

CPL Applications
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Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Application

CPL1000107

Spreadsheet

Name and Contact

Project Identifier:	CPL1000107	Street Address 1:	417 North 5th Street - Ste 200
Project Name:	2009 Hennepin Easement Enhancement	Street Address 2:	
Organization Name:	Hennepin County - Environmental Services	City:	Minneapolis
Organization Website:		State:	MN
Organization Contact Person:	Joel Settles	Zip Code:	55401-3206
Contact Email:	joel.settles@co.hennepin.mn.us		
Contact Phone:	612 348-6157		

Location

Primary County:	Hennepin
Nearest City:	Medina, Independence
Township:	
Project Site Name:	Tomann, King
Project Site Land Ownership:	Private
Other Land Ownership:	

Project Information

Primary Activity:	Enhancement
Primary Habitat Type:	Forest
Total Project Acres:	22
Total Project Sites:	2
Total Grant Amount Requested:	\$73400
Total Match Amount:	\$30000
Total Project Cost:	\$103400
Project Completion Date:	06/2012 (MM/YYYY)

Project Summary and Outcomes: The proposed project will restore and enhance wildlife habitat on permanently protected lands in Hennepin County. The project sites are within Natural Resource Corridor Focus Areas identified by Hennepin County and the MN DNR. The anticipated outcomes include restoring and enhancing approximately 22 acres of permanently protected land to the "Big Woods" ecosystem (Classification MHs39) that existed prior to European settlement. A measurable outcome of this project will be an increase in plant diversity and ecological complexity.

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:	2009 Hennepin Easement Enhancement
Organization:	Hennepin County
Organization contact person (Project Manager):	Joel Settles

Project information

Project site:	#1. Tomann				
Project site land manager	Legal :	T118N	R23W	S04	Q3
or easement holder:	Minnesota Land Trust				
Private land owner	County:	Hennepin			
(if applicable):	Terrance W. Tomann				

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:	#2. King Easement				
Project site land manager	Legal :	T118N	R24W	S20	Q1
or easement holder:	Hennepin Conservation District				
Private land owner	County:	Hennepin			
(if applicable):	Steve King				

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 :	T	R	S	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

Project timeline:

Time frame	Goal	Time frame	Goal
fy 2010	plant trees & shrubs		
fy2011	maintain practice		
fy2012	maintain practice		

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

#1 Tomann easement: Located in Medina, the Tomann easement is an approximately 17 ac easement that was donated to the Minnesota Land Trust. Mr. Tomann continues to actively manage his property per input from the Hennepin County Dept. of Environmental Services (HCDES) and the Minnesota Land Trust. The HCDES has been enlisted to prepare a management plan for the easement area that's purpose will largely be to restore the site back to the "Big Woods" ecosystem (Classification MHs39) it was before the alteration that occurred during settlement.

As a subsection of the deciduous forest ecoregion of Minnesota., the "Big Woods" has been severely fragmented by agriculture and development in this area. In many locations, including Hennepin County, the remaining forests typically lack the ecological complexity of pre-European settlement forests due to grazing, invasive plants, and other intensive uses.

The Tomann easement site falls within the identified Natural Resources Corridors and Focus Areas developed and adopted by the HCDES and the MN Dept. of Natural Resources. This site is also an important component of the City of Medina's Park, Trails and Open Space Plan and is integral to the connectivity required to provide important wildlife habitat and promote and enhance species diversity.

#2 King Easement: The King Easement is a perpetual conservation easement of approximately 77 acres located in the City of Independence. It is comprised of an altered wetland basin and some remnant forested areas. This easement was a donation made to the Hennepin Conservation District in 1999. Landowner Steve King has since restored tall grass prairie adjacent to this easement as well providing important nesting cover and wildlife habitat in the uplands that are not forested.

As in the Tomann easement area, this easement is also located in the Mesic Maple-Basswood Forest (Classification MHs39) and is part of the "Big Woods" area that falls in the deciduous forest ecoregion of Minnesota. The 18.5 acres that is located in the Northeast portion of this easement is a somewhat degraded Maple-Basswood Forest that is in need of some forest management that would include the reintroduction of tree species listed in the 'Field Guide to the Natural Communities of MN, Eastern Broadleaf Province, classification MHs39. Tree species that would be planted would include sugar maple, northern red oak, bitternut hickory and black cherry as well as bur and white oak. Shrubs native to this system would be reintroduced along the wetland edge and in some openings would include chokecherry, dogwood and red-berried elder.

The King easement falls within the identified Natural Resources Corridor and Focus Areas developed and adopted by the HCDES and MN Dept. of Natural Resources. This site provides important wildlife habitat and is important in the scope of maintaining and enhancing species diversity in a rapidly developing area of Minnesota.

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.

