

CPL Applications
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Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Application

CPL1000010

Spreadsheet

Name and Contact

Project Identifier:	CPL1000010	Street Address 1:	PO Box 345
Project Name:	HLWD Perpetual Easement Pilot Program	Street Address 2:	
Organization Name:	Heron Lake Watershed District	City:	Heron Lake
Organization Website:	http://www.hlwdonline.org	State:	MN
Organization Contact Person:	Jan Voit	Zip Code:	56137
Contact Email:	hlwd@roundlk.net		
Contact Phone:	507-793-2462		

Location

Primary County: Jackson

Nearest City:

Township:

Project Site Name: Marginal Land

Project Site Land Ownership: Private

Other Land Ownership:

Project Information

Primary Activity: Acquisition

Primary Habitat Type: Prairie

Total Project Acres: 133

Total Project Sites: 5

Total Grant Amount: \$400000

Requested:

Total Match Amount: \$42376

Total Project Cost: \$442376

Project Completion Date: 06/2012 (MM/YYYY)

This project is a perpetual easement pilot program for sensitive lands, over-grazed pastures or highly erodible riparian lands that border impaired water bodies. Currently there is a lack of financially attractive programs for non-cropped areas. The Heron Lake Watershed District (HLWD) hopes to fill that gap with this project by placing 133 acres into perpetual easements. The HLWD will use this pilot program as a foundation and base line for future easement programs. Environmentally minded farmers interested in applying conservation practices will be provided with a financially appealing option while restoring, enhancing, and protecting wildlife habitat, water bodies, and prairie land.

Attachments

- [Project Site Information Form](#)
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Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program

Project Site Information

Contact information

Project name:

HLWD Perpetual Easement Pilot Program

Organization:

Heron Lake Watershed District

Organization contact person (Project Manager):

Jan Voit

Project information

Project site:

Alba 5

Project site land manager Legal :

T103N	R38W	S5	Q
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or easement holder:

BSWR

Private land owner County:

Jackson

(if applicable):

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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:

40

☒ Acres ☐ Miles ☐ Feet ☐ Structures ☐ Wetlands

Project Site #2, if needed.
Project site:

Alba 15

Project site land manager Legal :

T103N	R38W	S15	Q
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or easement holder:

BWSR

Private land owner County:

Jackson

(if applicable):

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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:

27

☒ Acres ☐ Miles ☐ Feet ☐ Structures ☐ Wetlands

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

Project site:

Project site land manager Legal :

or easement holder:

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 timeline:

Time frame	Goal	Time frame	Goal
January 2010	Enroll acres into program		
January 2010 - May 2011	Develop conservation plan with local SWCD's, BWSR and HLWD		
May 2011 - September 2011	Restore easements to required vegetative cover following conservation plan		
May 2011 - June 2012	Monitor easement to ensure compliance with conservation plan (will be continued indefinitely after the completion of the grant)		
April 2010 - June, 2012	Monitor water quality using Quality Assurance Project Plan		
June 2010, June 2011, June 2012	Present water quality results at HLWD board meeting, on HLWD website and in monthly newsletter		

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

This project is a perpetual easement pilot program for sensitive lands, over-grazed pastures or highly erodible riparian lands, that border impaired water bodies. Currently there is a lack of financially attractive programs for non-cropped areas. The Heron Lake Watershed District (HLWD) hopes to fill that gap with this project by placing 133 acres into perpetual easements while restoring, enhancing, and protecting wildlife habitat, water bodies, and prairie land. The HLWD will use this pilot program as a foundation and base line for future easement programs.

Most existing farm programs require land to have a four to six year cropping history to be eligible for conservation programs. Haying and grazing are not considered to be eligible cropping history practices. These lands cannot qualify for most existing federal farm programs. Sensitive riparian lands throughout the watershed have been environmentally damaged due to a lack of acceptable conservation programs and approved grazing plans.

Poor economic conditions and higher than average commodity prices may motivate landowners to farm sensitive areas for additional income. Without this program, there is a greater chance that there will be an increase in run off and in the destruction of wildlife habitat. Overgrazed pastures can become runways for sediment, bacteria, and nutrients to enter water bodies, especially during and after rain events. Research has shown that streams and lakes with livestock grazing in or near them usually see higher pollutant concentrations.

The HLWD has had many opportunities to speak directly with watershed residents and receive input. This is done through semi-annual public meetings, housing staff in local Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) offices, and personal farm visits. While the majority of the landowners and operators in this watershed are concerned about soil health and water quality, current stewardship programs do not provide enough finances or flexibility, both of which are vital to the balance of landowner economics and long-term stewardship efforts.

This project provides a financially appealing option for environmentally minded farmers interested in applying stewardship practices on marginal land. Acres eligible for an easement will be marginal lands that have the potential of being farmed or grazed. Sites determined to have the greatest potential impact on water quality will be targeted with this grant and chosen from the list of sites named in the Project Information section of this form. All easements enrolled in this program will become state easements and will be managed long-term by the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR). This proposal neither supplements nor supplants traditional funding but rather provides a unique opportunity to preserve sensitive areas through a new funding mechanism.

