



OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND

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Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Outdoor Heritage Fund - LSOHC

- ❑ OHF Statutory Guidance - MN Statute 97A.056
 - ❑ Formation of Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
 - ❑ Part of Legislative Branch
 - ❑ Makes funding recommendations to Legislature regarding the uses of Outdoor Heritage Funds
 - ❑ “directly relate to restoration, protection, and enhancement of wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife, and that prevent forest fragmentation, encourage forest consolidation, and expand restored native prairie.”
- ❑ Statute also requires a small grants program
 - ❑ CPL - Conservation Partners Legacy program
 - ❑ Small grants up to \$400,000.
 - ❑ Appropriated approximately \$8-10m annually

LSOHC Members -- Current

- **4 appointed by the House of Representatives:**

Rep. Jamie Becker-Finn (DFL) - (Roseville)

Rep. Dan Fabian (IR) – (Roseau) – exp. 1/4/21, Replacement pending

Dudley Edmondson - (Duluth)

Kristin Eggerling - (Hallock)

- **4 appointed by the Senate**

Sen. Andrew Lang (IR) (Olivia)

Sen. D. Scott Dibble (DFL) (Minneapolis)

Mark Holsten – (Stillwater)

Ron Schara (Vice-Chair) - (Ramsey)

- **4 appointed by the Governor**

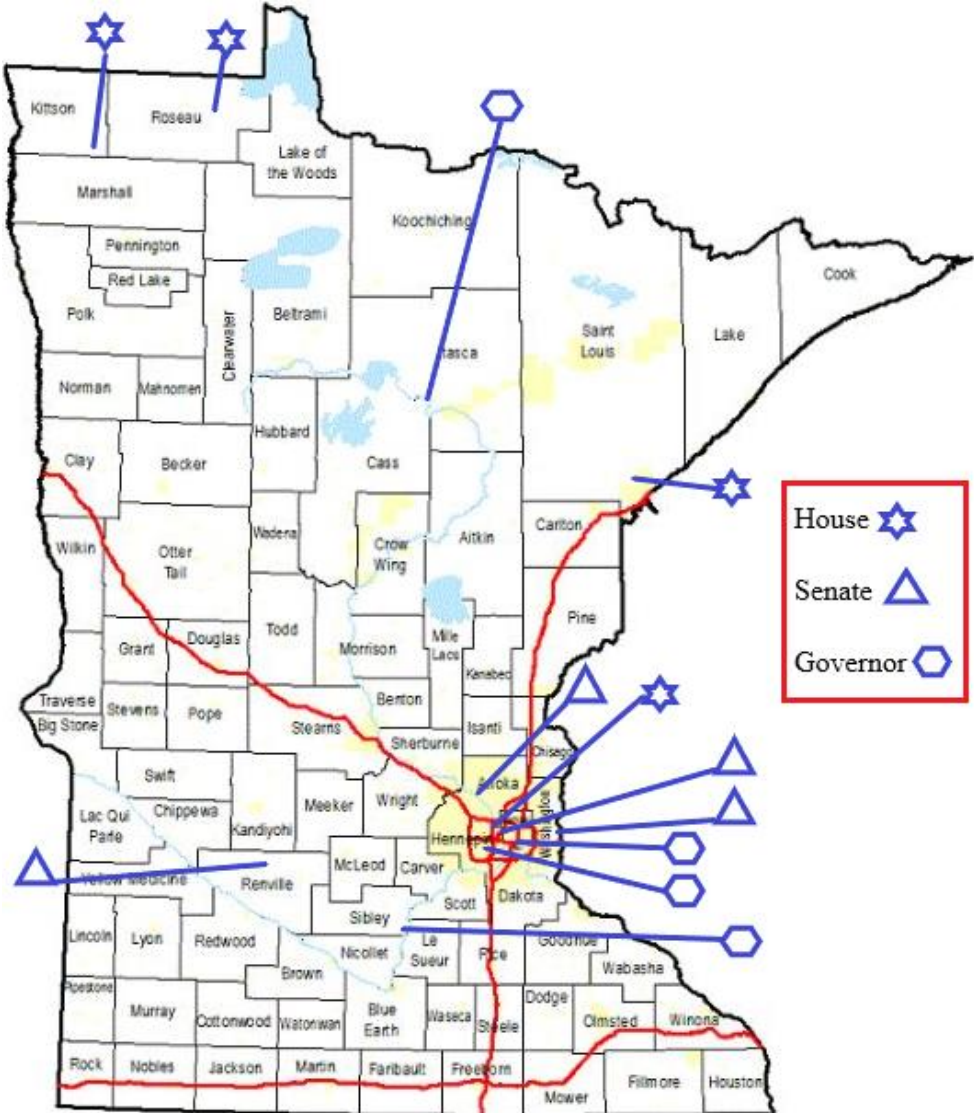
Jamie Swenson – (Cleveland) – exp. 1/4/21, Replacement/Reappointment pending

