

DNR Core Functions in Partner-led OHF Acquisitions

The DNR Initial Development (IDP) Coordinator position is responsible for communicating and coordinating with eleven conservation partners, multiple DNR divisions, and with the MN Historical Society archeologists related to OHF acquisitions.

With every partner-led acquisition, a core set of functions relating to DNR Land Acquisition Costs ensures quality appraisals, fair price, and the State's interests are protected against future liabilities. Some of the parcels being acquired by partner organizations will be conveyed to the State of Minnesota to become part of the state's Wildlife Management Area (WMA), Aquatic Management Area (AMA), Scientific and Natural Area (SNA) and/or State Forest system. The DNR Land Acquisition Cost formula has been shared with partner organizations for their budget planning efforts. Properties that will not convey to the DNR (ex. fee acquisition without PILT or conservation easements) but that are valued over \$1 million require an appraisal review by DNR Division of Land & Minerals – Acquisition and Appraisal Unit. The DNR Land Acquisition Cost budgets will be swept from partner organizations budgets and put into the DNR Core Functions budget in fall 2025.

DNR Land Acquisition Cost formula for fee acquisition with PILT = \$12,000 for every \$500,000

DNR Land Acquisition Cost formula for acquisitions without PILT, fee title or conservation easements, valued over \$1 million = \$7,500

DNR Land Acquisition Costs

- Appraisal review
- Land survey review
- Title review
- Drainage agreements review
- Access agreements review
- Other agreement/encumbrance reviews
- DNR Division of Land & Minerals project manager time
- Property taxes
- Recording fees
- Deed taxes



DNR Initial Development Plan Costs

An Initial Development Plan (IDP) is required for all fee title land acquisitions in the DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife. The IDP is used to identify the funding and activities that will be needed to develop a new parcel to minimum standards (DNR Directive #070605 – Development Standards for WMA/AMAs). The new DNR IDP formula has been shared with partner organizations for their budget planning efforts.

The DNR IDP formula = \$21,000 for every 120-acre goal associated with fee title acquisition with PILT.

Limited activities in an IDP are covered in under the DNR Core Functions proposal:

- Cultural resource review – compliance with Minnesota Field Archaeology Act and Minnesota Historic Sites Act (MN Statutes 138.40 and 138.655)
- Boundary posts – purchased by DNR in large orders, freight cost savings
- OHF & DNR signs and hardware – metal and wood routed signs, posts, bolts, nuts, washers, etc.
- Fencing - grazing, parking lot, etc.
- Access/parking lots – improvement of ROW or approach from public road; parking lot needs (geotextile fabric, posts, gates, gravel, culvert, etc.)

Partner accomplishment plans will be reviewed and DNR IDP budgets will be swept into the DNR Core Functions budget in fall 2025.

