI	COI	COI	COI	COI	COI	**0**	Resstore and Enhance 468 acres. Habitat projects along the St. Croix and Mississippi River Valleys on both private and public lands. 15% matching funds. Restore/Enhance at $3083/acre. Phase 5??
HRE 02	Bone Lake South, Phase 2	5	4	5	5	6	5	5	4	5	6	3	8	**61**	Restore/Enhance 236 acres (Cost info shows 152 acres). Habitat for Blanding Turtles in Bone Lake South Wetland Area. ???? No mention of public use?? 10% matching funds.Restore/Enhance @ $10,700/acre on 152 acres. Phase 2
HRE 03	City of Delano - Crow River Restoration and Enhancement	4	4	3	5	4	5	5	4	4	7	5	5	**55**	Enhance 14 acres. South Fork Crow River in City of Delano. Enhance river banks and improve canoe and fishing access. ??Assume there is public access but doesn't say?? 15% matching funds. $168k/acre with match
HRE 04	DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement, Phase 9	5	5	5	5	10	5	6	6	5	9	6	5	**72**	Restore/Enhance 2344 acres. Remove dams, install 4 fish passages, and 3 channel restorations. 27% matching funds.Restore/Enhance at $7064/acre. Phase 9. GREAT MATCHING FUNDS.
HRE 05	Little Cannon River Stream Habitat Restoration	5	5	6	5	4	5	5	5	5	4	5	3	**57**	Enhance 140 acres. Restore/enhance 5 miles of trout stream habitiat on Little Cannon River. Open to Public. 5% matching funds. Enhance @ $37k/acre.
HRE 06	Mission Creek Watershed Connectivity	5	5	6	6	5	6	5	5	5	1	5	8	**62**	Enhance/Restore 202 acres. Mission Creek Watershed - Lake Superior. Replace barriers to fish passage. Not sure on public access?? No matching funds. Enhance/Restore @ $13,167/acre. Phase 6?? Funding from 2021 and 2022 largely
HRE 07	Mud River Enhancement Project	5	5	5	5	5	6	5	5	5	7	5	5	**63**	Enhance/Restore on 744 acres. Water diversion project to stop sediment and flooding on the Mud River. Open to public access. 13% matching funds. Enhance/Restore @$6,855/acre
HRE 08	Oak Savanna Restoration for Living Landscapes	5	4	6	5	4	4	4	4	4	8	4	5	**57**	Enhance/Restore on 1000 acres. BWSR project to restore oak savannas for pollinator habitat. Projects on public and tribal land. 24% matching funds. Enhance/Restore @$3,623/acre
HRE 09	Swift Coulee Channel Restoration/ Enhancement, Phase 2	5	5	5	5	4	5	4	4	4	9	5	5	**60**	Restore/Enhance on 492 acres. Swift Coulee channel restoration on Easements. Expect no Public Access??? 29% matching funds. Restore/Ehance @ $7,244/acre. Phase 2.
HRE 10	Woods Creek Restoration	5	5	6	6	10	10	5	10	6	10	6	10	**89**	Restore 1 acre. Woods Creek. Remove/replace 2 undersized crossings.95% matching funds. Restore @ $750k/acre. GREAT MATCHING FUNDS!