David Hartwell - (Minneapolis) – exp. 1/4/21, Replacement/Reappointment pending

Ashley Peters – (Twin Cities)

Tom Saxhaug – (Grand Rapids)

LSOHC Members – Distribution



Council Review of Proposals

#1 Accountability

- Transparency, leveraging efforts & funds to ensure “protect, restore or enhance” outcomes

#2 Conservation focused

- Addresses conservation opportunities, provides multiple benefits that are timely & are of value to fish & wildlife

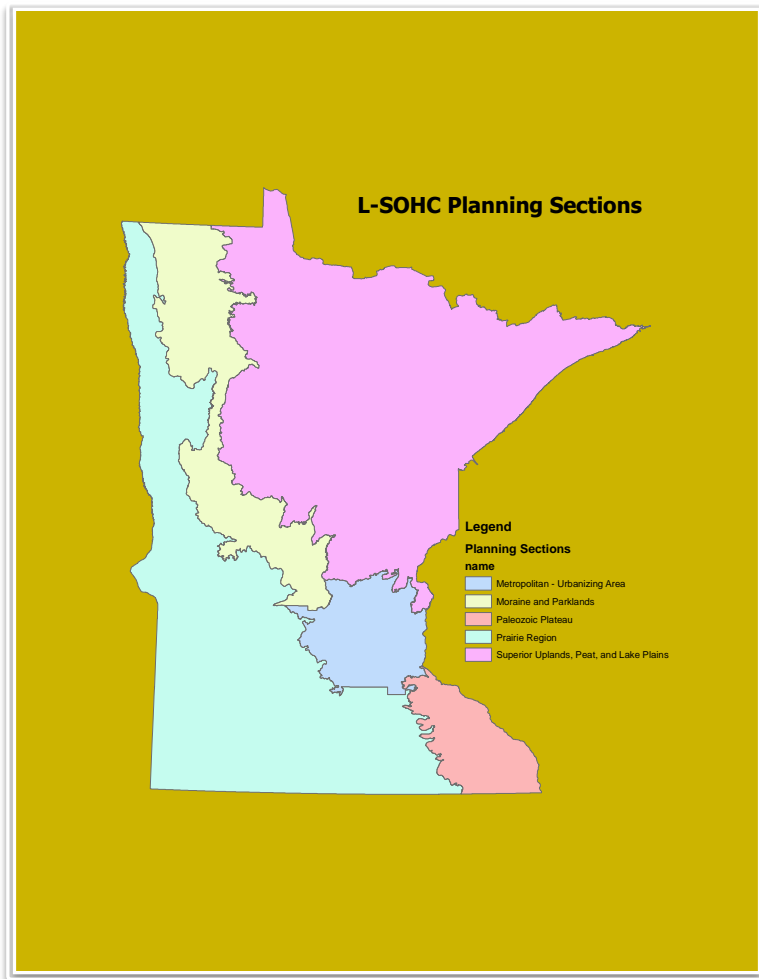
#3 Science-based

- Strategic, addresses Greatest Conservation Need, threatened & endangered species, coordinates with approved conservation plans (e.g. MN Statewide Conservation & Preservation Plan)

#4 Competitive Process

- Requests weighed for immediacy of need, capacity of org., rationality of proposal, costs vs leverage, community involvement, etc.

