

**CPL Applications**

(Total to date: 129)

**Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Application****CPL1000038****Spreadsheet****Name and Contact**

|                              |  |                   |                 |
|------------------------------|--|-------------------|-----------------|
| Project Identifier:          | CPL1000038   | Street Address 1: | 901 First St NE |
|                              |  | Street Address 2: |                 |
| Project Name:                | Volunteer Tree and Brush removal on Kandiyohi County WMA's | City:             | Hopkins         |
| Organization Name:           | Minnesota Waterfowl Association                            | State:            | MN              |
| Organization Website:        | www.mnwaterfowl.com  | Zip Code:         | 55343           |
| Organization Contact Person: | Adam Benker/Brad Nylin                                     |                   |                 |
| Contact Email:               | adam.benker@mnwaterfowl.com                                |                   |                 |
| Contact Phone:               | 952-767-0320   |                   |                 |

**Location**

Primary County: Kandiyohi

Nearest City:

Township:

Project Site Name: Tree Removal on Kandiyohi MWA's

Project Site Land Ownership: State

Other Land Ownership:

**Project Information**

Primary Activity: Enhancement

Primary Habitat Type: Prairie

Total Project Acres: 64

Total Project Sites: 4

Total Grant Amount Requested: \$14400

Total Match Amount: \$1600

Total Project Cost: \$16000

Project Completion Date: 09/2010 (MM/YYYY)

**Project Summary and Outcomes:** The project on these four sites will include contracting to have as many of the small trees and brush cut and removed from the proposed sites as possible on these WMA's to start opening up the grassland areas. Current plans are to consider the use of the Bio-baler for the small tree and brush removal. This will be followed by contracting to have the larger trees cut down and piled up for burning. The stumps will be treated with Pathfinder or a similar chemical when necessary to further open up the grassland areas. The DNR Approved this project.

**Attachments**

- [Project Site Information Form](#)
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- Partner Commitment Letter
- Financial Documentation
- Conservation Easement
- Supplementary Attachment #1
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## Project Site Information

### Contact information

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| Project name:                                  | Volunteer Tree and Brush removal on Kandiyohi County WMA's |  |  |  |
| Organization:                                  | Minnesota Waterfowl Association                            |  |  |  |
| Organization contact person (Project Manager): | Brad Nylin   |  |  |  |

### Project information

|   |              |         |           |      |        |   |
|---|--------------|---------|-----------|------|--------|---|
| Project site:                                 | Burbank WMA  |         |           |      |        |   |
| Project site land manager or easement holder: | LeRoy Dahlke | Legal : | T122n     | R34w | S26,35 | Q |
| Private land owner (if applicable):           | County:      |         | Kandiyohi |      |        |   |

Activity (may choose more than one):  Enhancement  Restoration  Acquisition  
 Predominant Habitat (choose one):  Forest  Prairie  Wetland  Fish, Game and Wildlife Habitat  
 Activity quantity:   Acres  Miles  Feet  Structures  Wetlands

Project Site #2, if needed.

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|---|--------------------|---------|-----------|------|-----|------|
| Project site:                                 | Dietrich Lange WMA |         |           |      |     |      |
| Project site land manager or easement holder: | LeRoy Dahlke       | Legal : | T121n     | R33w | S33 | Qnne |
| Private land owner (if applicable):           | County:            |         | Kandiyohi |      |     |      |

Activity (may choose more than one):  Enhancement  Restoration  Acquisition  
 Predominant Habitat (choose one):  Forest  Prairie  Wetland  Fish, Game and Wildlife Habitat  
 Activity quantity:   Acres  Miles  Feet  Structures  Wetlands

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

|   |              |         |           |      |     |      |
|---|--------------|---------|-----------|------|-----|------|
| Project site:                                 | Mamre WMA    |         |           |      |     |      |
| Project site land manager or easement holder: | LeRoy Dahlke | Legal : | T120N     | R36W | S26 | Qnsw |
| Private land owner (if applicable):           | County:      |         | Kandiyohi |      |     |      |

