

CPL Applications

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Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Application

CPL1000029

Spreadsheet

Name and Contact

Project Identifier:	CPL1000029	Street Address 1:	1241 E Bridge Street Ste. C
Project Name:	Redwood County Wildlife Enhancements	Street Address 2:	
Organization Name:	Redwood SWCD	City:	Redwood Falls
Organization Website:	redwoodswcd.org	State:	MN
Organization Contact Person:	Marilyn Bernhardson	Zip Code:	56283
Contact Email:	judy.schulte@racgroup.net		
Contact Phone:	5076372427		

Location

Primary County:	Redwood
Nearest City:	Redwood Falls
Township:	Site #1T110-R39-S5/Site #2T112-R39-S20
Project Site Name:	Site #1 Geis Gales/Site #2 Lightfoot Underwood
Project Site Land Ownership:	Private
Other Land Ownership:	

Project Information

Primary Activity:	Enhancement
Primary Habitat Type:	Wetland
Total Project Acres:	63
Total Project Sites:	2
Total Grant Amount Requested:	\$20381
Total Match Amount:	\$2283
Total Project Cost:	\$22664
Project Completion Date:	06/2012 (MM/YYYY)

Project Summary and Outcomes: The Redwood SWCD is working with landowners to enhance current Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) easements within Redwood County. There was significant interest from landowners in enhancing several aspects of many different RIM easement locations. The Redwood SWCD selected these two project sites for there overall benefits that will be achieved once completed.

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 or easement holder: Legal :

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Private land owner (if applicable): County:

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 or easement holder: Legal :

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Private land owner (if applicable): County:

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 or easement holder: Legal :

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Private land owner (if applicable): County:

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
June 30 th , 2011	Site #1:Tree removal		
June 30 th , 2012	Site #1:Re-establish seed in burn pile areas		
June 30 th , 2011	Site #2:Tree removal		
June 30 th , 2011	Site #3:Tree removal		

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

The Redwood Soil & Water Conservation District is working with landowners to enhance current Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) easements within Redwood County. There was significant interest from landowners in enhancing several aspects of many different RIM easement locations. The Redwood SWCD selected these two project sites for there overall benefits that will be achieved once completed. Each project site is explained in detail below:

Site #1: Geis Gales: This site contains a total of 461 acres of easement. Approximately 120 acres of wetland areas are scattered throughout the easement area. The remaining area is seeded to native grasses and forbs with several wildlife winter cover plantings. The 46.7 acre area to be enhanced is a wetland restoration completed in 2001. The trees to be removed through this grant oppurtunity were present at the time of restoration but it was recommended at that time that the trees remain within the wetland area. Since 2001, it has been found that the only purpose these trees, that now have died, serve as is predator perches. Not only does this affect the habitat within the wetland area it also affects the wildlife habitat in the upland areas of the site. There are approximately 130 trees ranging from 2-5 feet in diameter located within the wetland that are to be removed. Trees will be cut, piled and burned on site. Burn pile site will be re-established into native grasses and forbs once all burning has been completed.

Site #2: Bill Lightfoot Underwood: Mr. Lightfoot's site is 16.3 acres of native grasses and forbs along with 2.8 acres of riparian buffer. Within the last few years several different tree species such as ash, cottonwood, willow and boxelder have taken over the 16.3 acre prairie causing a decline to the previously established habitat and surrounding habitat. This site is adjacent to a 14.3 acre wetland restoration that includes 10.0 acres of upland area and wildlife winter cover habitat. These tree species would be cut and removed with all stumps being treated with herbicide.

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?