NA

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

NA

2. For enhancement/ restoration projects on public lands:

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

NA

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

NA

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

NA

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

NA

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: Joel Settles	Organization/ Agency: Hennepin County
Title: Conservation Unit Supervisor	Date: 10/30/2009

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:	Sarah Strommen / Minnesota Land Trust (MLT)		
Title:	Conservation Director	Date of meeting:	10/30/2009
Phone:	651 917-6280	Proposal ID #:	#1
Email:	sstrommen@mnland.org	(assigned by agency, optional)	

PROJECT INFORMATION:

Project Name:	2009 - Hennepin Easement Enhancement	Organization:	Hennepin County
Contact Person:	Joel Settles		
Email:	joel.settles@co.hennepin.mn.us	Daytime Phone:	612 348-6157

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:

- ☐ 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:		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:	Sarah Strommen
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Comments: **More than 75% of the "Big Woods" subsection of the Minnesota deciduous forest has been converted to cropland, with an additional 5 to 10% converted to pasture. The remaining 10 to 15% of the subsection remains as either upland forest or wetland. The funding for this proposed project, along with the commitment of Hennepin County to cost share this practices through the use of their Natural Resource Incentives for Critical Habitat (NRICH) program, will provide much needed funding for the continued restoration efforts and enhancement and of this protected land. The work proposed is above and beyond what is required by the conservation easement, and therefore, the Minnesota Land Trust is pleased to support this effort.**

Name:		Phone:	
Title:		Email:	

Additional
necessary):

Comments(including approval or denial, reasoning):

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REVIEWER INFORMATION

Land manager/ easement holder name:	Kim Boyce / Hennepin Conservation District (HCD)		
Title:	Chair	Date of meeting:	10/30/2009
Phone:	763 521-0036	Proposal ID #:	#1
Email:	kboyce@hcd.hennepin.mn.us	(assigned by agency, optional)	

PROJECT INFORMATION:

Project Name:	2009 - Hennepin Easement Enhancement	Organization:	Hennepin County
Contact Person:	Joel Settles		
Email:	joel.settles@co.hennepin.mn.us	Daytime Phone:	612 348-6157

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Name:	Kim Boyce
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Comments: **The King easement was donated to the HCD in 1999. The easement is approximately 77 ac in size and is composed of both wetland and upland habitat. Through agricultural use, the wetland area has been altered but the long-term goal of restoration remains. This proposed project is limited to habitat restoration and enhancement of a 16 ac upland area located in the northeastern corner of the easement. This request for habitat funding is consistent with the goals & objectives as described in the HCD annual plan and the management objectives of the King easement.**

Name:		Phone:	
Title:		Email:	

Additional
necessary):

Comments(including approval or denial, reasoning):

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Project Budget and Match Worksheet, Application Requirement

Project name:	2009 Hennepin Easement Enhancement	
Organization:	Hennepin County	
Organization contact person (Project Manager):	Joel Settles	

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	\$3,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$10,000.00
Contracts	\$25,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$45,000.00
Grant Administration	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$2,400.00
Administration/ Environmental Compliance				
Fee Acquisition				
Easement Acquisition				
Easement Stewardship				
Equipment/Tools/Supplies	\$44,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$46,000.00
Travel				
Additional Budget items				
Total	\$72,800.00	\$15,300.00	\$15,300.00	\$103,400.00

DETAILS: detail the amounts listed in the above table.

Personnel Details:

Name	Title	Amount
Joel Settles	Natural Resource Unit Supervisor	\$1,000.00
Ellen Sones	Environmentalist	\$2,500.00
David Thill	Natural Resouce Specialist	\$4,000.00
Roel Ronken	Environmentalist	\$2,500.00

Contract Details:

Contractor Name	Contracted Work	Amount
Minnesota Conservation Corps	labor	\$45,000.00
	(\$1,000 per day for 5 person crew)	

Grant Administration:

Administrative Activity	Description/ Amount	Amount
Reporting		\$2,400.00

Administration/ Environmental Compliance

Activity	Description	Amount
NA		

Fee Acquisition/ Easement Acquisition/ Easement Stewardship Details:

NA

Equipment/Tools/Supplies Details:

Item	Use	Amount
1"DBH native trees	265 @ \$100 / tree	\$26,500.00
native shrubs	1,200@\$10 / pot	\$12,000.00
2' - 3' native deciduous trees (bare root)	250@\$6 / tree	\$1,500.00
establishment costs	watering expense @ \$3,000 per year (equipment rental)	\$6,000.00

Travel Details:

Miles	Purpose	Amount
NA		

Additional Budget Items Details:

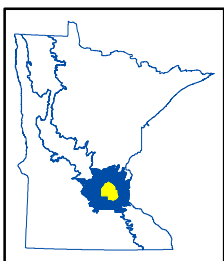
The Tomann easement will receive 240 of the 1" DBH trees. And, the King easement will receive the remaining 25 1" DBH trees plus the 1,200 shrubs and 250 bare root trees. Shrub and tree establishment will be in accordance with State of Minnesota Materials Management Division contract release S-910(5) specifications regarding native plant materials and native plant community restoration.

