Conservation Partners Legacy Grants **FY2012 Round 2, Complete Applications**
Funding Recommendations, by Org Name

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252	Bad Medicine Lake Area Foundation	Bad Medicine Lake AMA West	NP	FGW	Acquisition	$373,250		114.25	81.61%	Y	$373,250
196	Belwin Conservancy	Lake Edith Savanna Restoration	NP	Prairie	Restoration	$101,980		92.17	65.84%	Y	$101,980
270	Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix Watershed Distrcit	CMSCWD Buffer Initiative	G	FGW	Restoration	$25,000	x	44.5	55.63%	Y	$25,000
212	City of Burnsville	Rudy Kraemer Nature Preserve Restoration	G	Prairie	Restoration	$57,600		73.33	52.38%	Y	$57,600
213	City of Montevideo	Montevideo Dam Removal	G	FGW	Restoration	$100,000		125	89.29%	Y	$100,000
240	City of Roseville	Langton Kids Fishing Lake Habitat Restoration	G	FGW	Restoration	$89,168		109	77.86%	Y	$89,168
224	Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District	Dakota County Agricultural Society Enhancement	G	Wetland	Enhancement	$31,750		112.33	80.24%	Y	$31,750
205	DRM, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Portage Creek Fish Passage Restoration Project	G	FGW	Restoration	$55,000		119.33	85.24%	Y	$55,000
186	Duluth Audubon Society	Kingsbury Creek Forest Restoration	NP	Forest	Restoration	$13,425	x	46.25	57.81%	Y	$13,425
238	Fergus Falls Fish and Game Club	Prairie Easement Enhancement in Otter Tail County	NP	Prairie	Enhancement	$68,320		89.2	63.71%	Y	$68,320
204	Friends of Sax-Zim Bog	Sax-Zim Bog Wetland Habitat Protection	NP	Wetland	Acquisition	$29,072		125.25	89.46%	Y	$29,072
237	Friends of Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge	Upland Restoration on Tamarac NWR	NP	Forest	Restoration	$24,500	x	69.4	86.75%	Y	$16,500
250	Izaak Walton League	Ramsey Mill Pond Oak Forest	NP	Forest	Enhancement	$15,000	x	54	67.50%	Y	$15,000
244	Kanabec Soil and Water Conservation District(SWCD)	Kanabec Prescribed Fire Mgmt - Wildlife Habitats	G	FGW	Enhancement	$25,000	x	70.75	88.44%	Y	$25,000
257	Minnesota Land Trust	Moose Lake	NP	Forest	Acquisition	$58,500		90.2	64.43%	Y	$58,500
226	Minnesota Pheasants, Inc.	Howard Family Farm WPA Grassland Enhancement	NP	Prairie	Enhancement	$25,000	x	68.27	85.34%	Y	$25,000
260	Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust	Lincoln and Perch Lake WPA Restoration	NP	Prairie	Restoration	$160,000		104	74.29%	Y	$160,000
269	Minnesota Waterfowl Association	Kandi WMA Southwest	NP	Prairie	Enhancement	$9,000	x	59	73.75%	Y	$9,000
235	Minnesota Waterfowl Association	Clair Rollings WMA Addition T-2	NP	Prairie	Acquisition	$332,500		95.5	68.21%	Y	$332,500
242	MN Deer Hunters Association	Blue Hill Savanna Restoration	NP	FGW	Restoration	$200,000		112	80.00%	Y	$200,000
233	MN Deer Hunters Association Des Moines Valley	Banks WMA Thermal Enhancement	NP	FGW	Enhancement	$22,033	x	49.25	61.56%	Y	$22,033
189	MN Deer Hunters Association Isanti County Chapter	Spencer Brook WMA - Drabant addition	NP	Wetland	Acquisition	$45,000		105.5	75.36%	Y	$45,000
202	MN Deer Hunters Association Itasca County Chapter	Itasca County White Cedar Planting	NP	Forest	Enhancement	$17,220	x	61.5	76.88%	Y	$17,220
