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Project Summary

Project Name and Contact

Project Name:	Four Corners WMA Kittleson Addition	Project Manager:	Doug Hartke
Organization Name:	Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc.	Title:	Grant Coordinator
Organization Type:	Non-Profit	Phone:	507-236-1700
Mailing Address 1:	PO Box 212	Email:	dhartke@frontiernet.net
Mailing Address 2:			
City:	Sherburn		
State:	MN		
Zip Code:	56171		

Project Location Summary

Primary County:	Martin	Secondary Land
Nearest City:	Sherburn	Ownerships:
Project Site Name:	Kittleson Addition	
Primary Land Ownership:	State	

Project Activity Summary

Primary Activity:	Acquisition	Primary Habitat Type:	Prairie
Additional Activities:	Enhancement and Restoration	Additional Habitats:	Wetland
Total Project Sites:	1		
Total Project Acres:	130		

Project Funding Summary

Total Grant Amount	\$400,000
Requested:	
Total Match Amount	\$60,000
Pledged:	
Additional Funding:	
Total Project Cost:	\$460,000
Estimated Project	2012-06-30
Completion Date:	

Summary

In an area of highest priority for acquiring additional habitat, acquire 130 acres of high quality habitat for the Four Corners WMA, adding to a concentration of public and privately owned protected habitat. While the majority of this parcel was farmed at one time, a few acres of diverse high quality native prairie survived, and still exist on the slopes of a steep draw of a drainage-way that gives this parcel some extra character. Pasturing of this site in recent years has helped the spread of some species of local ecotype native plants to become established throughout the site.

Problem Statement

With the passing of the landowner this year, the new owners are deciding on the future use of this land. Because of low pasture rent it is definitely coming out of pasture. Due to high farm land rent it will return to row crops unless plans for acquisition can be solidified in the next few months. This

parcel holds high quality native prairie, which is very rare in Martin County. Returning this land to row crops would result in the loss of many acres that are gradually taking on a native prairie character as the native plants have become established adjacent to the prairie remnant.

Project Objectives

The acquisition of this parcel would add a significant amount of contiguous habitat, adjacent to land already protected under perpetual conservation easement and land that is a part of the Four Corners WMA.

Methods

The acquisition of this parcel is the primary goal of this initiative. Once the parcel is protected, seed from native plants already growing on the site can be harvested to restore upland areas of the parcel that need additional species. The wetland will provide good habitat in its current condition. In the future, with additional acquisition, the basin could be managed to provide more storage with the water held for longer duration if desired. Currently a County tile runs through the basin, only partially draining the basin.

Project Timeline

Time Frame

Goal

2011 to 2013

Acquire the parcel for addition to the WMA

For all lands acquired in fee title or permanent conservation easement, provide a description of the selection process used to identify parcels to be acquired.

We reviewed the Minnesota Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan for parcel compatibility.

Does the land fit priorities of DNR plans and strategies? Does the land provide multiple benefits outlined in local water and land use plans? Is the parcel located adjacent to or within onf half mile of existing protected habitat? Will the area add to existing permanently protected habitat?

Describe the long-term management work required of the agency receiving this land. Estimate the additional cost to the agency for this work.

Restore partially drained wetlands by establishing local ecotype native wetland plant species. Restore upland prairie plant species on deficient areas of the site, utilizing the on-site existing prairie remnant and adjacent native populations as the seed source.

Habitat Development # Acres Cost/Acre Total Funding Source

Prairie Grassland

Forest / Woody Cover

Wetland

Facility Development

Cost Funding Source

Boundary Survey

5000 Grant

Posting / Fencing

Wood Routed Sign

Access Roads and Trails

User Facilities, Access, Parking Lots

Well Sealing / Site Clean-up

Identify short and long term maintenance and management work required to sustain this project and source(s) of funding

Work needed

Who is responsible

Funding source

Prairie Vegetation Management

DNR WMA

DNR and local

Wetland Vegetation Management

DNR WMA

DNR and local

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Answer each of the following questions in 1000 characters or less; descriptions/definitions are available in the [Criteria and Scoring Table](#).

1. Describe the local support for this project.

Landowners within this watershed have participated in and have been supportive of converting marginal lands to wetlands and habitat and they continue to support additional projects. Many of the landowners support the Fox Lake Conservation League and Southern MN DU and they are highly supportive of this acquisition. The Fox Lake Association is another organization highly supportive of area conservation efforts and offer cost share incentive payments toward projects within the Fox Lake Watershed.

