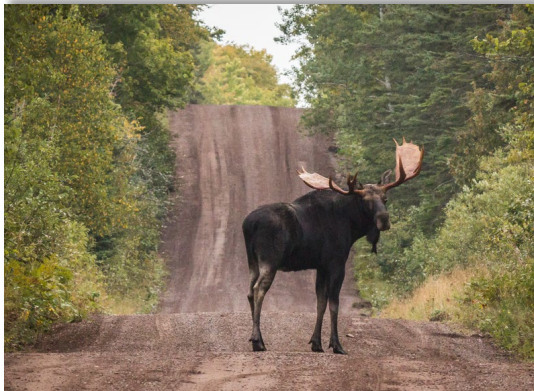


Funds at Work



Sampling fish populations on the Northern Tallgrass Prairie Wildlife Refuge

Photo courtesy of Joe Dickie; The Nature Conservancy



Bull moose seen after work completed at Moose Habitat Collaborative, Cook County

Photo courtesy of Thomas Spence



Top: Goats munch on invasive buckthorn at OHF sites in Washington County, Minnesota

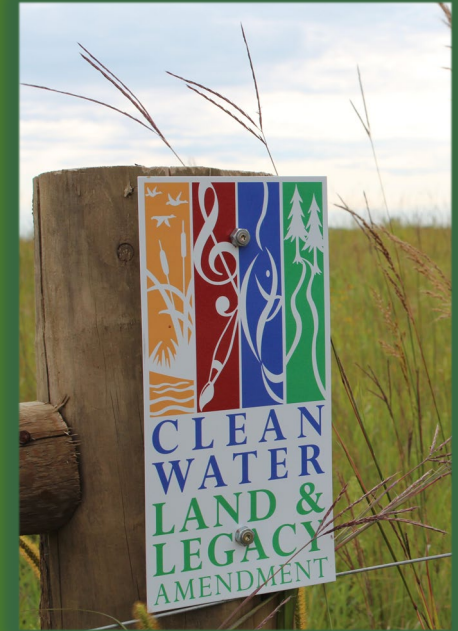
Bottom: Showy Milkweed at Scientific and Natural Area, Odessa, Minnesota

Photos courtesy of David Stein; MN DNR



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Who We Are

In 2008, Minnesota voters passed the Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment to the state constitution, establishing four funds, one of which is the Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF). This authorized a 3/8th of one percent sales tax increase. The OHF receives one-third of the total funds to provide grants to agencies, government entities like cities and counties, and non-profit groups to complete conservation-oriented projects.

Each year, the sales tax receipts generate approximately \$150 million for projects seeking to permanently protect, restore, and enhance land and aquatic habitats for wildlife in Minnesota.

The Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) makes recommendations to the legislature each year on how to spend dollars from the Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF). All the recommendations must be directly related to: “restoration, protection, and enhancement of wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife, and to prevent forest fragmentation.”

OHF Accomplishments to Date

Restored, Protected, or Enhanced:



801,539 Acres
of Prairie



115,536 Acres
of Habitat



241,042 Acres
of Wetlands



413,082 Acres
of Forest



Link to LSOHC
Website

How Programs get Funding

- Organizations submit a proposal between April and May of each year.
- The Council hears each proposal in late summer and decides which projects to recommend for funding.
- Each project funded is required to submit accomplishment plans describing the work they will do.
- For help on proposals and projects, visit “lsohc.mn.gov” for staff contacts.



*Lake Christina Waterfowl
Production Area, Douglas County*

Photo courtesy of Ducks Unlimited