CPL	Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program ML26/FY27	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	**60**	CPL grants
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HA 06	Greenbelt, Phase 1	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	**60**	
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HRE 01	A River of Birds in the Sky: Conserving Minnesota's Flyway	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	**60**	
HRE 02	Bone Lake South, Phase 2	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	**60**	
HRE 03	City of Delano - Crow River Restoration and Enhancement	7	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	7	7	5	5	**66**	
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HRE 07	Mud River Enhancement Project	5	5	5	5	5	5	7	5	5	5	5	3	**60**	
HRE 08	Oak Savanna Restoration for Living Landscapes	7	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	7	5	5	**64**	
HRE 09	Swift Coulee Channel Restoration/ Enhancement, Phase 2	7	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	7	5	5	**64**	
HRE 10	Woods Creek Restoration	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	7	5	5	**62**	
CPL	Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program ML26/FY27	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	**120**	
O 1	Contract Management	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	**120**	
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PA 02	Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program, Phase 18	8	8	5	5	8	8	5	3	5	5	8	5	**73**	Need to explain unspent money
PA 03	DNR WMA & SNA Acquisition, Phase 18	8	8	8	5	5	5	5	5	5	0	8	5	**67**	Need to explain unspent money
PA 04	Martin County WMA Acquisition, Phase 10	5	5	8	5	8	5	8	5	5	3	3	5	**65**	Cost per acrre excessive? $16,000 for prairie; $18,000 for wetlands????
PA 05	ML 2026 Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge, Phase 16	8	5	8	5	8	5	5	5	8	3	5	5	**70**	
PA 06	MN Prairie Recovery Program, Phase 15	8	8	8	5	5	5	8	5	8	8	8	5	**81**	Need to explain unspent money
PA 07	Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley, Phase 12	5	8	8	5	5	5	8	5	8	5	5	5	**72**	
PA 08	RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water	8	8	5	5	5	8	8	5	8	10	8	5	**83**	Need to explain unspent money
PRE 01	2026 Accelerating the USFWS Habitat Conservation Easement Program	8	5	8	5	8	8	8	5	8	8	5	5	**81**	
PRE 02	DNR Grassland Enhancement, Phase 17	8	5	5	5	8	8	8	5	5	0	3	5	**65**	Lots of unspent money???
PRE 03	Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands, Phase 9	8	8	5	5	8	8	8	5	5	0	8	5	**73**	qwertyuiop[l grrrrrrrrrrf
FA 01	Northern Forests Legacy Project	8	5	5	8	8	5	8	8	5	5	8	5	**78**	Needs a full council discussion; $25 million is a big chunk
FA 02	Sand Lake/7 Beavers Acquisition & Enhancement	5	5	5	5	8	5	5	5	5	3	8	5	**64**	Need to know more;
FRE 01	DNR Forest Restoration and Enhancement, Phase 6	8	8	5	5	5	5	8	8	5	0	8	8	**73**	
FRE 02	Enhancing Critical Wildlife Forest Habitats and Watersheds on Superior National Forest	5	8	5	5	5	8	5	5	8	3	8	8	**73**	Need more details
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WA 02	RIM Wetlands - Restoring the most productive habitat in Minnesota	8	8	5	8	8	5	5	5	8	10	8	8	**86**	
WA 03	Shallow Lake & Wetland Protection & Restoration Program	8	8	8	5	8	8	5	8	8	8	8	8	**90**	
WA 04	Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration Program, Phase 11	8	5	8	5	8	8	5	5	8	5	8	8	**81**	
WRE 01	DNR Wetland Habitat Team	8	5	8	5	8	8	8	5	5	0	8	8	**76**	unspent money??
WRE 02	Howard Lake Habitat Restoration	8	8	8	5	8	8	5	8	8	8	8	8	**90**	Need to know what chemicals will be applied and when; what steps are taken to protect spawning gamefish.
WRE 03	Living Shallow Lakes and Wetlands Enhancement & Restoration Initiative	8	8	8	5	8	8	8	5	8	8	8	8	**90**	
WRE 04	Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancements, Phase 18	8	5	8	5	8	8	8	5	8	0	8	5	**76**	
WRE 05	Talcot Lake	8	5	8	5	8	8	5	5	8	0	5	5	**70**	Unspent money?? And what if dam removal allows carp to move into Talcot??
WRE 06	Roseau Lake Rehabilitation, Phase 3	8	8	8	5	8	8	8	5	8	3	5	8	**82**	

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HA 02	Cannon River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Program - 15	8	5	8	5	8	8	5	5	8	3	8	5	**76**	
HA 03	DNR AMA Fee-Title and Trout Stream Easement Acquisition	8	8	5	5	5	8	8	5	8	0	5	5	**70**	Per acre price of land...Uffdah??Need explanation.
