

OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND

Lessard—Sams Outdoor Heritage Council



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Legacy Amendment

In 2008, Minnesota's voters passed the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment (Legacy Amendment) to the Minnesota Constitution to: protect drinking water sources; to protect, enhance, and restore wetlands, prairies, forests, and fish, game, and wildlife habitat; to preserve arts and cultural heritage; to support parks and trails; and to protect, enhance, and restore lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater.

The Legacy Amendment increases the state sales tax by three-eighths of one percent beginning on July 1, 2009 and continuing until 2034. The additional sales tax revenue is distributed into four funds as follows: 33 percent to the clean water fund; 33 percent to the outdoor heritage fund; 19.75 percent to the arts and cultural heritage fund; and 14.25 percent to the parks and trails fund.



Outdoor Heritage Fund

Thirty-three percent of the sales tax revenue from the Clean Water, Land and Legacy amendment is distributed to the Outdoor Heritage Fund. Those funds "may be spent only to restore, protect, and enhance wetlands, prairies, forest and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife."

Lessard—Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

The Lessard – Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) was established by the legislature to provide annual recommendations on how the Outdoor Heritage Funds should be used. The council makes recommendations on appropriations of money from the Outdoor Heritage Fund that are consistent with the Constitution and state law and that take into consideration recommendations of the Minnesota Conservation and Preservation Plan that directly relate to the 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.



Constitutional Amendment - Article XI—Sec. 15.

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Accomplishments to Date FY 2010 through FY2021



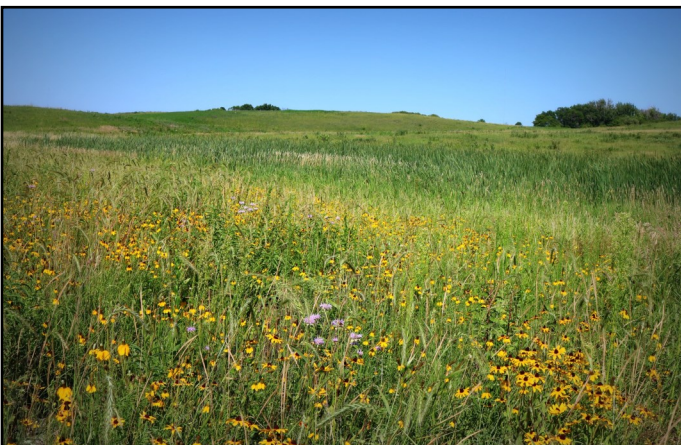
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Outdoor Heritage Fund Highlights — Dollars Spent

- In the first 12 years of Outdoor Heritage Funding the Minnesota Legislature has allocated over **\$1.2 Billion** from the Outdoor Heritage Fund to restore, enhance, and/or protect wildlife habitat throughout Minnesota.
- An additional **\$460 Million** of federal, state, and private conservation funding has or will be leveraged.
- To date **\$91,475,000** has been allocated to the Conservation Partners Legacy Grants Program (CPL). In addition, CPL grants have generated nearly 5 million dollars of leveraged funding and in-kind contributions as well as engaged thousands of local volunteers.

Outdoor Heritage Fund — Acres Achieved

- More than **1 Million acres** of wildlife habitat throughout Minnesota have been restored, enhanced, and/or protected during the first twelve years of Outdoor Heritage Funding.
- The Conservation Partners Legacy (CPL) small grants program, designed to engage small groups at the local level, has funded over **800 grants**. These small grants have restored, enhanced, and/or protected more than **275,000 acres**.
- Notable activities include: native prairie protection, wetland restoration, trout stream enhancement, public wildlife land enhancements, shallow lake enhancement, forest fragmentation prevention, strategic land acquisition in fee and conservation easement.



In the thirteenth year of Outdoor Heritage Funding, the Lessard—Sams Outdoor Heritage Council received 52 proposals requesting over \$320 million. The Council recommended funding 47 programs totaling approximately \$127 million. The Council's ML2021 / FY2022 Outdoor Heritage Fund recommendations will be addressed during the 2021 legislative session.

LSOHC Recommendation Summary



OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND Recommendations Bill Summary Fiscal Year 2022

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council Recommendations — FY2022

LSOHC Recommendations Highlights

In the thirteenth year of Outdoor Heritage Funding (OHF), the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council is recommending a total of 45 programs be funded by the MN Legislature for a total of \$127,247,000.

