

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

MEMO: Report from the Executive Director
DATE: January 7, 2026
TO: Mark Johnson & Kristina Smitten
FROM: Sandy Smith
SUBJECT: Report on Parcels with Buildings

Background:

At the November 12, 2025, Meeting, the Council adopted guidelines regarding acquiring parcels with Buildings.

Procedure:

Staff identified 63 parcels currently reported in the program management system with 1 or more buildings indicated. An e-mail was sent to managers of those programs on November 19 asking for follow-up. The purpose of the follow-up was to verify the accuracy of the information in the system, if they were still pursuing acquisition of the parcels, and any available information regarding the value of the buildings.

Below is a summary of the information.

- 34 parcels were no longer being pursued
- 26 parcels report a building value of \$0 or well under the value thresholds, i.e. dilapidated structures, old sheds, collapsed houses, or other buildings which were or will be moved or demolished prior to sale
- 3 parcels are using no OHF dollars for acquisition.

Staff found no parcels with structures in the current approved accomplishment plans that require Council action.

Staff approved the following 2 Accomplishment Plan amendments that include parcels with buildings. We are providing this information as per the Council guidelines: "Notification to Council on ALL parcels with buildings will be provided on a regular basis."

ML 2025, subd. 2(e): Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program - Phase XVII

Parcel Name:	Nelson WMA Addn	Tiger Marsh WMA Addn
Estimated Parcel Value:	\$2.6 million	\$660,000
Type of Structure(s):	1 - Old barn	1 – Old house
Estimated Value of Structures:	\$30,000	\$0
Disposition:	Demolition	Demolition
Photos Included with Amendment:	Yes - partially collapsed, no utilities, not structurally sound	Yes – not habitable, partially collapsed

Date of Approval:	12/5/2025	12/5/2025
Rationale for Approval:	Did not meet threshold for Council review – low value	Did not meet threshold for Council review – low value

ML 2024, subd. 2(b): Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program - Phase XVI

Parcel Name:	Nelson WMA Addn
Estimated Parcel Value:	\$2.6 million
Type of Structure(s):	1 - Old barn
Estimated Value of Structures:	\$0
Disposition:	Demo/remove
Photos Included with Amendment:	Yes - partially collapsed, no utilities, not structurally sound
Date of Approval:	12/11/2025
Rationale for Approval:	Did not meet threshold for Council review – low value