HA 04	Washington County Habitat Protection and Restoration Partnership, Phase 2	5	5	5	5	8	8	5	8	8	5	8	8	**78**	
HA 05	Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes - ML2026	8	8	8	5	8	8	8	5	5	5	5	5	**78**	Costs per acre don't seem to add up??
HA 06	Greenbelt, Phase 1	8	8	8	5	8	8	8	5	5	5	8	8	**84**	
HA 07	Hardwood Hills Habitat Conservation Program, Phase 3	8	8	8	5	8	8	8	5	8	3	8	8	**85**	
HA 08	Integrating Habitat and Clean Water	8	8	8	5	8	8	8	5	8	0	8	8	**82**	Unspent money??
HA 09	Metro Big Rivers 16	8	5	5	5	8	8	5	5	8	5	8	5	**75**	Unspent money is bothersome
HA 10	Minnesota Statewide Trout Habitat Enhancement & Protection	8	5	5	5	8	8	5	5	8	5	8	8	**78**	Unspent money??
HA 11	Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project, Phase 10	8	8	8	5	8	8	8	5	8	3	5	5	**79**	
HA 12	Protecting Coldwater Fisheries on Minnesota's North Shore, Phase 4	8	5	8	5	5	8	8	5	5	3	8	5	**73**	Unspent money??
HA 13	Protecting Minnesota's Lakes of Outstanding Biological Significance, Phase 5	8	5	8	5	8	8	5	5	8	3	5	5	**73**	Spending $1 million for 38 acres is more than $26,000 per acre????
HA 14	Protection and Restoration of Money Creek and its Natural Riparian Communities	8	5	8	5	8	8	5	5	8	0	8	8	**76**	
HA 15	Red River Basin Riparian Habitat Program, Phase 2	8	5	8	5	8	5	8	5	8	5	5	5	**75**	
HA 16	Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program	8	8	8	5	8	8	8	5	5	3	8	8	**82**	
HA 17	Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration, Phase 14	8	5	8	5	8	8	8	5	8	3	5	5	**76**	449 acres for almost $14,000 an acre??
HA 18	St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration, Phase 7	8	5	5	5	8	5	5	5	8	3	8	5	**70**	Some acquistions almost`$17,000 per acre?
HA 19	Upper Mississippi Flyway Habitat Conservation Program	8	5	5	5	8	5	5	5	8	3	8	5	**70**	
HRE 01	A River of Birds in the Sky: Conserving Minnesota's Flyway	5	5	8	5	5	5	5	5	8	5	8	8	**72**	Unspent money???
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HRE 07	Mud River Enhancement Project	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	5	8	8	8	8	**93**	
HRE 08	Oak Savanna Restoration for Living Landscapes	8	5	8	5	5	8	5	5	8	5	8	8	**78**	
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CPL	Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program ML26/FY27													**90**	$12,000,000
O 1	Contract Management													**0**	$450,000
O 2	DNR Core Functions in Partner-led OHF Acquisitions													**0**	$129,000
O 3	Restoration Evaluations - ML 2026													**0**	$204,000

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PA 01	2026 RIM Grasslands Reserve, Phase 7	8	8	8	6	7	8	8	6	6	1	5	5	**76**	any possibility for public access hiking trails along edges of grasslands?
PA 02	Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program, Phase 18	7	7	8	4	7	7	7	6	5	1	5	2	**66**	any possibility for public access hiking trails along edges of grasslands?
PA 03	DNR WMA & SNA Acquisition, Phase 18	8	8	8	6	7	8	8	6	6	1	5	5	**76**	
PA 04	Martin County WMA Acquisition, Phase 10	8	8	8	4	7	7	8	6	6	2	5	2	**71**	
PA 05	ML 2026 Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge, Phase 16	7	5	7	1	7	7	7	6	4	3	5	3	**62**	federal funds still available? State money to USFWS Acquisition?
