

CPL Applications

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Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Application**CPL1000005****Spreadsheet****Name and Contact**

Project Identifier:	CPL1000005	Street Address 1:	960 Diagonal Road
Project Name:	Lake Bella Park Grassland Enhancement Project	Street Address 2:	P.O. Box 114
Organization Name:	Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District	City:	Worthington
Organization Website:	www.okabenaokedawd.org	State:	MN
Organization Contact Person:	Dan Livdahl	Zip Code:	56187
Contact Email:	dan.livdahl@okabenaokedawd.org		
Contact Phone:	507-372-8228		

Location

Primary County:	Nobles
Nearest City:	Worthington
Township:	Bigelow, T 101 N, R 40 W
Project Site Name:	Lake Bella Park
Project Site Land Ownership:	Other
Other Land Ownership:	Watershed District

Project Information

Primary Activity:	Enhancement
Primary Habitat Type:	Prairie
Total Project Acres:	68
Total Project Sites:	6
Total Grant Amount Requested:	\$36479
Total Match Amount:	\$4053
Total Project Cost:	\$40532
Project Completion Date:	09/2011 (MM/YYYY)

Project Summary and Outcomes: This project will enhance 68.4 acres of wildlife habitat at Lake Bella Park. The park belongs to the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District and is open to public hunting. The existing ground cover is non-native cool season grasses with occasional forbs intermixed. Most of the area is infested with pocket gophers. This project will plant a local ecotype seed mix of 25 or more species of native grasses and forbs. Ground preparation will begin in July 2010. Seed will be planted during spring 2011. Spot spraying and mowing will be to establish the new vegetation. The enhanced grassland will be managed long-term with prescribed burns.

Attachments

- [Project Site Information Form](#)
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- Financial Documentation
- Conservation Easement
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Project Site Information

Contact information

Project name:	Lake Bella Park Grassland Enhancement
Organization:	Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District
Organization contact person (Project Manager):	Dan Livdahl

Project information

Project site:	Lake Bella Park	Legal :	T101	R40	S27	QS1/2
Project site land manager or easement holder:	Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District					
Private land owner (if applicable):		County:	Nobles			

Activity (may choose more than one): ☒ Enhancement ☐ Restoration ☐ Acquisition

Predominant Habitat (choose one): ☐ Forest ☒ Prairie ☐ Wetland ☐ Fish, Game and Wildlife Habitat

Activity quantity: 57.8 ☒ Acres ☐ Miles ☐ Feet ☐ Structures ☐ Wetlands

Project Site #2, if needed.

Project site:	Lake Bella Park	Legal :	T101	R40	S26	QSW
Project site land manager or easement holder:	Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District					
Private land owner (if applicable):		County:	Nobles			

Activity (may choose more than one): ☒ Enhancement ☐ Restoration ☐ Acquisition

Predominant Habitat (choose one): ☐ Forest ☒ Prairie ☐ Wetland ☐ Fish, Game and Wildlife Habitat

Activity quantity: 7.0 ☐ Acres ☐ Miles ☐ Feet ☐ Structures ☐ Wetlands

Project Site #3, if needed. Use Additional Project Sites form if needed.

Project site:	Lake Bella Park	Legal :	T101	R40	S34	QE1/2
Project site land manager or easement holder:	Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District					
Private land owner (if applicable):		County:	Nobles			

Activity (may choose more than one): ☒ Enhancement ☐ Restoration ☐ Acquisition

Predominant Habitat (choose one): ☐ Forest ☒ Prairie ☐ Wetland ☐ Fish, Game and Wildlife Habitat

Activity quantity: 3.6 ☒ Acres ☐ Miles ☐ Feet ☐ Structures ☐ Wetlands

Project timeline:

Time frame	Goal	Time frame	Goal
Summer 2010	Plow or disc to destroy gopher mounds	Early Summer 2011	Mow seeded area to aid establishment
Summer 2010	First spraying with glyphosate	Late Summer 2011	Mow seeded area to aid establishment
Fall 2010	Second spraying with glyphosate		
Fall 2010	Burn duff		
Spring 2011	Pre-Plant Burndown with glyphosate		
Late Spring 2011	Drill Grasses & Forbs Mix		

Project description and benefits (box will expand as typed into, not to be longer than 2 pages):

This project will enhance wildlife habitat at Lake Bella Park, located on the Iowa boarder south of Worthington, Minnesota. The park belongs to the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District and is open to public hunting. Lake Bella Park is bordered by the Lake Bella WMA (106.3 acres), the Lake Bella WPA (72.6 acres) and numerous privately owned acres in CRP contracts and 45 year CREP II easements.

This project will enhance approximately 68.4 acres of grassland in Lake Bella Park. The grassland to be enhanced now contains largely non-native cool season grasses with occasional native and non-native forbs intermixed. Approximately 65 acres of area to be seeded are infested with pocket gophers. These areas will need to be leveled with tillage before other ground preparation and seeding can take place.

This project will plant local a ecotype seed mix of 25 or more species of native grasses and forbs. Ground preparation will begin in July 2010 and seed planted during spring 2011.

The site will be mowed up to two times in 2011 and once in 2012 to aid establishment of the native prairie vegetation. Spot spraying and mowing will be used when needed during the first three years after planting to discourage non-native grasses and noxious weeds. The land will be managed long-term with prescribed burns to maintain healthy and diverse native vegetation.

Please provide the answers to the following questions. Boxes will expand as typed into.

1. For lands acquired in fee title that will be turned over to a public agency for long-term management:

- a. Provide a description of the work necessary to bring the land up to agency standards and an estimate of the associated cost.

n/a

- b. What short- and long-term work is required to manage the land you acquire?

n/a

2. For enhancement/ restoration projects on public lands:

- a. Who is/will be the long-term manager for the project site?

The Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers owns and manages Lake Bella Park. The District Administrator will be the long-term manager for the site.

- b. What short- and long-term maintenance work is required to sustain the habitat work you will do?

It is likely that the areas enhanced by this grant will need to be mowed once during the summer of 2012 to aid establishment of the grasses and forbs. Noxious weeds will need to be mowed or spot sprayed during the establishment period. The site will be managed long-term with prescribed burns to maintain healthy and diverse vegetation.

- c. Who will complete this maintenance work, and how will it be funded?

Maintenance work will be completed by District staff, managers or hired contractors. The work will be funded by the watershed district levy.

- d. Will the CPL funds supplant any existing funds?

The CPL funds will not supplant existing funds.

As required by 2009 MN Session Law, Chapter 172 subd. 10 (8), “any agency or entity receiving an appropriation must, for any project funded in whole or in part with funds from the appropriation, give consideration to and **make timely written contact with the Minnesota Conservation Corps** for consideration of possible use of their services to contract for restoration and enhancement services”. Contact MCC at cplg@conservationcorps.org, or email a copy of this form to the same address. For more information on costs, crew capabilities, etc., visit MCC’s website at <http://www.conservationcorps.org/useacrew.html>.

Signature:

☒ I certify that I have read the Conservation Partners Legacy Grants Program **Request for Proposal, Program Manual** and other program documents, and have discussed this project with the appropriate public land manager, or private landowner and easement holder. I am authorized to apply for and manage these grant and match funds, and the project work by the organization or agency listed below. I have made timely written notification to MCC regarding my project.

Signature: Lester Johnson	Organization/ Agency: Okabena-Ocheda Watershed Dis
Title: President	Date: 10/22/2009

Please save this document to your computer or electronic storage device and attach this document as specified on the online submittal form when ready to apply. Contact [CPL Grant Staff](#) with any questions.