Activity (may choose more than one):  Enhancement  Restoration  Acquisition  
 Predominant Habitat (choose one):  Forest  Prairie  Wetland  Fish, Game and Wildlife Habitat

Activity quantity:   Acres  Miles  Feet  Structures  Wetlands

**Project timeline:**

| Time frame  | Goal   | Time frame | Goal |
|-------------|--|------------|------|
| Summer 2010 | Contract (hopefully with the Bio-baler) to have volunteer trees and brush removed on the following WMA's in Kandiyohi County |            |      |
| Summer 2010 | Follow up with contract treatment of cut stems and cutting of larger trees and treatment of the cut stumps with Pathfinder   |            |      |
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**Project description and benefits (box will expand as typed into, not to be longer than 2 pages):**

Purpose of the project: The four listed sites are suffering from heavy encroachment of trees and brush in the existing grassland to the extent that they provide extremely poor habitat for grassland wildlife species and are affecting the use of adjacent wetlands by waterfowl and other wetland wildlife species.

The project on these four sites will include contracting to have as many of the small trees and brush cut and removed from the proposed sites as possible on these WMA's to start opening up the grassland areas. Current plans are to consider the use of the Bio-baler for the small tree and brush removal. This will be followed by contracting to have the larger trees cut down and piled up for burning. The stumps will be treated with Pathfinder or a similar chemical when necessary to further open up the grassland areas. At the same time it will be necessary to contract for hand treatment and/or mechanical chemical treatment of the smaller trees and brush that were cut and removed from the site to prevent them from quickly growing back and taking over the area. Following these treatments over the next two years, the existing grasses are expected to recover sufficiently to allow for controlled burns to stimulate the grasses and potentially prepare some of the sites for future seeding to prairie grasses and forbs.

The Burbank WMA site does contain some remnant native prairie and this site will require hand treatment with chemicals of the cut stumps in order to minimize any impact to native prairie plants.

The end result of the removal of the volunteer trees and brush is to improve the quality of the grasslands in order to once again make them attractive to nesting ducks, pheasants and a variety of non-game species as well as to provide loafing, brood rearing and escape cover for many grassland wildlife species.

**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.

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

**2. For enhancement/ restoration projects on public lands:**

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

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources New London Wildlife Office

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

Short Term - hire contractors for baling and maintaining

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

DNR Area office - routine maintenance and management activities

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

no

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](mailto: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 restoration or enhancement project.

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|---------------------------|--|
| Signature: Brad Nylin     | Organization/ Agency: Minnesota Waterfowl Associatio |
| Title: Executive Director | Date: 11/02/09                                       |

**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: | LeRoy Dahlke/MnDNR-Wildlife |                                 |         |
| Title:                              | Area Wildlife Supv.         | Date of meeting:                | 9-22-09 |
| Phone:                              | 320-354-2154                | Proposal ID #:                  |         |
| Email:                              | LeRoy.Dahlke@state.mn.us    | (assigned by agency, optional ) |         |

### PROJECT INFORMATION:

|                 |  |                |                             |
|-----------------|--|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Project Name:   | Volunteer Tree and Brush Removal on Kandiyohi County WMA's | Organization:  | MWA Prairie Pothole Chapter |
| Contact Person: | David Larson   |                |                             |
| Email:          | dwl Larsonmba@msn.com                                      | Daytime Phone: | 320-214-1497                |

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](mailto:CPLStaff@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:

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|-------|--|--------|--|
| Name: |  | Phone: |  |
|-------|--|--------|--|

- 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.