- 96,871 acres of wildlife habitat throughout Minnesota is estimated to be restored, enhanced, and/or protected.
- 81 miles of shoreline will be restored, enhanced and/or protected.
- An additional \$23,321,000 in federal, state, and private conservation funding is expected to be leveraged with FY2022 OHF.
- 25 different organizations are recommended for funding (2 state agencies, 9 local units of government, and 20 non-government organizations).
- Continued investment in robust on-going programs constitutes 92% of the programs recommended.
- Activities include: native prairie protection, wetland restoration, trout stream enhancement, public wildlife land enhancements, shallow lake enhancement, forest fragmentation prevention, strategic land acquisition in fee and conservation easement.



Plover Prairie – 240 acres native prairie protected in Chippewa county via The Nature Conservancy's Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project (ML 2011). © Richard Hamilton Smith



Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Protection — Island Lake Conservation Easement held by the MN Land Trust located in Crow Wing County, MN. This project protects nearly 25,000 feet of shoreline.

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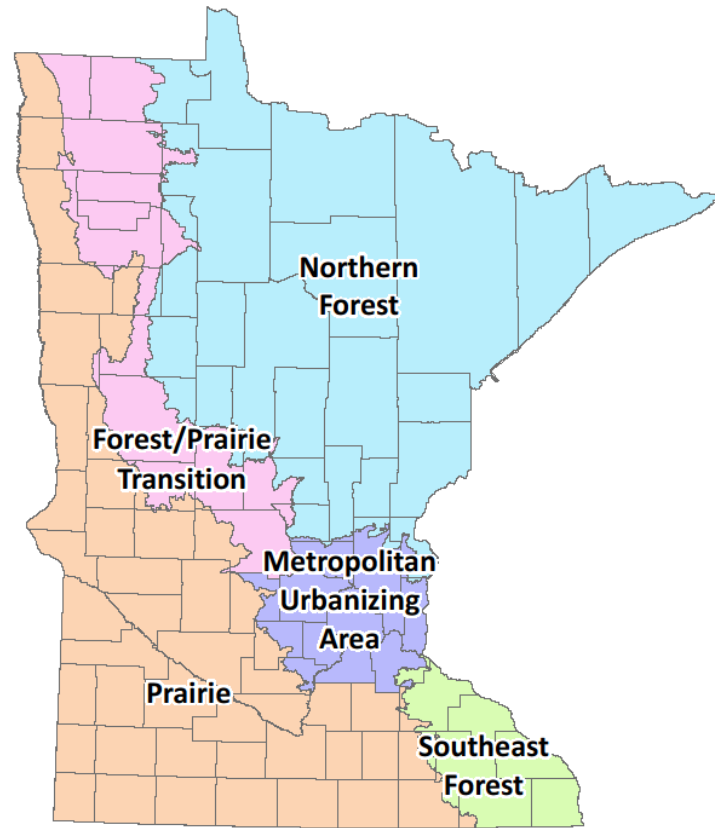
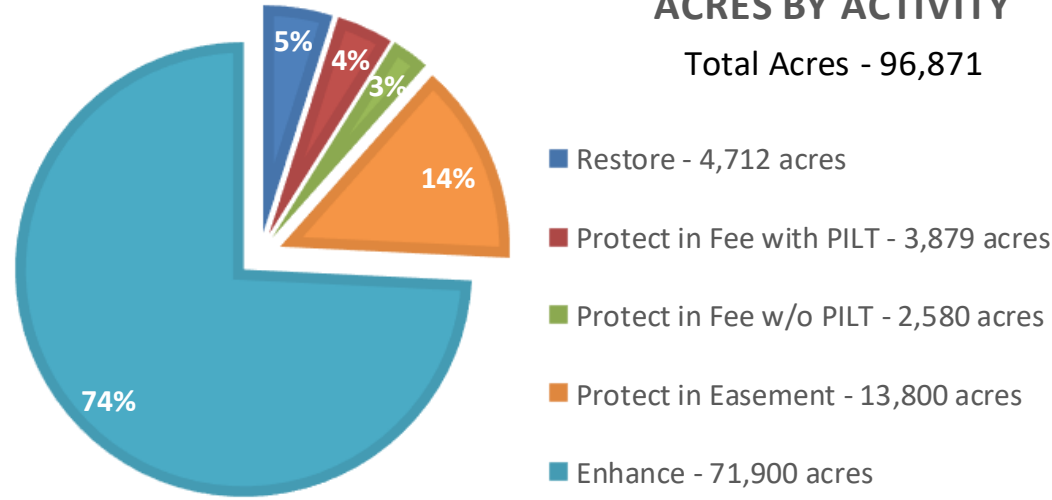
...The dedicated money under this section must supplement traditional sources of funding for these purposes and may not be used as a substitute. Land acquired by fee with money deposited in the outdoor heritage fund under this section must be open to the public taking of fish and game during the open season unless otherwise provided by law...

