

FY 2022 Natural and Scenic Areas Awards

Recipient	Gov	Title	Description	Grant Award
Chisago	County of	Checkerboard County Park	Acquire 40 acres to preserve special and unique natural areas directly adjacent to Checkerboard County Park.	\$44,800
Sherburne	County of	Elk Lake	Acquire 430 acres of land for nature-based, non-motorized outdoor recreation on Big Elk Lake. Spanning along one mile of the lake's north shore, the property is also flanked by stream systems with nearly one mile of Elk River winding through the west edge and 2,400 feet of Lilly Creek feeding in on the east edge.	\$500,000
Washington	County of	Carnelian Creek Ecological Area	Acquire a permanent conservation easement on approximately 108 acres that will protect open space, scenic views, habitat, surface water, likely groundwater and other high quality natural features on four parcels fully or partially located in a Washington County top ten high priority protection area called the Carnelian Creek Corridor.	\$361,500
Washington	County of	Valley Creek Ecological Area	Acquire a permanent conservation easement that will protect approximately 19 acres of steep forested bluffs, lowlands and open water, including two ponds fed by a spring and Valley Creek, on five parcels in a Washington County high priority Regionally Significant Ecological Area encompassing Valley Creek, a tributary to the St. Croix River.	\$260,500
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