199	MN Deer Hunters Association Park Rapids Chapter	WMA Jack Pine Regeneration	NP	Forest	Enhancement	$13,500	x	70.25	87.81%	Y	$13,500
215	North St. Louis SWCD	North St. Louis Conifer Enhancment	G	Forest	Enhancement	$50,000		116	82.86%	Y	$50,000
234	Pioneer Sarah Watershed Management Commission	Lake Independence Bulrush Restoration	G	FGW	Restoration	$5,400	x	61.75	77.19%	Y	$5,400
194	Ramsey County Parks and Recreation	Otter Lake - woodland restoration	G	Forest	Enhancement	$87,540		92.6	66.14%	Y	$87,540
193	Ramsey County Parks and Recreation	Grass Lake Oakwoods/Shrub Swamp Enhancement	G	Forest	Restoration	$89,850		86	61.43%	Y	$89,850
239	Rice County	CRWA- Maple Basswood Restoration	G	Forest	Restoration	$9,686	x	85.25	60.89%	Y	$9,686
181	Southern Dakota County Sportsmans Club	Vermillion River AMA Prairie Restoration	NP	Prairie	Restoration	$5,000	x	71.17	88.96%	Y	$5,000
209	Sugarloaf: The North Shore Stewardship Association	Native Forest Restoration at Sugarloaf Cove	NP	Forest	Restoration	$8,575	x	54.5	68.13%	Y	$8,575
256	The Nature Conservancy	Weaver Dunes Conservation Easement	NP	Prairie	Acquisition	$135,100		96.6	69.00%	Y	$135,100
228	The Prairie Enthusiasts - Many Rivers Chapter	Rosenau-Lambrecht WMA Prairie Enhancement	NP	Prairie	Enhancement	$13,675	x	56.8	71.00%	Y	$13,675
255	Three Rivers Park District	Hyland Park Reserve Oak-Aspen Forest Restoration	G	Forest	Restoration	$14,800	x	61.4	76.75%	Y	$14,800
227	Viking Sportsmen, Inc.	Remnant Prairie and Oak Savanna Enhancement	NP	Prairie	Enhancement	$17,675	x	45.4	56.75%	Y	$17,675
156	Waseca SWCD	LeSueur River/Manthey WMA Buffer	G	FGW	Acquisition	$215,569		58.75	41.96%	Y	$215,569
188	White Earth Reservation	Middle Rice Lake	G	Wetland	Restoration	$25,000	x	69.67	87.09%	Y	$25,000
221	Zumbro Valley Gobblers NWTF	Turkey Habitat Restoration: Goodhue County	NP	Forest	Enhancement	$22,000	x	64.4	80.50%	Y	$22,000
		38 apps				**$2,591,688**					**$2,583,688**

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262	Christmas Lake Homeowners Organization	Habitat protection (Christmas Lake)	NP	FGW	Enhancement	$25,000	x	21.5	26.88%	N	$0
214	City of Andover	Kelsey Round Lake Park Restoration Project	G	Prairie	Restoration	$15,000	x	28.47	35.59%	N	$0
258	City of Cottage Grove	Gateway North Forest and Prairie Restoration	G	Forest	Restoration	$70,000		65.60	46.86%	N	$0
268	City of Lake St. Croix Beach	LSCB Bluffland Restoration	G	Forest	Restoration	$37,000		60.4	43.14%	N	$0
230	City of Lindstrom	Allemensratt Park	G	Forest	Restoration	$12,750	x	27.60	34.50%	N	$0
216	City of Maplewood	Joy Park Habitat Enhancement	G	Forest	Enhancement	$49,550		67.2	48.00%	N	$0
184	City of New Prague	Settlers Park Prairie and Wetland Restoration	G	Prairie	Restoration	$21,987	x	13.5	16.88%	N	$0
266	City of Prior Lake	Pike Lake Park Development	G	Forest	Restoration	$174,348		72.4	51.71%	N	$0
220	City of Rochester Park and Recreation	Cascade Lake Park Habitat Improvement Project	G	FGW	Enhancement	$385,581		62.5	44.64%	N	$0
267	City of Saint Paul Dept of Parks and Recreation	Phalen Oak Savanna Enhancement	G	Forest	Enhancement	$25,000	x	27.6	34.50%	N	$0
