

Land Acquisition

Appropriations Language

For expenses necessary to carry out the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended (16 U.S.C. 460l-4 through 11), including administrative expenses, and for acquisition of land or waters, or interest therein, in accordance with statutory authority applicable to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, \$10,171,000, to be derived from the Land and Water Conservation Fund and to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That none of the funds appropriated for specific land acquisition projects can be used to pay for any administrative overhead, planning or other management costs (*Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 2008.*)

Authorizing Statutes

The Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, as amended (16 U.S.C. 742a). Authorizes acquisition of additions to the National Wildlife Refuge System for the development, management, advancement, conservation, and protection of fish and wildlife resources by purchase or exchange of land and water or interests therein.

Refuge Recreation Act of 1962, as amended (16 U.S.C. 460). Authorizes acquisition of areas that are adjacent to or within, existing fish and wildlife Conservation Areas administered by the Department of the Interior, and suitable for (1) incidental fish and wildlife-oriented recreation development, (2) the protection of natural resources, (3) the conservation of listed, threatened or endangered species, or (4) carrying out two or more of the above.

Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended (16 U.S.C. 460l). Authorizes appropriations to the Fish and Wildlife Service to acquire land for National Wildlife refuges as otherwise authorized by law. Authorization of Appropriations: Expires September 30, 2015.

National Wildlife Refuge Administration Act of 1966, (16 U.S.C. 668dd). Established overall policy guidance, placed restrictions on the transfer, exchange, or other disposal of refuge lands, and authorized the Secretary to accept donations for land acquisition.

Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1534). Authorizes the acquisition of land, waters or interest therein for the conservation of fish, wildlife and plants, including those that are listed as endangered or threatened species, with Land and Water Conservation Fund Act appropriations.

Emergency Wetlands Resources Act of 1986, (16 U.S.C. 3901). Authorizes the purchases of wetlands, or interests in wetlands, consistent with the wetlands priority conservation plan established under the Act.

Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve Act of 2000, (16 U.S.C 410hhh). Authorizes the establishment of the Baca National Wildlife Refuge.

Justification of Fixed Costs and Related Changes: Land Acquisition

| | 2008 Budget | 2008 Revised | 2009 Fixed Costs Change |
|---|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| <u>Additional Operational Costs from 2008 and 2009 January Pay Raises</u> | | | |
| 1. 2008 Pay Raise, 3 Quarters in 2008 Budget | +\$186 | +\$182 | NA |
| <i>Amount of pay raise absorbed (assuming enactment at 3.5%)</i> | [\$0] | [\$33] | NA |
| 2. 2008 Pay Raise, 1 Quarter (Enacted 3.5%) | NA | NA | +\$51 |
| <i>Amount of pay raise absorbed</i> | | | [\$9] |
| 3. 2009 Pay Raise (Assumed 2.9%) | NA | NA | +\$118 |
| <i>Amount of pay raise absorbed</i> | | | [\$30] |
| <p>These adjustments are for an additional amount needed to fund estimated pay raises for Federal employees.</p> <p>Line 1, 2008 Revised column is an update of 2008 budget estimates based upon an enacted amount of 3.5% and the 1.56% across the board reduction.</p> <p>Line 2 is the amount needed in 2009 to fund the enacted 3.5% January 2008 pay raise from October through December 2008.</p> <p>Line 3 is the amount needed in 2009 to fund the estimated 2.9% January 2009 pay raise from January through September 2009.</p> | | | |

| | 2008 Budget | 2008 Revised | 2009 Fixed Costs Change |
|---|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| <u>Other Fixed Cost Changes</u> | | | |
| One Less Paid Day | NA | NA | -\$26 |
| <p>This adjustment reflects the decreased costs resulting from the fact that there is one less paid day in 2009 than in 2008.</p> | | | |
| Employer Share of Federal Health Benefit Plans | +\$27 | +\$27 | +\$10 |
| <i>Amount of health benefits absorbed</i> | | | [\$3] |
| <p>The adjustment is for changes in Federal government's share of the cost of health insurance coverage for Federal employees. For 2009, the increase is estimated at 3.0%, the average increase for the past few years.</p> | | | |
| Rental Payments | +\$6 | +\$6 | +\$5 |
| <i>Amount of rental payments absorbed</i> | | | |
| <p>The adjustment is for changes in the costs payable to General Services Administration and others resulting from changes in rates for office and non-office space as estimated by GSA, as well as the rental costs of other currently occupied space. These costs include building security; in the case of GSA space, these are paid to DHS. Costs of mandatory office relocations, i.e., relocations in cases where due to external events there is no alternative but to vacate the currently occupied space, are also included.</p> | | | |

