

CPL Applications
(Total to date: 129)

Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Application

CPL1000104

Spreadsheet

Name and Contact

Project Identifier:	CPL1000104	Street Address 1:	PO Box 455
Project Name:	Five Mile PointIII/Leech Lake	Street Address 2:	
Organization Name:	Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation	City:	Hackensack
Organization Website:	www.leechlakewatershed.org	State:	MN
Organization Contact Person:	Paula West	Zip Code:	56452
Contact Email:	westcom@brainerd.net		
Contact Phone:	218-838-5010		

Location

Primary County: Cass
Nearest City:
Township:
Project Site Name: Five Mile Point/Leech Lake
Project Site Land Ownership: Private
Other Land Ownership:

Project Information

Primary Activity: Acquisition
Primary Habitat Type: Fish, Game or Wildlife Habitat
Total Project Acres: 6
Total Project Sites: 2
Total Grant Amount Requested: \$400000
Total Match Amount: \$83750
Total Project Cost: \$483750
Project Completion Date: 06/2011 (MM/YYYY)

Project Summary and Outcomes: The Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation will acquire 6.63 acres of property with 400+ feet of shoreland on Leech Lake and gift it to the MN DNR. Offshore is one of seven identified Muskie spawning areas on Leech Lake. Acquisition will protect the spawning area and insure the continuation of the Leech Lake Muskie strain used for stocking in Minnesota and across the Country. The land will be open to public hunting and fishing and is adjacent to state owned land. The project is strongly supported by the Minnesota Muskie Alliance and the Leech Lake Association. This will be a highly visible project to the people of Minnesota, who seek accountability for sales tax dollars.

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 :

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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
2010-2012	Acquire critical shoreland and gift to DNR for AMA management		

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

The Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization experienced in land transactions, will acquire 6.63 acres of property with over 400 feet of shoreland on Five Mile Point of Leech Lake. The property will be gifted to the DNR to be designated and managed as an Aquatic Management Area (AMA).

Off shore of 200 feet of shoreland is 1 of 7 identified muskellunge spawning areas on Leech Lake. This parcel is also adjacent to Leech Lake Five Mile Point AMA that was purchased earlier to protect the offshore muskellunge spawning area from possible degradation that could occur with normal lakeshore development. (see attached supplemental map). The muskellunge spawning habitat is critical for maintenance of the muskellunge population in Leech Lake. Offshore of the other 200 feet of shoreland is prime walleye spawning areas. The landowners are anxious to sell the parcels and have signed a Landowner Bill of Rights. The DNR Area Fisheries Office has completed a project fact sheet which is undergoing regional approval.

Multiple benefits will be provided to the public through this acquisition. Spawning areas will be protected to insure future fishing enjoyment and the land will be open to the public for hunting and fishing. There is strong support for this project from the Minnesota Muskie Alliance, who are willing to assist with fundraising, and the Leech Lake Association, who supports the project for habitat and water quality protection and will also assist with fundraising (see letters of support). The landowners have indicated a willingness to donate some of the land value to protect the conservation values of the land and are aware, and supportive of, the DNR as the final landowner. The Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation will facilitate fundraising will raise the additional funds needed to complete the land acquisition and cover associated costs.

The Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation (LLAWF) has 10 years of experience in land transactions and has already conveyed more than 14 miles of critical shorelands to the DNR as AMAs. LLAWF is a member of the Land Trust Alliance and adheres to the standards and practices of land trusts in completing land acquisitions. Acquisition of critical shorelands is included in the Leech Lake Association Lake Management Plan as well as the Cass County Water Plan. AMA acquisition is a critical component of the Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan. The DNR Long-Range AMA Plan sites Leech Lake as a priority acquisition area. Within the Leech Lake watershed there are 20 species of greatest concern identified for protection in the State Wildlife Action Plan. The protection of key Muskie spawning areas is of critical importance in the species protection plan, and continuation of the unique Leech Lake strain of Muskie is important for stocking across Minnesota and throughout the United States. Given these facts, acquisition of the 6.63 acres on Five Mile Point of Leech Lake is a cost effective and beneficial project for use of Outdoor Heritage Funds. It will be a visible project to the people of Minnesota, who seek accountability for dedicated sales tax monies.

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.

The land on Five Mile Point to be acquired is located on the Leech Lake reservation and is in Indian Trust. The landowners will move the property from the Indian Trust to private ownership; they have done this before. Once in private ownership, an appraisal of the property will be conducted to determine fair market value. The landowners will incur any costs associated with the placement in private ownership. The smaller parcel to be acquired will be split off from its current parcel, survey costs will be incurred.

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

Since the property will be conveyed to the DNR immediately upon purchase, there will be no management work necessary. The property to be acquired has no development on it.

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 project.