248	City of Waterville	Lagoon Prairie Land Restoration	G	Prairie	Restoration	$16,312	x	14.33	17.91%	N	$0
245	City of Woodbury	Valley Creek Open Space Habitat Restoration	G	FGW	Restoration	$99,870		76.25	54.46%	N	$0
219	Community Action Duluth	Duluth Stream Corps	NP	FGW	Restoration	$350,350		80.75	57.68%	N	$0
146	Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District	Klinder Conservation Easement	G	FGW	Acquisition	$105,000		57.5	41.07%	N	$0
191	Friends of Tamarac	Friends of Tamarac Wetland Enhancement	NP	Wetland	Enhancement	$11,000	x	45	56.25%	N	$0
243	Kanabec Soil and Water Conservation District(SWCD)	Kanabec Wetlands - Invasives Mgmt & Restoration	G	Wetland	Restoration	$24,999	x	52	65.00%	N	$0
231	Martin SWCD	Martin County Local Ecotype Project	G	Prairie	Enhancement	$100,000		63.17	45.12%	N	$0
254	Minnehaha Creek Watershed District	Halverson Farm Habitat Restoration	G	Prairie	Restoration	$336,300		28.8	20.57%	N	$0
241	Rice County	Oak Savannah Restoration	G	Forest	Restoration	$35,106		41.25	51.56%	N	$0
195	Sherburne Soil & Water Conservation District	Young Park - Ecosystem Enhancement Project	G	FGW	Enhancement	$76,940		83.5	59.64%	N	$0
217	Traverse SWCD	Wing 'N Fin Preserve	G	Forest	Acquisition	$400,000		34.2	24.43%	N	$0
265	Waseca SWCD	Bull Run Creek- Oliver	G	Prairie	Acquisition	$397,488		69	49.29%	N	$0
263	Waseca SWCD	Cannon River - Hagen	G	Prairie	Acquisition	$41,371		68	48.57%	N	$0
264	Waseca SWCD	LeSueur River - Bauman	G	Prairie	Acquisition	$137,572		67.67	48.34%	N	$0
174	Waseca SWCD	LeSueur River -Donahue	G	FGW	Acquisition	$286,740		63.5	45.36%	N	$0
172	Waseca SWCD	Boot Creek - Koziolek	G	Prairie	Acquisition	$168,312		58	41.43%	N	$0
162	Waseca SWCD	Cannon River- Carlson	G	Prairie	Acquisition	$65,209		56.17	40.12%	N	$0
175	Waseca SWCD	LeSueur River Tributary - Guse	G	Prairie	Acquisition	$262,746		52.17	37.26%	N	$0
		28 apps				**$3,731,531**					**$0**

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Application Summary, Score and Funding Result (by Organization Name)

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252	Bad Medicine Lake Area Foundation	Bad Medicine Lake AMA West	Becker	Acquisition	FGW	$373,250	114.25	81.61%	Y	$373,250	The proposed AMA acquisition consists of approximately 7.5 acres with 750 feet of shoreline. Bad Medicine Lake is a closed-basin oligotrophic lake with high water quality. It is presently about 6 feet above ordinary high water level [OHWL] and likely to remain above that level. The lake has been above the OHWL for over 25 years. The proposed AMA contains a high proportion of littoral zone habitat and comprises one of the few areas of the lake with this habitat type. It can be utilized as spawning area and habitat. The upland habitat is used by a variety of game and nongame species. It is directly across the lake from another AMA (within 1/2 mile) that has recently been acquired through the BMLAF with DNR assistance and a RIM match grant. The property is contiguous with state forest land. Bad Medicine Lake is managed as a two-story trout fishery and receives substantial public use through the access at the north end of the lake. The shoreline is used by nesting loons and beaver.