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| | | 2007 Actual | 2008 Enacted | 2009 | | | Change From 2008 (+/-) |
|--|----------------|----------------|-----------------|---|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | | | Fixed Costs & Related Changes (+/-) | Program Changes (+/-) | Budget Request | |
| Land Acquisition Management | (\$000) | 8,140 | 8,013 | +158 | -4,931 | 3,240 | -4,773 |
| User-Pay Cost Share | (\$000) | [973] | [918] | | [-11] | [907] | [-11] |
| Exchanges | (\$000) | 1,485 | 1,477 | | +60 | 1,537 | +60 |
| Inholdings | (\$000) | 1,500 | 1,476 | | +24 | 1,500 | +24 |
| Emergencies & Hardships | (\$000) | 1,478 | 1,477 | | +23 | 1,500 | +23 |
| Federal Refuges/Projects | (\$000) | 13,650 | 20,676 | | -19,776 | 900 | -19,776 |
| Subtotal Without Fire Repayment | (\$000) | 28,046 | 34,596 | +158 | -24,583 | 10,171 | -24,425 |
| Fire Repayment | (\$000) | +4,000 | - | | - | | - |
| Total , Appropriation With Fire | (\$000) | 32,046 | 34,596 | +158 | -24,583 | 10,171 | -24,425 |
| | <i>FTE</i> | <i>74</i> | <i>73</i> | <i>-</i> | <i>-37</i> | <i>36</i> | <i>-37</i> |

Summary of 2009 Program Changes for Land Acquisition

| Request Component | (\$000) | FTE |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|------------|
| • Land Acquisition Management | -4,931 | -37 |
| • CAM (Cost Allocation Methodology) | -11 | - |
| • Exchanges | +60 | - |
| • Inholdings | +24 | - |
| • Emergencies and Hardship | +23 | - |
| • Federal Refuges/Projects | -19,776 | - |
| Total, Program Changes | -24,583 | -37 |

Justification of 2009 Program Changes

The 2009 budget request level for Land Acquisition is \$10,171,000 and 36 FTEs, with a net program decrease of \$24,583,000 and -37 FTE from 2008 Enacted.

Land Acquisition Management (-\$4,931,000/-37 FTE)

For the past several years, the Service has been focusing efforts on managing the lands currently owned or managed by the Service. The Service land acquisition program has been substantially reduced and this reduction will help continue consolidating the realty functions to align with the overall effort to manage what is owned and not acquire new lands.

User-Pay Cost Share (+17,000)

In FY 2001, the Service instituted a Cost Allocation Methodology (CAM) to distribute general business operating costs consistently to all programs and appropriations based on actual use (see General Operations for a more detailed description). A review of CAM was performed in 2004 with changes instituted in FY 2006. This request reflects the prohibition from charging CAM to projects and justifies a separate line item for general business operating costs established in FY 2003. This action is consistent with congressional direction. Streamlining efforts continue in the land Acquisition program and are reflected in the proposed increase.

Exchanges (+\$60,000)

Land exchanges have helped to consolidate Federal ownership, allowing more efficient management. Land exchanges are time and labor intensive because they require two appraisals, two title opinions, two contaminant surveys, and other standard realty work. This additional funding will continue ongoing exchanges initiated in recent years. The "Update On Land Exchanges FY 2009" on a following page identifies all exchange projects for FY 2009.

Inholdings (+\$24,000)

This program funds acquisition opportunities for parcels of land (tracts valued at \$300,000 or less) within a refuge boundary. The funding is targeted to support acquisition opportunities for projects that are not included in an active land acquisition program within a defined boundary area, and for which funds would likely not be requested due to the low value and the sporadic opportunities to acquire these small tracts. The additional \$24,000 will reduce the existing inholding acreage within the refuge system.