2. Describe the degree of collaboration for this project.

The state and county highway departments, Martin County, Martin County Drainage Administrator, Martin SWCD, Martin County Water Plan Coordinator, adjacent landowners and landowners downstream of this site have met regarding mitigation of flooding issues and are supportive of projects that can provide water storage within this watershed upstream of the Highway 4 and County Road 32 intersection.

3. Describe any urgency associated with this project.

With the former landowner passing away earlier this year, the land use will be changing. In order to benefit from the additional habitat quality that has developed on the site while it was being grazed, this parcel will need to be acquired very soon. If converted back into cropland the current value will be lost and it may no longer be available for addition as a WMA.

4. Discuss if there are multiple benefits resulting from your project, identifying those species, habitats, etc.

A diverse prairie remnant exists on the north and south aspects of the steep slopes within a deep, narrow valley of the drainageway for this watershed. It ranges from dry prairie on the top of the south facing slope to wetland at the toe, which broadens out into a nice basin to the west. Near the toe of the south facing slope, Wood Lily was found this year. Rough Blazing Star, Pale Purple Coneflower, Prairie Coreopsis, Purple and White Prairie Clover, both species of Amorpha, Whorled and Butterfly Milkweed and Culver's Root, are just a few of the many species found as you descend the south facing slope.

5. Discuss the habitat benefits resulting from your project.

Existing native prairie habitat will be protected from conversion to non habitat uses. The site will add diversity to the adjacent areas of habitat. There are many species of native plants that are found on this parcel that are not found on any other parcel within the general area. Other parcels that are part of the contiguous habitat associated with this parcel have some native prairie remnants, but lack species like Wood Lily, Yellow Flax, Dotted Blazing Star, Green Milkweed, Ground Plum, Prairie Larkspur and others, all documented on the Kittleson remnant. The north facing slope holds habitat suitable for the federally threatened Prairie Bush Clover

6. Describe how your project is consistent with sound conservation science.

If converted back to cropland, the site is highly vulnerable to excessive wind and water erosion, is marginal for crop production and is difficult to farm. The character of the landscape will require the maintenance of perennial cover, which is needed to prevent erosion and the resulting sediment that would be carried down the watershed and into receiving waters below. The protection of native prairie with the "Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats" practice is a good fit for this site.

7. Indicate if your project is adjacent to protected lands, describing those lands

(ownership, public access, etc.)

An area immediately adjacent to this parcel is private land protected by a perpetual conservation easement. Access to this private land is by landowner permission. Land across a state highway adjacent to the perpetual easement is the Four Corners WMA which is within a State Waterfowl Refuge. The WMA is open to trapping and hunting of other species, but closed to waterfowl hunting except during special seasons. This parcel would be outside of the State Game Refuge, has frontage with County Road 132, and field approaches that would allow for easy public access.

8. Discuss if there is full funding secured for this project and the sources of funding.

This project is fully funded. This proposal and the pledged match would provide a start toward acquiring over 300 additional acres of targeted land for inclusion in the Four Corners WMA. The Fox Lake Conservation League with the continued support of other local organizations, will continue to work toward acquiring all of the suitable land in this general area for inclusion in the Four Corners WMA.

9. Discuss if CPL Grant funds will supplement or supplant existing funding. Discuss how these CPL funds will impact your organization's current budget.

CPL funds will supplement existing funds available through the League and its partners to get this project done. CPL funds will be pass-through dollars that will not affect the organization's budget. The organization's budget is targeted toward habitat improvement and habitat acquisition. CPL funds will make it possible to do a larger project than the League and its partners are able to do on their own.

10. Describe public access at project site for hunting and fishing, identifying all open seasons.

Once acquired there would be no anticipated restrictions anticipated for any type of outdoor recreational activity, including hunting, trapping and fishing. Subject to WMA regulations, the area would be open to the public for the duration of all open seasons.

11. Describe the sustainability of your project.

The protection of this site will result in its availability for future generations. Once it is added to the Four Corners WMA it will be expected to stay in that land use. It holds species that can be managed long term as habitat for a wide range of species that utilize prairie habitat in this part of the country.