196	Belwin Conservancy	Lake Edith Savanna Restoration	Washington	Restoration	Prairie	$101,980	92.17	65.84%	Y	$101,980	The Lake Edith Natural Area Restoration project seeks to enhance and restore habitat at Belwin Conservancy, a non-profit organization dedicated to the permanent protection and restoration of native habitat. In addition to the permanent protection offered by ownership from Belwin Conservancy, the Minnesota Land Trust holds an easement over much of the project site. The Lake Edith Natural Area is a mosaic of high quality wetlands; oak savanna and woodlands; and restored prairie and grasslands within the St. Croix Valley. Beginning in 2009, over 110 acres of savanna and prairie were cleared of invasive woody plants and interseeded, improving habitat for rare species such as the Red-headed Woodpecker and the Blandings turtle. The project outlined here includes enhancing this oak savanna restoration as well as beginning the restoration of an adjacent oak woodland and savanna. In all, these restorations would complete over 200 acres of high quality of prairies, savannas, and woodlands.
270	Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix WD	CMSCWD Buffer Initiative	Washington	Restoration	FGW	$25,000	44.5	55.63%	Y	$25,000	The purpose of this project is to complete habitat restoration and enhancement below the ordinary high water mark (OHW) and within the emergent zone of 13 lakes in the Carnelian Marine St. Croix Watershed District, 10 are shallow lakes making them important habitat. This project will focus on the restoration of the transition zone between the lakes€™ emergent zone and the documented OHW. Since the OHW was marked prior to outlet modification on several of the lakes in CMSCWD, there is ample space for habitat restoration and enhancement below the OHW. Non-native species will be removed from the transition zone in target project areas and replaced with native emergent and transition zone species. The goal will be to enhance habitat for shoreland wildlife including waterfowl and fish that depend on the lakes shoreline area for reproduction, migration, spawning, food and cover. The project will also provide habitat for zooplankton, which provide food for fish and aid in water clarity.

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262	Christmas Lake Homeowners Org	Habitat protection (Christmas Lake)	Hennepin	Enhancement	FGW	$25,000	21.5	26.88%	N	$0	This proposal is to use Legacy funds to help protect the fish and wildlife habitat of Christmas Lake from the long-term ecosystem disruption caused by zebra and quagga mussels, and other aquatic invasive species (AIS). No one can be certain how any individual lake will respond to an infestation of zebra or quagga mussels, but the typical ecosystem affects are know to impact the entire food chain in the lake, dramatically changing the fishing habitat for anglers. Contrary to myth, preventing the spread of AIS can be achieved, or at a minimum delayed. These outcomes are in line with the stewardship intents of the Legacy Fund, the MN DNR, the City of Shorewood, the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District and the CLHA. Inbound AIS inspections by MN DNR Level 1 inspectors can dramatically reduce the risk of a new infestation of AIS into Christmas Lake. The protect intends to have AIS inspections for all watercraft entering Christmas Lake during the 2012 boating season.
214	City of Andover	Kelsey Round Lake Park Restoration Project	Anoka	Restoration	Prairie	$15,000	28.47	35.59%	N	$0	The City would like to restore approximately 35 acres of prairie and 15 acres of woodland area in its largest park, Kelsey Round Lake Park, by allowing a diverse array of local ecotype, indigenous plant material to flourish in their respective areas. The prairie will be comprised of grasses and forbs and the woodland area will be comprised of trees, shrubs and woodland forbs. This would provide countless benefits to many different species of wildlife, including species of greatest need of conservation and species of special concern, which require these habitats for survival. In addition, it would be an important resting stop for wildlife that migrates. It's important to restore these types of areas in suburban settings (prairie and mixed upland deciduous forest) because they are more rare and may be overlooked.
212	City of Burnsville	Rudy Kraemer Nature Preserve Restoration	Dakota	Restoration	Prairie	$57,600	73.33	52.38%	Y	$57,600	This project will restore 22 acres of degraded prairie and wet prairie areas that have been invaded by invasive plant species. The project will also protect several remnant prairie pockets within the restoration area that have excellent native plant diversity. The project area borders an existing 46 acre prairie and wetland restoration.
258	City of Cottage Grove	Gateway North Forest and Prairie Restoration	Washington	Restoration	Forest	$70,000	65.60	46.86%	N	$0	The Gateway North Open Space (GNOS) property consists of dry prairie remnant and woodlands, both of which have been historically disturbed. The proposed project will use recommendations provided in the Friends of the Mississippi natural resource plan to guide implementation of restoration activities. The woodland areas require management of forest health including invasive woody species control and tree disease management. The site will be divided into forest health management zones and implementation based on priority of management. The prairie restoration project is an effort to restore valuable parkland in the 30 acres of GNOS area in the Xcel Energy/CG Trailway Corridor to its presettlement prairie savanna plant community type. Benefits of this project would include improved native habitat, water quality, erosion control measures, and restored resource integrity.

