

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

MEMO: **Agenda Item #8**
DATE: November 12, 2025
SUBJECT: ML 2026 / FY2027 Accomplishment Plans for Review and Approval
PRESENTER: LSOHC Staff

Suggested Motion:

Motion by Member XX to progress the DRAFT ML2026/FY2027 accomplishment plans.

Motion by Member XX directing staff to proceed with drafting of ML2026 bill language for review and approval at the December 9, 2025 meeting.

Suggested Procedure:

1. Members review a report and recommendations from LSOHC staff regarding status of Accomplishment Plan edits to accommodate current Council funding recommendations. Members can review and discuss draft accomplishment plans, direct any specific questions to program managers, and request appropriate clarifying language be included in either accomplishment plans or bill language.
2. Members receive a report and recommendations from LSOHC staff regarding the “Core Functions in Partner-led OHF Land Acquisitions” (IDP & Land Acquisition Costs) program and discuss recommendation amount for “Core Functions.”
3. Members affirm funding recommendations and direct staff to proceed with bill language drafting for approval at the December 9, 2025, Council meeting.

Background:

After the Council made allocation recommendation decisions at the September 24, 2025 meeting, program managers were required to complete Accomplishment Plans based on the funding recommendation. Most of the changes within the Accomplishment Plans occurred within the Budget and Outputs tables (to reflect smaller budgets). LSOHC Staff have reviewed and worked with program managers to prepare the Accomplishment Plans in complete and correct form for Council review and discussion.

LSOHC staff reviewed the 54 accomplishment plans. Only 1 accomplishment plan (HRE02 – Bone Lake South, Phase 2) has requested a substantial shift from the proposal draft form that will require Council discussion and approval. A memo from the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District is attached that explains their suggested changes to the project.

In addition, the Council is recommending \$1,258,000 to the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District for their new land protection initiative (HA06 – Greenbelt Phase I). The project includes fee-title acquisition and conservation easement acquisition. Details of their easement program are still being

developed. Council should review and approve the details of the easement program prior to final accomplishment plan approval in June of 2026.

Accomplishment Plans will be considered for final approval by the Council in June 2026, after the bill is passed by the legislature and signed into law. The final draft Accomplishment Plans will include updated budgets and parcel lists.

Attachments:

- ML26/FY27 Draft Accomplishment Plans
(https://www.isohe.mn.gov/FY2027/Draft_APs/index_list.html)
- DNR IDP / DNR Land Acquisition Costs Spreadsheet
(data from current accomplishment plans)
- HRE02 Accomplishment Plan Explanation Sheet
- Accomplishment Plan Funding and Acre Output Analysis
- Funding Breakdown Spreadsheet by Organization