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

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: <i>Marilyn Bernhardtson</i>	Organization/ Agency: Redwood SWCD
Title: District Administrator	Date: 10/21/09

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 #:	
Email:	tabor.hoek@state.mn.us	(assigned by agency, optional)	

PROJECT INFORMATION:

Project Name:	Redwood SWCD RIM Projects-D.Geis & Lightfoot	Organization:	Redwood SWCD
Contact Person:	Marilyn Bernhardson		
Email:	marilyn.bernhardson@racgroup.net	Daytime Phone:	507-

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:
[redacted] within one mile [redacted]
[redacted] is a special concern species. If any seeding activity takes place within the project boundary, [redacted] collected from plants in the immediate and adjacent area with no use of any [redacted] seed from any other sources. The other option would be not to include any [redacted] spp. of any type in the project seed mix. Further and future proper grassland management practices such as prescribed burning and haying would be encouraged

- 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.**

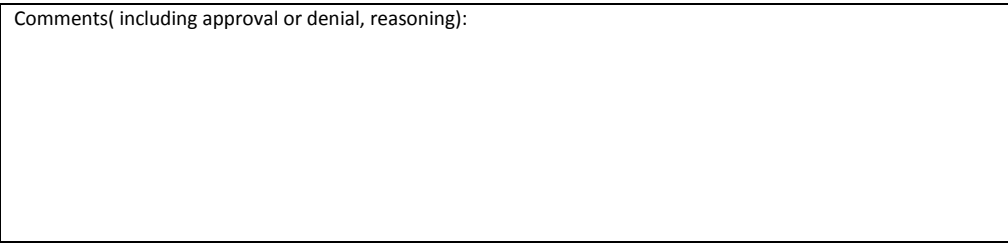
Name:	Tabor Hoek
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Comments:

Name:	Tabor Hoek	Phone:	507-537-7260
Title:	Private Lands Coordinator	Email:	tabor.hoek@state.mn.us

Additional
necessary):

Comments(including approval or denial, reasoning):



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

Project name:	Redwood County Wildlife Enhancements	
Organization:	Redwood SWCD	
Organization contact person (Project Manager):	Marilyn Bernhardson	

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	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$160.00
Contracts	\$0.00	\$18,808.00	\$920.00	\$19,728.00
Grant Administration	\$0.00	\$470.00	\$23.00	\$493.00
Administration/ Environmental Compliance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fee Acquisition	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Easement Acquisition	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Easement Stewardship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equipment/Tools/Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Additional Budget items	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00	\$19,358.00	\$1,023.00	\$20,381.00

DETAILS: detail the amounts listed in the above table.

Personnel Details:

Name	Title	Amount
Judy Schulte	District Technician, Redwood SWCD Site #1 Geis Gales	\$48.00
Judy Schulte	District Technician, Redwood SWCD Site #2 Lightfoot Underwood	\$112.00

Contract Details:

Contractor Name	Contracted Work	Amount
Curt Plotz	Cut, remove, pile and burn dead cottonwoods from standing water on 46.7 acres of David Geis's land located in Gales	\$14,620.00

	<p>township section 5. Estimate was \$16,000 but landowner will in-kind \$1,380 of that total making it \$14,620.</p> <p>Cut, remove & pile: \$13,700.00 Burn Piles: \$2,300.00 Inkind: Cash: \$1,380.00</p>	
Bill Lightfoot	<p>Cut, remove, pile and burn trees species on 16.3 acres of native prairie located on his own land located in Underwood Township Section 20. Landowner will contribute 10 hours of chainsaw work and 22 hours of general labor as in-kind. This takes the total from \$5,705 to \$5,108.</p> <p>Tree Removal: \$350.00/acre = \$5705.00 Inkind: 10 Hrs chainsaw: \$31.10/hr= \$311.00 22 Hrs general labor: \$13.00/hr=\$286.00</p>	\$5,108.00

Grant Administration:

Administrative Activity	Description/ Amount	Amount
Grant Proposal/ Redwood SWCD	Redwood SWCD sent out letters to landowners with RIM contracts to offer grant opportunities to those in need of restoration/enhancement. After receiving several interested parties, staff chose the projects with the most need and began to write the grant and figure out its budget. Staff also worked with landowners to figure in-kind contributions and commitment letters. Once all grant paperwork was completed, a heritage database review was completed by DNR and the grant was submitted online by SWCD staff. Over 60 hours was spent simply completing the grant administration and computer work.	\$493.00