12. Discuss use of native vegetation (if applicable).

Remnant local ecotype native vegetation already growing on the site will be used as a source of plant materials to reestablish areas where additional species may be needed. It has a good number of prairie species on the parts of the parcel that has never been cultivated and additional native prairie species located on adjacent native prairie are available for use in adding species diversity on parts of this parcel.

13. Discuss your budget and why it is cost effective.

The budget reflects a realistic cost of acquisition for this type of land in this area. With the species diversity present on this site, even at agricultural land prices today, this parcel is a bargain. Acquiring it now, before the cover is destroyed by annual cropping, helps to make the project cost effective, saving dollars needed to restore a good share of the site, with only some enhancements needed.

14. Describe your organization's ability to successfully complete this work, including experience in the area of interest and ability to successfully implement the proposed project. Include descriptions of your most recent grant experience and if the expected outcomes were achieved.

The Fox Lake Conservation League has been involved in several habitat improvement projects and land acquisitions, partnering with the MN DNR and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The League has funded appraisals and has purchased parcels directly to ensure the land is still available for acquisition once funding becomes available to complete the acquisition.

15. Discuss how your project supports landscape level plans. Use additional sources for information if needed or available.

It supports the Martin County Water Plan goals and objectives relating to protecting and improving surface and ground water quality, ground water recharge and mitigating surface water quantity issues. It addresses water plan issues relating the establishment

of wildlife habitat utilizing local ecotype native plant materials to benefit water quality and reduce sediment delivery to surface waters. Working with agencies to restore wetlands is a water plan action item.

16. Discuss how your project supports species plans. Use additional sources for information if needed or available.

It provides habitat for a broad range of remnant local ecotype native species that appear to be in decline locally. This parcel holds habitat that may be suitable for the Federally threatened and State Endangered, Prairie Bush Clover that has recently been documented on a similar hillside landscape just 5 miles north of this site. It supports the Farm Service Agency/Natural Resources Conservation Service Local Work group initiative to provide habitat for the Blanding's Turtle which has recently been documented in Martin County.

17. Discuss how your project conforms to the Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan.

It will maintain restore and expand critical land habitat, critical habitat at the land/water interface and critical in-water habitat. It will provide outdoor recreation. It will promote a healthy rural economy. It will provide continued research and monitoring by the University of Minnesota under a current study of this watershed as it gradually increases in percentage of wetlands restored and perennial cover established.

18. Discuss how your project conforms to the State Wildlife Action Plan (if applicable).

The project site was reviewed in conjunction with the Minnesota Biological Survey and it has been used as a local ecotype seed source for local restoration projects. It holds habitat that is important for the recovery of rare and declining species. Acquisition of this site will result in prairie enhancement and "tomorrow's habitat for the rare and the wild". The site is close to a public school which uses DNR WMAs as field trip destinations.

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*you may group your project sites together as long as land ownership, activity and habitat information is the same for the land manager

Land Manager

Name:

Randy Markl

Phone:

507 831-2900

Organization:

MN DNR

Email:

randy.markl@state.mn.us

Title:

Area Wildlife Manager

Site Information

Land Ownership:

State

Acres:

130

Site Name(s):

