

**Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (TF)
Land Acquisition Reporting Form**

As required by M.S. 116P.16 for interest in land acquired with
Environment and Natural Resource Trust Fund proceeds after June 30, 2005.

Date of Report: 02/07/2023

ID Number: 23-145-001

Contact Information

Original Purchaser (Entity/Organization/Agency): Minnesota Land Trust

Name of person submitting report: Wayne Ostlie

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Legal Citation

Legal Citation of TF Appropriation: M.L. 2019, First Special Session, Chp. 4, Art. 2, Sec. 2, Subd. 09j

Acquisition Details

Original purchase date: 10/21/2022

Working title(s) of acquisition: Avon Hills (Little Watab Properties Partnership)

Type of Acquisition (Fee / Conservation Easement / Other): CE

Location:	County: Stearns	Range: 30	1/4 Section: NW, SW
	City: Township of Collegevill	Section: 22	1/4 1/4 Section:
	Township: 124		

Size in acres? (Provide total acres to the nearest one-tenth acre): 148

Natural Resources conservation values in acres (e.g. wetland/upland, prairie/grassland, forested, other):

Grassland: 0.2, Forest - Deciduous: 0.1, Forest - Mixed: 65.4, Wetland: 82.3

Describe Adjacency to Public/Private Conservation Lands:

Immediately adjacent to the northeast of the Protected Property is a 155-acre perpetual conservation easement held by the Land Trust. Within 3 miles of the Protected Property are seven other private properties permanently protected with conservation easements held by the Minnesota Land Trust, three federal Waterfowl Production Areas, two Stearns County parks, two DNR Aquatic Management Areas, and one DNR Scientific and Natural Area. The 2,900-acre Saint John's Abbey Arboretum is also nearby and includes 1,800 acres of an MBS Site of Outstanding Biodiversity Significance; it has served as a designated state wildlife refuge since 1933.

Name of Adjacent Body of Water (if applicable): Little Watab Lake, South Fork of the Watab River	Amount of Shoreline (linear feet/miles): 4,117 ft
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Funding

Purchase Price: \$ 321,900

Appraised Value: \$ 434,900

Related Professional Service Costs: \$ 24,117

Total Project Costs: \$ 346,017

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Source of money	Amount of funds	% of total project costs	Proportional Size (acres)
Environment Natural Resources Trust Fund	321,900	74	109.52
Other State Money	0	0	0
Federal Money	0	0	0
Regional/Local Government money	0	0	0
Non-profit Money	0	0	0
Bargain Sale/Donation Value	113,000	26	38.48
Other Money	0	0	0
Total Funds	434,900	100	148

Funding

- Yes **A. Interest is retained by original purchaser**
- B. Interest in the property was simultaneously transferred to another entity as part of the original purchase arrangements**
- C. Interest in the property was transferred to another entity on _____**

**Check appropriate option(s) for who owns and manages the property as of the date of this report.
Fill in contact information below.**

- DNR, Wildlife Management Area - Name of WMA:** _____
- DNR, Scientific and Natural Area - Name of SNA:** _____
- DNR, Aquatic Management Area - Name of AMA:** _____
- DNR, State Park - Name of State Park:** _____
- DNR, Forestry - Name of Forestry Unit:** _____
- DNR, Trails - Name of Trail:** _____
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:** _____
- Local Unit of Government, Specify What County or City:** _____
- Yes **Other, Specify Organization:** Conservation Easement - Minnesota Land Trust
- Other, Specify Organization:** _____

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Notes/Comments:

Stewardship in the amount of \$24000 is being provided by the Preserving the Avon Hills with Reverse-Bidding Easements program.