

CPL Applications
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Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Application

CPL1000131

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Name and Contact

Project Identifier:	CPL1000131	Street Address 1:	P.O. Box 351
Project Name:	Somerset WMA Tract 4	Street Address 2:	
Organization Name:	Minnesota Pheasants, Inc	City:	Owatonna
Organization Website:	www.mnpheasants.com	State:	MN
Organization Contact Person:	Jack Wilson	Zip Code:	55060
Contact Email:	steelecounty@mnpheasants.com		
Contact Phone:	507-456-6291		

Location

Primary County: Steele
Nearest City: Owatonna
Township:
Project Site Name: Somerset WMA Tract 4
Project Site Land Ownership: Private
Other Land Ownership:

Project Information

Primary Activity: Acquisition
Primary Habitat Type: Prairie
Total Project Acres: 47
Total Project Sites: 1
Total Grant Amount Requested: \$180000
Total Match Amount: \$20000
Total Project Cost: \$200000
Project Completion Date: 12/2011 (MM/YYYY)

Project Summary and Outcomes: Acquire land adjacent to the Somerset State Wildlife Management Area to protect the tract from development, expand existing habitats and to enhance wildlife management opportunities. The property will be transferred to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Somerset State Wildlife Management Area.

Attachments

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

Contact information

Project name:

Organization:

Organization contact person (Project Manager):

Project information

Project site:

Project site land manager or easement holder: Legal :

Private land owner County:

(if applicable):

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:

Project site land manager or easement holder: Legal :

Private land owner County:

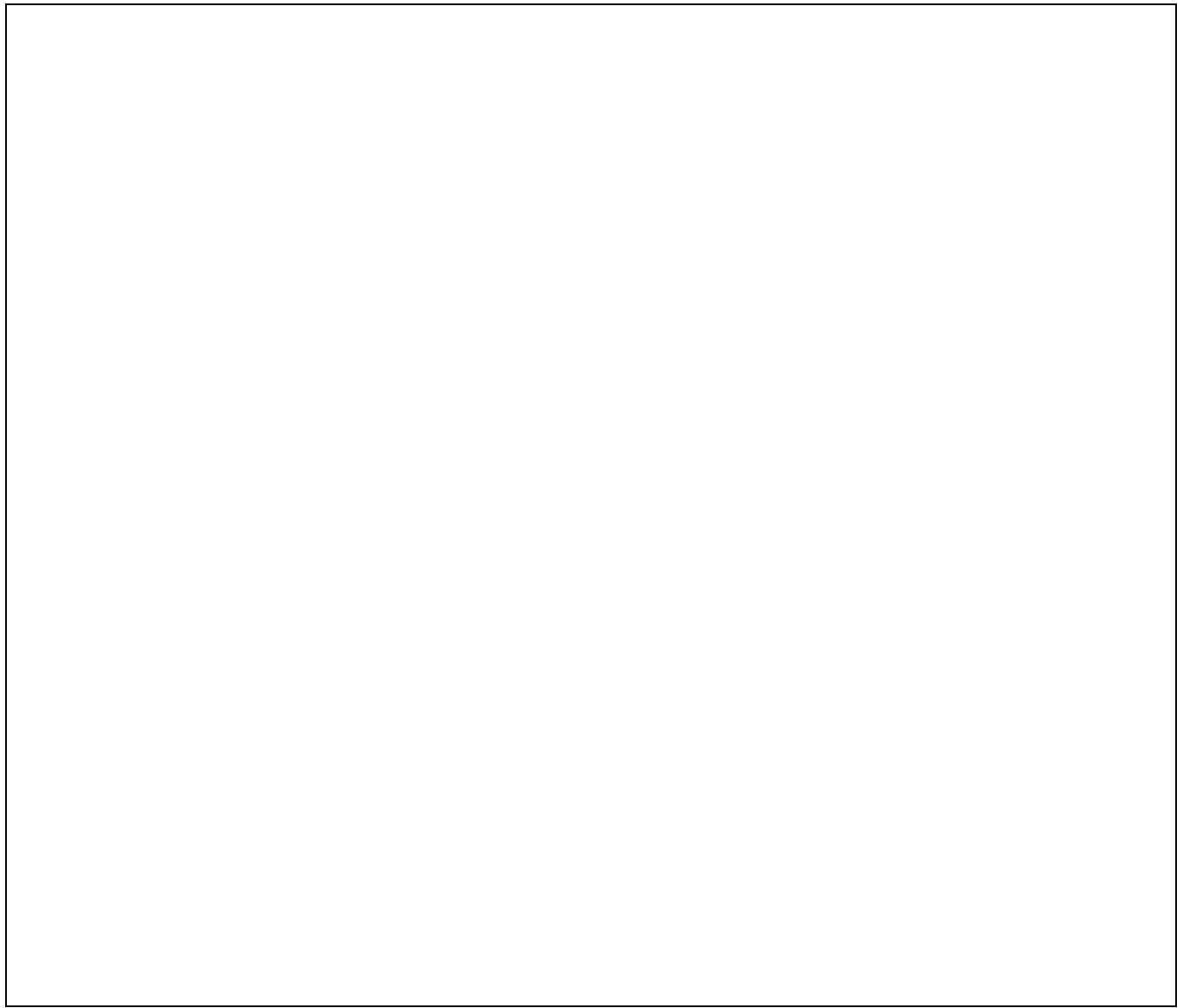
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Activity (may choose more than one): Enhancement Restoration Acquisition