Comments: **The proposed removal of volunteer trees and brush from Kandiyohi County WMA's is proposed for 4 WMA's as follows: Burbank WMA, T.122N., R.34W., S.26&35, 24 acres; Dietrich Lange WMA, T.121N., R.33W., S.33 N1/2NE1/4, 15 acres; Mamre WMA, T.120N., R.36W. S.27 E1/2 NE1/4, 16.5 acres and the RIM Memorial WMA, T.120N., R.36W., S.26 NW1/4 SW1/4, 8.5 acres for a total of 64 acres. The proposed projects will remove volunteer trees and brush by mechanical means first. This will be followed up with removal of larger trees by hand and hand chemical treatment as needed on both the mechanical and hand harvested areas. Some use of mechanical spraying will occur in some of the non-native sites if it appears to be feasible. Pathfinder or a similar chemical will be used to treat the cut stems/trunks. Following treatment over the next two years, the existing grasses are expected to recover sufficiently to allow for controlled burns to stimulate the grasses and potentially prepare some of the sites for future seeding to prairie grasses and forbs.**

**The Burbank WMA Site contains some remnant native prairie and this site will require hand treatment with chemicals on the cut stumps in order to minimize any impact to native prairie plants.**

**The end result of the removal of the volunteer trees and brush is to improve the quality of the grasslands in order to once again make them attractive to nesting ducks, pheasants and a variety of non-game wildlife species. When this part of the project is successfully completed, we will look at converting some of these sites to prairie grasses and forbs in the future, but that will be another project**



**proposal.**

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| Name: | LeRoy Dahlke |
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Additional review (if necessary):

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|---|--|--------|--|
| Name:   |  | Phone: |  |
| Title:  |  | Email: |  |
| Comments( including approval or denial, reasoning): |  |        |  |
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## Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Project Budget and Match Worksheet, Application Requirement

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| Project name:                                  | Volunteer Tree and Brush removal on Kandiyohi County WMA's |  |
| Organization:                                  | Minnesota Waterfowl Association                            |  |
| Organization contact person (Project Manager): | Brad Nylin   |  |

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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 it would be FY2010; December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010= FY2011; May 2012= FY2012

| Budget Item                                 | Fiscal Year 2010   | Fiscal Year 2011 | Fiscal Year 2012 | Total              |
|---|--------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Personnel                                   |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| Contracts                                   | <b>\$14,400.00</b> |                  |                  | <b>\$14,400.00</b> |
| Grant Administration                        |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| Administration/<br>Environmental Compliance |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| Fee Acquisition                             |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| Easement Acquisition                        |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| Easement Stewardship                        |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| Equipment/Tools/Supplies                    |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| Travel                                      |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| Additional Budget items                     |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| <b>Total</b>                                | <b>\$14,400.00</b> |                  |                  | <b>\$14,400.00</b> |

**DETAILS:** detail the amounts listed in the above table.

**Personnel Details:**

| Name | Title | Amount |
|------|-------|--------|
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**Contract Details:**

| Contractor Name | Contracted Work   | Amount            |
|-----------------|---|-------------------|
| TBD             | Contract to have volunteer trees and shrubs removed from a total 64 acres<br>Bio-baler cost: \$100/acre | <b>\$6,400.00</b> |
| TBD             | contract to treat remaining stumps and larger trees   | <b>\$9,600.00</b> |

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**Grant Administration:**

| Administrative Activity | Description/ Amount | Amount |
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**Administration/ Environmental Compliance**

| Activity | Description | Amount |
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**Fee Acquisition/ Easement Acquisition/ Easement Stewardship Details:**

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**Equipment/Tools/Supplies Details:**

| Item | Use | Amount |
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**Travel Details:**

| Miles | Purpose | Amount |
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**Additional Budget Items Details:**