Emergencies and Hardship (+\$23,000)

The Emergencies and Hardship line item is used by the Service to acquire unscheduled tracts on a case-by-case basis where there are extenuating circumstances. In order to qualify for this funding source, specific criteria must be met. These criteria include an undue financial hardship on the part of the land owner when there is insufficient time to proceed through the normal appropriations cycle for a specific line item request and when there is imminent threat to the resource or the adjacent refuge if the tract is not acquired immediately. The additional \$23,000 may result in the acquisition of approximately 18 acres.

Federal Refuges/Projects (-\$19,776,000)

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) funds enable the Service to acquire lands, waters, and interests therein, as authorized by Acts of Congress, for the conservation, management, and where appropriate, restoration of ecosystems, fish, wildlife, and plant resources, and their habitats, and to provide compatible, wildlife-dependent recreation and educational opportunities. This level funds two of the Service's highest rated projects, as determined by our merit based Land Acquisition Priority System. The projects will add roughly 1,190 acres of land to the refuge system and will not require any additional operations or maintenance funds. The reduction in the overall funding for land acquisition helps reserve funds for higher priorities that advance the mission of the Service.

Program Overview

The Fish and Wildlife Service acquires, through the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), lands, waters, and interests therein as authorized by Acts of Congress. Emphasis is placed on acquiring important fish and wildlife habitat specifically authorized by Congress and for the conservation of listed endangered and threatened species as additions to existing national wildlife refuges. The program focuses on projects that use an alternative and innovative conservation tool, conservation easement, and projects that have the input and participation of the affected local communities and stakeholders.

Strategic Outcomes and Results

The land acquisition program is exclusively dedicated to the DOI Strategic Plan Resource Protection End Outcome Goal 2, "Sustain Biological Communities on DOI Managed and Influenced Land and Waters in a Manner Consistent with Obligations Regarding the Allocations and Use of Water" by providing habitat for biological communities to flourish.

Means and Strategies

It is Service policy to request acquisition funding only for those areas within previously established refuge boundaries; therefore, the projects listed in the FY 2009 request are for the acquisition of properties within refuge boundaries. The Service has completed the National Environmental Policy Act process for these projects, which are also covered by approved Land Protection Plans.

The Service is promulgating a permanent policy that will guide the strategic growth decisions on all proposed national wildlife refuges; proposed refuge expansions; and proposed additions to existing refuges. The new policy will provide a long-term vision, process, and criteria for the strategic growth of the Refuge System. The criteria will guide conservation efforts toward those actions that most effectively and efficiently carry out refuge purposes, the mission and goals of the Refuge System, and the Service mission. These include:

1. Completion of existing refuges;
2. Use of alternative approaches to land acquisition;
3. Acquisition of the highest quality conservation lands; and
4. Management of increases in operation and maintenance costs.

The Service's priorities for the expansion of the Refuge System are:

1. Completing acquisitions within approved refuge boundaries.
2. Expansion of existing refuges where necessary to fulfill the purposes of the refuge and to meet the mission and goals of the Refuge System. Priority expansions will include those that address Service biological priorities and reduce management costs and/or increase opportunities for compatible wildlife-dependent recreation.
3. Establishment of new refuges only where there are outstanding fish and wildlife resources of national significance that either the Service or other parties cannot adequately conserve using other tools.

Use of Cost and Performance Information

The Fish and Wildlife Service is implementing the pilot system Land Acquisition Needs Database (LAND). The system tracks acquisitions and generates all acquisition related documents and tract-specific maps such as those needed for Migratory Bird Conservation Commission submissions. Based on National Wetland Inventory data, LAND has the capability of calculating and mapping wetland and upland acres for each tract. Records are stored in a central digital file system as a repository to be viewed by Realty staff. Historical closed cases are included in the digital repository.

As LAND uses a relational database structure, its records and data can be queried to provide a variety of different reports. Service surveyors will use LAND to generate and complete annual reports outlining their accomplishments. Appraisal status will be immediately available in real-time enabling intervention to be initiated when obstacles occur in the land acquisition process. LAND provides managers current information on specific tracts for rapid response to inquiries from congressional staffers and non-governmental partners.

LAND will improve the quality of land acquisition information by eliminating duplication of data. Increased efficiency of the Realty operations, document consistency and improved digital capabilities will reduce land acquisition costs.