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

Acquire land adjacent to the Somerset State Wildlife Management Area to protect the tract from development, expand existing habitats and to enhance wildlife management opportunities. The land is riparian to the Straight River. About 15 acres currently in cropland will be restored to grassland habitats. The tract contains lands that are occasionally flooded and provide wetland habitats. The protection and habitat development will expand the to the habitat corridor along the river. The Somerset WMA provides important habitats for diverse wildlife including deer, pheasants, wood ducks and other small game, furbearers such as beaver, otter and gray foxes and non-game wildlife including the rare wood turtle. The area is a very popular hunting area and heavily used due to the proximity of Owatonna and other population centers in southern Minnesota.

The property will be transferred to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Somerset State Wildlife Management Area.

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.

A portion of the area is in cropland that would be converted to grassland nesting habitat. The cropland will provide an adequate seedbed with minimal weed control. Local ecotype native grass and forb seed would be planted and maintained by mowing and spot weed control to insure establishment of the stand. The cost of this effort is approximately \$3000.

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

Once the land is acquired the short term management would be establishment of grass stands for nesting cover and boundary identification. In the long term, natural cover types can be managed with occasional prescribed burns and haying to maintain vigor in the stands and limit woody species encroachment.

2. For enhancement/ restoration projects on public lands:

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

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

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

- d. Will the CPL funds supplant any 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 restoration or enhancement project.

Signature: Jack Wilson	Organization/ Agency: Minnesota Pheasants
Title: President	Date: 11/3/09

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:	Department of Natrual Resources - Wildlife Jeanine Vorland		
Title:	Area Wildlife Manager	Date of meeting:	October 19, 2009
Phone:	(507) 455-5841	Proposal ID #:	WMA157 Tract 4
Email:	jeanine.vorland@state.mn.us	<small>(assigned by agency, optional)</small>	

PROJECT INFORMATION:

Project Name:	Somerset WMA Tract 4 Land Protection	Organization:	Minnesota Pheasants, Inc. Steele County Chapter
Contact Person:	Jack Wilson, President		
Email:		Daytime Phone:	

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:

Nearby features include	
This project is intended to benefit these species by protecting riparian habitats near the Straight River.	

- 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:

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:	Jeanine Vorland
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Comments:

Additional review (if necessary):

Name:		Phone:	
Title:		Email:	
Comments(including approval or denial, reasoning):			

Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Project Budget and Match Worksheet, Application Requirement

Project name:	Somerset WMA Tract 4	
Organization:	Minnesota Pheasants, Inc.	
Organization contact person (Project Manager):	Jack Wilson	

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				
Contracts				
Grant Administration				
Administration/ Environmental Compliance	\$2,000			
Fee Acquisition	\$196,000			
Easement Acquisition				
Easement Stewardship				
Equipment/Tools/Supplies		\$2,000		
Travel				
Additional Budget items				
Total				

DETAILS: detail the amounts listed in the above table.

Personnel Details:

Name	Title	Amount

Contract Details:

Contractor Name	Contracted Work	Amount

Grant Administration:

Administrative Activity	Description/ Amount	Amount
Appraisal		\$2,000

Administration/ Environmental Compliance

Activity	Description	Amount

Fee Acquisition/ Easement Acquisition/ Easement Stewardship Details:

Purchase 47 acres T107 R20 S29, Steele County
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Equipment/Tools/Supplies Details:

Item	Use	Amount
Local Ecotype Seed	Plant prairie	\$2000

Travel Details:

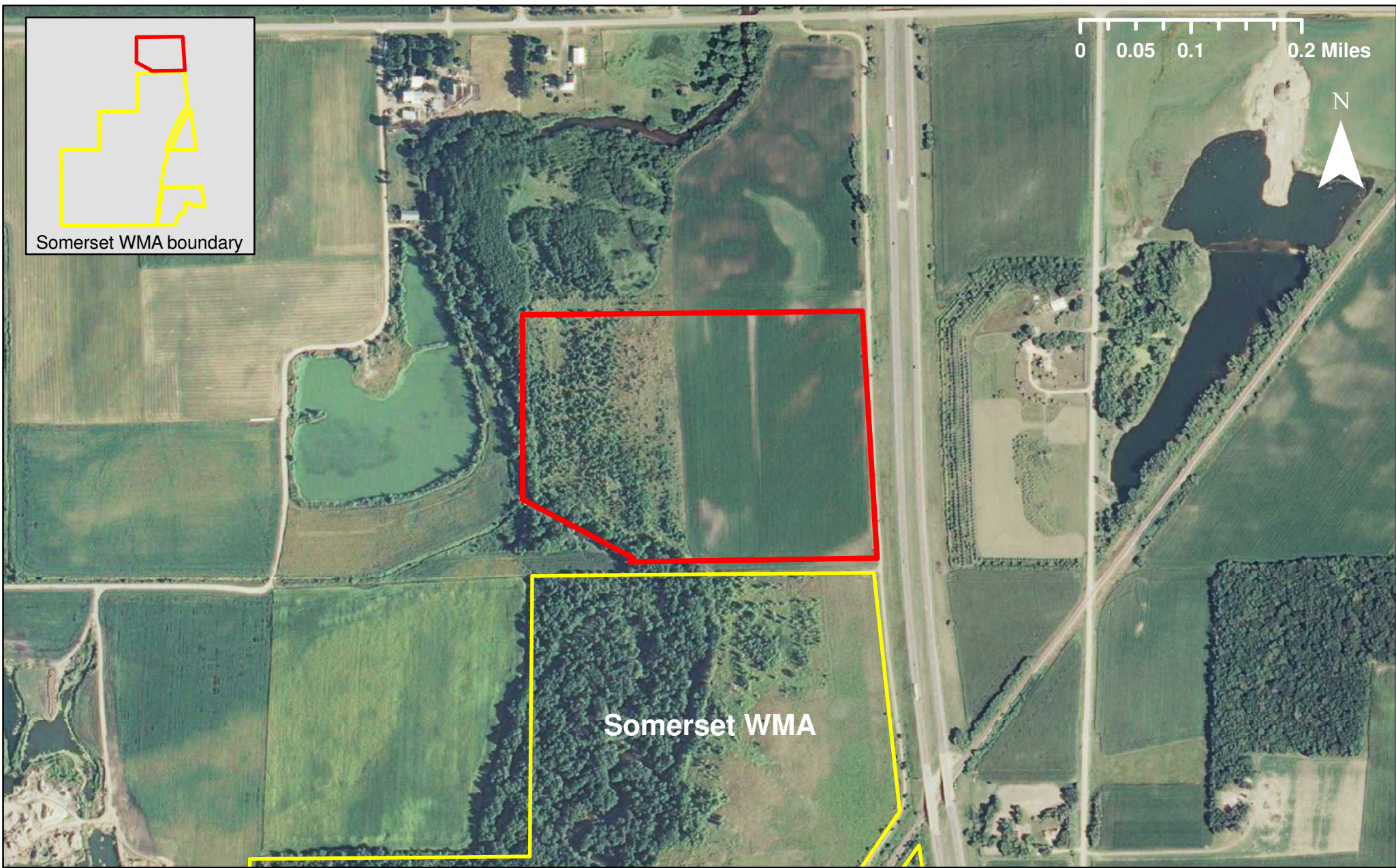
Miles	Purpose	Amount

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.

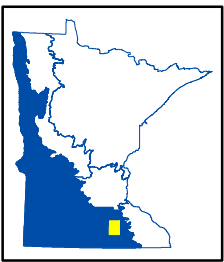
Source	Description	Units	Unit Rate	Total Value
Volunteer labor	Plant prairie grasses	20	\$60	\$1,200

Matching description/ comments: if needed



Somerset WMA boundary

Somerset WMA



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Somerset WMA Tract 4
Steele County, LSOHC Prairie Planning Section





Owatonna Chapter
Izaak Walton League
P.O. Box 9
Owatonna, MN 55060



October, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

The Owatonna Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America and the Owatonna Chapter of Minnesota Pheasants hereby agree to jointly apply for a grant from the 2009 Lessard/Sams program. Each chapter will contribute up to \$10,000 as a 10% match for the grant application.

The purpose of the grant will be to purchase and restore about 45 acres along the Straight River southwest of Owatonna in Somerset Township. The land adjoins the Somerset Wildlife Management Area on the northern border.

The process will be facilitated by MN.DNR staff members, primarily Janine Vorland.

Signed:

J.K. Wilson - President MN. Pheasants

Dennis Ebeling - President Owatonna IWLA