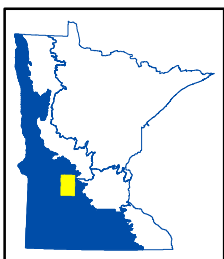
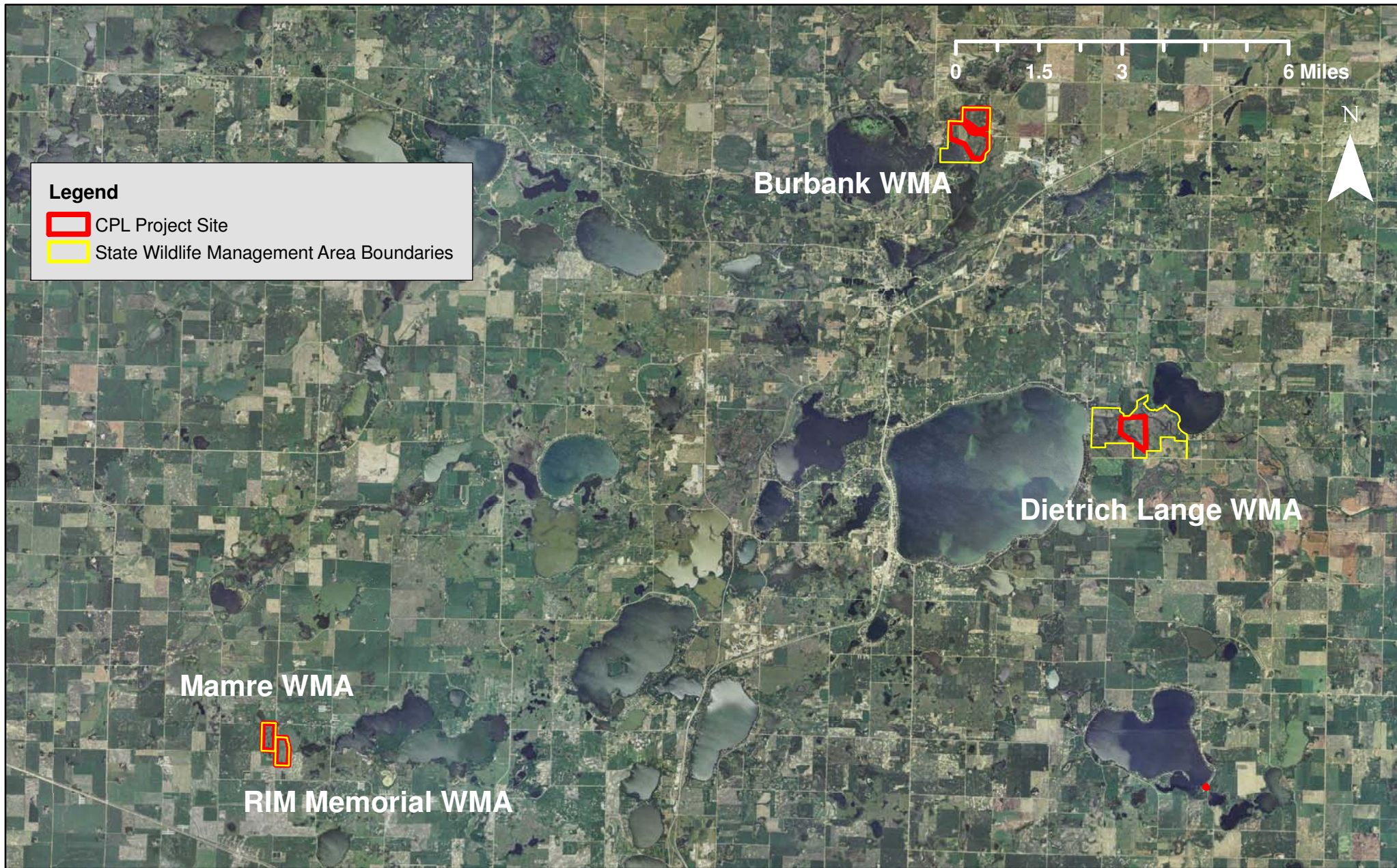
**MATCH:** Required 10% of total project funds, to be fulfilled by end of Fiscal Year 2012. Use provided rate sheet to determine unit rate and total value of in-kind services to be used as matching funds if applicable.

| Source                         | Description | Units | Unit Rate | Total Value |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------|-----------|-------------|
| Prairie Pothole Chapter of MWA | 10% match   |       |           | \$1,600.00  |
|                                |             |       |           |             |
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**Matching description/ comments:** if needed