2009 Program Performance

Federal Refuges/Projects

The FY 2009 request for specific land acquisition projects is \$900,000, for two projects with an estimated total of 1,190 acres in fee and conservation easements in the states of Alaska and Wisconsin. The funding levels and proposals for the projects are: Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, funding level \$400,000, to purchase 1,145 acres within the refuge boundary to conserve the unique, high-quality

resources of St. George Island, benefiting seabirds, landbirds, northern fur seals, Steller sea lions, and island lichen communities.

Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, funding level \$500,000, to purchase 45 acres in Wisconsin to protect, restore, and manage upland terrace habitat for migratory birds, including waterfowl, resident wildlife, and to support wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation.

The Service will take a balanced approach to land acquisition, using conservation tools such as easements and fee title acquisitions. Local and state organizations along with local private interests and national public and private organizations will be encouraged to participate in the land acquisition process.

UPDATE ON LAND EXCHANGES FY 2009

The following refuges, waterfowl production areas, wetland management districts, and Farm Service Agency (FSA) properties involve ongoing projects in the negotiation or acquisition phases of the land exchange program. Other exchanges may be undertaken throughout FY 2009 as opportunities arise. An estimated \$2,845,000 in acquisition costs is projected for 346,546.17 acres. Exchanges may involve expenditures over a period of years.

Anticipated Land Exchanges for FY 2009

| STATE | POTENTIAL EXCHANGES | ACRES TO BE ACQUIRED | MANAGEMENT COSTS |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| ALASKA | Alaska Maritime NWR-Akutan | 10,000.00 | \$30,000 |
| | Alaska Maritime NWR – Belkofski | 5,000.00 | \$20,000 |
| | Alaska Maritime NWR – Sitkinak | 1,653.00 | \$15,000 |
| | Alaska Maritime NWR - Koniag | 200 | \$20,000 |
| | Alaska Peninsula NWR – Oceanside | Undetermined | \$50,000 |
| | Yukon Flats NWR – Doyon | 180,000.00 | \$800,000 |
| | Yukon Flats NWR – Stevens Village | Undetermined | \$30,000 |
| | Kenai NWR – CIRI | 3,000.00 | \$20,000 |
| | Kodiak NWR – Koniag | 2,000.00 | \$40,000 |
| | Yukon Delta NWR – Napaskiak | Undetermined | \$10,000 |
| | Yukon Delta NWR – Kipnuk | Undetermined | \$10,000 |
| | Yukon Delta NWR – Eek | 200 | \$10,000 |
| | Izembek NWR – King Cove | 40,000.00 | \$25,000 |
| | Izembek NWR – Isanotski | 5,085 | \$5,000 |
| | Yukon Delta NWR – NIMA | 37,000 | \$5,000 |
| | Yukon Delta NWR – Cherfornak | 20,000 | \$10,000 |
| Yukon Delta NWR – Toksook Bay | Undetermined | \$10,000 | |
| ARKANSAS | Cache River NWR | 300 | \$75,000 |
| | White River NWR | 200 | \$45,000 |
| COLORADO | Arapaho NWR | 1,600.00 | \$50,000 |
| | Baca NWR | 25,000.00 | \$600,000 |
| | Rocky Mountain Arsenal NWR | 148 | \$50,000 |
| DELAWARE | Bombay Hook NWR | 3 | \$25,000 |
| FLORIDA | A.R.M. Loxahatchee NWR | 948 | \$20,000 |
| | Lake Wales Ridge NWR | 2.75 | \$20,000 |
| | National Key Deer NWR | 1 | \$15,000 |
| ILLINOIS | Cypress Creek NWR | 111.9 | \$10,000 |