Before easements are acquired, site evaluations will be done by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to determine any special species requirements present on the site. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), Windom Wetland Management District, will provide materials, such as grass seed, erosion control materials, or water control supplies, needed for restoration. A USFWS Wildlife Biologist will also review the project plan and will supervise the implementation on-site. The HLWD, with local SWCDs, will write the stewardship plan and monitor the easement while BWSR acts as the easement holder. Areas will be restored to the required vegetative cover following the DNR conservation plan and HLWD and NRCS recommendation and using an appropriate CP25 Native seed mixture based on local ecotype species. Grant monies will be used to pay 100% of the restoration cost, up to \$250/acre.

Enrolled acres will be required to follow an approved conservation plan including prescribed burns, haying, grazing, or harvesting for cellulosic ethanol production with DNR assistance. To be eligible, land must meet the following requirements: adjacent to a stream, wetland, or lake; have significant erosion damage; capable of restoration and/or enhancement; able to provide a buffer of at least 120 feet; greater than five acres in size; and able to be farmed or grazed. Sites will be evaluated and chosen by ranking the following criteria: potential for water quality improvement determined by the amount of erosion occurring; size of parcel; potential for wetland restoration and/or flood storage projects; proximity to Working Lands Initiative Areas; proximity to existing wildlife habitat; and potential for success.

Participants will receive a one-time easement payment based on 60% of BWSR's Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) cropland rates. BWSR will write the and administer the easements at a cost of \$5,000 per easement. Four to five easements are anticipated. This easement program will be administered using the same methods required of BWSR RIM easements. As this land will be under perpetual easements and privately owned, hunting and hunting rights will be at the owner's discretion. As previously mentioned, BWSR, HLWD, and SWCDs will assist project participants as needed.

The easement will be recorded on the deed of the parcel. In the event the primary easement holder ceases to exist, the easement will transfer to any and all new owners of the parcel. Easement holders will not be allowed to produce agricultural crops, graze livestock, alter wildlife habitat, or place any materials on the easement area. Likewise, contract holders will be responsible for establishing and maintaining approved vegetative cover and weed control and notifying the HLWD in writing of the names and addresses of any new owners. All easements will be inspected annually to ensure proper development and maintenance by the HLWD staff.

The HLWD will also continue water quality effectiveness monitoring. The HLWD conducts a monitoring program through the Clean Water Partnership (CWP), a non-point source pollution prevention grant. This monitoring will be performed during the life of the Perpetual Easement Pilot Project and will be continued by the HLWD indefinitely after the grant period.

Water samples are collected using MPCA-approved methods at three long-term stream sites from April to November. The samples are sent to the Minnesota Valley Testing Lab in New Ulm and analyzed for total phosphorus, ortho phosphorus, total suspended solids, suspended volatile solids, nitrate nitrite nitrogen, total kjeldahl nitrogen, ammonia nitrogen, biochemical oxygen demand, and turbidity. Field pH, dissolved oxygen, temperature, and physical traits are also collected. Water quality data generated through the monitoring program will be entered in the STORET and eLink programs. Water quality results are also shared on an annual basis at public meetings, to the HLWD board, on the HLWD website, and in the HLWD and the local SWCDs' monthly newsletters.

To monitor the perpetual easement pilot project and to ensure consistency with sound conservation science is maintained, HLWD staff will implement a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP). This is the QAPP under which the HLWD currently operates through the CWP implementation grant. Spreadsheets and databases will be developed to track the long term progress of the project, to include pertinent information such as participant enrollment, easement location, number of acres enrolled, acres seeded, and incentives paid. These documents will be updated regularly and used for reporting to the HLWD's Board of Managers, project partners, and to develop project reports and recommendations.

As has been demonstrated through previously administered grants, the HLWD does the utmost to meet the goals and objectives established. The HLWD has vast experience in implementing state and federal grants. This includes CWP/EPA 319 grants for implementation and education activities, US Fish and Wildlife Service grants for implementation activities, and a USDA/NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant for a conservation tillage demonstration plot.

The HLWD has an excellent record of providing accurate, detailed reports to funders. The HLWD has submitted every grant report before the due date. MPCA contacts have often expressed their appreciation for the timeliness and thoroughness of HLWD's reporting. End products from previous projects have been shown by MPCA as examples to other organizations in the state.

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.

All land accepted into the easement program will be restored to the vegetative cover required to comply with the land's conservation plan. Grant dollars will be used to cover 100 percent of this cost, up to \$250 per acre.

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

Restoring parcels to the required vegetative cover will be the only short-term work required to manage the land. The HLWD will conduct annual site evaluations indefinitely to ensure the parcel is in compliance with the conservation plan.

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?