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268	City of Lake St. Croix Beach	LSCB Bluffland Restoration	Washington	Restoration	Forest	$37,000	60.4	43.14%	N	$0	The purpose of this project is to revegetate and stabilize the City-owned bluffland adjacent to the St. Croix River in the City of Lake St. Croix Beach. Past disturbance has led to the loss of mature trees, understory vegetation, and overall forest, woodland, brushland habitat on the steep slopes. This project will reintroduce appropriate herbaceous, shrub and tree species in an effort to restore St. Croix bluffland habitat as described in Wovcha et al. (1995) Minnesotaâ€™s St. Croix River Valley and Anoka Sandplain, A Guide to Native Habitats. Implementation of this project will result in a more stable bluff and reduce sediment loading to the river improving water quality and protecting river species sensitive to sediment such as the Higgins Eye Mussel, which occurs nearby. The project will also result in restored bluffland habitat which supports a variety of plant and animal species including up to 268 species of birds as it is an Important Bird Area (Audubon Minnesota).
230	City of Lindstrom	Allemensratt Park	Chisago	Restoration	Forest	$12,750	27.60	34.50%	N	$0	The City of Lindstrom acquired Allemansratt Park, a 150 yr old legacy farm as a Swedish Heritage and Wilderness Park. The Resource Management Plan outlines a program of invasive species removal, (buckthorn) and reforestation of a small field. The City has begun buckthorn removal of larger trees but now faces the need to broadcast spray a large area of the park for smaller sprouts. We also wish to undertake the reforestation, with native tree and shrub species of the small field.
216	City of Maplewood	Joy Park Habitat Enhancement	Ramsey	Enhancement	Forest	$49,550	67.2	48.00%	N	$0	Joy Park is a 60-acre park and preserve on the shores of Silver Lake, in Maplewood, Minnesota. The oak woodland and oak savanna habitat at the park has a healthy oak canopy and scattered patches of native ground cover, including the highest diversity of native woodland wildflowers in Maplewood. Buckthorn and herbaceous weeds have spread throughout the site and threaten the long-term survival of the native ground covers. This project will enhance ten acres of oak woodland and oak savanna by removing and managing invasive species, planting trees and shrubs to enhance woodland structure and diversity, and seeding and planting native groundcovers to connect existing patches. These activities will improve habitat for native insects, birds, and wildlife and help improve water quality in the site wetlands and Silver Lake. This project will create a unique example in the East Metro of high-quality, high-diversity oak woodland and oak savanna.

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213	City of Montevideo	Montevideo Dam Removal	Chippewa	Restoration	FGW	$100,000	125	89.29%	Y	$100,000	The Montevideo dam is located on the Chippewa River one mile upstream of the Minnesota River in Montevideo. The dam frequently prevents natural migrations by native aquatic organisms between upstream and downstream habitats. The dam has also caused degradation of upstream habitats by causing the channel to widen and sedimentation of riffles to occur. This project involves removal of the dam and partially replacing it with a constructed rock rapids. This will reconnect 12 miles of the Chippewa River up to the next major barrier which is the Watson-Sag diversion dam. The rock rapids is necessary to provide grade control because the river has been channelized downstream of the dam and would severely erode upstream without the rapids. The Montevideo dam frequently floods out during high flows and is not a barrier to Asian carp.
184	City of New Prague	Settlers Park Prairie and Wetland Restoration	Le Sueur	Restoration	Prairie	$21,987	13.5	16.88%	N	$0	The Settlers Park Prairie Restoration Project will establish 6 acres of a relatively new City Park as a native prairie environment including 1.31 acres of wetland seeding/restoration. The six acre area of the park as been known since it's establishment as the "Green Meadow", but is not known for it's beauty or ecological benefits as it is largely an open and un-mowed area which was previously part of a former farmstead. The prairie establishment project will hopefully act as a catalyst for other City of New Prague park areas to be converted to native prairies which not only provides a much needed habitat that is lacking in City Parks in New Prague today, but also will reduce the amount of mowed acres of turf grass within the City that is extremely costly and time consuming to maintain throughout the summer months. The restoration will benefit local wildlife by improving their habitat from it's currently low quality.
