



Outdoor Heritage Fund Appropriations

“At a Glance”

The information provided covers three years of funded appropriations (ML 2009, 2010 and 2011) and one year of recommendations for consideration by the 2012 legislature.

Going forward, an estimated \$85-\$90 million annually is available for appropriation from this fund. In fiscal year 2009, 2010, and 2011 the Council has recommended and the Legislature has funded over 65 requests, totaling approximately \$230 million.

Appropriations and Impact Summary by Charts

Table 1. Appropriation Amounts and Number of Awards

	MN Laws 2009 Appropriated	MN Laws 2010 Appropriated	MN Laws 2011 Appropriated	MN Laws 2012 Recommended
Total Appropriation	\$85,532,000	\$58,939,000	\$86,955,000	\$99,920,000
# Programs Funded**	19	23	27	30
Conservation Partners Legacy (CPL) grants awarded – details follow	34	77	20 to date <i>further funding rounds pending</i>	To be determined

** does not include administrative budget, grant contract management or restoration audits. However, the appropriation amount is inclusive of these programs.

Table 2. Total Acres Impacted by Activity Type

	MN Laws 2009 Appropriated	MN Laws 2010 Appropriated	MN Laws 2011 Appropriated	MN Laws 2012 Recommended
Protect Acres				
Fee	9,450	8,756	10,243	7,391
Easement	* 197,241	7,715	45,193	11,744
Restore Acres	7,149	4,709	850	1,622
Enhance Acres	11,862	42,635	40,406	108,367

*Includes a \$36M appropriation to Forest for the Future appropriated in ML 2009 for FY 2010 and FY 2011.



A prescribed burn near Cloquet. This 76 year stand of old white pine was burned in late September 2010 after being thinned in the fall of 2009. The objectives were to set back brush competition as well as expose mineral soil for pine regeneration. The desired future stand condition is to decrease the balsam fir, slightly increase the paper birch, white spruce, and black spruce, while maintaining the white pine and Norway pine component. These stands will be surveyed for regeneration success (a form of monitoring) starting in 2012.



Emergent aquatic plants naturally responded to a temporary water level draw-down in 2010 made possible through the water control structure engineered and installed by Ducks Unlimited in the outlet of 225-acre Hurricane Lake (Cottonwood County, MN). The water control structure allows Minnesota DNR wildlife managers to periodically enhance the shallow lake for wetland wildlife. The lake is within a state Wildlife Management Area and is open to public use and recreation.

Table 3. Recipients of Appropriations

	MN Laws 2009 Appropriated	MN Laws 2010 Appropriated	MN Laws 2011 Appropriated	MN Laws 2012 Recommended
Non-Government Organizations	8	11	12	14
Local/Regional Government	3	4	4	5
Federal	1	0	0	0
State Government	7	8	11	11
Total Programs Funded	19	23	27	30

Table 4. Total Acres Impacted by Planning Region

	MN Laws 2009 Appropriated	MN Laws 2010 Appropriated	MN Laws 2011 Appropriated	MN Laws 2012 Recommended
Metro	N/A	4,473	2,226	4,347
Forest / Prairie	N/A	28,027	9,775	30,748
SE Forest	N/A	1,610	2,590	1,334
Prairie	N/A	24,502	41,180	83,251
Northern Forest	N/A	5,203	40,920	9,444

Table 5. Other Impacts and Leverage

	MN Laws 2009 Appropriated	MN Laws 2010 Appropriated	MN Laws 2011 Appropriated	MN Laws 2012 Recommended
Shoreline miles affected	342	100+	130	106
Counties impacted	57	82	75	78
Leveraged dollars per \$1 of OHF (state and non-state)	\$0.50	\$0.63	\$0.57	\$0.47

Table 6. Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)