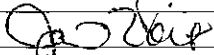
- d. Will the CPL funds supplant any existing funds?

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,

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: 	Organization/ Agency: Heron Lake Watershed District
Title: District Administrator	Date: October 28, 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:	Randy Markl		
Title:	DNR Area Wildlife Supervisor	Date of meeting:	
Phone:	507-831-2900 x226	Proposal ID #:	
Email:	randy.markl@state.mn.us	(assigned by agency, optional)	

PROJECT INFORMATION:

Project Name:	HLWD Perpetual Easement Pilot Program	Organization:	Heron Lake Watershed District
Contact Person:	Jan Voit		
Email:	hlwd@roundlk.net	Daytime Phone:	507-793-2462

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:

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- ☐ 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:	Randy Markl	Phone:	507-831-2900 x226
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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:	Randy Markl
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Comments:

Name:	Randy Markl	Phone:	507-831-2900 x226
Title:	DNR Area Wildlife Supervisor	Email:	randy.markl@state.mn.us

Additional
necessary):

Comments(including approval or denial, reasoning):

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Project Budget and Match Worksheet, Application Requirement

Project name:

HLWD Perpetual Easement

Pilot Project

Organization:

Heron Lake Watershed District

Organization contact person (Project Manager):

Jan Voit

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

Budget Item	Fiscal Year 2010	Fiscal Year 2011	Fiscal Year 2012	Total
Personnel				
Contracts				
Grant Administration				
Administration/ Environmental Compliance				
Fee Acquisition				
Easement Acquisition	\$183,375.00	\$183,375.00		
Easement Stewardship				
Equipment/Tools/Supplies	\$16,625.00	\$16,625.00		
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

Administration/ Environmental Compliance

Activity	Description	Amount

Fee Acquisition/ Easement Acquisition/ Easement Stewardship Details:

133 acres will be enrolled in perpetual easements at \$2,200.00 per acre to \$2,600.00 per acre depending on each counties RIM rates; dollars will be used during the first two years of the grant. BWSR will charge a fee of \$5,000.00 per easement (approximately 5 easements) to write the easement and for administration oversight.

Equipment/Tools/Supplies Details:

Item	Use	Amount
CP 25 Mesic Native Mixture	Grass seed - \$250/ac.	\$16,625.00

Travel Details:

Miles	Purpose	Amount

Additional Budget Items Details:

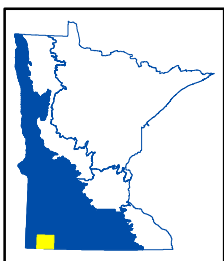
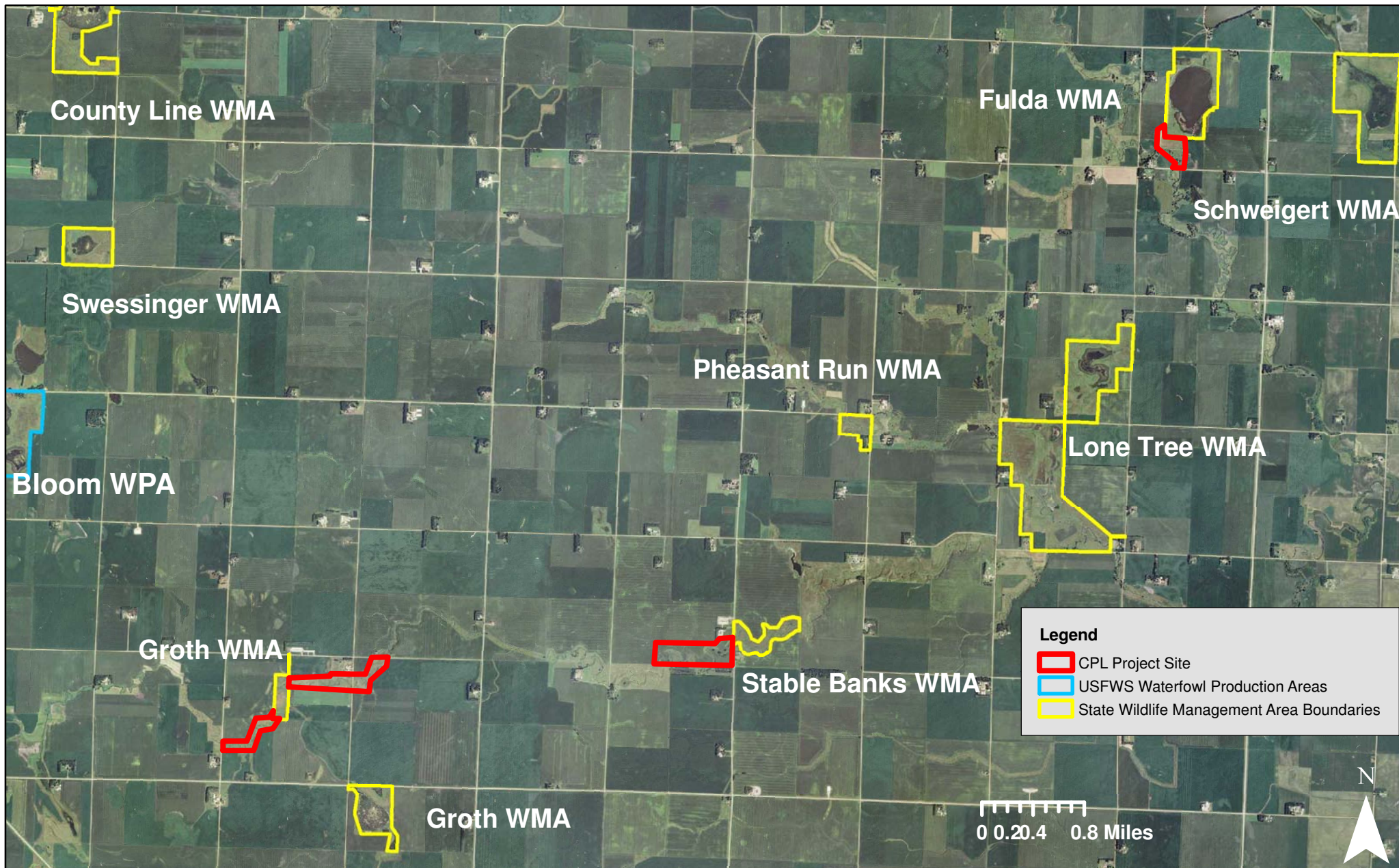
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MATCH: Required 10% of total project funds, to be fulfilled by end of Fiscal Year 2012. Use provided rate sheet to determine unit rate and total value of in-kind services to be used as matching funds if applicable.