Kittleson

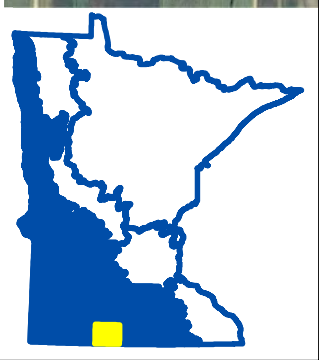
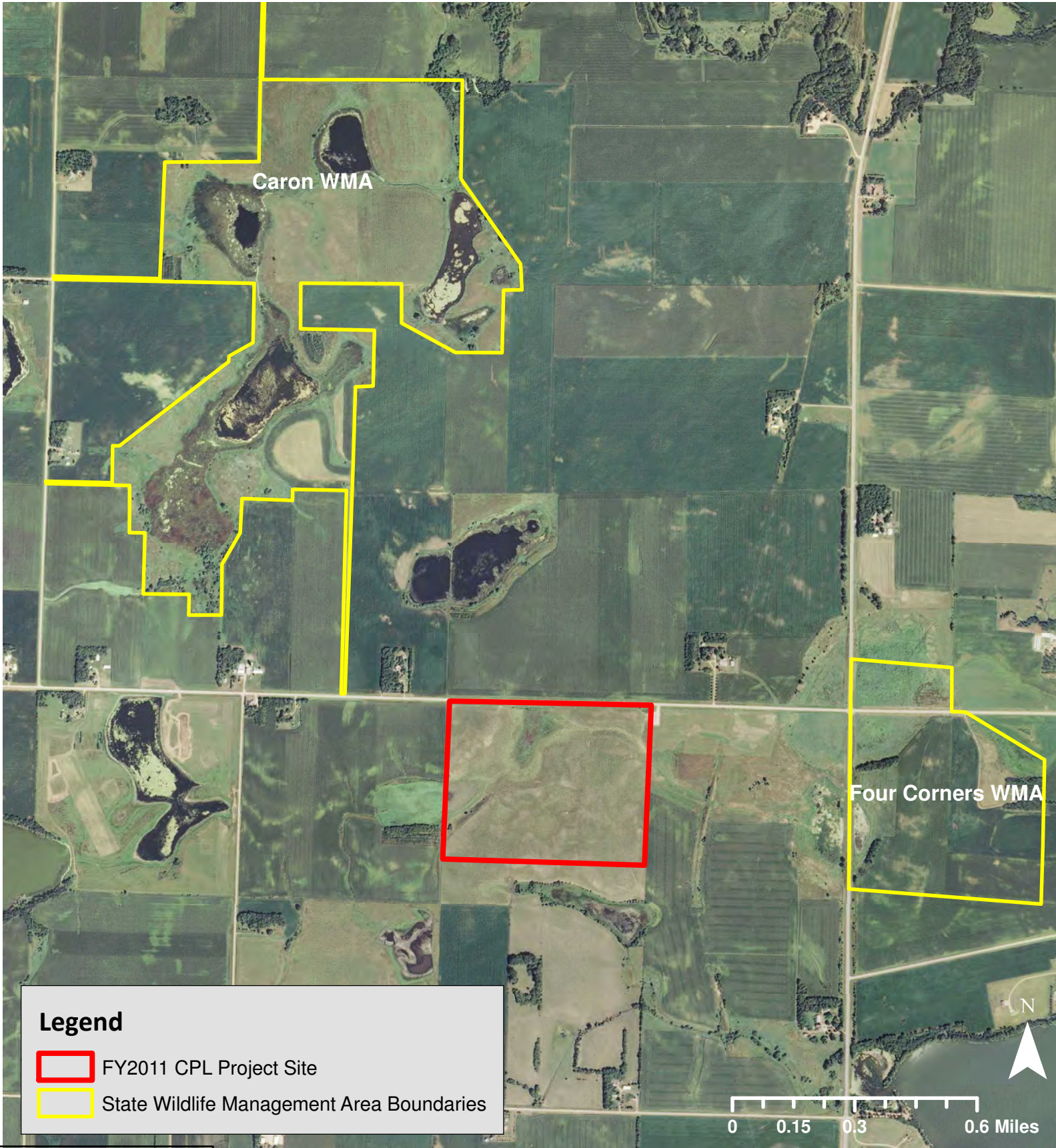
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Activity:

Acquisition

Habitat:

Prairie



CPL FY11-016

Four Corners WMA Kittleson Addition
Martin County,
LSOHC Prairie Planning Section



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Organization's Fiscal Contact Information

Name:	Jim Miller	Street Address 1:	PO Box 212
Title:	Treasurer	Street Address 2:	
Email:	mwt@frontiernet.net	City:	Sherburn
Phone:	507-236-3442	State:	MN
		Zip Code:	56171

Budget Subtotals

Budget Item	Grant	Match	Total		
Personnel					
Contracts					
Fee Acquisition with PILT	\$397,000	\$55,000	\$452,000		
Fee Acquisition without PILT					
Easement Acquisition					
Easement Stewardship				In-kind Total	Cash Total
Travel (in-state)				\$0	\$60,000
Professional Services					
DNR Land Acquisition Cost			\$3,000		
Equipment/Tools/Supplies					
Additional Budget Items		\$5,000	\$5,000		
Total:	\$400,000	\$60,000	\$460,000		