**The chapter is donating 10% match that will go to over all cost of project**





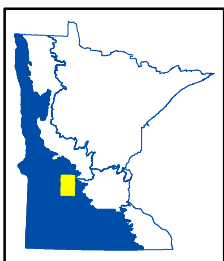
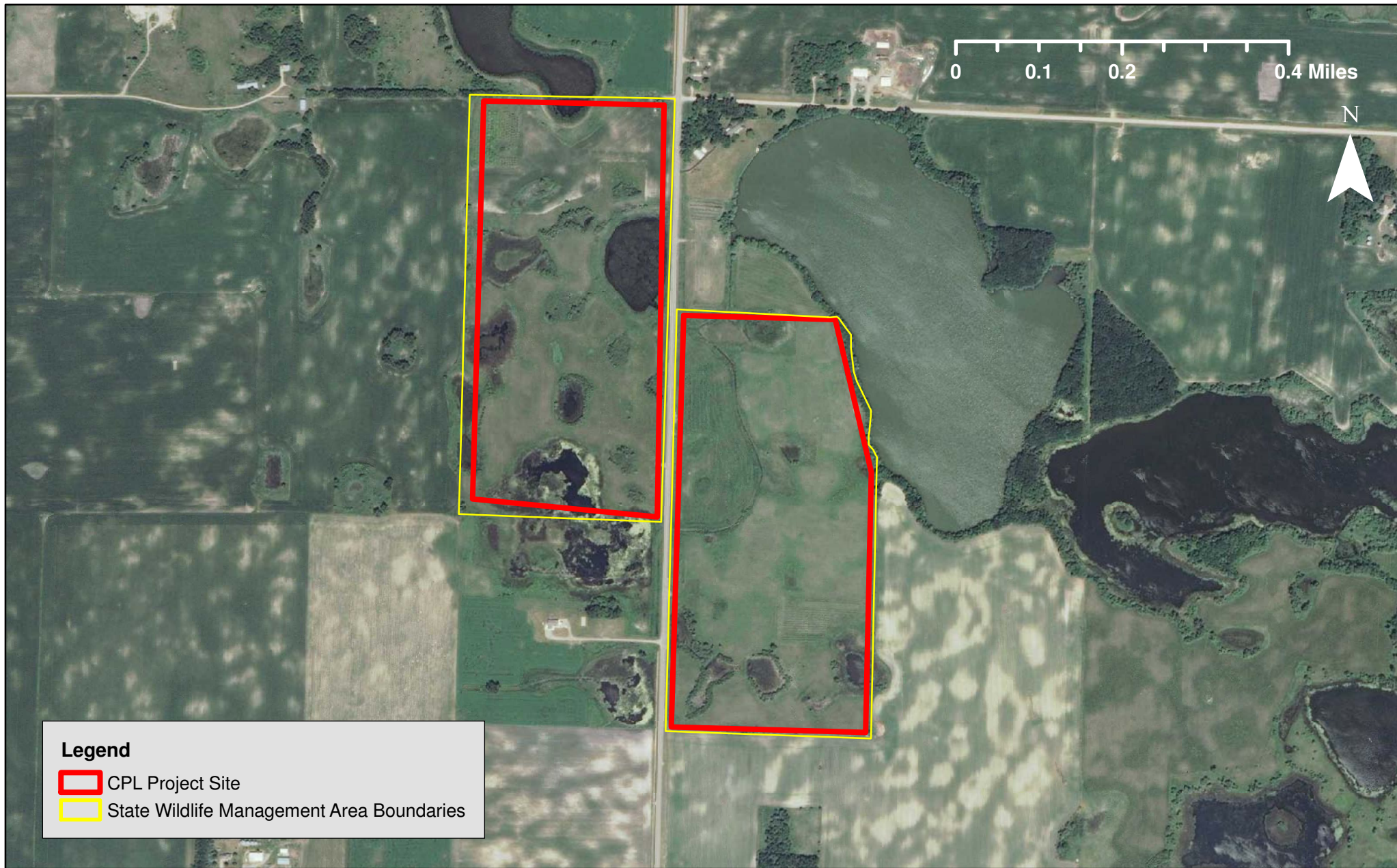
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Kandiyohi County, LSOHC Prairie Planning Section



