Overview
The Mississippi Headwaters Board, Trust for Public Land, Board of Water & Soil Resources, Nature Conservancy, and Dept. of Natural Resources has developed a program to protect and preserve the natural qualities of the Mississippi River. Under this habitat program, landowners have options to consider: An acquisition opportunity to permanently protect by selling their land, or an easement program that protects their values while still retaining private ownership of the land.

Program Priorities
- The acquired parcels must meet the natural value criteria of identifying and promoting protection of critical habitat flora and fauna as described in the MHB Comprehensive Management Plan.
- The acquired parcels should be targeted toward the Mississippi River; headwaters lakes, and connecting streams, and focus on hunting, fishing, and outdoor heritage opportunities. Easements should have the same focus and benefit but landowners will have the option to deny public access to hunting and fishing on their land.
- Priority is given to parcels that provide access to existing public lands.

Eligibility
All land in priorities areas are eligible for this program. A Project Review Team will prioritize and rank applications.

How To Apply
For fee-title acquisitions, landowners may contact Bob McGillivray at the Trust For Public Land at:
(651) 999-5307

For easements, landowners may fill out an application by contacting Sheila Boldt at The Crow Wing Soil & Water Conservation District:
- (218) 828-6197
- sheila.boldt@crowwingswcd.org
- Contains more than 350 species of animals, mammals, and birds.
- Is the flyway for neo-tropical birds and waterfowl.
- Over 16% of all the land in MN resides in the 8 MHB Counties.