

SUBJECT: Informational Item: Stewardship Grants Programs

FOR: MARCH **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Kim Wright and Tom Blotz, CAES Division

SUMMARY:

At its January meeting, the NRB requested an informational briefing specifically on the grants portion of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program.

The informational briefing will elaborate on the following:

- 1- In recent years, an appropriation of \$8M/year each has been available for Stewardship grant programs for (A) Local Assistance and (B) Nonprofit Conservation Organizations.
- 2- Each subprogram can be further divided into specific sub-categories.
- 3- Technical assistance to project sponsors comes from both regional and Central Office staff in the Bureau of Community Financial Assistance.
- 4- "Partnerships" are what make this part of the Stewardship Program such a success.
- 5- Project sponsors only receive grants for 50% of eligible project costs; project sponsors match their grant award.
- 6- Project sponsors are responsible to maintain and manage properties that the purchase.
- 7- DNR provide project sponsors with signs to post of acquired properties.
- 8- DNR recently unveiled a GIS mapping tool that make it possible for the public to see where these grant-funded properties are located and to contact project sponsors for further information.

RECOMMENDATION: This item is informational. No action needed.

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

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| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
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APPROVED:

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