LSOHC Ecological Sections (5)



- Northern Forest
- Forest/Prairie Transition
- Metro/Urbanizing
- Southeast Forest
- Prairie

Section Outcomes (ecology based)

- Individual & specific set of desired outcomes for each ecological section
- Desired outcomes
 - ▣ Keeping water on the land
 - ▣ Maintaining healthy native plant communities
 - ▣ Maintaining healthy animal communities
 - ▣ “Does this produce good wildlife habitat?”
 - ▣ “What are the most pressing needs?”
 - ▣ “What proposals will provide the best R.O.I.?”

OHF Appropriations (ML2009-2020)

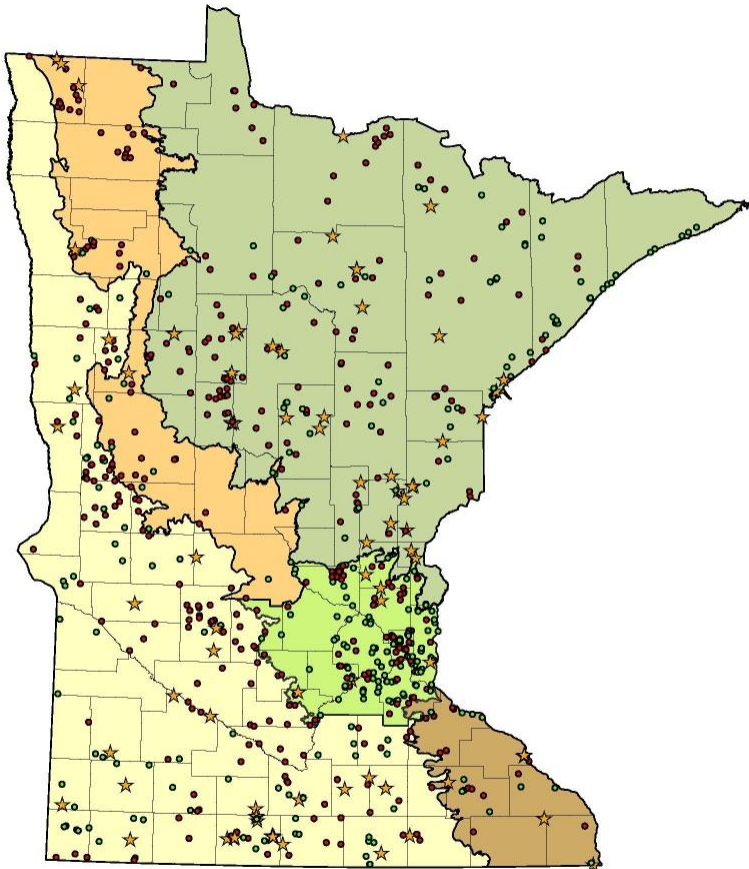
- In first 12 years (ML2009-2020) the MN Legislature has allocated over **\$1.2 Billion** from the Outdoor Heritage Fund to restore, enhance, and protect wildlife habitat throughout MN.
- An additional **\$460 Million** of federal, state, private funding has or will be leveraged.
- **\$91,475,000** allocated to CPL small grants program. CPL grants have generated approx. \$11.2 million in match funding/in-kind contributions engaging thousands of local volunteers.

OHF Appropriations (ML2009-2020)

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- In first 12 years **over 1 Million Acres** of MN wildlife habitats have already been restored, enhanced, and/or protected.
- CPL small grants program has funded **over 800 grants** restoring, enhancing and/or protecting **over 275,000 acres**.
- Notable activities: Native Prairie protection, wetland restoration, trout stream enhancement, public wildlife lands enhanced, shallow lake enhancement, forest fragmentation prevention, strategic land protection in fee & cons. easement.

