



Department of Natural Resources Fact Sheet



2012-2013 BIENNIAL BUDGET FACT SHEET

Lamprey Pass

Expenditures: \$600,000 FY2012

(Game and Fish Fund)

It is needed because

In 2010, Washington County constructed a new overpass over Interstate 35 (I-35) south of Forest Lake. Funding was provided by the American Recovery Reinvestment Act of 2009. The project included a two-lane bridge overpass to extend Washington County Road 83 over I-35, a turn lane improvement on Everton Avenue, and the construction of a wetland basin within the northeastern portion of the Lamprey Pass State Wildlife Management Area (LPSWMA) in Anoka County. The project resulted in loss interest of the property and public use on the LPSWMA. The LPSWMA was acquired with federal cost sharing provided by the Wildlife Restorations Fund authorized by Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (Pittman Robertson). Federal aid requires that when a loss of interest in lands occurs, lands must be replaced with equal or greater value and if sold, sold at a fair market value. Washington County paid \$600,000 for a permanent easement. These funds were deposited in the game and fish fund in the state treasury. In September 2009, an agreement was signed by Washington County, Columbus City, Anoka County, Rice Creek Watershed District, the City of Forest Lake and DNR agreeing to the need for replacement lands and a process for replacement.

Major program elements

This initiative would appropriate the proceeds for the agreed upon purchase of replacement lands.

Priority-setting

Replacement lands that meet the requirements for designation as State Wildlife Management Areas in the Outdoor Recreation Act (M.S. 86A.05, subd.8) will be purchased from willing sellers.

Project locations

It was intended that replacement lands be sought in Anoka County, primarily adjacent to the Lamprey Pass WMA and the Carlos Avery WMA.

Key measures and outcomes

Acquire replacement Wildlife Management Area lands of equal or greater value for lands lost.

Financial Implications (if appropriate)

This is a one-time appropriation of \$600,000 in FY 2012 to acquire replacement hunting lands on the LPSWMA.

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