Signature: Paula West	Organization/ Agency: Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation
Title: Executive Director	Date: 11/2/2009

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:	Harlan Fierstine		
Title:	DNR Area Fisheries Supervisor	Date of meeting:	10/20/2009
Phone:	218-547-1683	Proposal ID #:	
Email:	harlan.fierstine@state.mn.us	(assigned by agency, optional)	

PROJECT INFORMATION:

Project Name:	Five Mile Point II Acquisition/Leech Lake	Organization:	Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation
Contact Person:	Paula West, Executive Director		
Email:	westcom@brainerd.net	Daytime Phone:	218-838-5010

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:

The feature is located approximately 1 mile away from this potential land acquisition. The land is being acquired for public ownership to maintain it in its natural state. No management actions are anticipated that would be detrimental to any natural feature.

- 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@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.

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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)
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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:	Harlan Fierstine
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Name:	Harlan Fierstine	Phone:	218/547-1683
Title:	Area Fisheries Supervisor, Walker	Email:	haraln.fierstine@state.mn.us

Additional
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Comments(including approval or denial, reasoning):

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

Project name:	Five Mile Point II/Leech Lake	
Organization:	Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation	
Organization contact person (Project Manager):	Paula West, Executive Director	

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				
Fee Acquisition		\$400,000.00		\$400,000.00
Easement Acquisition				
Easement Stewardship				
Equipment/Tools/Supplies				
Travel				
Additional Budget items				
Total				\$400,000.00

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:

The estimated acquisition cost of the 6.63 acres of property on Five Mile Point/Leech Lake is \$600,000. The \$400,000 in grant funds will be applied towards the acquisition. A third party appraisal will be required and specific negotiations will follow. The land owner has already committed to donating some land value; those negotiations will determine the final cash cost of the acquisition and the donated value. The remaining difference between grant funds (\$400,000) and the final acquisition cost will be raised by the Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation with assistance from the Twin Cities Chapter of Muskies Inc, The Muskie Alliance, and the Leech Lake Association. Prior to the acquisition, the landowner will remove the properties from Indian Trust and put the two parcels into private ownership; landowner will incur any associated costs. Project Site #2 parcel will be surveyed and split from its existing parcel. A fact sheet has been completed and is waiting regional approval. The landowner is a willing seller and has signed the landowner bill of rights.

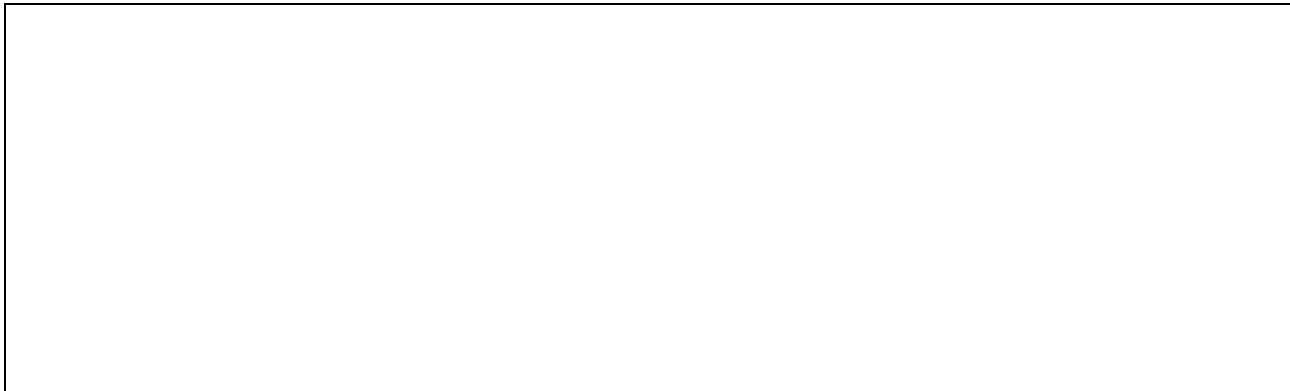
Equipment/Tools/Supplies Details:

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
Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation (LLAWF)	Cash match for personnel	62.5 hours	\$40/hr	\$2,500.00
LLAWF	Volunteer in-kind	39 hours	\$13/hr	\$500.00
LLAWF	All contractual services for survey, appraisal, legal review, title insurance			\$5,000.00
LLAWF	Grant administration, environmental compliance			\$750.00
LLAWF with Muskies Inc and Leech Lake Association	Fundraising to raise the difference between grant (\$400,000) and actual cash acquisition cost, to be determined (TBD)			\$75,000.00

Matching description/ comments: if needed

As a match to the \$400,000 grant acquisition funds, the Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation (LLAWF) will provide both cash and in-kind match. As an organization experienced in land transactions with the MN DNR and fundraising experience to assist in land acquisitions, LLAWF will raise the funds to cover the associated costs of this land acquisition, including the difference between the \$400,000 grant and final acquisition cost of \$500,000-\$600,000. The final costs will be negotiated with the landowner once a DNR-approved appraisal has been conducted.