| STATE | POTENTIAL EXCHANGES | ACRES TO BE ACQUIRED | MANAGEMENT COSTS |
|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| INDIANA | Patoka River NWR | 24 | \$10,000 |
| | FmHA | 40 | \$10,000 |
| IOWA | Winnebago County WPA | 6.2 | \$10,000 |
| KENTUCKY | Clarks River NWR | 1,200.00 | \$40,000 |
| LOUISIANA | Red River NWR | 424 | \$30,000 |
| | Upper Ouachita NWR | 520 | \$20,000 |
| MAINE | Moosehorn NWR | 1,500.00 | \$50,000 |
| MASSACHUSETTS | Oxbow NWR | 20 | \$50,000 |
| | Nantucket NWR | 300 | \$25,000 |
| MINNESOTA | Minnesota Valley NWR | 279.6 | \$10,000 |
| | Otter Tail County WPA | 2 | \$10,000 |
| | Polk County WPA | 4 | \$15,000 |
| MISSISSIPPI | T. Roosevelt NWR | 3,000.00 | \$175,000 |
| MONTANA | Pablo NWR | 1.7 | \$10,000 |
| NEVADA | Stillwater NWR | 500 | \$20,000 |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | Lake Umbagog NWR | 0.75 | \$20,000 |
| NEW JERSEY | Cape May NWR | 100 | \$30,000 |
| | Edwin B. Forsythe NWR | 200 | \$50,000 |
| NEW YORK | Oyster Bay NWR | 15 | \$25,000 |
| NORTH CAROLINA | Roanoke River NWR | 10 | \$10,000 |
| NORTH DAKOTA | Various North Dakota WPA's | 100 | \$20,000 |
| PUERTO RICO | Vieques NWR | 96.41 | \$15,000 |
| SOUTH CAROLINA | Carolina Sandhills NWR | 269 | \$10,000 |
| | Santee NWR | 33 | \$10,000 |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | Various South Dakota WPA's | 5,000.00 | \$80,000 |
| WEST VIRGINIA | Canaan Valley NWR | 2.5 | \$25,000 |
| WISCONSIN | Fond du Lac County WPA | 113.36 | \$15,000 |
| | Necedah WMA | 32 | \$10,000 |
| | FmHA | 20 | \$10,000 |
| | Upper MS River NW&FR | 280 | \$10,000 |
| FY 2009 TOTAL | | 346,546.17 | \$2,845,000 |

| FY 2009 Land Acquisition Projects Summary Table | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|--|---|
| DOI Strategic Plan (Goal) | Project | LAPS Rank | Approp. To Date (000) | Acres Acquired by 9/30/07 | FY 2009 \$000 | FY 2009 Acres | Remaining Acres to be Acquired after FY 2009 | Estimated Annual O&M Costs for 2009 Acquisition |
| 1.2 | Alaska Maritime NWR, AK | 1 | 7,680 | 38,239 | 400 | 1,145 | 151,316 | 0 |
| 1.2 | Upper Mississippi River NW&FR, MN, WI, IO, IL | 6 | 2,712 | 207,446 | 500 | 45 | 24,179 | 8,000 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | TOTALS | | 10,392 | 245,685 | 900 | 1,190 | 175,495 | 8,000 |

**Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge
Alaska**

Acquisition Authority: Fish and Wildlife Act; Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act

FY 2009 LAPS Rank: No. 1 of 85

Location: Bering Sea, 750 air miles west of Anchorage

Congressional Districts: Alaska-at-Large **Region 7**

Total Appropriations: \$7,680,392*

Acquisition Status:

| | <u>Ownerships</u> | <u>Acres</u> | <u>Cost</u> | <u>\$/Acre</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Acquired Through FY 2007 | 9 | 38,239 | \$7,680,392 | \$201 |
| Planned FY 2008 | 0 | 0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Proposed FY 2009 | 1 | 1,145 | \$400,000 | \$350 |
| Remaining | <u>14</u> | <u>151,316</u> | <u>\$45,755,000</u> | <u>\$302</u> |
| Totals | 24 | 190,700 | \$53,835,392 | \$282 |

*\$2,491,421 from Exxon-Valdez funds

Purpose of Acquisition: To conserve the unique resources of St. George Island. The project would benefit seabirds, landbirds, northern fur seals, Steller sea lions, and lichen communities.

Project Cooperators: Alaska Native Corporations, The Conservation Fund, The Nature Conservancy, World Wildlife Fund, and the State of Alaska.