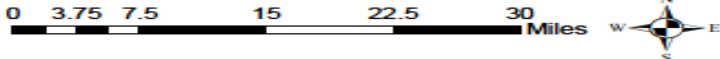
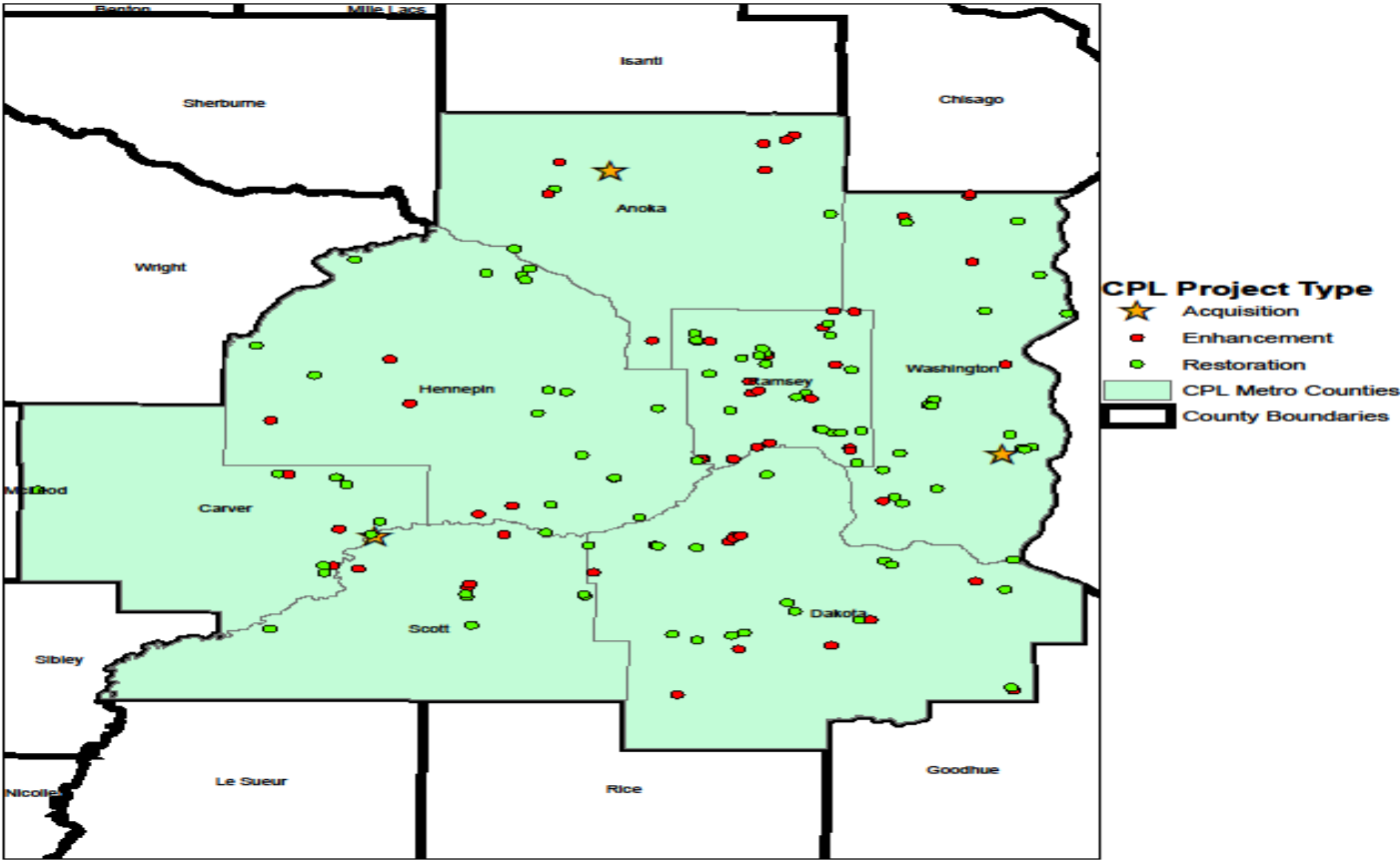
Conservation Partners Legacy Grants