Details

Fee Acquisition with PILT

Parcel Name	Parcel Purchase Price	Amount	Grant/Match	In-kind/Cash
Kittleson North	460000.00	\$397,000	Grant	
Kittleson North	match	\$55,000	Match	Cash
Totals	Grant: \$400,000 Match: \$52,000	Total: \$452,000		

DNR Land Acquisition Cost

Parcel name, est. cost	Description of additional costs	Amount	Grant/Match	In-kind/Cash
Kittleson North	Survey, Title work, appraisal	\$3,000	Grant	
Totals	Grant: \$' \$0 Match: \$0	Total: \$3,000		

Additional Budget Items

Item	Description	Amount	Grant/Match	In-kind/Cash
Site Development	Boundary Survey	\$5,000	Match	Cash
Totals	Grant: \$0 Match: \$5,000	Total: \$5,000		

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Project Review and Approval

A Project Review and Approval Form must be completed by each Land Manager named within the Site Info tab and Land Managers only need to complete one form for all sites they manage. Submitting this form fulfills the following requirements:

- Provides the results of the Natural Heritage Database Review,
- Allows for technical review of the project by the Land Manager, and
- Verifies that the public agency approves the work to be done (or acquisition) on land they manage.

You, as the applicant, are responsible for meeting with the Land Manager and receiving a completed Project Review and Approval Form. This form must contain an original signature from the Land Manager and you must upload it below as a PDF.

Each project will require at least one Project Review and Approval form. You may attach up to 4 forms on this page, but if you need more room you may attach up to three more on the "Additional Info" tab. If your project is working under 3 Land Managers, you must receive and submit a form from each manager.

No late Project Review and Approval Forms will be accepted. Applications lacking any necessary approval forms will be deemed incomplete and not considered for funding.

Answer the following questions, then attach the form(s)

No **Natural Heritage** elements were found within my project site(s):

Project Review and Approval Forms

Uploaded Form 1

CPL Project Review and Approval Form

REVIEWER INFORMATION:

Land manager/ easement holder name:	Randy Markl
Agency:	MN DNR
Title:	Area Wildlife Manager
Phone:	507-822-3595
Email:	randy.markl@state.mn.us

PROJECT INFORMATION:

Project Name:	Four Corners WMA Kittleson Addition
Contact Person:	Doug Hartke
Organization:	Fox Lake Conservation League
Email:	dhartke@frontiernet.net

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 listed the features below and 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 by Friday, August 27th 2010 to CPL Staff at LSCPLGrants.DNR@state.mn.us to complete the Natural Heritage 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.

- ☒ 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.

CPL Project Review and Approval Form

For Acquisitions Only:

- ☒ This project is for an acquisition to be transferred to a public agency by applicant:
- ☒ I have discussed any required Initial Development (facilities, habitat, etc.) work that is required before the transfer with the applicant.
- ☒ I have discussed all applicable costs of those developments and what party is responsible for those costs.

Complete the following cost tables (required work to bring to agency standards).

Habitat Development	# Acres	Cost/ Acre	Total	Funding Source	Applicant is responsible for:
Prairie Grassland					Choose
Forest/ Woody Cover					Choose
Wetland					Choose
Totals					

Facility Development	Cost	Funding Source	Applicant is responsible for:
Boundary Survey	5000	Grant	Both cost and work
Posting/ Fencing			Choose
Wood Routed Sign			Choose
Access Roads and Trails			Choose
User Facilities, Access, Parking Lots			Choose
Well Sealing/ Site Clean-up			Choose
Total	5000		

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 signing 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. I understand I must provide this document as a PDF with my original signature on it to the applicant to submit a complete application.

Name:

Randy Markl

Date:

9/10/10

Comments:

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Additional Information

List any additional details about your project here. Include your organization's history or charter to receive private contributions for local conservation or habitat projects. This is not required.

The Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc. has had 2 major acquisition projects since 2005. We purchased a \$600K Pierce Lake WPA property and resold to the USFWS in 2005 and just recently completed a \$700K Four Corners WMA property purchase that the DNR just finalized the purchase of. We are a 501 C (3) and have charitable gaming license which provides matching dollars to support these past and for future projects. In 2009 donations from our Charitable Gaming was over \$50,000.00. Our board consists of 15 members. We work closely with all conservation groups in Martin County area meeting with most groups at least twice annually. We call ourselves the Martin County Alliance.

Supplemental Documents

If you / your project does not need to upload any of these documents, you may leave these upload boxes empty.