CPL Project Application Review and Approval Form

REVIEWER INFORMATION

Land manager/ easement holder name:	Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers		
Title:	Lester Johnson, President	Date of meeting:	10-22-2009
Phone:	507-360-6898	Proposal ID #:	
Email:	dan.livdahl@okabenaokedawd.org (assigned by agency, optional)		

PROJECT INFORMATION:

Project Name:	Lake Bella Park Grassland Enhancement	Organization:	Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District
Contact Person:	Dan Livdahl		
Email:	dan.livdahl@okabenaokedawd.org	Daytime Phone:	507-372-8228

Please check the appropriate boxes:

- ☒ I have read the application and discussed this proposed project with the above listed Organization Contact Person.
- ☒ For work on easements, the private landowner has been contacted and has given support and approval for this project.

I have performed a Natural Heritage Database review and found:

- ☒ this project to have no features within one mile.
- ☐ this project to have features within one mile, but project is not likely to adversely affect those features. I have recommended the following minimization strategy:

- ☐ this project is likely to adversely affect Natural Heritage features. I feel that this project is important and should be forwarded to DNR Ecological Resources staff for further review.

- ☐ I do not have access to the Natural Features database and will forward this completed form to DNR within 3 business days to [CPL Staff](#) at LSCPLGrants.DNR@dnr.state.mn.us for review.

I have discussed what role my office will be expected to have in this project and find that the project, as described will require:

- ☐ minimal or no involvement from my office for completion.
- ☒ a commitment of involvement by staff that is reasonable and can be accomplished with current staffing levels and workload.

- ☐ an amount of staff involvement that cannot be committed during the project time period with current staffing levels. Unless additional staffing can be committed from other offices, Divisions or appropriate partners, I feel this project cannot be completed within the project timeline to our desired standards.

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☒ I have discussed permits and applications that the applicant may be responsible for using the Working on DNR Lands and Working on Public Lands, or Working on Private Lands documents.

Upon final review of this project:

- ☒ I find this project to be consistent with sound conservation science. This work will benefit area fish, game and wildlife by restoring, enhancing or protecting forests, wetlands, prairies and habitat and is consistent with the management or stewardship plan for this land. (APPROVAL)
- ☐ I find that this project does not follow the management or stewardship plan for this land and does not fit within the long range goals for this land at this time on the local level. (DECLINE)
- ☐ I find that this project should be sent up to a higher level within the agency for further review and decision. I have forwarded the Project Planning Form and this Review and Approval Form for further review to:

Name:		Phone:	
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☒ By checking this box and typing my name below I certify that I have met with the above applicant and discussed the proposed project and have provided feedback to the applicant.

Name:	Lester Johnson
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Comments: **Randy Markl, DNR Windom, accessed the Natural Heritage database for us. The map he provided showed prairie bush clover is present slightly more than a mile north of this project site. Enhancement of the Lake Bella Park grasslands will not effect the threatened species, since no ground preparation or seeding will occur near it.**

The Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Administrator, Dan Livdahl, discussed ground preparation, seeding, long-term maintenance plans and project costs with Mr. Markl to get his input.

Name:		Phone:	
Title:		Email:	

Additional
necessary):

Comments(including approval or denial, reasoning):

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Project Budget and Match Worksheet, Application Requirement

Project name:	Lake Bella Park Grassland Enhancement	
Organization:	Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District	
Organization contact person (Project Manager):	Dan Livdahl	

Please complete all sections and be as detailed as possible for all descriptions under the Details sections. Limit entries in large tables to numbers only, **round to the nearest dollar**. Do not edit table categories, only enter values or text into the table. The tables will adjust to accommodate additional text in each box. If all categories are not needed, please leave those fields blank.

BUDGET: amounts being requested **Note: FY refers to State Fiscal Year: July 1- June 30, with the year reflecting the year that June falls in. For example: if today were September 3rd, 2009 it would be FY2010; December 3rd 2010= FY2011; May 2012= FY2012

Budget Item	Fiscal Year 2010	Fiscal Year 2011	Fiscal Year 2012	Total
Personnel		\$793.00		\$793.00
Contracts		\$4,190.00	\$1,932.00	\$6,122.00
Grant Administration	\$400.00	\$900.00	\$500.00	\$1,800.00
Administration/ Environmental Compliance				
Fee Acquisition				
Easement Acquisition				
Easement Stewardship				
Equipment/Tools/Supplies		\$32,216.00		\$32,216.00
Travel				
Additional Budget items				
Total	\$400.00	\$38,099.00	\$2,432.00	\$40,931.00

DETAILS: detail the amounts listed in the above table.

