

LSOHC Recommendation Summary



OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND Recommendations Bill Summary Fiscal Year 2021

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council Recommendations — FY2021

LSOHC Recommendations Highlights

In the twelfth year of Outdoor Heritage Funding (OHF), the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council is recommending a total of 41 programs be funded by the MN Legislature for a total of \$137,500,000.

- 83,406 acres of wildlife habitat throughout Minnesota is estimated to be restored, enhanced, and/or protected.
- 101 miles of shoreline will be restored, enhanced and/or protected.
- An additional \$8,950,000 in federal, state, and private conservation funding is expected to be leveraged with FY2021 OHF.
- 25 different organizations are recommended for funding (2 state agencies, 11 local units of government, and 12 non-government organizations).
- Continued investment in robust on-going programs constitutes 76% 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.

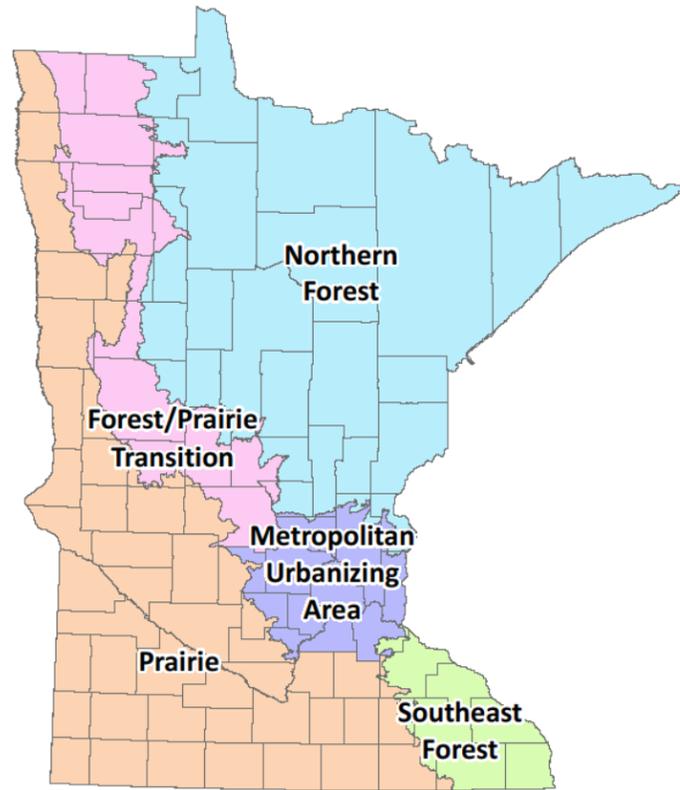
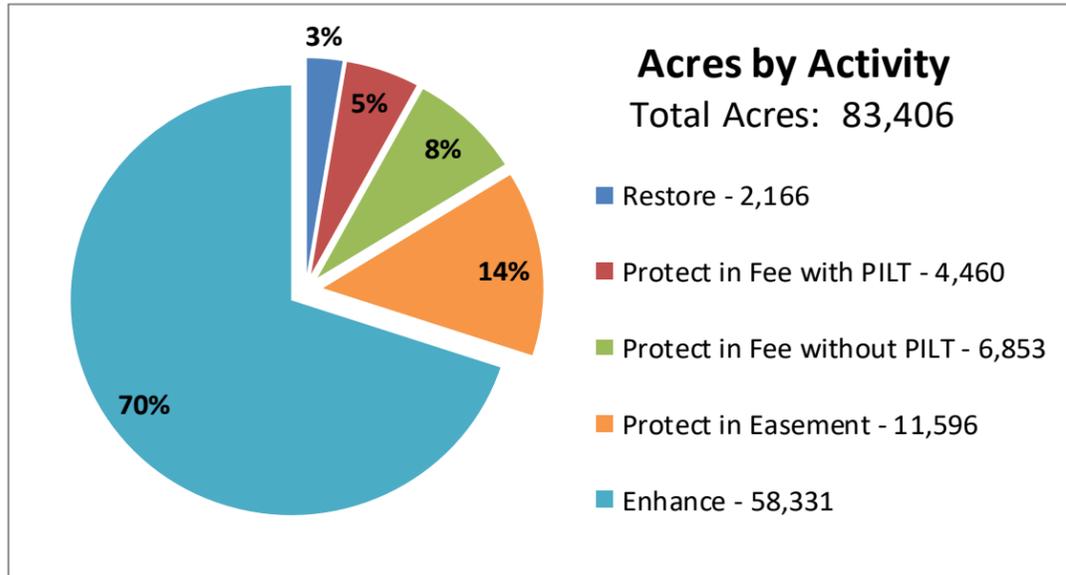
Constitutional Amendment - Article XI—Sec. 15.