Upload additional information here, limited to Partner Commitment Letters, Letters of Support, Easement information, etc. You may email easement information only if it exceeds size limit while trying to submit the application; all other supporting documentation must be uploaded. Reference CPL Application # and name when emailing (provided upon application submission) or your email will be returned. Send emails to LSCPLGrants.DNR@state.mn.us

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Financial Information Required for Non-Profit applicants requesting over \$25,000

990 Form or EZ990

[Form 990 / EZ990](#)

Audited Financials, unaudited financials as a second choice

[Financials](#)

Does your organization have a Conflict of Interest Policy?

No - Provide a brief description of how your organization would handle any conflicts of interest that may occur.

Board members that have conflict will abstain from voting.

List key staff or members here that will be participating with this project:

Rich Perrine and Doug Hartke will be the primary members working on this project. Pres. Tim Eisenmenger and Treasurer Jim Miller will also be involved. Tim will help with the land purchase and work with the DNR and Jim will pay any invoices.

List your organization's Board of Directors with affiliations:

Board Members Doug Hartke, Jim Miller, Lance Vath, Jake Krohn, Tom Wilson, Dave Ringeisen, Dave Swanson, Harold Nowak, Tim Stahl, David Dale, Jim Claussen, Ryan Sokolofsky, Robert Smith, Tim Eisenmenger



FOX LAKE CONSERVATION LEAGUE INC.
SHERBURN - WELCOME
BOX 212, SHERBURN, MN 56171

September 15, 2010

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program

Subject: Matching funds for the Four Corners WMA Kittleson Addition

To Whom It May Concern:

The Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc. will provide \$60,000 in non governmental funds for the acquisition of the Kittleson Addition to the Four Corners WMA. This match will come from our charitable gaming and our general account and is available immediately upon notification that the project has been funded.

I can be reached at 507-236-1700 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Douglas Hartke
Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc.
Grant Coordinator



1243 Lake Avenue, Suite 222
Fairmont, Minnesota 56031-1974
507-238-5449
<http://www.ruraladvantage.org>

September 10, 2010

Doug Hartke
Fox Lake Conservation League
Sherburn, MN 56176

Dear Mr. Hartke:

On behalf of the Rural Advantage Board of Directors I would like to express our support for the proposal titled "Four Corners WMA - Kittleson Addition" that is being submitted to the Conservation Partners Legacy Grants program.

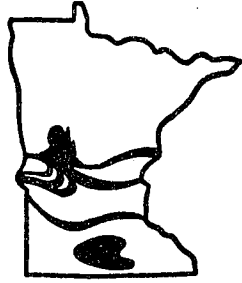
Rural Advantage, a Minnesota based nonprofit, has been a leader in supporting the preservation of a native habitats in Southern Minnesota. With our work around 3rd crops we have been supportive of developing and increasing the seed/plant base of local eco type plant species here in Martin County. Most of our efforts have been related to the role of 3rd crops as feedstock material, development of the Madelia Model concept and supporting the development of processes and technologies that supports the growth and emergence of a more sustainable agricultural cropping system. We are collaborators with University of Minnesota faculty and others involving several current and recent projects.

Rural Advantage staff will assist with the project by assisting with education and outreach activities related to the project that advances the development of additional local eco type plant species. Jill Sackett, University of Minnesota Extension Conservation Agronomist, can lead this piece of the project. She is housed in our office in Fairmont and works under a unique partnership between Rural Advantage and University of Minnesota Extension.

I look forward to working with the Fox Lake Conservation League and other partners on this project. If there are any questions please contact me at 507-238-5449 or linda@ruraladvantage.org.

Sincerely,

Linda Meschke, President



MARTIN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Fairmont, Minnesota 56031
Telephone (507) 235-6680

MINNESOTA SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

September 10, 2010

RE: DNR Conservation Partners Legacy Grant

Doug Hartke
Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc.
P O Box 212
Sherburn, MN 56171

Dear Mr. Hartke,

At the regular Martin Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board of Supervisors meeting on September 2nd, 2010, the Board pledged its enthusiastic support for the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant application that you have developed. The protection of areas having populations of local ecotype native plants is consistent with sound conservation planning and use of these marginal lands for outdoor recreation should result in an economic benefit to the area.