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
Hennepin County	cash			\$20,000.00
Hennepin County	in-kind labor			\$10,000.00

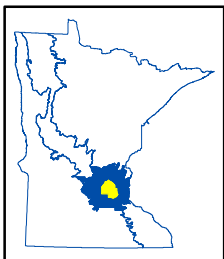
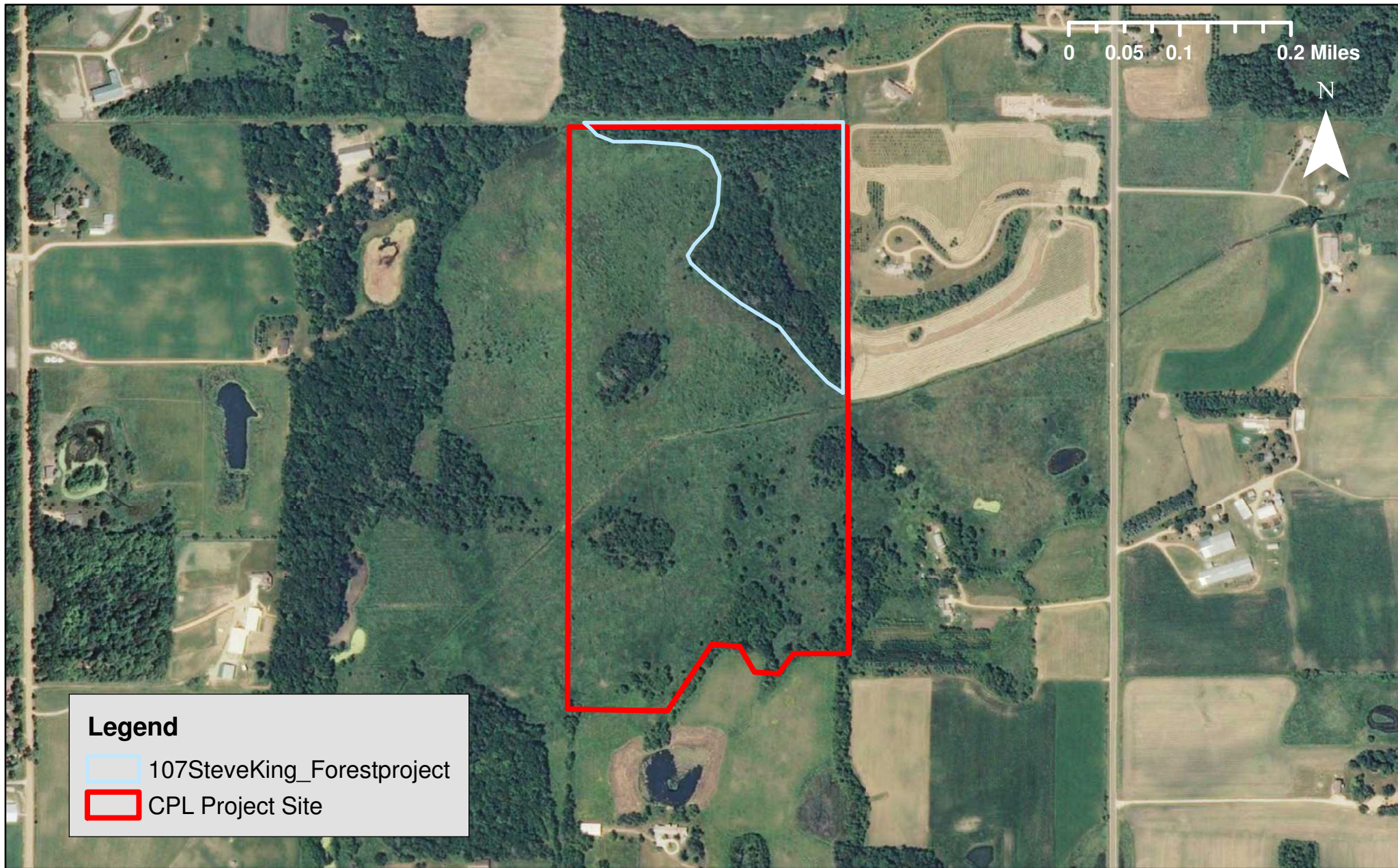
Matching description/ comments: if needed

Total project cost is equal to \$103,400. Hennepin County to provide \$10,000 in-kind and \$20,000 cash.



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Hennepin County, LSOHC Metropolitan Urbanizing
Area Planning Section





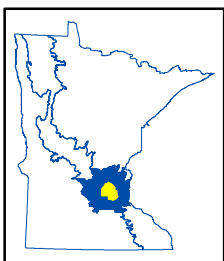
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Legend

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Hennepin County, LSOHC Metropolitan Urbanizing
Area Planning Section