Subd. 2. Prairies		14 projects totaling \$42,784,000
DNR WMA and SNA Acquisition, Phase XIII	DNR	\$ 1,948,000
Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program - Phase XIII	Pheasants Forever	\$ 4,715,000
MN Prairie Recovery Program, Phase 11	The Nature Conservancy	\$ 2,794,000
Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge, Phase XII	The Nature Conservancy	\$ 3,280,000
Cannon River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Program - Phase 10	TPL, GRG, CRWP	\$ 2,623,000
Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection-Phase VIII	DNR	\$ 884,000
RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water - Phase IX	BWSR	\$ 4,170,000
Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley - Phase VII	Pheasants Forever	\$ 2,264,000
Accelerating the USFWS Habitat Conservation Easement Program - Phase III	DU and PF	\$ 4,752,000
Martin County WMA Acquisition Phase 5	Fox Lake, Conservation Fund, DU	\$ 2,864,000
RIM Grassland Reserve - Phase III	BWSR	\$ 4,354,000
DNR Grassland Phase XIII	DNR	\$ 3,534,000
Enhanced Public Land – Grasslands - Phase V	Pheasants Forever	\$ 1,951,000
Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Conservation - Phase 7	ACCD, GRG, NWTf, MLT, TNC	\$ 2,651,000
Subd. 3. Forests		6 projects totaling \$12,476,000
Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration, Phase 9	TNC; TPL, MLT	\$ 4,068,000
Minnesota Forests for the Future Phase 8	DNR	\$ 2,971,000
Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape ACUB, Phase IX	Morrison County SWCD	\$ 1,043,000
DNR Forest Enhancement	DNR	\$ 1,338,000
Floodplain Forest Enhancement	Audubon MN	\$ 1,247,000
Moose Habitat Collaborative, Phase IV - NE MN Forest Habitat Enhancement	Ruffed Grouse Society	\$ 1,809,000
Subd. 4. Wetlands		7 projects totaling \$22,389,000
Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program - Phase XIII	Pheasants Forever	\$ 3,869,000
Shallow Lake & Wetland Protection & Restoration Program - Phase X	Ducks Unlimited	\$ 4,581,000
RIM Wetlands - Phase X	BWSR	\$ 3,051,000
Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration Program - Phase 6	MN Land Trust	\$ 3,088,000
Wild Rice Shoreland Protection - Phase VII	BWSR	\$ 1,251,000
Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancements Phase 13	DNR	\$ 2,589,000
Living Shallow Lake Enhancement & Wetland Restoration Initiative - Phase VII	Ducks Unlimited	\$ 3,960,000
Subd. 5. Habitats		18 projects totaling \$48,664,000
St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Phase 2	St. Croix River Assoc, MLT, TPL	\$ 3,112,000
Metro Big Rivers, Phase 11	MNVNWRP, FMR, GRG, MLT, TPL	\$ 4,229,000
Lower Otter Tail River Corridor Habitat Restoration - Request 1	Buffalo Red River WD, BWSR	\$ 2,335,000
Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes - Phase VII	Northern Waters Land Trust and MLT	\$ 2,838,000
Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project- Phase 5	MHB, BWSR, TPL	\$ 2,901,000
Protecting Minnesota's Lakes of Outstanding Biological Significance	Minnesota Land Trust	\$ 1,477,000
Riparian Habitat Protection in the Kettle and Snake River Watersheds	Pine County SWCD, BWSR	\$ 1,435,000
MNDNR Trout Stream Conservation Easements	DNR	\$ 500,000
Targeted RIM Easement and Acquisition to the Parcel Level Pine and Leech Watersheds Phase II	Crow Wing SWCD	\$ 1,609,000
Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement and Restoration, Phase 13	MN Trout Unlimited	\$ 1,033,000
DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement - Phase 4	DNR	\$ 2,790,000
St. Louis River Restoration Initiative Phase 8	DNR	\$ 2,024,000
Shell Rock River Habitat Restoration Program - Phase X	Shell Rock River Watershed District	\$ 1,547,000
Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation-Phase VI	LSSA, Zeitgeist	\$ 467,000
Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection & Restoration, Ph 2	Sauk River Watershed District	\$ 4,034,000
Klondike Clean Water Retention Project - Phase 1	Two Rivers Watershed District	\$ 1,973,000
Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program Phase 13: Statewide and Metro Habitat	DNR	\$ 9,860,000
DNR Roving Crews	DNR	\$ 4,500,000
Subd. 6. Administration		3 items totaling \$906,000
Contract Management	MN DNR	\$ 210,000
Restoration Evaluations	MN DNR	\$ 150,000
LSOHC Operations		\$ 546,000