Personnel Details:

Name	Title	Amount
Dan Livdahl	Administrator	\$400.00
Les Johnson	Board Member	\$300.00
Rolf Mahlberg	Board Member	\$93.00

Contract Details:

Contractor Name	Contracted Work	Amount
New Vision Co-Op	Spray Herbicide	\$1,231.00
Local Farmer	Tillage to Remove Gopher Mounds and Mowing	\$2,838.00
Prairie Wild or Salix	Seed Site	\$2,052.00

Grant Administration:

Administrative Activity	Description/ Amount	Amount
General Administration	Purchase materials, hire contractors, organize prescribed burn, inspect completed work, pay bills, apply for reimbursements, complete grant reports, etc.	\$1,800.00

Administration/ Environmental Compliance

Activity	Description	Amount

Fee Acquisition/ Easement Acquisition/ Easement Stewardship Details:

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Equipment/Tools/Supplies Details:

Item	Use	Amount
Native Grass & Forb Mix	Plant on 68.4 acres	\$30,780.00
Glyphosate Herbicide	Eliminate Vegetation Before Planting	\$1,436.00

Travel Details:

Miles	Purpose	Amount

Additional Budget Items Details:

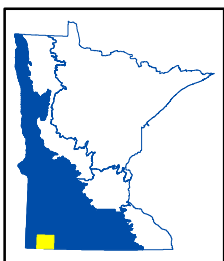
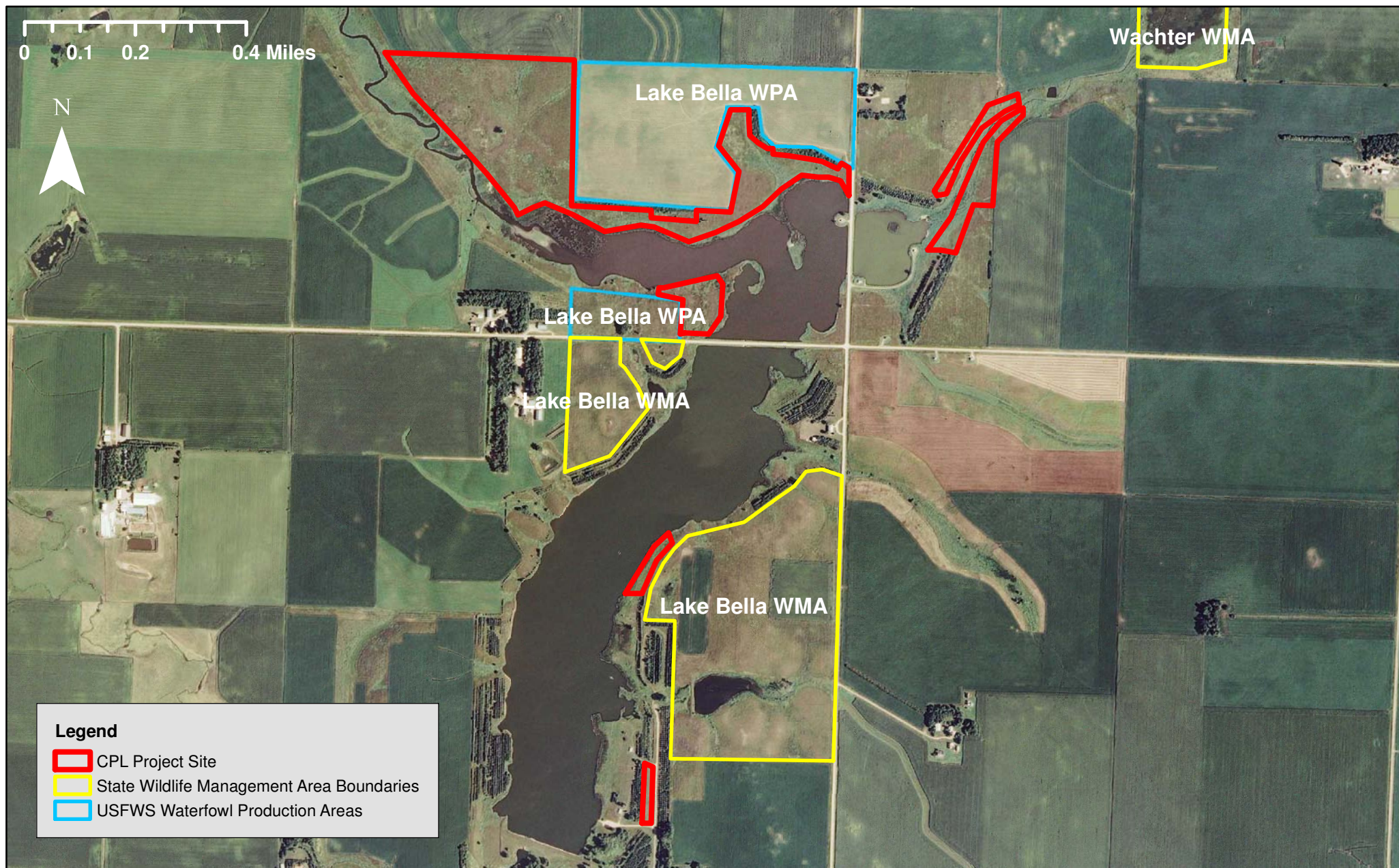
Seed costs were estimated based on a telephone conversation with the owner of Salix Ecological Resources in Windom, Minnesota, about the price and availability of a local ecotype seed mix containing a minimum of 25 species of native grasses and forbs in 2011.

