

Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Application

CPL1000011

Spreadsheet

Name and Contact

Project Identifier:	CPL1000011	Street Address 1: 1567McMillan St.
Project Name:	Nobles Leota Project	Street Address 2: Suite #3
Organization Name:	Nobles SWCD	City: Worthington
Organization Website:	www.noblesswcd.org	State: MN
Organization Contact Person:	Ed Lenz	Zip Code: 56187
Contact Email:	edward.lenz@noblesswcd.org	
Contact Phone:	507-376-9150	

Location

Primary County:	Nobles
Nearest City:	Leota
Township:	Leota
Project Site Name:	Leota
Project Site Land Ownership:	Private
Other Land Ownership:	

Project Information

Primary Activity:	Acquisition
Primary Habitat Type:	Prairie
Total Project Acres:	20
Total Project Sites:	1
Total Grant Amount Requested:	\$42500
Total Match Amount:	\$4350
Total Project Cost:	\$46850
Project Completion Date:	05/2010 (MM/YYYY)

Project Summary and Outcomes: This project will permanently protect and enhance 20 acres of grassland buffer and several acres of type 1 and type 2 wetlands. We will also be enhancing the buffering qualities and improving the habitat quality by ceasing the haying of the area and expanding the buffer area in several locations. The outcomes of this project include the protection and enhancement of a larger more suitable block of wildlife habitat specifically for the Topeka Shiner and Blandings Turtle, that are on the endangered species listing for this region of the state, as well as benefiting many other game and non-game species of the region.

Attachments

- [Project Site Information Form](#)
- [Project Budget and Match Description](#)
- Partner Commitment Letter
- Financial Documentation
- Conservation Easement
- Supplementary Attachment #1
- Supplementary Attachment #2

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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 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 Site #2, 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 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
ASAP	acquire easement on property		

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

This project will in essence permanently protect and enhance 20 acres of grassland buffer and several acres of type 1 and type 2 wetlands. In the process of protecting these acres of grassed buffer and wetlands we will also be enhancing the buffering qualities of grassed areas by ceasing the haying of the area and expanding the buffer area in several locations. This protection and enhancement will provide a larger more suitable block of wildlife habitat specifically for the Topeka Shiner and Blandings Turtle that are on the endangered species listing for this region of the state.

This projects benefit includes the protection and enhancement of 20 acres of habitat as well as buffering a stream part of the Rock River watershed. The Rock River Watershed is currently listed as impaired for Fecal Coliform and Turbidity. The buffering qualities of the grasses and wetlands in the easement area will benefit both impairments in this reach of the Rock River Watershed. The wildlife habitat will benefit the Topeka Shiner and Blandings Turtle that are on the endangered species listing for this region of 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.

- 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?

The Nobles SWCD 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?

Property maintainance including weed control and grassland development will be required in order for this project to succeed. Weed clipping and spot spraying as well as prescribed burns will the short term and long term maintainance work on the site.

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

The Maintainance work will be completed and funded by the landowner either through contract work or in-kind labor.

- 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, 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: Ed Lenz	Organization/ Agency: Nobles SWCD
Title: District Manager	Date: 10/30/09

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:		MN Board of Water and Soil Resources	
Title:	Tabor Hoek, BWSR	Date of meeting:	10-28-09
Phone:	507-537-7260	Proposal ID #:	Leota
Email:	tabor.hoek@state.mn.us	(assigned by agency, optional)	

PROJECT INFORMATION:

Project Name:	Leota Conservation Easement	Organization:	Nobles SWCD
Contact Person:	Ed Lenz		
Email:	edward.lenz@noblesswcd.org	Daytime Phone:	507-376-9150

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:

Heritage Review provided by Joe Stangel, DNR.