Administration/ Environmental Compliance

Activity	Description	Amount
N/A		

Fee Acquisition/ Easement Acquisition/ Easement Stewardship Details:

N/A

Equipment/Tools/Supplies Details:

Item	Use	Amount
N/A		

Travel Details:

Miles	Purpose	Amount
N/A		

Additional Budget Items Details:

N/A

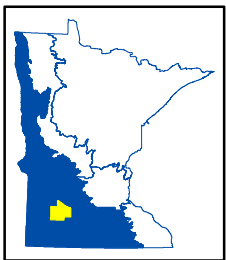
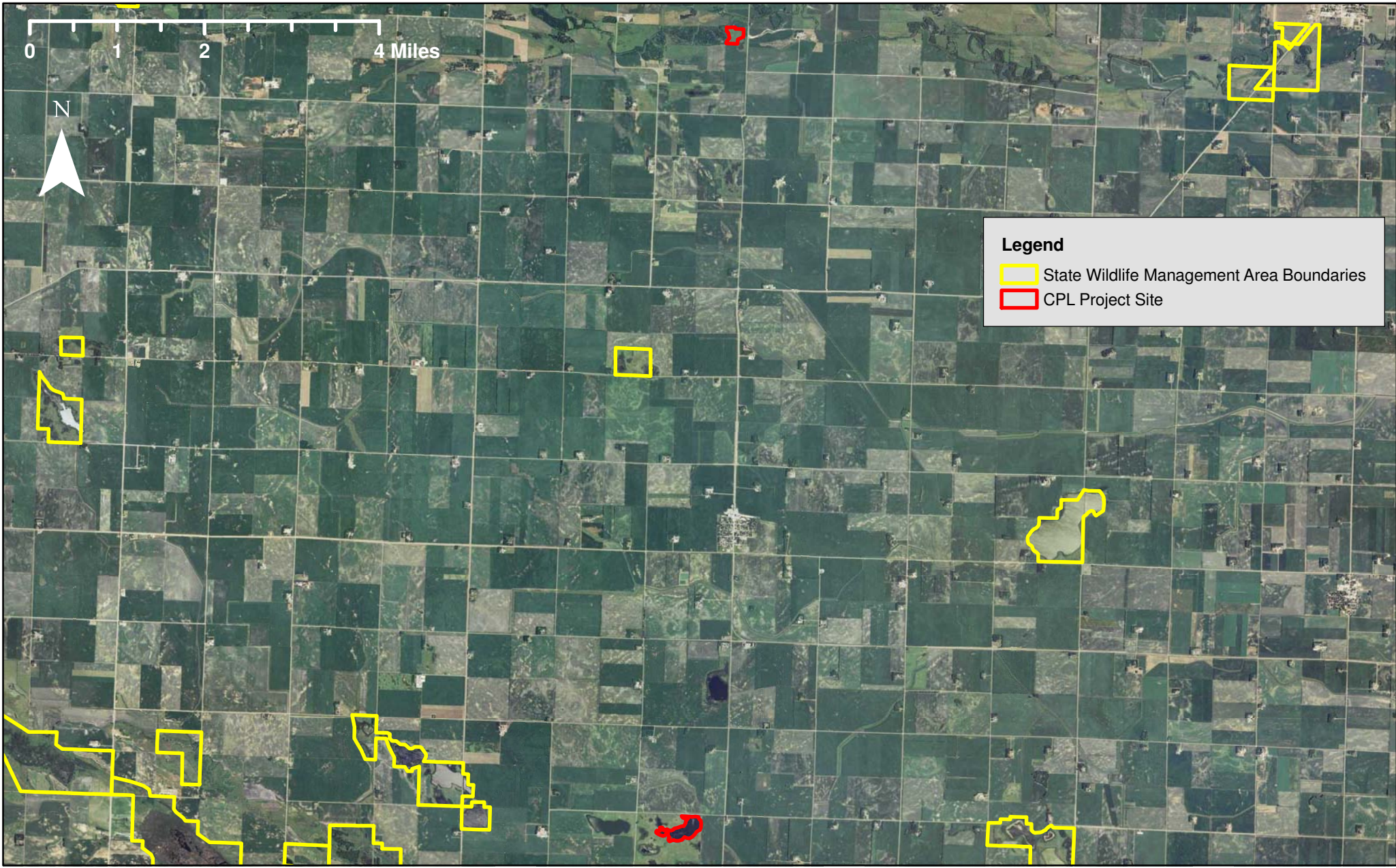
MATCH: Required 10% of total project funds, to be fulfilled by end of Fiscal Year 2012. Use provided rate sheet to determine unit rate and total value of in-kind services to be used as matching funds if applicable.