Source	Description	Units	Unit Rate	Total Value
Jackson SWCD	Administrative oversight: Technical assistance, public awareness through newsletters - inkind	160 hours	\$15/hr	\$2,400.00
Nobles SWCD	Administrative oversight: Technical assistance, public awareness through newsletters - inkind	160 hours	\$15/hr	\$2,400.00
Murray SWCD	Administrative oversight: Technical assistance, public awareness through newsletters - inkind	160 hours	\$15/hr	\$2,400.00
HLWD	Seeding of up to 133 acres as needed to restore parcels to required vegetative cover to meet conservation plan - inkind	133 acres	\$30	\$3,990.00
HLWD	Ross Behrends - Watershed Technician: Technical assistance, travel - inkind	500 hours	\$19.52/hr	\$9,760.00
HLWD	Jan Voit - District Administrator: Project supervisor and fiscal administrator - inkind	250 hours	\$31.38/hr	\$7,845.00
HLWD	Alyson Buschena - Resource Technician: Technical assistance, public awareness through newsletters - inkind	250 hours	\$16.11/hr	\$4,027.00
Landowner	Spraying - Ground, broadcast, tractor	133 acres	\$6.00	\$798.00
Landowner	Mowing - Chopping brush (flail mower)	66 acres	\$17.80	\$1,175.00