Your proposed acquisition project addresses action items identified in the Martin County Comprehensive Local Water Plan, addressing issues that are important to water quality management and habitat management.

The use of local ecotype native plants that will compete with invasive species should result in better quality wildlife habitat.

Martin SWCD will provide staff as needed to assist with the administration and implementation of your project.

Sincerely,

Kathy Smith
District Manager

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Final Application Submission

This completes your CPL Grant Application. Please take the time to revisit the previous sections and make sure you have entered everything completely and correctly. Once you hit the submit button below, you will not be able to return to this application to make changes.

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 certify 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 certify this organization to have the financial capability to compete this project and that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

I certify that all of the information contained in the application is correct as of the time of the submission. If anything should change, I will contact CPL Grant Staff immediately to make corrections.

I certify that if funded I will give consideration to and make timely written contact to Minnesota Conservation Corps or its successor for consideration of possible use of their services to contract for restoration and enhancement services. I will provide CPL staff a copy of that written contact within 10 days after the execution of my grant, should I be awarded.

I certify that I am aware at least one Project Review and Approval form is required for every application and I must submit all completed forms by uploading them into this application. I have attached one form as necessary for each different Land Manager within my project.

I am aware that by typing my name in the box below, I am applying my signature to this online document.

Signature:

Rich Perrine

Organization / Agency:

Martin SWCD

Title:

Technician

Date:

2010-09-16

Proj ID	Organization Name	Project Name	Habitat	Technical Review Committee Scoring Comments	Amount Request	Score	Regional Comments	Meets Region Plan?	Rank	Region	Division Director's Comments
16	Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc.	Four Corners WMA Kittleson Addition	Prairie	With this grant the project is fully funded, part of larger planned acquisitions. Status of acquisition--how far along? CBS has not mapped, but may still be native species there. Wildlife will benefit from grasses, even nonnative. Good for Martin Co, part of complex. How much actual prairie?	\$400,000	154	GREAT Project	Y	H	4	Good project, nice complex

Final Ranking Comments, Tech Review Committee

Admin costs for all RIM--is it actual or percent? Seems high compared to others. Partially fund admin costs? (Staff had confirmed these costs with applicants and this is their request.)

1st cut: anything below 99 is gone

2nd cut: Anything below 115 gone. That's 60% score--tough to fund things getting less than 50% of the total points.

3rd cut: Anything below 120 is gone. Not totally sold on the Renville - Frank and MPCs prairie shrubland apps.

4th cut: Moved Friends of Miss River up to being funded

5th cut: If dipping lower than recommended projects, look at MPCs--is small club; and Hennepin Co--environment education focus. Pretty even applications when considering outcomes, MPCs scores higher due to criteria.

Expansion of local native seed shouldn't be funded at all.

Bottom three no funding for sure.

	1)Amount of Habitat	2)Local Support	3)Degree of Collaboration	4)Urgency	5)Multiple Benefits	6)Habitat Benefits	7)Sound Conservation Science	8)Adjacent to Protected Lands	9)Full Funding of Project	10)Supplants Existing Funding	11)Public Access for Hunting and Fishing	12)Sustainability	13)Use of Native Plant Materials	14)Budget and Cost Effectiveness	15)Capacity to Successfully Complete Work
	10.00	9.00	9.00	10.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	9.00	6.00	8.00	9.00
	9.00	9.00	8.00	2.00	9.00	8.00	6.00	8.00	6.00	9.00	9.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	8.00
	7.00	6.00	6.00	8.00	7.00	8.00	6.00	6.00	7.00	6.00	10.00	7.00	8.00	7.00	7.00
	8.00	9.00	8.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
	10.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	9.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	5.00	8.00	10.00	8.00	9.00	8.00	9.00
	6.00	6.00	7.00	8.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	5.00	6.00	7.00	7.00
AVERAGES	8.33	7.83	7.67	7.83	8.00	7.83	7.17	8.33	7.00	8.50	9.50	7.50	7.67	8.00	8.17
Total Score	154.17														

16)Supports Existing Landscape Level Plans	17)Supports Species Plans	18)Conforms to Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan	19)Conforms to State Wildlife Action Plan
9.00	10.00	9.00	10.00
9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
8.00	8.00	6.00	8.00
10.00	10.00	9.00	9.00
8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
9.00	8.00	9.00	9.00
8.83	8.83	8.33	8.83