Source	Description	Units	Unit Rate	Total Value
Bill Lightfoot	Chain sawing on 16.3 acres located in Underwood township section 20.	10	\$31.10	\$311.00
Bill Lightfoot	General Labor on 16.3 acres located in Underwood township section 20.	22	\$13.00	\$286.00

Dorothy Geis	Seeding of burn pile footprints approximated 1 acre located in Gales Township Sec. 5	1	\$30.00	\$30.00
Brian Geis	1st yr weed control after establishment on 1 acres of seeded area on Gales township section 5.	1	\$14.00	\$14.00
Brian Geis	Cash payment to Curt Plotz the contractor for burning piles of trees from 46.7 acres of wetland located in Gales township section 5.	1	\$1,610.00	\$1,610.00
Redwood SWCD	2 hours of personnel doing site visits and working with landowners.	2	\$16.00	\$32.00

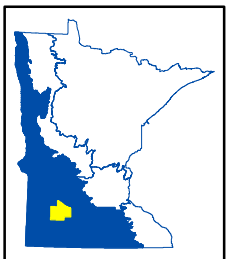
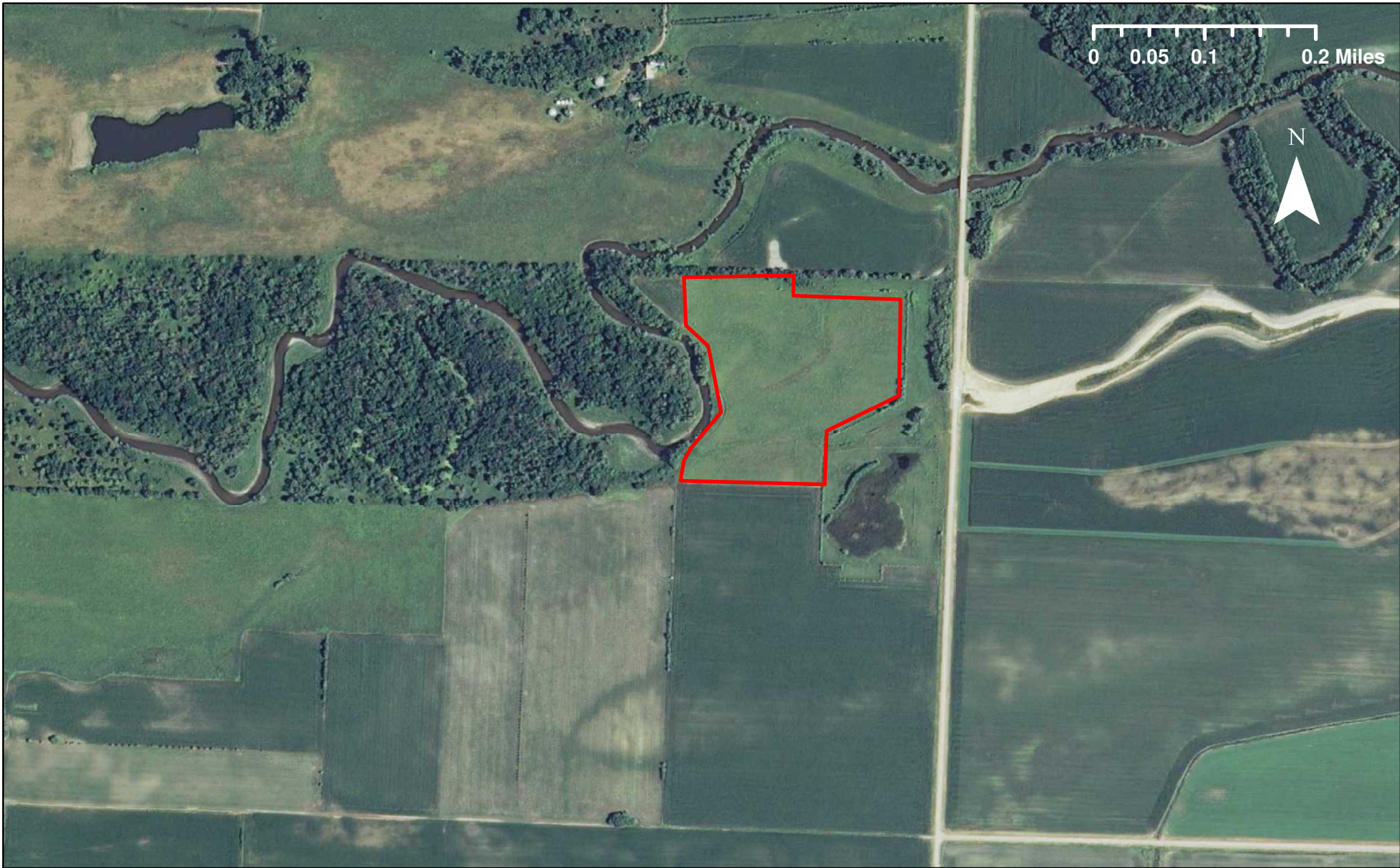
Matching description/ comments: if needed

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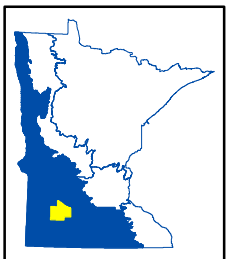
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Partner Commitment Letter:

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I, Brian Geis, will be taking part in the Redwood County Wildlife Enhancements project. This project is being applied for by the Redwood Soil & Water Conservation District. I am a private landowner who will be contributing to the project during its implementation on my property in Gales Township section 5. Using the "In-Kind Rates for Matching Funds" provided on your website we determined that I would be contributing 1 acre of seeding native grasses at \$30.00/acre and 1 acre of mowing grasses for weed control after establishment at \$14.10/acre in order to contribute \$44.00. I will also be contributing \$1,610.00 in cash. This contribution will not utilize any other state funds nor will it utilize any fund-raising events.

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Sincerely,

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Partner Commitment Letter:

I, Bill Lightfoot, will be taking part in the Redwood County Wildlife Enhancements project. This project is being applied for by the Redwood Soil & Water Conservation District. I am a private landowner who will be contributing to the project during its implementation on my property in Underwood Township section 20. Using the "In-Kind Rates for Matching Funds" provided on your website we determined that I would be contributing 10 hours of chainsaw work at \$31.10/hour and 22 hours of general labor at \$13.00/hour in order to contribute a total of \$597.00. This contribution will not utilize any other state funds nor will it utilize any fund-raising events.

Sincerely,

Bill Lightfoot
10-23-09

Bill Lightfoot
Private Landowner
Underwood Sec. 20