- 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](mailto:CPLStaff@LSCPLGrants.DNR@dnr.state.mn.us) 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:	Tabor Hoek
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Comments:

Name:		Phone:	
Title:		Email:	

Additional
necessary):

Comments(including approval or denial, reasoning):

review (if

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

Project name:

Nobles Leota Project

 Organization:

Nobles SWCD

 Organization contact person (Project Manager):

Ed Lenz

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	\$4,500.00			
Contracts	\$500.00			
Grant Administration				
Administration/ Environmental Compliance				
Fee Acquisition				
Easement Acquisition	\$37,500.00			
Easement Stewardship				
Equipment/Tools/Supplies				
Travel				
Additional Budget items				
Total	\$42,500.00			

DETAILS: detail the amounts listed in the above table.

Personnel Details:

Name	Title	Amount
BWSR & SWCD Staff involved with RIM Easement		\$4,500.00

Contract Details:

Contractor Name	Contracted Work	Amount
Misc.	Recording fees and associated legal work and title insurance with RIM Easement	\$500.00

Grant Administration:

Administrative Activity	Description/ Amount	Amount

Administration/ Environmental Compliance

Activity	Description	Amount

Fee Acquisition/ Easement Acquisition/ Easement Stewardship Details:

Landowner is eligible for \$40,000 worth of RIM Payments based on 2009 RIM Payment rates. The Landowner is reducing his RIM Payment by \$2,500 to account for a portion of the 10% Local match. Leaving the total RIM Payment at \$37,500 for the 20 acre permanent easement.

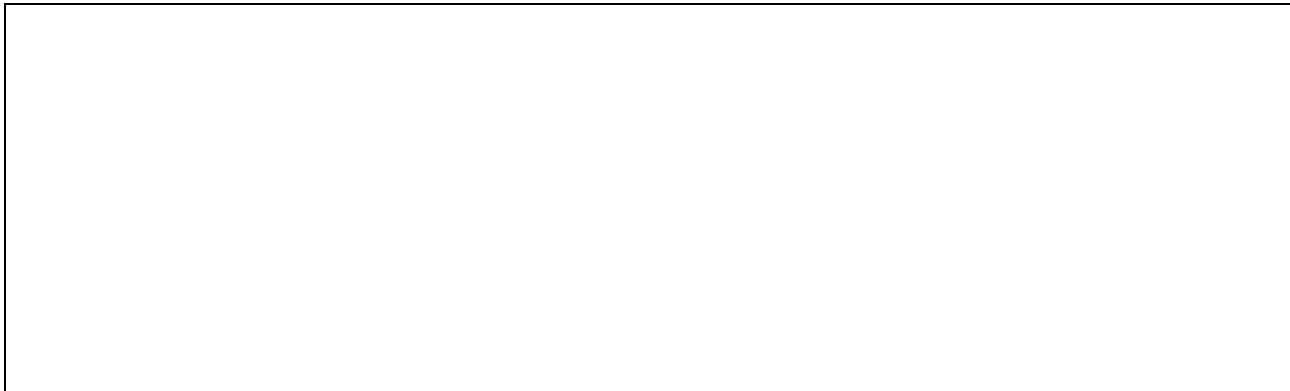
Equipment/Tools/Supplies Details:

Item	Use	Amount

Travel Details:

Miles	Purpose	Amount

Additional Budget Items Details:

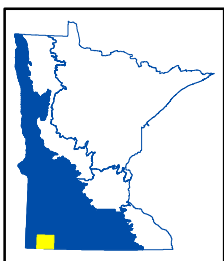
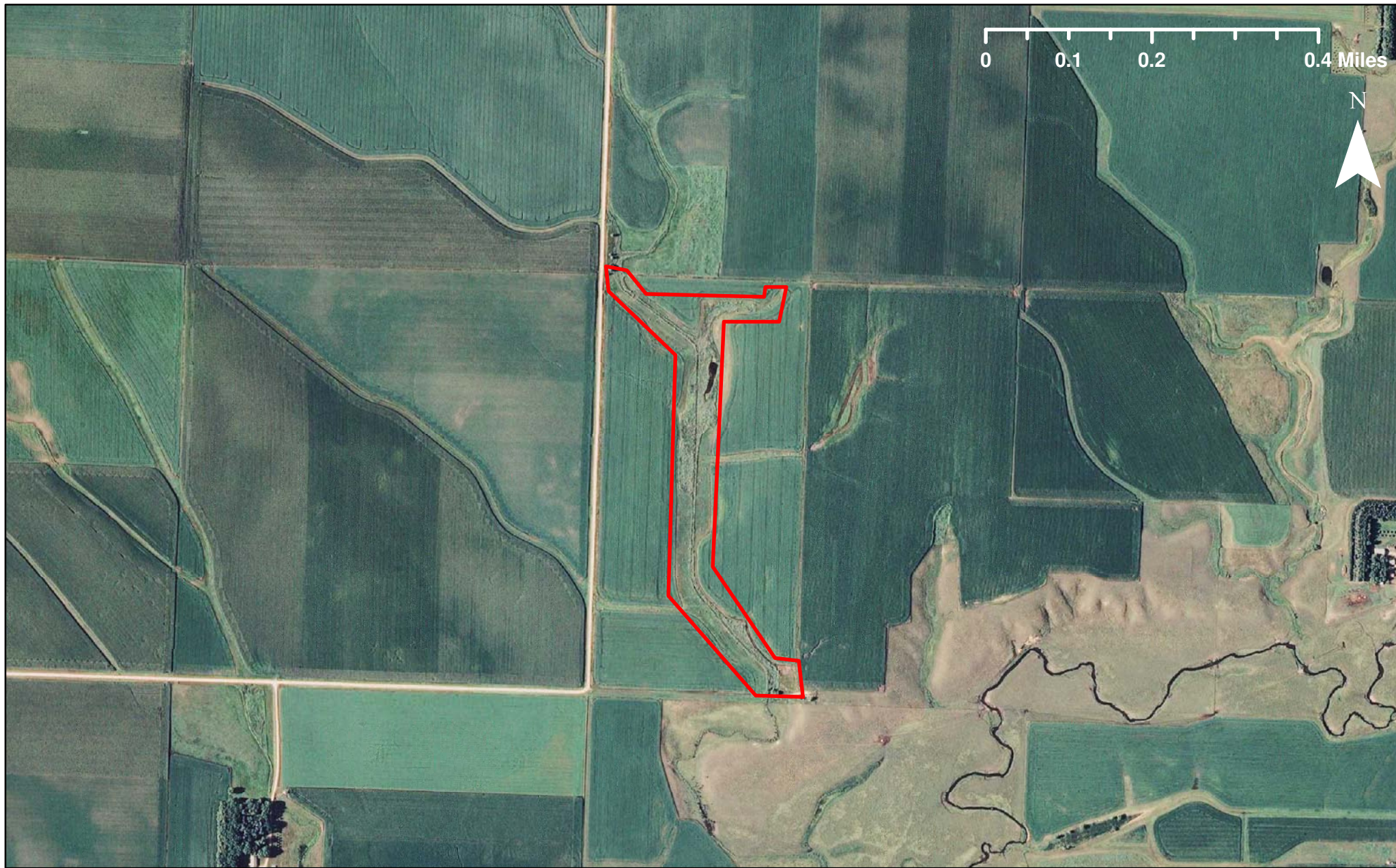


MATCH: Required 10% of total project funds, to be fulfilled by end of Fiscal Year 2012. Use provided rate sheet to determine unit rate and total value of in-kind services to be used as matching funds if applicable.

Source	Description	Units	Unit Rate	Total Value
Landowner	Seedbed prep and seeding and first year maintainance on portion of easement. Includes labor, equipment use and materials.	4 acres	\$462.50	\$1,850
Landowner	RIM Payment Reduction	20	125	\$2,500.00

Matching description/ comments: if needed

As noted above in easement aquisition portion listed above, the Landowner is eligible for \$40,000 worth of RIM Payments based on 2009 RIM Payment rates. The Landwner is reducing his RIM Payment by \$2,500 to account for a portion of the 10% Local match. Leaving the total RIM Payment at \$37,500 for the 20 acre permanent easement.



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Nobles County, LSOHC Prairie Planning Section