...33 percent of the receipts shall be deposited in the outdoor heritage fund and may be spent only to restore, protect, and enhance wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife;...

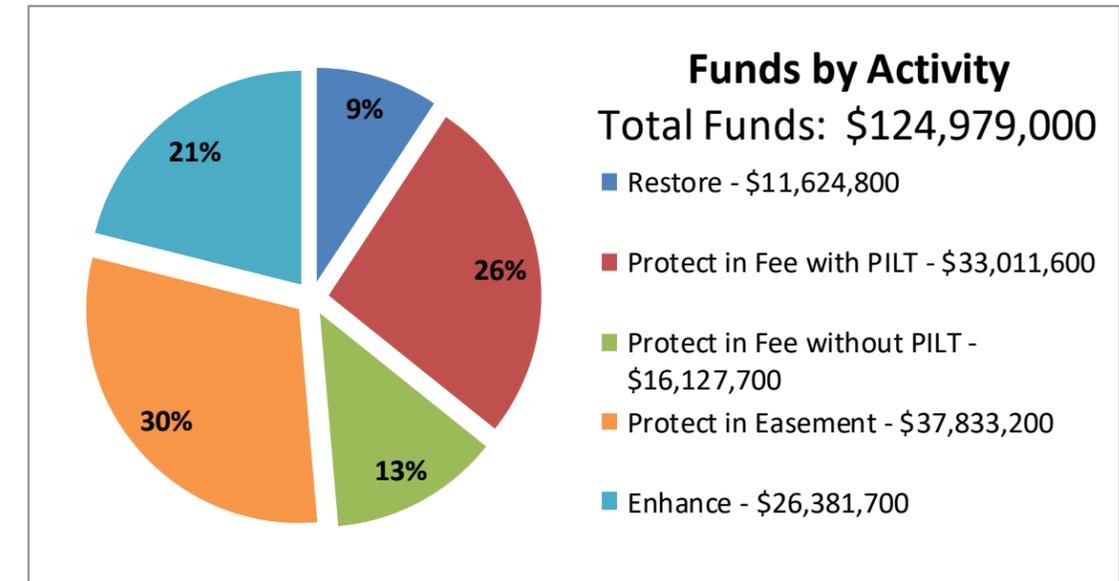
...The dedicated money under this section must supplement traditional sources of funding for these purposes and may not be used as a substitute. Land acquired by fee with money deposited in the outdoor heritage fund under this section must be open to the public taking of fish and game during the open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