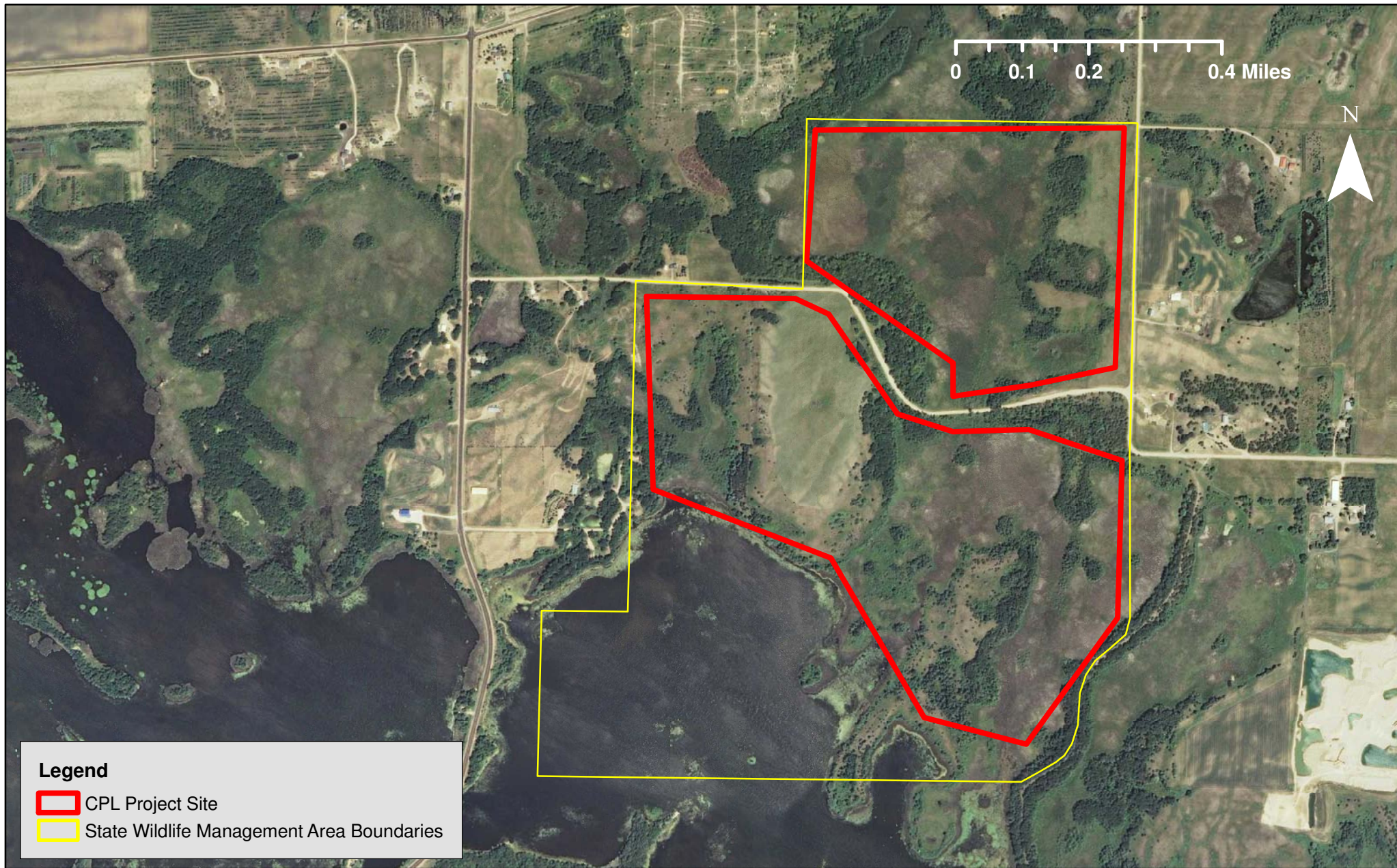






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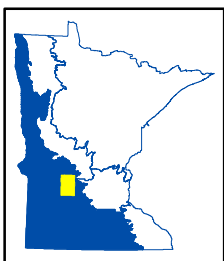