PA 06	MN Prairie Recovery Program, Phase 15	6	6	7	1	7	7	7	6	4	3	5	5	**64**	Maintenance of existing lands is a plus
PA 07	Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley, Phase 12	7	6	7	1	7	7	7	6	5	1	5	3	**62**	
PA 08	RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water	8	8	8	4	7	6	7	6	6	1	5	5	**71**	Does this include any wetlands restoration? water storage for drainage possible?
PRE 01	2026 Accelerating the USFWS Habitat Conservation Easement Program	7	7	7	4	6	7	7	6	7	6	5	5	**74**	federal funds still available? state funds for USFWS
PRE 02	DNR Grassland Enhancement, Phase 17	8	8	7	4	7	8	7	6	7	1	5	5	**73**	space for hiking trails built with other funds
PRE 03	Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands, Phase 9	8	7	7	4	6	6	7	6	7	1	5	5	**69**	space for hiking trails built with other funds
FA 01	Northern Forests Legacy Project	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	3	10	10	**112**	
FA 02	Sand Lake/7 Beavers Acquisition & Enhancement	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	3	10	10	**112**	
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FRE 02	Enhancing Critical Wildlife Forest Habitats and Watersheds on Superior National Forest	4	4	7	4	4	6	5	3	3	2	3	3	**48**	
WA 01	Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program, Phase 18	7	7	7	4	7	8	8	6	6	1	4	4	**69**	
WA 02	RIM Wetlands - Restoring the most productive habitat in Minnesota	7	9	7	4	8	8	8	7	7	1	6	6	**78**	
WA 03	Shallow Lake & Wetland Protection & Restoration Program	7	9	7	6	7	7	6	6	7	3	5	5	**75**	
WA 04	Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration Program, Phase 11	7	7	7	5	7	7	6	6	7	2	6	6	**73**	
WRE 01	DNR Wetland Habitat Team	9	9	10	5	7	9	10	10	10	1	4	4	**88**	
WRE 02	Howard Lake Habitat Restoration	8	8	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	2	6	6	**66**	50% carp removal seems futile, will repopulate. weed removal 90% what is city doing to prevent reoccurance of existing problems?
WRE 03	Living Shallow Lakes and Wetlands Enhancement & Restoration Initiative	8	8	5	1	7	7	7	7	8	3	2	2	**65**	huge money on hand from prior years
WRE 04	Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancements, Phase 18	9	9	7	7	8	8	8	6	5	1	5	5	**78**	
WRE 05	Talcot Lake	8	9	6	1	6	6	6	6	6	1	2	2	**59**	huge money on hand prior years
WRE 06	Roseau Lake Rehabilitation, Phase 3	7	7	6	1	7	6	6	6	6	2	2	2	**58**	

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HA 01	2026 Riparian Habitat Protection in the Kettle and Snake River Watersheds	7	7	6	1	6	5	5	5	5	1	4	4	**56**	overlap with BWSR rim program request hydrology problems seem worse in other prats of the state
HA 02	Cannon River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Program - 15	8	8	7	5	6	6	6	6	6	2	5	5	**70**	support acquisition funding, restoration numbers seem very high
HA 03	DNR AMA Fee-Title and Trout Stream Easement Acquisition	8	8	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	2	5	5	**71**	How is the stream opened to the public? Does the esement include access along stream edge?
HA 04	Washington County Habitat Protection and Restoration Partnership, Phase 2	8	8	8	6	7	7	7	6	6	5	5	5	**78**	significant unspent.
HA 05	Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes - ML2026	7	8	6	6	6	6	6	7	5	4	5	5	**71**	
HA 06	Greenbelt, Phase 1	7	7	6	5	5	6	5	6	5	3	4	4	**63**	Are wetlands not already protected by state law. What is the per acre value of undevelopable wetlands?