Output by ACRES

ACRES BY ACTIVITY

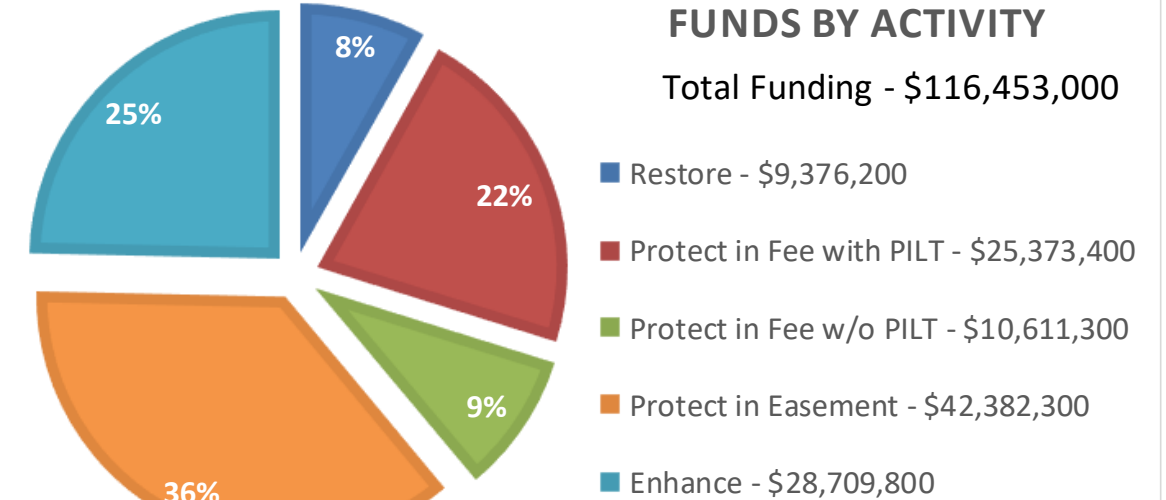
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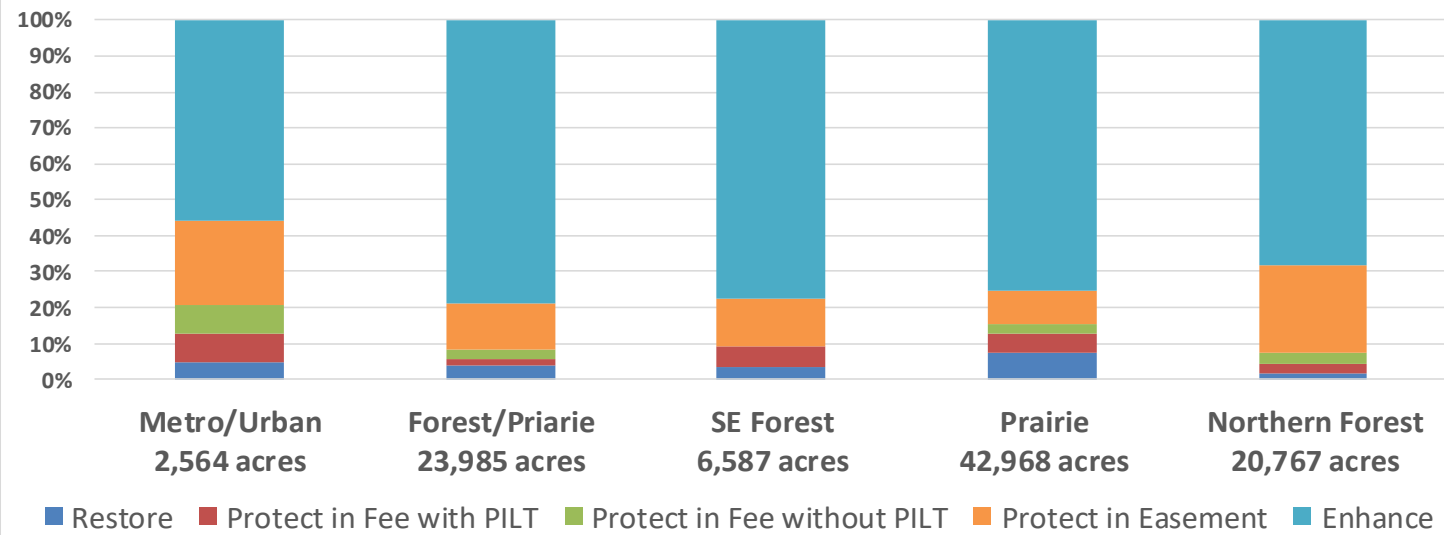
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FUNDS BY ACTIVITY