**Legend**

-  CPL Project Site
-  State Wildlife Management Area Boundaries



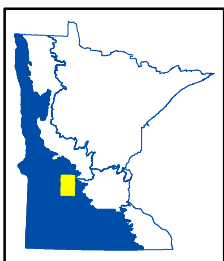
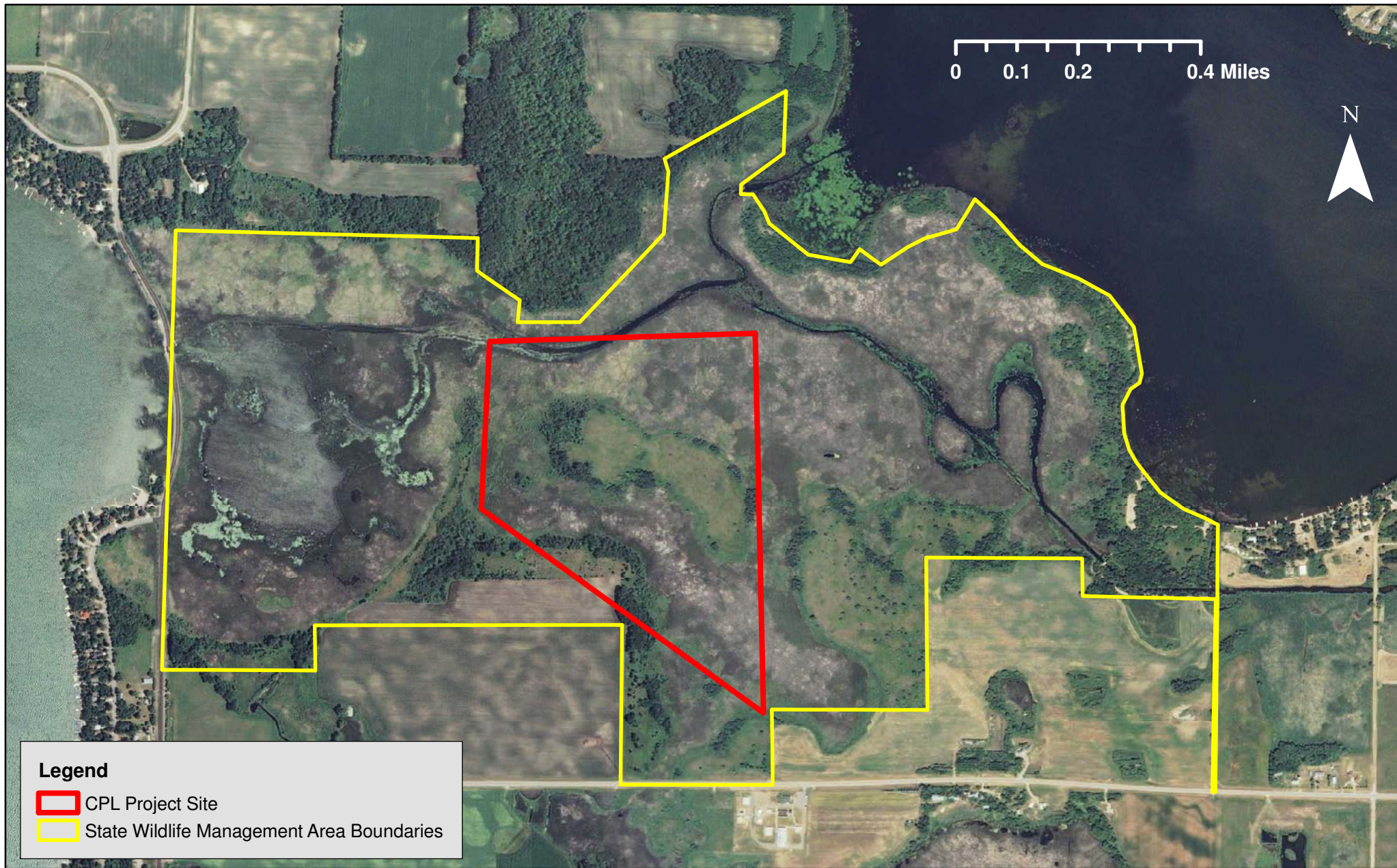
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