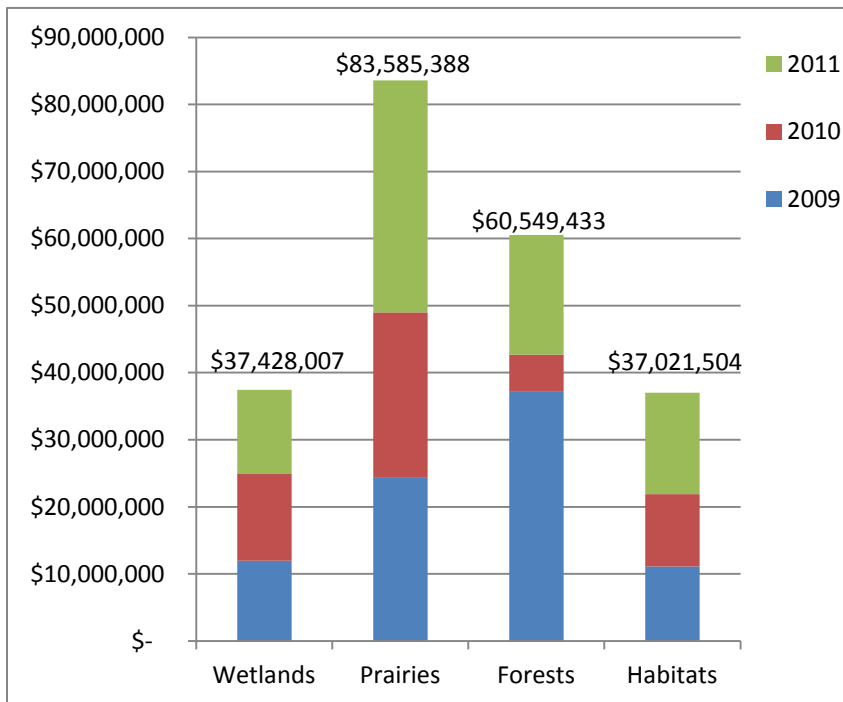
The current annual PILT liability from the General Fund is approximately \$25 million. If acquisition of land in fee from the Outdoor Heritage Fund continues at similar rates over the life of the fund, after 25 years it is anticipated a total liability created of approximately \$3-5 million dollars in current dollars.

	MN Laws 2009 Appropriated	MN Laws 2010 Appropriated	MN Laws 2011 Appropriated	MN Laws 2012 Recommended
Acres acquired with PILT Liability	5,924	5,581	5,860	3,223
Acres acquired without PILT liability	2,825	3,175	4,384	5,168
Acres acquired in conservation easements	201,395	7,715	45,192	10,783
Annual PILT +Liability Dollars	\$ 128,000	\$ 168,000	\$195,000	\$87,215
Cumulative Annual PILT Liability	\$ 128,000	\$ 296,000	\$ 491,000	\$578,215



Cedar Creek Conservation Area, the golden vegetation (rye) is transitional annual cover to be being converted to a more diverse ecotypes in the spring of 2012.

Table 7. Dollars Funded by Constitutional Category



A before (above) and after(below) photo of Hay Creek, provided by Trout Unlimited, is taken before and after seeding, mulching and placement of erosion control blanket in 2010.



Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program

As directed in MS 97A.056, Subd. 3 (b): “To encourage and support local conservation efforts, the council shall establish a conservation partners program. Local, regional, state, or national organizations may apply for matching grants for restoration, protection, and enhancement of wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife, prevention of forest fragmentation, encouragement of forest consolidation, and expansion of restored native prairie.” The Council annually recommends an appropriation to the DNR for the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program.

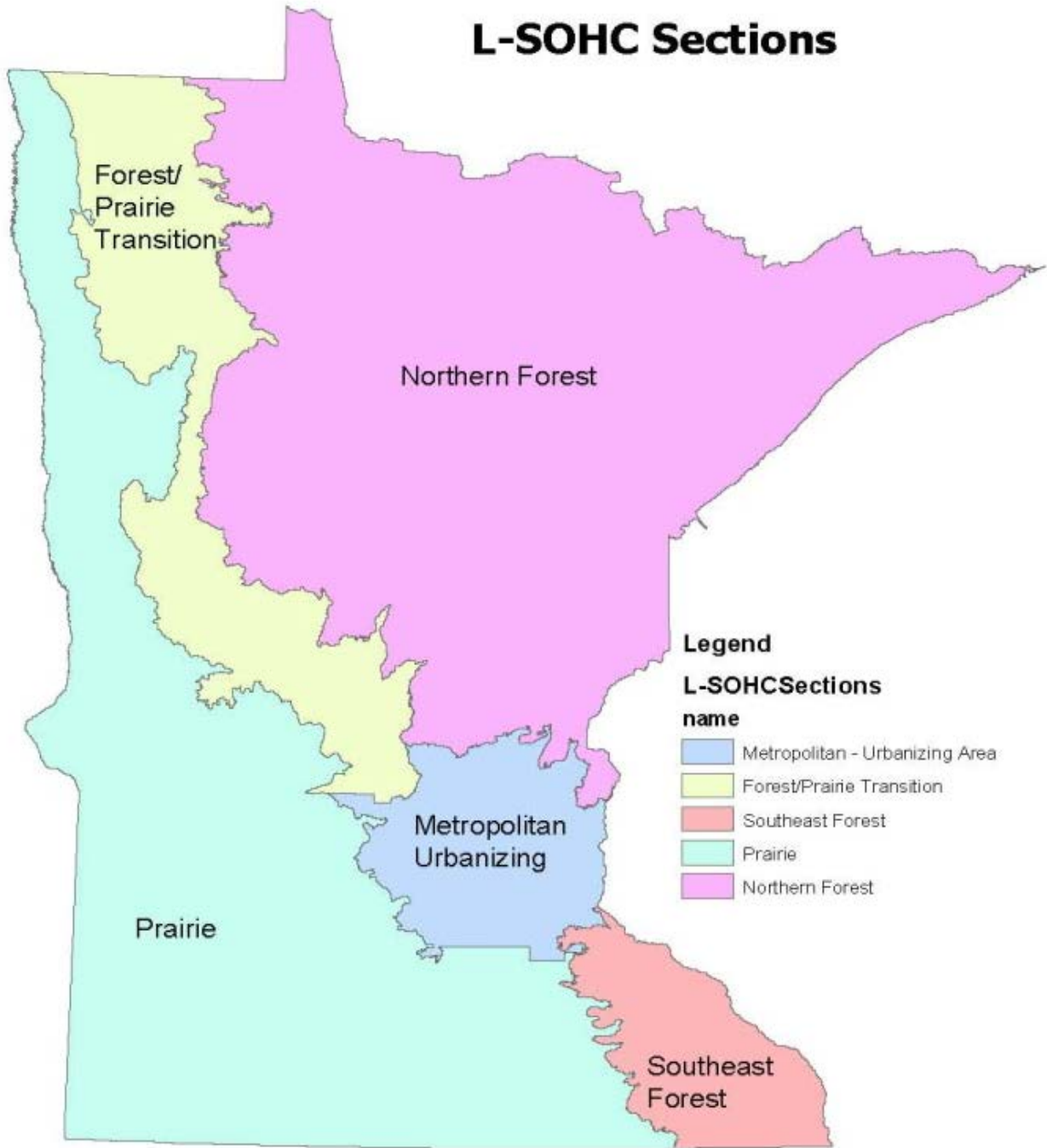
This program is open to all conservation organizations, local units of government, and tribal entities working in Minnesota. Grants from \$5,000 to \$400,000 are awarded through a competitive grant-making process. Below is a summary of the grants awarded.