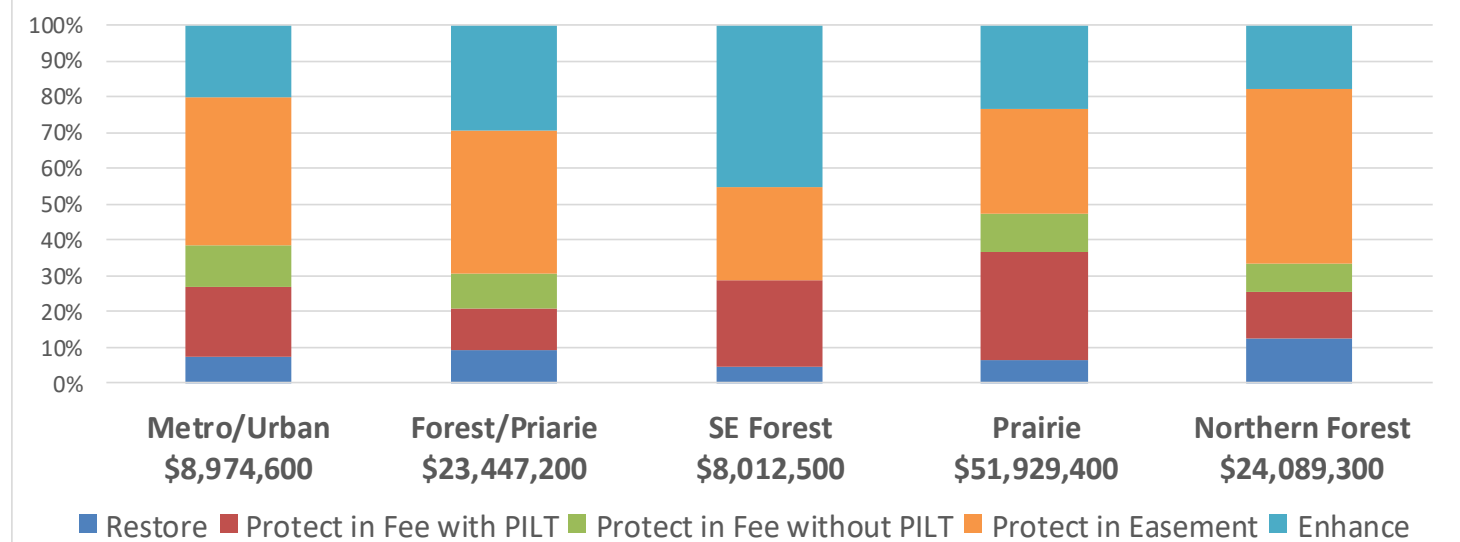
Total Funding - \$116,453,000



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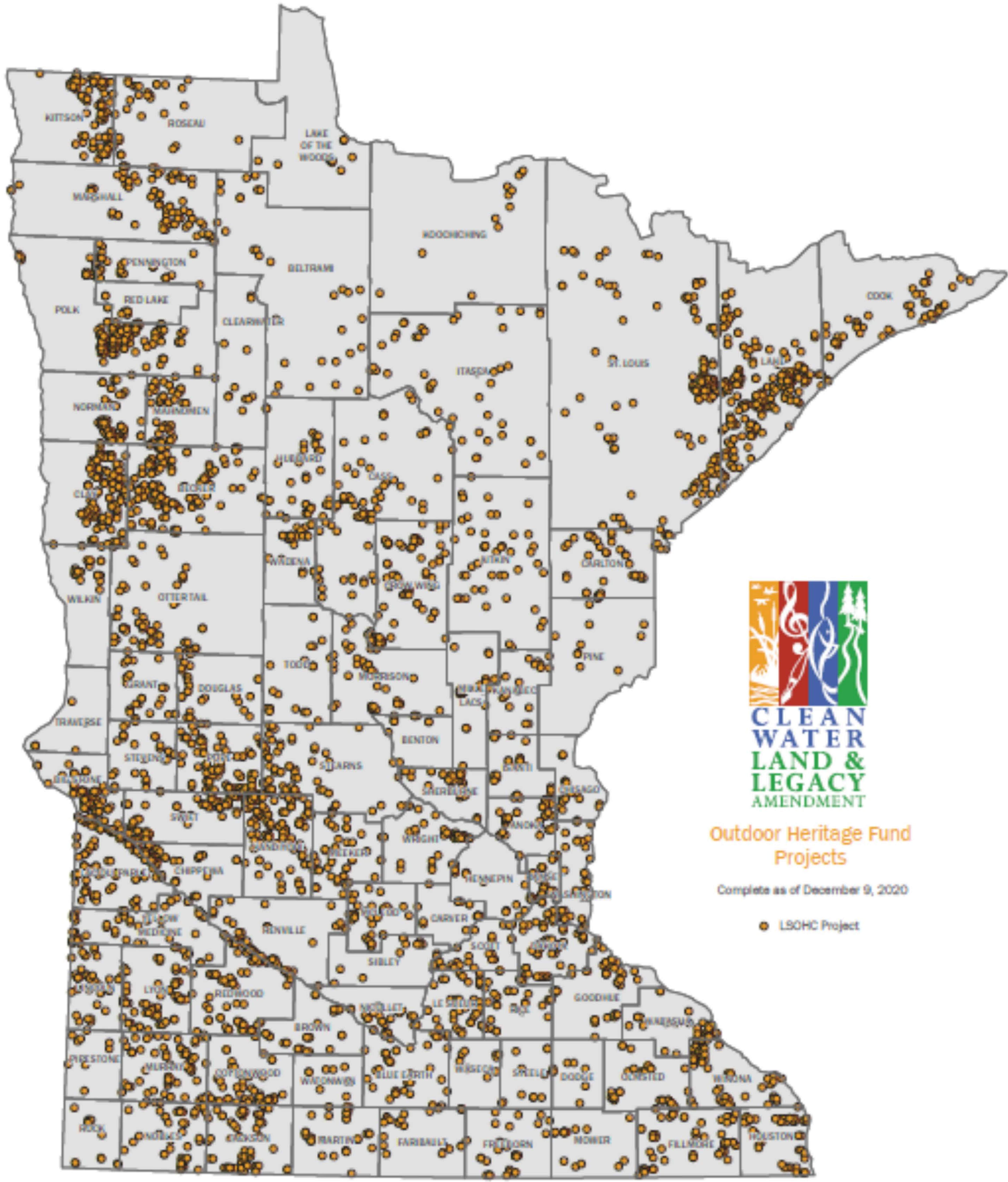


RESOURCE TYPE (ACRES)

ACTIVITY	WETLANDS	PRAIRIES	FORESTS	HABITATS	TOTAL
Restore	311	3,623	135	643	4,712
Protect in Fee with PILT	414	2,190	488	787	3,879
Protect in Fee without PILT	372	1,565	120	523	2,580
Protect in Easement	738	4,430	3,872	4,760	13,800
Enhance	14,389	39,270	10,101	8,140	71,900
TOTAL	16,224	51,078	14,716	14,853	96,871
PERCENT	17%	53%	15%	15%	

RESEOURCE TYPE (FUNDING)

ACTIVITY	WETLANDS	PRAIRIES	FORESTS	HABITATS	TOTAL
Restore	\$2,142,700	\$2,402,100	\$444,700	\$4,386,700	\$9,376,200
Protect in Fee with PILT	\$2,662,100	\$15,118,700	\$2,689,500	\$4,903,100	\$25,373,400
Protect in Fee without PILT	\$1,658,700	\$6,657,100	\$418,800	\$1,876,700	\$10,611,300
Protect in Easement	\$2,310,900	\$18,293,800	\$6,685,800	\$15,091,800	\$42,382,300
Enhance	\$9,410,900	\$10,304,500	\$4,904,600	\$4,089,800	\$28,709,800
TOTAL	\$18,185,300	\$52,776,200	\$15,143,400	\$30,348,100	\$116,453,000
PERCENT	16%	45%	13%	26%	



**CLEAN
WATER
LAND &
LEGACY
AMENDMENT**

**Outdoor Heritage Fund
Projects**

Complete as of December 9, 2020

● LSOHC Project