Chippewa National Forest





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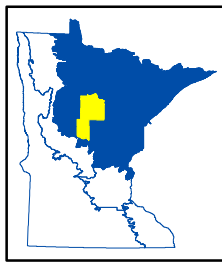


Five Mile Point AMA

Battleground State Forest

Legend

-  CPL Project Site
-  Aquatic Management Area
-  National Forest
-  State Forest Boundaries



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Five Mile PointII/Leech Lake
Cass County, LSOHC Northern Forest Planning Section





Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation

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November 2, 2009

To Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program:

The Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation (LLAWF), as applicant for the project "Five Mile Point II/Leech Lake," will contribute over \$80,000 in matching funds, both cash and in-kind, to this project.

The contribution will be made prior to the final acquisition of 6.63 acres on Five Mile Point of Leech Lake, likely to occur in FY2011. The match will consist of cash match for personnel and volunteers working with the landowner and the DNR to complete the acquisition. It also includes all contractual services necessary for project completion including: land survey, appraisal, legal review of documents, title insurance, deed recording, environmental compliance, and other associated costs. Grant administration will be a match contribution.

LLAWF will facilitate and actively participate in fundraising for the difference in the final acquisition cost (estimated at \$500,000+) and the grant award (\$400,000). The Twin Cities Muskies Inc. Chapter, the Minnesota Muskie Alliance, and the Leech Lake Association have committed their support to this project. If their participation fails to raise the necessary funds, the Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation is still committed to the completion of this project.

The Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation is experienced in land transaction of this nature and has already had conversations with the landowners, who are willing sellers and enthused about the conservation value of the acquisition.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the people of Minnesota with the protection of a key Muskie spawning area and insure their fishing enjoyment for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Ray Payne, Chairperson
Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation

Date:



6311 Steller Circle
Excelsior, MN 55331
952-240-7834



To whom it may concern:
October 27, 2009

The preservation of the Five Mile Point area of Leech Lake is critical to the survival of the Leech Lake strain of Muskie. Years of study have shown that the Leech Lake Muskie is the strain that does the best in Minnesota and elsewhere in stocking programs. It is the healthiest, strongest, best growing, biggest strain of Muskie available. It, of course, comes from Leech Lake. It spawns successfully in only a few known spots on Leech. One of those is the Five Mile Point area. If the shoreline in this area is developed, it could be destructive to the survival of this special genetic strain of Muskie. We of the Twin Cities Chapter of Muskies, Inc. are in support of the efforts of the Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation to preserve and protect this area. We have supported efforts in the past to preserve this area in its natural state and intend to do so in the future. We encourage all people and groups to join with us in this important effort to preserve the Five Mile Point area.

Jim Kroupa
President of the Twin Cities Chapter of Muskies Inc.



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28 October 2009

Ms. Paula West, Executive Director
Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation
PO Box 455
Hackensack, MN 56452

Paula:

This letter is for the use of the Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation for not only the intended purpose of The Twin Cities Chapter of Muskies, Inc., support of the proposal to acquire additional property on Five Mile Point of Leech Lake but also for our general support of the Foundation's Mission and Purpose .

We have been involved, as a Chapter and as a member of the Minnesota Muskie Alliance, in both the original aquatic habitat permanent set-aside for Five Mile Point and the Miller Bay Cedar Springs areas on Leech Lake and in the Ah Gwah Ching Leech Lake shoreline protection program. These projects meet the "Fisheries" commitment of our organization; specifically protecting muskie spawning areas on Leech Lake. And, as we know, the Leech Lake strain of muskies is used as the primary source responsible for the stocking of muskies in Minnesota waters. Five Mile Point is one of the five principle spawning sites on Leech Lake. Therefore, please add our support to your efforts in this acquisition proposal.

Thank you for your continued work in the Leech Lake Watershed , an area which mutually benefits both of our organizations. If you should have any questions about our support in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact.

Sincerely,

George Selcke, Secretary,
Twin Cities Chapter of Muskies, Inc.

Leech Lake Association, Inc.

6160 Summit Drive, Suite 560
Minneapolis, MN 55430

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October 28, 2009

Ms. Paula West
Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation
P.O. Box 455
Hackensack, MN 56472

Dear Ms. West:

My understanding is that the LLAWF is submitting an application to the DNR Conservation Partners Program for a grant to acquire 6.65 acres on Five Mile Point on Leech Lake.

The Leech Lake Association (LLA) supported the recent DNR acquisition of the adjacent property on Five Mile Point. This is an important spawning area for muskie and walleye. The LLA strongly supports this new acquisition for conservation and environmental purposes, including the preservation of the spawning areas.

The LLA will support this effort and will assist in fundraising as needed. Without a grant, it would be very difficult to raise the full purchase price.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert D. Gisvold
President

RDG:jjc

cc: David Laursen



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