	MN Laws 2009 Appropriated	MN Laws 2010 Appropriated	MN Laws 2011 Appropriated	MN Laws 2012 Recommended
Amount of Appropriation	\$4,000,000	\$4,386,000	\$5,629,000	\$4,990,000
Number of Grants Awarded	34	48	20 to date totaling \$1,826,470 <i>further funding rounds pending</i>	To be determined
Acres Protected (acquired)	1,357	1,733	Pending	To
Acres Enhanced	3,517	5,289	further	Be
Acres Restored	2,853	1,380	applications	determined

More information on the details of projects funded can be found at their web site:

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/habitat/cpl/index.html>

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Partners List

Outdoor Heritage Fund appropriations

Anoka County
Belwin Conservancy
Cass County
Chisago County
Dakota County
Ducks Unlimited
Friends of Mississippi River
Great River Greening
Hennepin County Park Reserve District
Minnesota Sharp-tailed Grouse Society
MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust
MN Land Trust
The Nature Conservancy

Pheasants Forever
MN Trout Unlimited
Trust for Public Land
Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation
Minnesota BWSR
Minnesota DNR
Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Redwood Area Development Corp.
Shell Rock River Watershed District
US Fish and Wildlife Service
Valley Branch Watershed District

Conservation Partners Grant Program

Cities

City of Burnsville
City of Chaska
City of St. Paul, Parks and Recreation
City of Anoka

Counties

Anoka County Parks and Recreation Department
Cass County, Land Department
Crow Wing County, Public Land Mgmt.
Lake County, Forestry
St. Louis County
Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department
Rice County, Forestry Committee
Washington County

Soil Water Conservation District

Anoka Conservation District
Buffalo-Red River Watershed District
Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District
Cook County Soil & Water Conservation District
Dakota County SWCD
Koochiching SWCD
Lake of the Woods School, School Forest Comm.
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District
Olmsted SWCD
Pelican River Watershed District
Rollie Johnson Natural and Recreational Area
Redwood SWCD
Renville SWCD
Steele SWCD
Stevens SWCD
Waseca SWCD
Washington Conservation District

Non-profit Organizations

Audubon Minnesota
Balaton Sportsman Club
Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc.
Fergus Falls Fish and Game Club
Friends of Detroit Lakes WMD
Friends of Morris Wetland Management District
Friends of the Mississippi River
Friends of Rice Lake Refuge
Hamburg Hunting and Fishing Club
Kabekona Lake Foundation
Nicollet Conservation Club
Pheasants Forever (8 various chapters)
Rainy Lake Sportfishing Club
Rollie Johnson Natural and Recreation Joint Powers Board
Ruffed Grouse Society
St. Paul Audubon Society
The Nature Conservancy
Trust for Public Land
MN Deer Hunters Association (4 various chapters)
MN Pheasants, Inc.
MN Prairie Chicken Society (3 various chapters)
MN Sharp-tailed Grouse Society
MN Waterfowl Association (11 various chapters)
MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust
National Wild Turkey Federation (3 various chapters)
Woodcock Minnesota