HA 07	Hardwood Hills Habitat Conservation Program, Phase 3	8	8	7	7	6	7	5	5	6	2	6	6	**73**	Can public access hiking trails be retained on existing field roads?
HA 08	Integrating Habitat and Clean Water	7	7	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	1	2	2	**55**	This relies heavily on 1W1P which do not have enforcable provisions.
HA 09	Metro Big Rivers 16	7	7	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	**58**	MVT exists with cash onhand to acquire laand. Huge unspent funds
HA 10	Minnesota Statewide Trout Habitat Enhancement & Protection	8	8	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	4	5	5	**73**	Is there increased public access along entire stream?
HA 11	Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project, Phase 10	8	8	7	7	7	6	6	6	7	3	6	6	**77**	
HA 12	Protecting Coldwater Fisheries on Minnesota's North Shore, Phase 4	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	6	6	2	5	5	**76**	How far along the preservation path for this resource are we?
HA 13	Protecting Minnesota's Lakes of Outstanding Biological Significance, Phase 5	7	7	7	5	6	7	7	6	6	4	5	5	**72**	is our goal fighting climate change or offsetting CC effects? Is this the part of the state where these projects have the gratest effect? This is already the wilderness paradise portion of Minnesota.
HA 14	Protection and Restoration of Money Creek and its Natural Riparian Communities	7	7	7	6	6	6	7	5	6	1	5	5	**68**	Do easements provide streamside access?
HA 15	Red River Basin Riparian Habitat Program, Phase 2	7	8	7	6	6	7	6	5	6	5	5	5	**73**	
HA 16	Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program	8	8	6	7	6	6	7	6	6	3	5	5	**73**	support 35 acre acquisition
HA 17	Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration, Phase 14	8	8	6	10	7	7	8	7	7	2	9	9	**88**	scoring is mostly focused on Wacouta Parcel
HA 18	St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration, Phase 7	7	7	5	6	6	6	7	6	7	2	7	7	**73**	
HA 19	Upper Mississippi Flyway Habitat Conservation Program	7	7	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	2	5	5	**69**	support acquisition
HRE 01	A River of Birds in the Sky: Conserving Minnesota's Flyway	8	7	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	3	5	5	**68**	
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HRE 03	City of Delano - Crow River Restoration and Enhancement	7	6	5	5	7	5	5	5	5	7	5	5	**67**	how much stream meander is being restored. is this a city maintenece project?
HRE 04	DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement, Phase 9	8	8	6	6	7	6	6	6	6	7	8	8	**82**	has every previous application included a detailed list of projects and are they being completed on time?
HRE 05	Little Cannon River Stream Habitat Restoration	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	6	6	2	7	7	**79**	Funding staff within some partners seems high
HRE 06	Mission Creek Watershed Connectivity	8	7	8	7	9	7	7	7	6	6	5	5	**82**	with cash unspent, will this finish the project or simply fund more design work. Why is most money upsent?
HRE 07	Mud River Enhancement Project	8	7	7	7	8	6	7	7	6	6	6	6	**81**	mostly a habitat project
HRE 08	Oak Savanna Restoration for Living Landscapes	8	8	7	7	6	7	7	6	7	8	6	6	**83**	$3600 per acre to restore already owned public land seems high. Tribal land noted in first paragraph, not later. Why not state parks?
HRE 09	Swift Coulee Channel Restoration/ Enhancement, Phase 2	8	6	7	2	4	5	5	7	6	8	5	5	**68**	IS match from previous LSOHC funding from BWSR and RRB? All previous money unspent! Why? does the meander follow the original stream route or is it within the channelized area.
