

July 1, 1993

LCMR Final Status Report

I. State Forest Land Acquisition

Program Manager: John Hellquist  
DNR - Forestry  
Box 44, 500 Lafayette Road  
St. Paul, MN 55155-1044  
Phone: 612-297-3508

A. M.L. 91, Ch. 254, Art. 1, Sect. 14, Subd: 7 (c) Appropriation: \$500,000  
Balance: \$0.00

This appropriation is to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire lands in the highest priority purchase compartments in the R. J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest.

B. N/A

C. N/A

II. Narrative:

Achieve the optimum pattern of forest land ownership for the management of forest resources designed to best serve the needs of Minnesota citizens while maximizing long term resource management.

Acquire lands owned by the Nature Conservancy along the Cannon River in Goodhue County and in the R. J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest. If funds are left over after purchase of the Nature Conservancy parcel they will be used to acquire other lands in the highest priority purchase compartments in the R. J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest.

III. Objectives:

A. State Forest Land Acquisition

A.1. Narrative: Acquire lands in the highest priority purchase compartments in the R.J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest to work toward completing our acquisition goal of 83,150 acres as identified in the 1979 Plan for Land Acquisition and as identified in the Lewiston Area Forest Resources Plan.

A.2. Procedures: Submit fact sheets to DNR Real Estate Management Bureau to appraise and negotiate the purchase of parcels of land in the highest priority purchase compartments in the R. J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest.

A.3. Budget LCMR Funds

a. Amount Budgeted:	\$432,526.00
b. Expended:	\$432,526.00
c. Balance:	\$ 0.00

A.4. Timeline for Products/Tasks

	July91	Jan 92	June92	Jan 93	June93
--	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------

Submit Fact Sheets .....					
Assist Real Estate Mgt. ....					
Complete Purchases .....					

A.5. Status: Final Report, July 1, 1993.

The 403 acre Nature Conservancy property in Goodhue County has been acquired and surveyed. The 148 acre Muentert property in Olmsted County has also been acquired and the remaining funds were used to acquire 33 acres of the Buelow property in Winona County. Total acreage acquired with LCMR recommended funding is 584 acres. The LCMR recommended acquisitions listed previously, plus recent acquisitions made with Bonding funds has brought the total acreage in the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest to 45,758 acres. Leaving 37,392 acres left to acquire to meet our acquisition goal of 83,150 acres for the Forest. With today's dollars it would cost approximately \$17,000,000 to complete acquisition in the Forest. The project went well and we see no need for future changes.

A.6. Benefits: Land acquisition proposals improve the efficiency and effectiveness of resource management and allows good forest management for timber and other resource values to be demonstrated and observed to encourage private landowners to carry out similar programs. Examples include acquisition for development of recreational facilities, obtaining access to isolated lands, developing state forest roads and preventing incompatible development in large blocks of state lands. Land acquisition in southeastern Minnesota also provides additional areas for Metro and Rochester area residents to recreate generating increased tourism revenues. Land acquisition in southeastern Minnesota will also benefit wildlife such as grouse, turkey, deer and non-game species because management will be done in coordination with wildlife habitat guidelines. Acquisition will also help to prevent erosion which will reduce siltation into streams and rivers, improve trout habitat and reduce pollution of surface and groundwater.

B. Professional Services

B.1. Narrative: Provide professional services necessary to complete acquisition of parcels in the highest priority acquisition compartments in the R.J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest.

B.2. Procedures: Appraise, negotiate and purchase lands identified by the Division of Forestry.

B.3. <u>Budget:</u>	<u>LCMR Funds</u>
a. Amount Budgeted:	\$67,474.00
b. Encumbered:	\$ 0.00
c. Expended:	\$67,474.00
d. Balance:	\$ 0.00

B.4. Timeline for Products/Tasks: July 91 Jan92 June92 Jan93 June93

Review Fact Sheets	.....
Appraise and Negotiate	.....
Complete Purchases	.....

B.5. Status: Final Report, July 1, 1993.

All parcels have been acquired.

B.6. Benefits: Provide real estate management services so that lands can be acquired in a timely manner.

IV. Evaluation:

In the short term the program will be successful when high priority parcels are acquired in the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest. In the long term the evaluation of this projects success will be the resource and recreation benefits derived from these parcels of land by the citizens of Minnesota.

V. Context:

A. State forest ownership in the R.J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest has gradually increased from a few acres in 1961 when the forest was created to about 43,000 acres today. Most of this acreage has been purchased with LCMR or Resource 2000 funding. Funds available for acquisition have varied considerably throughout the years. In 1963-64 about \$70,000 was spent to acquire 3178 acres, while in 1979-80 \$3,450,000 was spent to acquire 8500 acres. Since 1982 about \$128,000 has been spent annually to acquire an average of 320 acres. At this pace it will take many

years to reach our acquisition goal of 83,150 acres in the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest.

B. This program should allow us to acquire about 500 acres toward our acquisition goal for the R.J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest.

C. Between 1963 and 1975, LCMR provided \$2,300,000 to acquire lands in the R.J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest and a few other State Forests, primarily the Sand Dunes. Between 1975 and 1990 Resource 2000 and Capitol Bonding have provided \$8,930,000 to acquire lands primarily in the R.J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest. Additional parcels in the Forest have been acquired by gift, but this has been a minor component of our acquisition program.

D. Not applicable.

E. Biennial Budget System Program Title and Budget: State Forest Land Acquisition \$500,000

VI. Qualifications

Program Manager:

John Hellquist  
Recreation and Land Program Coordinator  
Division of Forestry - Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

B.S. Recreation Resource Management, College of Forestry, University of Minnesota, 1975.

The program manager has worked in his present capacity for the Division of Forestry since 1982, coordinating recreation and land administration functions on a statewide basis. He has also worked for the DNR Trails and Waterways Unit, the Office of Planning and the Division of Parks and Recreation.

VII. Reporting Requirements

Semi-annual status reports will be submitted not later than January 1, 1992, July 1, 1992, January 1, 1993 and a final status report by June 30, 1993.

# **1991 ACQUISITION PROJECT ABSTRACT**

**FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1993**

This project was supported by the MN Future Resources Fund (M.S. Sec. 116P.13).

**TITLE:** State Forest Land Acquisition  
**PROGRAM MANAGER:** John Hellquist  
**ORGANIZATION:** Department of Natural Resources  
**LEGAL CITATION:** M.L. 1991, Chapt. 254, Art. 1, Sec. 14 Subd. 7(c)  
**APPROP. AMOUNT:** \$500,000

## **STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES**

To acquire lands in the highest priority purchase compartments in the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest to work toward our acquisition goal of 83,150 acres as identified in the 1979 Plan for Acquisition and the Lewiston Area Forest Resources Plan.

## **OVERALL PROJECT RESULTS**

Three properties were acquired with these funds totaling 584 acres. They were the:

403 acre - Nature Conservancy Property - Goodhue County  
148 acre - Muentner Property - Olmsted County  
33 acres - of the Buelow Property - Winona County

## **PROJECT RESULTS USE AND DISSEMINATION**

No publications were published as a result of this project. An interpretive trail is being built on the Nature Conservancy property with a theme of watershed management in the Cannon River Valley. All of the lands purchased are open to public recreational use and the Cannon Valley Trail passes through the Nature Conservancy property. No additional recreational facilities are currently planned for construction on these lands.