Subd. 2. Prairies		13 projects totaling \$41,803,000
2(a) DNR WMA and SNA Acquisition - Phase XII	MN DNR	\$ 2,410,000
2(b) Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program - Phase XII	Pheasants Forever	\$ 3,876,000
2(c) MN Prairie Recovery Project - Phase X	The Nature Conservancy	\$ 3,926,000
2(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge - Phase XI	The Nature Conservancy	\$ 2,677,000
2(e) Lower Wild Rice Corridor Habitat Restoration - Phase III	Wild Rice Watershed District	\$ 2,203,000
2(f) Martin County DNR WMA Acquisition - Phase IV	Fox Lake Conservation League	\$ 2,785,000
2(g) RIM Grasslands Reserve - Phase II	BWSR	\$ 3,772,000
2(h) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley - Phase VI	MN Prairie Chicken Society / Pheasants Forever	\$ 2,025,000
2(i) Heron Lake Area Conservation Partnership	Heron Lake Watershed District	\$ 5,242,000
2(j) Cannon River Watershed Habitat Complex - Phase IX	Trust for Public Land	\$ 1,339,000
2(k) Accelerating the USFWS Habitat Conservation Easement Program - Phase II	Ducks Unlimited	\$ 3,718,000
2(l) DNR Grassland Enhancement - Phase XI	MN DNR	\$ 5,170,000
2(m) Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands - Phase IV	Pheasants Forever	\$ 2,660,000
Subd. 3. Forests		6 projects totaling \$15,946,000
3(a) Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape ACUB Protection Program - Phase VIII	Morrison SWCD	\$ 3,164,000
3(b) Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration - Phase VII	The Nature Conservancy	\$ 3,155,000
3(c) Northern Forest Habitat Conservation	MN Land Trust	\$ 4,905,000
3(d) MN DNR Forest Habitat Enhancement	MN DNR	\$ 2,068,000
3(e) Southeast Forest Habitat Enhancement - Phase II	MNDNR	\$ 1,167,000
3(f) Young Forest Conservation - Phase II	American Bird Conservancy	\$ 1,487,000
Subd. 4. Wetlands		4 projects totaling \$14,729,000
4(a) Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program - Phase XII	Pheasants Forever	\$ 4,268,000
4(b) Shallow Lake & Wetland Protection Program - Phase IX	Ducks Unlimited	\$ 5,376,000
4(c) Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration Program - Phase V	Minnesota Land Trust	\$ 3,130,000
4(d) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancement - Phase XII	MN DNR	\$ 1,955,000
Subd. 5. Habitats		18 projects totaling \$64,662,000
5(a) Protecting Coldwater Fisheries on Minnesota's North Shore	MN Land Trust	\$ 2,110,000
5(b) Metro Big Rivers - Phase X	MN Valley Trust	\$ 7,551,000
5(c) Resilient Habitat for Heritage Brook Trout	MN Trout Unlimited	\$ 2,643,000
5(d) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes - Phase VI	Northern Waters Land Trust	\$ 3,283,000
5(e) Accelerating Habitat Conservation in Southwest Minnesota	MN Land Trust	\$ 3,551,000
5(f) Targeted RIM Easement Program to the Individual Parcel: Pine and Leech Watersheds - Phase I	Crow Wing SWCD	\$ 2,868,000
5(g) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project - Phase IV	Mississippi Headwaters Board	\$ 4,310,000
5(h) Hennepin County Habitat Conservation Program - Phase II	Hennepin County	\$ 3,681,000
5(i) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement - Phase XII	MN Trout Unlimited	\$ 1,719,000
5(j) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement - Phase III	MN DNR	\$ 4,421,000
5(k) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative - Phase VII	MN DNR	\$ 2,660,000
5(l) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation - Phase V	Zeitgeist & Lake Superior Steelhead Association	\$ 817,000
5(m) Shell Rock River Watershed Restoration Program - Phase IX	Shell Rock River Watershed District	\$ 2,237,000
5(n) Rum River Wildlife and Fish Habitat Enhancement using Bioengineered Bank Stabilization - Phase I	Anoka Conservation District	\$ 952,000
5(o) Roseau River Habitat Restoration	Roseau River Watershed District	\$ 3,542,000
5(p) Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration - Phase II	Sauk River Watershed District	\$ 4,580,000
5(q) Southeast Wetland Restoration	City of Mankato	\$ 1,576,000
5(r) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat - Phase XII	MN DNR	\$12,161,000
Subd. 6. Administration		2 items totaling \$360,000
Contract Management 2019	MN DNR	\$ 210,000
Restoration Evaluations	MN DNR	\$ 150,000

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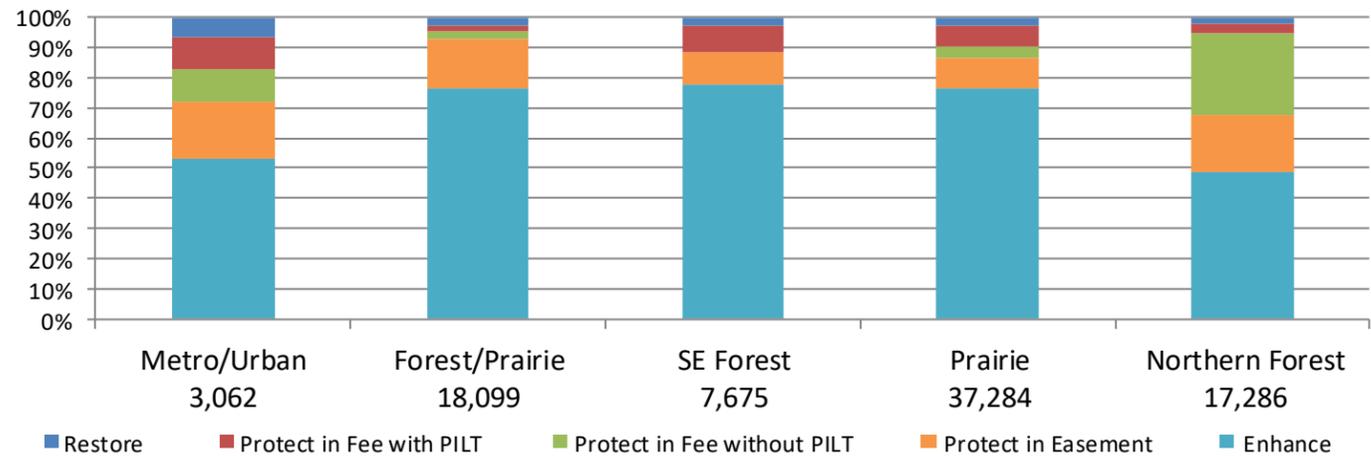