266	City of Prior Lake	Pike Lake Park Development	Scott	Restoration	Forest	$174,348	72.4	51.71%	N	$0	The Pike Lake Natural Area restoration and enhancement project is the next step in the preservation of the premier natural area in the City of Prior Lake. This 30 acre site was acquired by the Trust for Public Land and deeded to the City for the permanent stewardship in 2008. The high quality natural site includes over a half mile of lakeshore on Pike Lake, 650 feet of Prior Creek, a peninsula and an island that serves as a nesting place for Bald Eagles. The purpose of this project is to begin the restoration and enhancement of the many natural features.

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220	City of Rochester Park and Rec	Cascade Lake Park Habitat Improvement Project	Olmsted	Enhancement	FGW	$385,581	62.5	44.64%	N	$0	The Cascade Lake Habitat Improvement Project (7.3 ac) will restore 4 wetland communities, enhance aquatic habitat and improve angling opportunities in Rochester. Several reclaimed gravel pits will transform Cascade Lake into a 100-acre basin. Typical shorelines of reclaimed pits are too steep to form natural transitions from upland to aquatic habitats, and do not provide safe access for recreation. In order for successful restoration, shoreline and littoral areas must be altered to gradual (~10:1) slopes. Wetland communities will be restored and vegetation plantings will provide aquatic habitat for various fish species. Three fishing access points will promote angling participation and success. Nine hardwood tree structures will simulate a natural tree fall and enhance aquatic habitat. Remaining shoreline areas will be restored to a 1.7-acre natural buffer planted with local source native grasses to prevent erosion, protect water quality, and provide critical habitat for wildlife.
240	City of Roseville	Langton Kids Fishing Lake Habitat Restoration	Ramsey	Restoration	FGW	$89,168	109	77.86%	Y	$89,168	The proposed project is located at Langton Lake Park, a heavily visited park in the City of Roseville. Langton Lake is a Kids Fishing Lake and is regularly stocked with the goal of attracting and retaining urban youth as life-long anglers. Langton Lake has good water quality and the upland around the lake supports moderate quality oak forest that provides an important buffer to the lake, as well as offering habitat to resident and migratory wildlife. The proposed project will restore a minimum of 20 acres of upland (oak) forest, as well as restore approximately 140 feet of eroded shoreline near the public fishing pier.
267	City of Saint Paul Parks and Rec	Phalen Oak Savanna Enhancement	Ramsey	Enhancement	Forest	$25,000	27.6	34.50%	N	$0	This program will enhance and manage approximately 10 acres of disturbed oak forest and oak savanna in the City of Saint Paul through invasive species removal and control, prescribed burning, and revegetation efforts. The project will improve forest health, increase connectedness of high-quality native plant communities, reduce sedimentation of impaired waterbodies, and improve habitat for fish and wildlife. This program is consistent with the Watershed Management Plan for Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District 2006-2016 (2007) and the Phalen â€“ Keller Regional Park Master Plan Amendment (2011), which identify overall ecological goals and objectives for the project sites. These projects will be focused on significant land parcels adjacent to existing shoreland restorations at Lake Phalen, and allow for a continued partnership between the City and the Watershed District.

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248	City of Waterville	Lagoon Prairie Land Restoration	Le Sueur	Restoration	Prairie	$16,312	14.33	17.91%	N	$0	The City of Waterville wishes to restore 2.6 acres of City property on Lake Tetonka. Protection and restoration of this area will benefit non-game wildlife identified in Tomorrow's Habitat for the Wild and Rare: an Action Plan for Minnesota Wildlife, including the common snapping turtle, brown thrasher and the red-headed woodpecker. Trails and interpretive signage will provide an educational benefit. The project will help control shoreline erosion and act as a filter for water runoff. Our plan demonstrates sound conservation science by taking land that was once a housing development and restoring it back to a multiple use space to be enjoyed by anglers and visitors year around. The cost for this project is appropriate for the location, as demonstrated by the commitment of resources and community volunteers that are dedicated to this project. Our Community values the importance of its natural resources, and educating its users of cleaner, safer alternatives.