MATCH: Required 10% of total project funds, to be fulfilled by end of Fiscal Year 2012. Use provided rate sheet to determine unit rate and total value of in-kind services to be used as matching funds if applicable.

Source	Description	Units	Unit Rate	Total Value
Watershed District - inkind	Grant Administration	120	15.00	\$1,800.00
Watershed District - Inkind	General Labor to Do Site Burn	61	13.00	\$793.00
Watershed District - Cash	Cash from Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District			\$1,500.00

Matching description/ comments: if needed

The Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District will contribute \$2593.00 in-kind and \$1500 cash to match the grant for this project.



CPL100-005

Lake Bella Park Grassland Enhancement Project

Nobles County, LSOHC Prairie Planning Section



**CONSERVATION PARTNERS LEGACY GRANT PROGRAM
PARTNER COMMITMENT LETTER**

What is the name of the project that you are contributing to, and who is the applicant? Lake Bella Park Grassland Enhancement Project, Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District, applicant.

What is the name of your organization (private landowners use "Private Landowner")?

Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers

When will you make the contribution?

In-kind contribution of District staff and board members time will occur throughout the grant period from 2010 to 2012. Cash will be spent for seed and herbicide during spring 2011.

What is the value of your contribution and how did you determine the value?

Does the contribution have a non-state origin?

The contribution will total \$4053.00. In-kind contributions for grant administration and general labor were calculated using the CPL In-Kind Rates for Matching funds sheet. Cash contributions were calculated using estimated costs of seed and herbicide from local vendors.

If this is based on a fund-raising event or other future action, if that future action fails, will you still provide the contribution amount?

This contribution is not based on a fund raising effort. Cash for this project will be part of the money levied annually for the management and maintenance of Lake Bella Park by the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District.

Signature:

Lester Johnson

Printed Name, Title, and Affiliation: Lester Johnson, President, Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District.

Date Signed: 10/22/2009