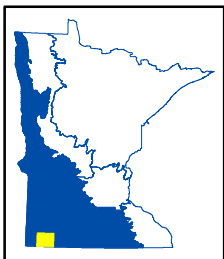
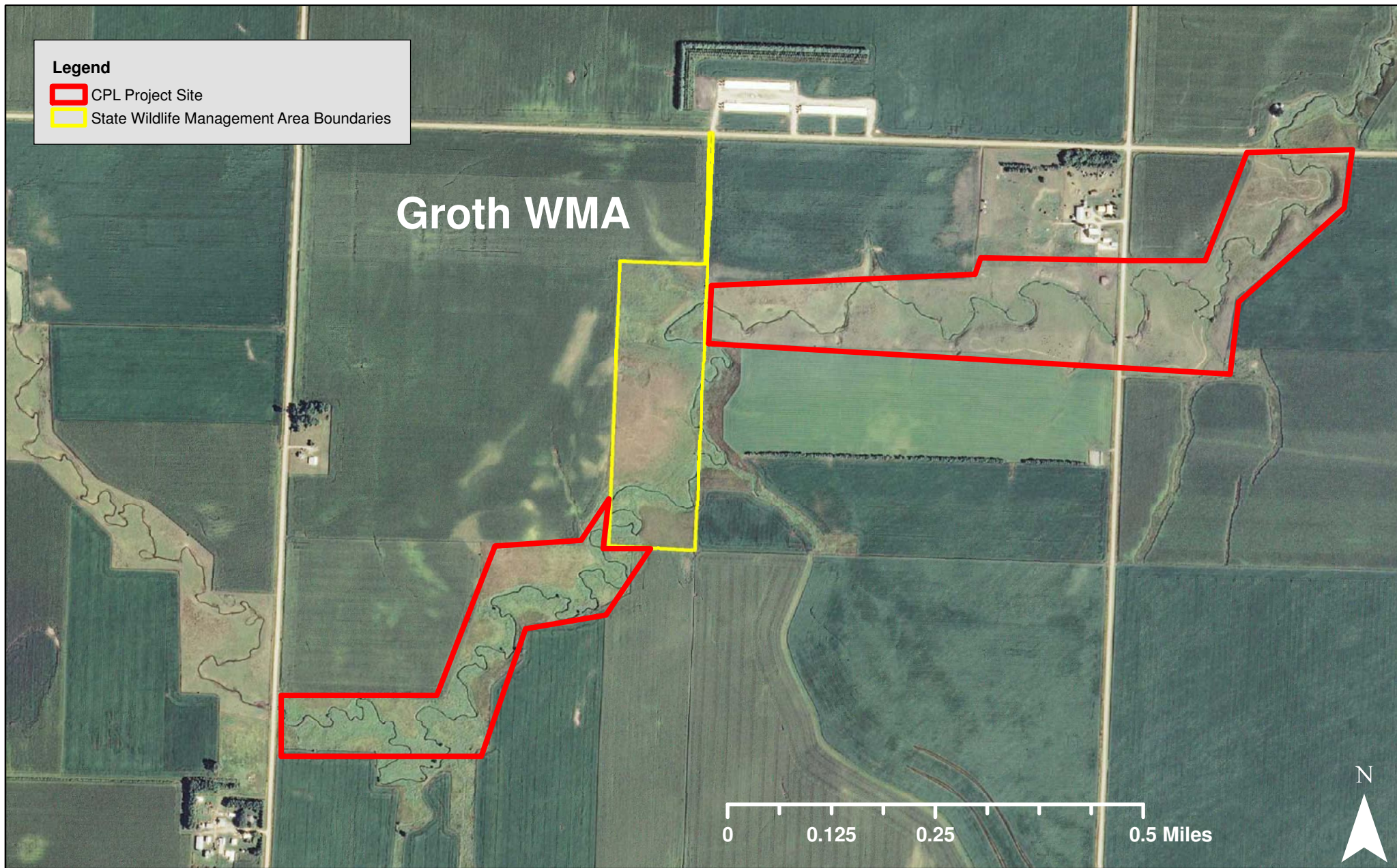
Matching description/ comments: if needed

Additional Matching Funds:				
US Fish and Wildlife	Administrative oversight: Technical assistance, public awareness through office flyers - inkind	160 hours	\$15/hr	\$2,400.00
US Fish and Wildlife	Grass seed, erosion control material, water control supplies	133 acres	\$22/ac	\$3,000.00