Project Description: The proposed project would initiate a multi-year effort to conserve the extraordinary resources of the Pribilof Islands by purchasing lands and conservation easements in critical areas. Funds requested for FY 2009 would enable the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to acquire 1,145 acres of high-priority habitats on St. George, the biggest island in the Pribilof Islands group. Each summer, the Pribilof Islands host one of the world's largest gatherings of marine mammals. In 2006, nearly 1,400 adult northern fur seal males and their harems used the six rookeries on St. George alone. More than 17,000 pups were born on the island that year. The endangered Steller sea lion also frequents the island and hauls-out at two major locations. St. George is equally important to bird species. In fact, the island is home to more than two million seabirds, including over 80% of the world's breeding red-legged kittiwakes (a species of concern) and the largest breeding colony of thick-billed murres in the United States. The island also provides important habitat for endemic Pribilof rock sandpipers which breed in only a few other locations. Furthermore, the island has one of only two remaining natural Bering Sea island lichen communities. The refuge owns most of the seabird cliffs, but very little land surrounding them. The proposed project would increase protection for these critical habitats and create a conservation buffer around sensitive areas.

O & M: Acquisition would not increase O&M costs. The parcel is located within refuge boundaries and would be minimally managed like the surrounding refuge lands.

DOI Strategic Plan: The project supports the Resource Protection Goal 1.2 to Sustain Biological Communities on DOI Managed and Influenced Land and Waters in a Manner Consistent with Obligations Regarding the Allocations and Use of Water, by creating habitat conditions for biological communities to flourish.

**Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge
Portions of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Illinois**

Acquisition Authority: Act of June 7, 1924; Act of March 4, 1925; Act of May 12, 1928; Act of April 10, 1928; Act of June 18, 1934; Act of June 13, 1944; P.L. 87-44; P.L. 105-312; Emergency Wetlands Resources Act of 1986 P.L. 99-645

FY 2009 LAPS Rank: No. 6 of 85

Location: The Refuge extends for 261 miles along the Mississippi River from Wabasha, MN to Rock Island, IL

Congressional Districts: Minnesota: 1 **Region 3**
Iowa: 1, 4
Illinois: 16, 17
Wisconsin: 3

Total Appropriations: \$1,518,000

FY 2009 Budget Request: \$500,000

Acquisition Status:

| | <u>Ownerships</u> | <u>Acres</u> | <u>Cost[†]</u> | <u>\$/Acre</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Acquired Through FY 2007 | 895 | 207,446 | \$2,711,752 | \$13 |
| Planned FY 2008 | 1 | 75 | \$950,000 | \$12,666 |
| Proposed FY 2009 | 1 | 45 | \$500,000 | \$11,111 |
| Remaining | <u>643</u> | <u>24,179</u> | <u>\$34,113,654</u> | <u>\$1,411</u> |
| Totals | 1,540 | 231,745 | \$38,275,406 | \$165 |

[†] Includes incidental acquisition costs and migratory bird funds.

* Approximately ½ of land was acquired by the Corp of Engineers, and is managed by the Service, therefore the low \$/acre value.

Purpose of Acquisition: To protect, restore, and manage grassland, forest, and wetland habitat for migratory birds, including waterfowl, resident wildlife, and for the six wildlife-dependent public uses (hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation).

Project Cooperators: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Ducks Unlimited, The Nature Conservancy, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Wisconsin DNR, Iowa DNR, Illinois DNR, Friends of the Upper Mississippi Refuge.

Project Description: The requested funds of \$500,000 for FY 2009, together with any carryover from FY 2008, will fund acquisition of a 45 acre tract with an appraised value of \$500,000. This tract contains active cropland and pasture and is part of an upland terrace area along the Black/Mississippi Rivers in La Crosse County, Wisconsin. This upland area was recently rezoned to residential due to increased single family residential development. This presents an opportunity for an office/maintenance complex with a modest urban visitor center and trail system.

This area is important to federal and state endangered/threatened species and most migratory bird species using the Mississippi River corridor. Acquisition of this area would also expand opportunities for wildlife-dependent forms of public recreation.

O & M: Of the \$35.9 million increase provided to the Refuge System in 2008 and maintained in 2009, \$8,000 will be allocated to this refuge for management of the above parcel.

