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Conservation Easements

Project Status	Includes anticipated $125,000 in grants. Portion to be needed May/June. Remaining funds used to leverage state/federal grants and expended early 2017.
Start Date	
Expected Completion Date	
Size of Project	**n/a**
Total Cost	$250,000

Location:

Project Photos: https://flic.kr/s/aHskvGGSCi

Project Description:
The Conservation Easement component of the Lands Legacy program was initially funded in July 2002, and provides matching funds for state and federal grants to acquire conservation easements to conserve prime or threatened farmland, sensitive natural areas, or important water quality buffer lands in keeping with Board goals and Lands Legacy priorities. Beginning in Year 1 (FY '15-16) this project includes additional funds of $250,000, $125,000 in additional grant funds and landowner donations and $125,000 in additional County match funds.

Public Record Chronology:

Public Records are searchable here.

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County Capital Projects
Fiscal Years 2016-21

Project Name	***Conservation Easements (part of Lands Legacy)***						**Project Status**		***Approved***
Functional Service Area	***Community Services***						**Starting Date**		***7/1/2002***
Department	***DEAPR***						**Completion Date**		***Ongoing***
Project Budget	**Prior Years Funding**	**Current Fiscal Year 2015-16**	**Year 1 Fiscal Year 2016-17**	**Year 2 Fiscal Year 2017-18**	**Year 3 Fiscal Year 2018-19**	**Year 4 Fiscal Year 2019-20**	**Year 5 Fiscal Year 2020-21**	**Five Year Total**	**Year 6 to Year 10**
Appropriation									
Land/Building	6,378,181	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000
Construction/Repairs/Renovations									
Equipment/Furnishings									
Total Project Budget	**6,378,181**	**500,000**	**500,000**	**500,000**	**500,000**	**500,000**	**500,000**	**2,500,000**	**2,500,000**
General Fund Related Operating Costs									
Personnel Services									
Operations									
New Debt Service									
Total Operating Costs			-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revenues/Funding Source									
Transfer from General Fund	600,000							-	-
Transfer from Other Projects	143,000								
Grant Funding and Donations	2,635,181	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000
Debt Financing	3,000,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000
Total	**6,378,181**	**500,000**	**500,000**	**500,000**	**500,000**	**500,000**	**500,000**	**2,500,000**	**2,500,000**

Project Description/Justification

The Conservation Easement component of the Lands Legacy program was initially funded in July 2002, and provides matching funds for State and federal grants to acquire conservation easements to conserve prime or threatened farmland, sensitive natural areas, or important water quality buffer lands in keeping with Board goals and Lands Legacy priorities. Generally, these lands have conservation values or agricultural operations to be enhanced and protected, and the land stays in private ownership and is not publicly-accessible except upon landowner consent. Over 2,000 acres of prime farmland and natural areas have been conserved to date, with millions of dollars in state/federal grants leveraged. **It is anticipated that additional matching funds of approximately 50% would again be leveraged for these projects, as reflected in the grant funds and landowner donations above.**