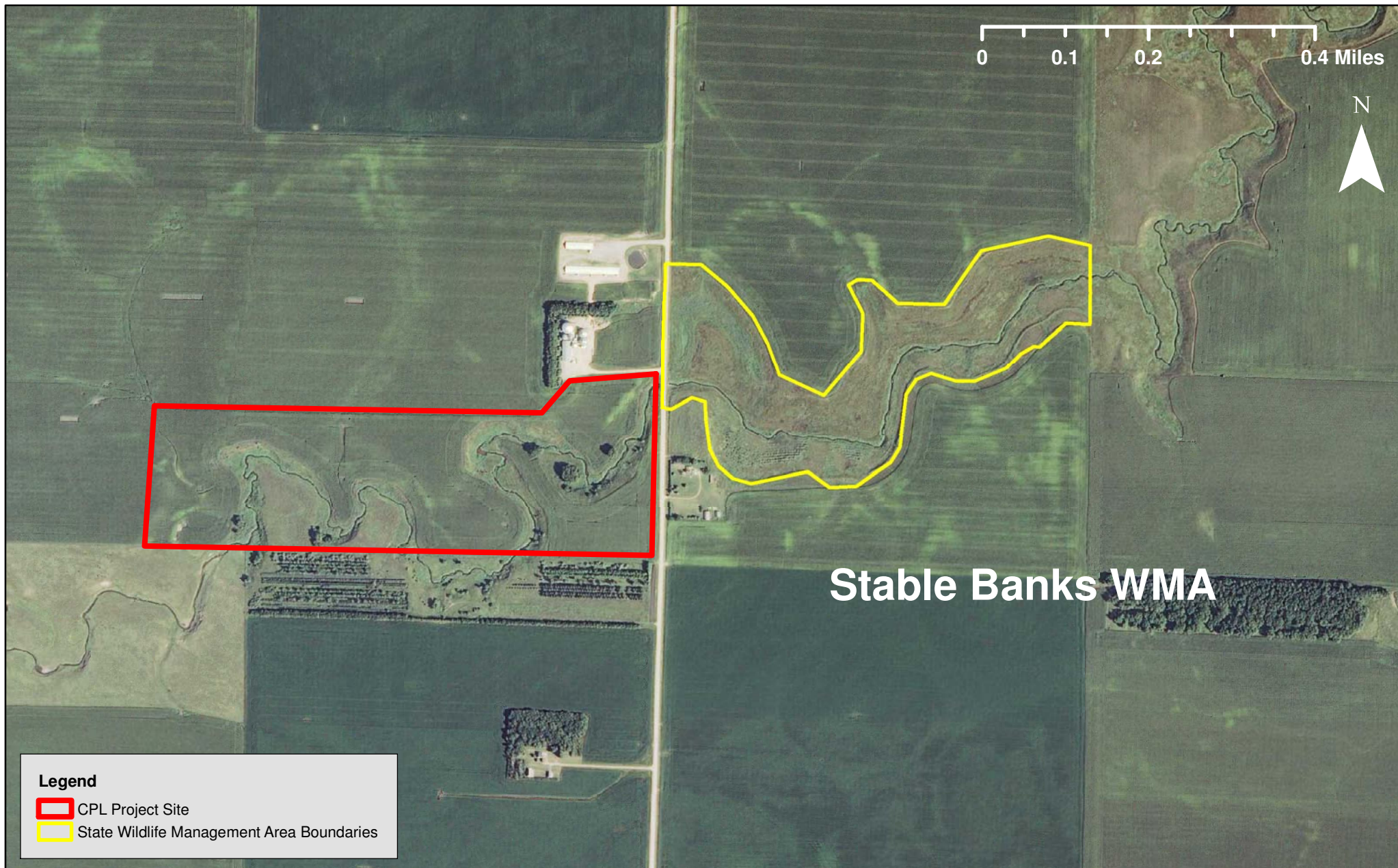
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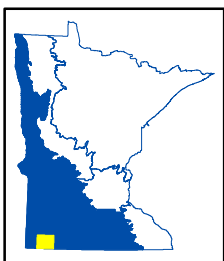
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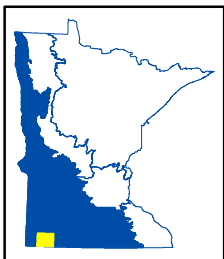
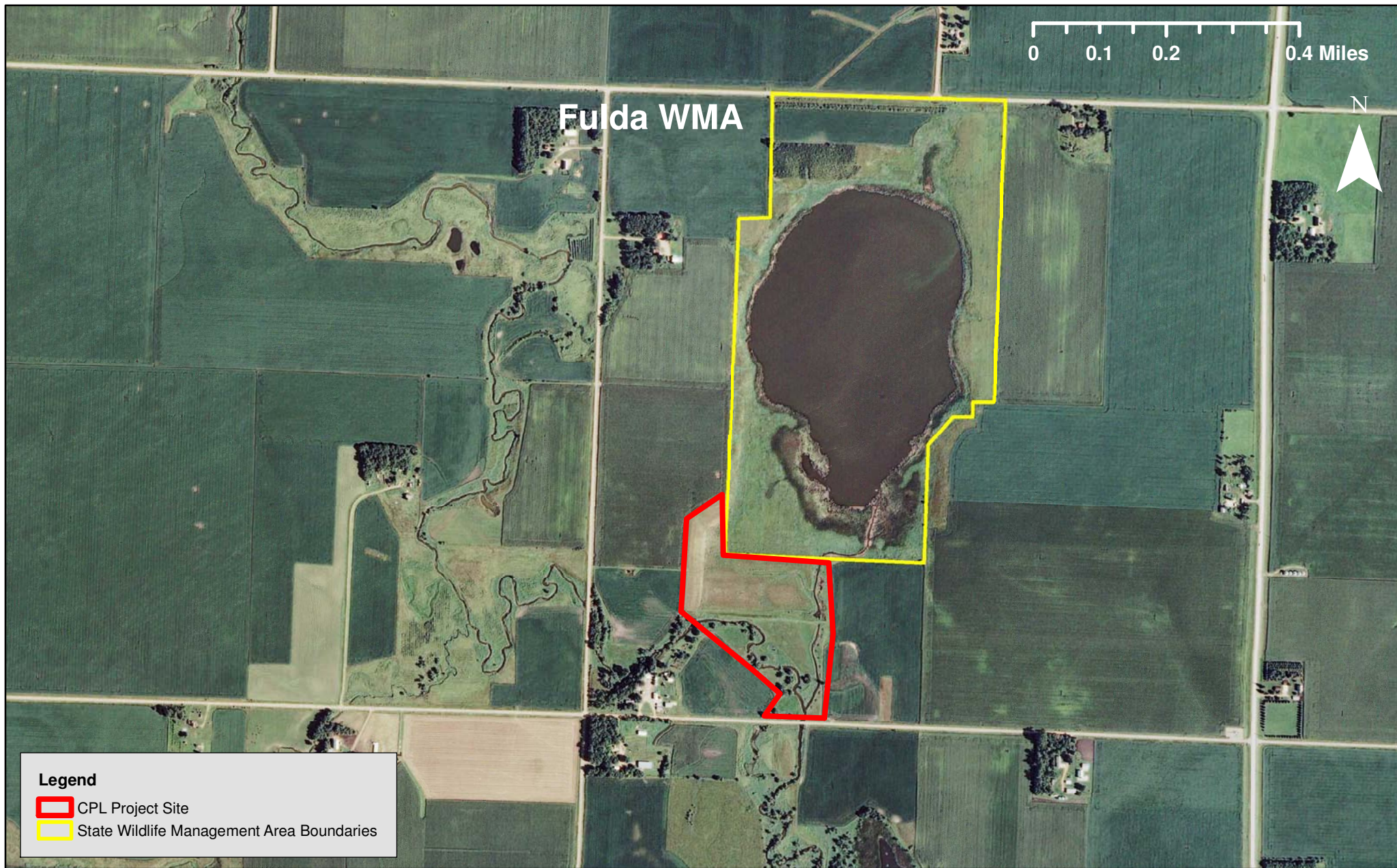
Legend