- Grants of up to \$400,000 are awarded to government and non-profit organizations.
- **275,000** acres of prairies, woodlands, wetlands, rivers, streams restored, enhanced, or acquired
- **96%** of Minnesota counties have had CPL projects
- **Over 800** grants awarded
- **214** organizations awarded CPL grants
- **\$8-\$10M** annually
- **\$11.2** million has been leveraged by partners to complete projects (10% match required)
- **\$25M** in Metro Urbanizing Areas

CPL Grants – Metro area

Conservation Partners Legacy (CPL) Grant Program 2010 to 2020 Metro Funded Projects

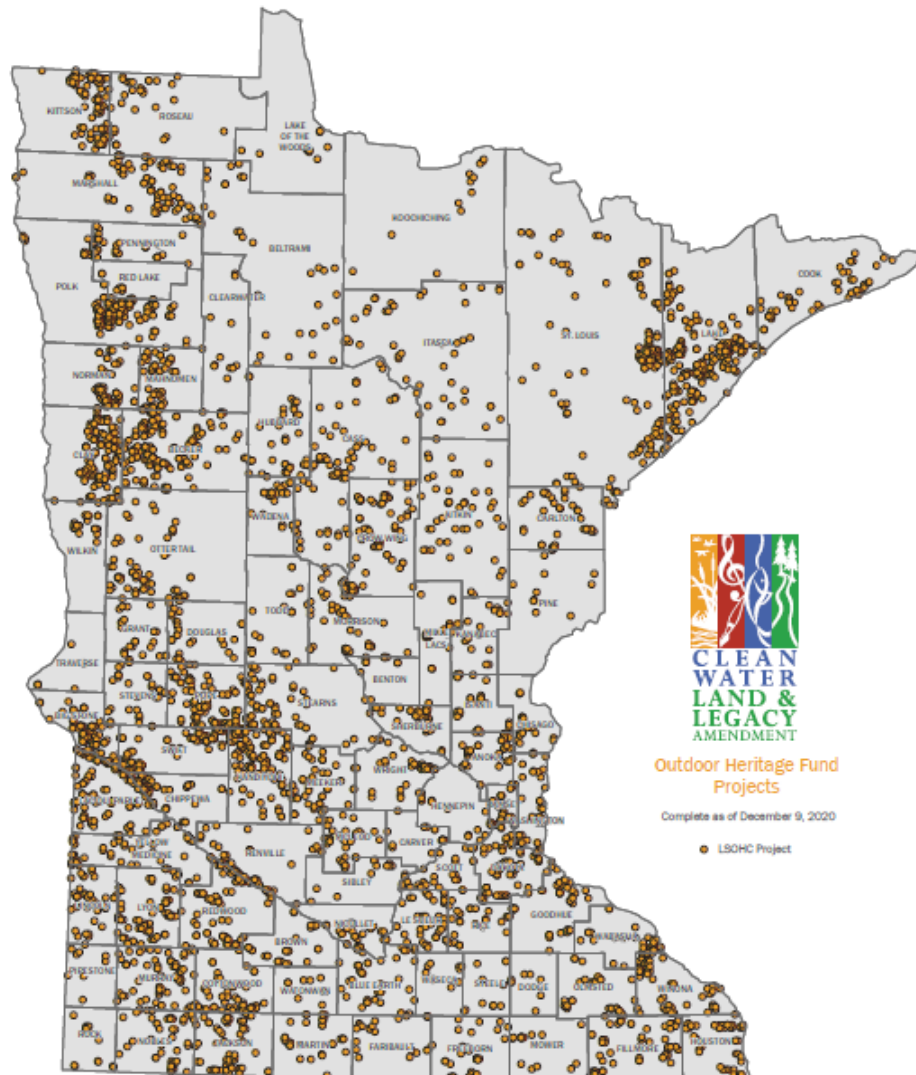


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Note: This map shows the approximate relative location of property boundaries and other features but was not prepared by a professional land surveyor. This map is provided for informational purposes only and may not be sufficient or appropriate for legal, engineering, or surveying purposes.

Outdoor Heritage Fund Completed Projects

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