HRE 10	Woods Creek Restoration	8	8	7	7	8	4	5	6	8	6	7	7	**81**	is this really more than a road maintenance proejct current narrow widths of crossings are a road issue too
CPL	Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program ML26/FY27	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	**120**	money for smaller projects
O 1	Contract Management	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	**120**	necessary
O 2	DNR Core Functions in Partner-led OHF Acquisitions	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	**120**	necessary
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PA 01	2026 RIM Grasslands Reserve, Phase 7	8	9	8	6	8	9	8	8	10	6	10	10	**100**	
PA 02	Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program, Phase 18	7	8	7	6	9	9	7	8	10	8	8	9	**96**	
PA 03	DNR WMA & SNA Acquisition, Phase 18	10	10	8	7	8	9	10	9	10	0	10	8	**99**	
PA 04	Martin County WMA Acquisition, Phase 10	10	10	8	7	10	10	9	10	10	8	8	9	**109**	
PA 05	ML 2026 Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge, Phase 16	10	10	10	7	10	8	9	10	10	8	10	8	**110**	
PA 06	MN Prairie Recovery Program, Phase 15	9	9	9	7	9	9	9	8	10	8	10	10	**107**	
PA 07	Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley, Phase 12	10	10	9	7	10	9	9	10	7	6	10	8	**105**	
PA 08	RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water	10	9	8	8	9	10	8	10	10	10	9	9	**110**	
PRE 01	2026 Accelerating the USFWS Habitat Conservation Easement Program	10	10	5	9	9	7	7	8	7	9	9	9	**99**	
PRE 02	DNR Grassland Enhancement, Phase 17	8	8	7	7	1	7	7	6	7	0	6	6	**70**	
PRE 03	Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands, Phase 9	7	7	7	6	1	7	7	6	7	0	6	6	**67**	
FA 01	Northern Forests Legacy Project	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	1	10	10	**111**	
FA 02	Sand Lake/7 Beavers Acquisition & Enhancement	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	10	10	**112**	
FRE 01	DNR Forest Restoration and Enhancement, Phase 6	8	10	10	8	9	9	9	9	8	0	10	8	**98**	
FRE 02	Enhancing Critical Wildlife Forest Habitats and Watersheds on Superior National Forest	9	10	10	7	7	10	9	8	8	7	8	8	**101**	
WA 01	Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program, Phase 18	7	8	7	8	7	9	9	9	10	8	9	9	**100**	
WA 02	RIM Wetlands - Restoring the most productive habitat in Minnesota	7	8	10	10	7	10	10	10	10	10	9	9	**110**	
WA 03	Shallow Lake & Wetland Protection & Restoration Program	10	10	10	8	10	10	10	10	10	8	8	8	**112**	
WA 04	Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration Program, Phase 11	10	10	10	8	8	8	10	10	10	8	10	8	**110**	
WRE 01	DNR Wetland Habitat Team	10	9	10	10	8	10	10	8	9	7	10	10	**111**	
WRE 02	Howard Lake Habitat Restoration	8	10	7	5	3	7	5	8	5	8	10	10	**86**	
WRE 03	Living Shallow Lakes and Wetlands Enhancement & Restoration Initiative	10	10	10	7	10	10	10	10	10	8	10	10	**115**	
WRE 04	Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancements, Phase 18	10	10	10	7	10	10	10	10	10	2	10	10	**109**	
WRE 05	Talcot Lake	10	10	10	6	10	7	10	10	10	0	7	6	**96**	
WRE 06	Roseau Lake Rehabilitation, Phase 3	10	10	10	7	9	9	10	10	10	8	9	8	**110**	

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HA 01	2026 Riparian Habitat Protection in the Kettle and Snake River Watersheds	9	9	10	8	7	10	10	10	10	0	10	10	**103**	
HA 02	Cannon River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Program - 15	8	10	8	7	8	10	9	8	8	7	8	8	**99**	
HA 03	DNR AMA Fee-Title and Trout Stream Easement Acquisition	10	10	10	7	7	10	10	9	8	1	8	8	**98**	
HA 04	Washington County Habitat Protection and Restoration Partnership, Phase 2	10	10	9	9	7	10	10	10	10	8	10	10	**113**	
HA 05	Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes - ML2026	10	10	9	7	7	7	9	10	10	7	9	9	**104**	
HA 06	Greenbelt, Phase 1	9	10	9	7	7	9	10	10	10	8	10	8	**107**	
HA 07	Hardwood Hills Habitat Conservation Program, Phase 3	10	10	8	9	8	10	10	10	10	7	10	8	**110**	
HA 08	Integrating Habitat and Clean Water	7	8	8	7	6	5	9	10	10	2	10	8	**90**	difference in fund spent vs committed...