-  CPL Project Site
-  State Wildlife Management Area Boundaries



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Additional Project Sites Form

Project name:

HLWD Perpetual Easement

Pilot Program

Organization:

Heron Lake Watershed Distric

Organization contact person (Project Manager):

Jan Voit

Project site: Project Site #4, if needed
West Heron Lake 7 (2)

Project site land manager Legal : T103N R37W S7 Q
or easement holder: BWSR

Private land owner County: Jackson
(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: 30 ☒ Acres ☐ Miles ☐ Feet ☐ Structures ☐ Wetlands

Project site: Project Site #5, if needed.
Iona 32 (1)

Project site land manager Legal : T105N R41W S32 Q
or easement holder: BWSR

Private land owner County: Murray
(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: 74 ☒ Acres ☐ Miles ☐ Feet ☐ Structures ☐ Wetlands

Project Site #6, if needed

Project site: Iona 32 (2)

Project site land manager or easement holder: BWSR Legal : T105N R41W S32 Q

Private land owner County: Murray

(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: 18 ☒ Acres ☐ Miles ☐ Feet ☐ Structures ☐ Wetlands

Project Site #7, if needed.

Project site: Bondin 21 (1)

Project site land manager or easement holder: BWSR Legal : T105N R40W S21 Q

Private land owner County: Murray

(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: 29 ☒ Acres ☐ Miles ☐ Feet ☐ Structures ☐ Wetlands

Project Site #8, if needed.

Project site: Bondin 21 (2)

Project site land manager or easement holder: BWSR Legal : T105N R40W S21 Q

Private land owner County: Murray

(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: 21.9 ☒ Acres ☐ Miles ☐ Feet ☐ Structures ☐ Wetlands

Project Site #9, if needed.

Project site: Bondin 27

Project site land manager Legal : T105N R40W S27 Q

or easement holder: BWSR
Private land owner _____ County: Murray
(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: 44 ☒ Acres ☐ Miles ☐ Feet ☐ Structures ☐ Wetlands

Project site: Bondin 28 (1)
Project site land manager _____ Legal : T105N R40W S28 Q
or easement holder: BWSR
Private land owner _____ County: Murray
(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: 65 ☒ Acres ☐ Miles ☐ Feet ☐ Structures ☐ Wetlands

Project site: Bondin 28 (2)
Project site land manager _____ Legal : T105N R40W S28 Q
or easement holder: BWSR
Private land owner _____ County: Murray
(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: 20 ☒ Acres ☐ Miles ☐ Feet ☐ Structures ☐ Wetlands

Project site: Bloon 34
Project site land manager _____ Legal : T104N R41W S34 Q

or easement holder: BWSR
Private land owner _____ County: Nobles
(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: 60 ☒ Acres ☐ Miles ☐ Feet ☐ Structures ☐ Wetlands

Project Site #13, if needed.
Project site: Bloom 34 and 35
Project site land manager _____ Legal : T104N R41W S34/35 Q
or easement holder: BWSR
Private land owner _____ County: Nobles
(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: 80 ☒ Acres ☐ Miles ☐ Feet ☐ Structures ☐ Wetlands

Project Site #14, if needed.
Project site: Graham Lakes 27 (1)
Project site land manager _____ Legal : T104N R39W S27 Q
or easement holder: BWSR
Private land owner _____ County: Nobles
(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: 15 ☒ Acres ☐ Miles ☐ Feet ☐ Structures ☐ Wetlands

Project Site #15, if needed.
Project site: Graham Lakes 27 (2)
Project site land manager _____ Legal : T104N R39W S27 Q

or easement holder:

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

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Additional Project Sites Form

Project name:	HLWD Perpetual Easement Pilot Program
Organization:	Heron Lake Watershed District
Organization contact person (Project Manager):	Jan Voit

Project Site #4, if needed

Project site:	Seward 2	Legal :	T104N	R40W	S2	Q
Project site land manager or easement holder:	BWSR					
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: 20 ☒ Acres ☐ Miles ☐ Feet ☐ Structures ☐ Wetlands

Project Site #5, if needed.