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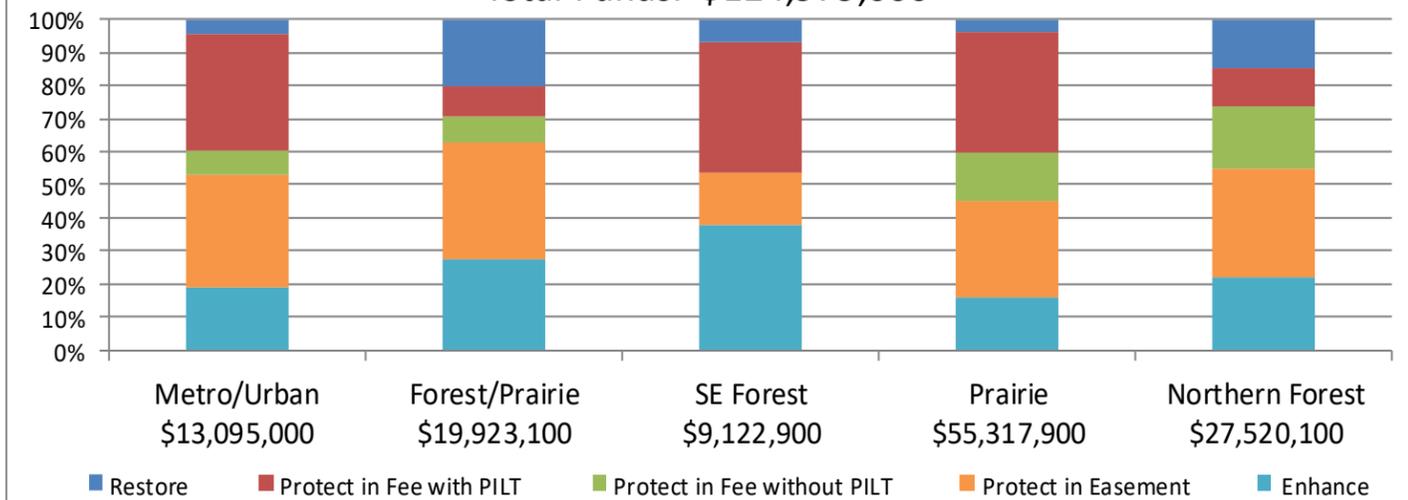
Distribution of Acres by Ecological Section

Total Acres: 83,406



Distribution of Funds by Ecological Section

Total Funds: \$124,979,000



RESOURCE TYPE (ACRES)

ACTIVITY	WETLANDS	PRAIRIES	FORESTS	HABITATS	TOTAL
Restore	161	749	230	1,026	2,166
Protect in Fee with PILT	562	2,654	969	275	4,460
Protect in Fee without PILT	516	1,565	4,772	0	6,853
Protect in Easement	516	2,555	3,256	5,269	11,596
Enhance	12,366	33,825	11,533	607	58,331
TOTAL	14,121	41,348	20,760	7,177	83,406
PERCENT	17%	50%	25%	8%	

RESEOURCE TYPE (FUNDING)

ACTIVITY	WETLANDS	PRAIRIES	FORESTS	HABITATS	TOTAL
Restore	\$718,600	\$857,800	\$278,300	\$9,770,100	\$11,624,800
Protect in Fee with PILT	\$4,707,500	\$20,261,600	\$6,245,200	\$1,797,300	\$33,011,600
Protect in Fee without PILT	\$2,576,100	\$8,034,300	\$5,517,300	\$0	\$16,127,700
Protect in Easement	\$1,943,900	\$11,423,600	\$6,137,200	\$18,328,500	\$37,833,200
Enhance	\$3,316,800	\$9,965,800	\$6,036,700	\$7,062,400	\$26,381,700
TOTAL	\$13,262,900	\$50,543,100	\$24,214,700	\$36,958,300	\$124,979,000
PERCENT	11%	40%	19%	30%	