HA 09	Metro Big Rivers 16	10	10	10	10	10	10	9	9	9	8	10	10	**115**	
HA 10	Minnesota Statewide Trout Habitat Enhancement & Protection	10	10	10	8	7	8	10	10	10	7	10	8	**108**	
HA 11	Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project, Phase 10	10	10	10	9	10	10	10	10	10	5	10	8	**112**	
HA 12	Protecting Coldwater Fisheries on Minnesota's North Shore, Phase 4	10	10	9	8	10	10	10	6	9	7	10	8	**107**	
HA 13	Protecting Minnesota's Lakes of Outstanding Biological Significance, Phase 5	10	10	8	7	10	10	10	7	10	8	10	9	**109**	
HA 14	Protection and Restoration of Money Creek and its Natural Riparian Communities	10	10	10	9	10	10	9	10	10	4	10	10	**112**	
HA 15	Red River Basin Riparian Habitat Program, Phase 2	10	10	7	6	10	10	10	9	10	8	9	8	**107**	
HA 16	Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program	10	10	9	7	8	8	7	8	9	7	10	9	**102**	
HA 17	Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration, Phase 14	10	10	9	8	8	7	9	7	9	8	10	8	**103**	
HA 18	St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration, Phase 7	9	10	10	9	8	8	10	9	10	8	10	9	**110**	
HA 19	Upper Mississippi Flyway Habitat Conservation Program	10	10	10	9	7	8	10	10	10	7	10	10	**111**	
HRE 01	A River of Birds in the Sky: Conserving Minnesota's Flyway	9	10	10	9	9	8	10	10	10	8	10	8	**111**	
HRE 02	Bone Lake South, Phase 2	9	8	8	7	10	9	9	10	10	9	10	10	**109**	
HRE 03	City of Delano - Crow River Restoration and Enhancement	7	8	6	6	7	6	5	8	8	8	7	6	**82**	
HRE 04	DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement, Phase 9	10	10	8	7	10	8	10	10	10	10	10	8	**111**	
HRE 05	Little Cannon River Stream Habitat Restoration	10	10	8	7	10	10	10	10	10	8	10	8	**111**	
HRE 06	Mission Creek Watershed Connectivity	8	10	8	9	10	8	9	10	10	0	8	7	**97**	
HRE 07	Mud River Enhancement Project	10	10	8	10	10	10	8	10	10	8	10	9	**113**	
HRE 08	Oak Savanna Restoration for Living Landscapes	10	10	6	10	10	10	10	10	8	9	10	10	**113**	
HRE 09	Swift Coulee Channel Restoration/ Enhancement, Phase 2	9	9	8	10	10	10	10	5	10	9	9	9	**108**	
HRE 10	Woods Creek Restoration	9	9	8	7	10	8	6	5	7	9	7	7	**92**	
CPL	Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program ML26/FY27	10	9	7	7	7	7	7	5	3	7	10	9	**88**	
O 1	Contract Management	8	9	0	10	0	5	0	5	0	0	10	10	**57**	
O 2	DNR Core Functions in Partner-led OHF Acquisitions	8	9	7	6	8	8	10	8	10	9	10	9	**102**	
O 3	Restoration Evaluations - ML 2026	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	10	5	0	10	10	**55**	