Project site:	Seward 30	Legal :	T104N	R40W	S30	Q
Project site land manager or easement holder:	BWSR					
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: 20 ☒ Acres ☐ Miles ☐ Feet ☐ Structures ☐ Wetlands

Project Site #6, if needed

Project site:		Legal :	T	R	S	Q
Project site land manager or easement holder:						



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HERON LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

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?

The project name is Heron Lake Watershed District (HLWD) Perpetual Easement Pilot Program. The applicant is the HLWD.

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

The name of the partner organization submitting a letter of commitment is HLWD.

When will you make the contribution?

The contribution will be made over the life of the grant period from January, 2010 – June 2012.

What is the value of your contribution and how did you determine the value? Does the contribution have a non-state origin?

The HLWD commits an inkind contribution of \$25,622.00. This amount is the value of staff time dedicated to implementation and administration of the grant.

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 commitment not based on a fund-raising event or other future action. It is based on funds paid for staff time through the HLWD general operating levy.

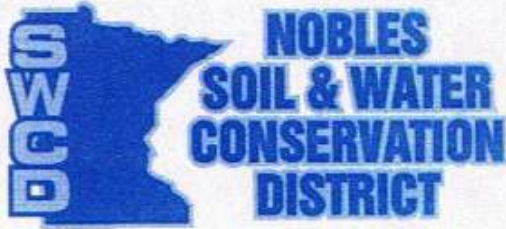
Signature:

Printed Name, Title, and Affiliation:

Jan Voit, District Administrator, HLWD

Date Signed:

October 27, 2009



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

The Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District is interested in contributing 160 hours of in-kind staff time at the rate of \$15.00 per hour based on the in-kind rates provided for matching funds for the Heron Lake Watershed District's Perpetual Easement Pilot Program. The in-kind hours will be dedicated to assistance with landowner contacts, promotion of the Easement Program, and referral of landowners to Watershed District Staff. The in-kind contribution will total \$2,400 worth of staff time over the three-year grant period and will be guaranteed by the Nobles SWCD for the full length of the grant

10/21/09

Ed Lenz
District Manager
Nobles SWCD
507-376-9150 Ext. #117



MURRAY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Slayton, MN 56172
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**MINNESOTA
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

October 26, 2009

Heron Lake Watershed District
P.O. Box 345
Heron Lake, MN 56137

The Murray County Soil and Water Conservation District supports the effort of the Heron Lake Watershed District in applying for a Conservation Partnership Legacy Grant to fund a Perpetual Easement Pilot Program in applying conservation practices on land with no cropping history while protecting and enhancing endangered water bodies and wildlife habitat.

If the CPL Grant application is successful, the Murray SWCD will contribute a total of \$2,400.00 of in-kind services for the purpose of oversight and administrative services towards the CPL pilot program during the three-year life span of the grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Howard Konkol".

Howard Konkol
District Manager
Murray Soil and Water Conservation District

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**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?

Heron Lake Watershed District-Perpetual Easement Pilot Program

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

Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District

When will you make the contribution?

The Contribution will be made over the next three years.

What is the value of your contribution and how did you determine the value? Does the contribution have a non-state origin?

Our total in-kind contribution for this project is \$2,400. This is based on a rate of \$15/hour for 160 hours.

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?

Not based on a fund raising event.

Signature:

Printed Name, Title, and Affiliation:

Brian Nyborg, Jackson SWCD Manager

Date Signed:

October 23, 2009

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United States Department of the Interior



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Wetland Management District

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October 22, 2009

Heron Lake Watershed District

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The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Windom Wetland Management District will be contributing to the HLWD Perpetual Easement Pilot Program as part of the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant application being submitted by the Heron Lake Watershed District. We are committed to assist with the partners of this project by providing in-kind materials and services as well as cash contributions. In-kind service is estimated to be 160 hours per year for the three year length of this project. In addition, we will commit to providing a minimum of \$3,000 per year for the three year duration which may be in the form of cash payment or providing materials needed for a restoration such as grass seed, erosion control material or water control supplies. Service or material will be provided as needed when projects are identified. Any cash payment will be through landowner reimbursement where the landowner will pay for the project cost and we will reimburse them upon successful completion of the project. Service, materials and cash funds are provided through federal funds which are congressionally appropriated annually and dispensed through the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program. Cash value of materials will be general market value of the products at the time of purchase and in-kind service value will be based on in-kind rates posted on the DNR Lessard-Sams website. Any project funded with the USFWS must be accompanied by a Landowner Partners Agreement to keep the project habitat improvements in place for a minimum of 10-20 years regardless of any other contract or agreement with other agencies. All projects that we assist with will have the project plan reviewed by a USFWS Wildlife Biologist as well as possible on-site supervision of the implementation.

Scott Ralston
Wildlife Biologist (Private Lands)
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Windom Wetland Management District