DOI Strategic Plan: The project supports the Resource Protection Goal 1.2 to Sustain Biological Communities on DOI Managed and Influenced Land and Waters in a Manner Consistent with Obligations Regarding the Allocations and Use of Water, by creating habitat conditions for biological communities to flourish.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
LAND ACQUISITION**

| Program and financing (in millions of dollars) Identification code 14-5020-0-2-302 | 2007 actual | 2008 estimate | 2009 estimate |
|---|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| <u>Obligations by program activity:</u> | | | |
| Direct program: | | | |
| 00.01 Acquisition management | 11 | 10 | 8 |
| 00.02 Emergencies and hardships | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 00.03 Exchanges | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 00.04 Inholdings | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 00.05 Endangered Species Land Payments | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 00.06 Federal refuges | 16 | 17 | 10 |
| 01.00 Total, direct program | 33 | 30 | 21 |
| 09.00 Reimbursable program | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| 10.00 Total new obligations | 34 | 32 | 23 |
| <u>Budgetary resources available for obligation:</u> | | | |
| 21.40 Unobligated balance carried forward, start of year | 24 | 25 | 15 |
| 22.00 New budget authority (gross) | 34 | 22 | 20 |
| 22.10 Resources available from recoveries of prior year obligations | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 23.90 Total budgetary resources available for obligation | 59 | 47 | 35 |
| 23.95 Total new obligations (-) | -34 | -32 | -23 |
| 24.40 Unobligated balance carried forward, end of year | 25 | 15 | 12 |
| <u>New budget authority (gross), detail:</u> | | | |
| Discretionary: | | | |
| 40.20 Appropriation (special fund) | 28 | 20 | 18 |
| 41.00 Current year authority transferred to other accounts [14-1125] | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 43.00 Appropriation (total) | 32 | 20 | 18 |
| Spending authority from offsetting collections: | | | |
| Discretionary: | | | |
| 58.00 Offsetting collections (cash) | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| 58.10 Change in uncollected customer payments from Federal sources | -1 | 0 | 0 |
| 58.90 Spending authority from offsetting collections (total) | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 70.00 Total new budget authority (gross) | 34 | 22 | 20 |
| <u>Change in obligated balances:</u> | | | |
| 72.40 Obligated balance, start of year | 14 | 9 | 15 |
| 73.10 Total new obligations | 34 | 32 | 23 |
| 73.20 Total outlays, gross (-) | -39 | -26 | -22 |
| 73.45 Recoveries of prior year obligations | -1 | 0 | 0 |
| 74.00 Change in uncollected customer payments from Federal sources | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 74.40 Obligated balance, end of year | 9 | 15 | 16 |

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LAND ACQUISITION**

| Program and financing (in millions of dollars) Identification code 14-5020-0-2-302 | 2007 actual | 2008 estimate | 2009 estimate |
|---|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| <u>Outlays, (gross) detail:</u> | | | |
| 86.90 Outlays from new discretionary authority | 27 | 11 | 10 |
| 86.93 Outlays from discretionary balances | 12 | 15 | 12 |
| 87.00 Total outlays (gross) | 39 | 26 | 22 |
| <u>Offsets:</u> | | | |
| Against gross budget authority and outlays: | | | |
| Offsetting collections (cash) from: | | | |
| 88.00 Federal sources | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| 88.95 Change in uncollected customer payments from Federal sources | -1 | 0 | 0 |
| <u>Net budget authority and outlays:</u> | | | |
| 89.00 Budget authority | 32 | 20 | 18 |
| 90.00 Outlays (net) | 36 | 24 | 20 |
| <u>Unpaid obligations:</u> | | | |
| 95.02 Unpaid Obligations, end of year | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| <u>Direct obligations:</u> | | | |
| Personnel compensation: | | | |
| 11.1 Full-time permanent | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| 11.9 Total personnel compensation | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| 12.1 Civilian personnel benefits | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 23.1 Rental payments to GSA | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 25.2 Other services | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| 25.3 Purchases of goods and services from Government accounts | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 32.0 Land and structures | 19 | 18 | 9 |
| 41.0 Grants, subsidies, and contributions | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 99.0 Subtotal, direct obligations | 33 | 29 | 20 |
| <u>Reimbursable Obligations:</u> | | | |
| 32.0 Land and structures | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 99.9 Total new obligations | 34 | 31 | 22 |
| <u>Personnel Summary</u> | | | |
| <u>Direct:</u> | | | |
| Total compensable work years: | | | |
| 1001 Full-time equivalent employment | 76 | 76 | 71 |