245	City of Woodbury	Valley Creek Open Space Habitat Restoration	Washington	Restoration	FGW	$99,870	76.25	54.46%	N	$0	The Valley Creek Open Space Habitat Restoration project will restore a total of 102 acres of oak forest, woodland, prairie and wetland in eastern Washington County. Work will implement a comprehensive natural resources management plan developed for the site and include invasive brush management, native seeding, forest diversification through supplemental planting of mast- and fruit bearing hardwood trees, prairie seeding and treatment of invasive herbaceous species in upland and wetland areas.
219	Community Action Duluth	Duluth Stream Corps	St. Louis	Restoration	FGW	$350,350	80.75	57.68%	N	$0	Community Action Duluth (CAD) seeks to expand Duluth Stream Corps€ (DSC), a US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Great Lakes Restoration Initiative-funded program focused on protecting and restoring upland riparian zones. DSC, initiated in 2010, uses under- and un-employed urban residents to conduct restoration projects on private land adjacent to streams that flow into the St. Louis River Area of Concern (AOC) within the City of Duluth. CAD will leverage CPL funding to expand the DSC program to: 1) implement habitat restoration projects that retain water, filter pollutants, remove invasive species, and restore native vegetation along 14 cold-water streams; 2) connect riparian corridor segments to build continuous corridors; 3) provide jobs and marketable skills for disadvantaged area residents; and 4) expand the award-winning Stream Corps model to public lands. This project will restore and protect coniferous habitats that are imperiled and under increasing pressure.

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224	Dakota County SWCD	Dakota County Agricultural Society Enhancement	Dakota	Enhancement	Wetland	$31,750	112.33	80.24%	Y	$31,750	The Dakota County Agricultural Society, Inc. easement property was converted from farmland to approximately 193 acres of restored wet prairie and seasonally flooded wetlands in 1999. Located on a main tributary to the Vermillion River, this easement provides critical habitat to area wildlife and functions as a stream buffer, providing a significant water quality benefit to the river. Numerous species of native forbs, wildflowers, and native grasses have been seeded into what has traditionally been row crops. Over 2,000 trees were also planted along the southeast and southwest boundaries of this easement. Walking trails, open to the public, were mowed throughout the restoration area and are maintained by local wildlife organizations. As a result, this easement receives heavy public use and is frequently utilized for educational activities. Unfortunately, invasive tree species have migrated into restored areas and threaten the health and diversity of this easement.
146	Douglas SWCD	Klinder Conservation Easement	Douglas	Acquisition	FGW	$105,000	57.5	41.07%	N	$0	The Klinder Conservation Easement proposal is a request for funding to secure a perpetual conservation easement (RIM Easement) on Mr. Klinders property. Mr. Klinder has two parcels totaling 77.2 acres in size. These parcels have been in the Federal Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) for the previous 20 years. Mr. Klinder wishes to enroll this land in a perpetual conservation easement to protect the land perpetually from ever being developed. As mentioned above the site has been previously restored through the CRP program. Wetlands have been restored, trees planted, and grasses established. These parcels will stay in private ownership and maintenance will be responsibility of the landowner, son no additional funds will be needed for continued maintenance.
205	DRM, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Portage Creek Fish Passage Restoration Project	Cass	Restoration	FGW	$55,000	119.33	85.24%	Y	$55,000	This project will reestablish fish passage between Portage and Leech Lakes and reduce shoreline erosion by removing the existing dam on the Soo Line Trail and replacing it with natural grade control. The existing dam on the Soo Line Trail, below Portage Lake on Portage Creek, will be removed and replaced with natural grade control. This will consist of a series of rock weirs designed to slow water velocity and allow fish to migrate upstream. The grade control will also be designed to manage water levels on Portage Lake slightly lower than historic levels in order to reduce shoreline erosion from high water ice heave. A bridge will be built on the Soo Line Trail to span Portage Creek. All work from planning through contract administration and monitoring will be performed by the USFS and the LLBO. Construction/maintenance activities would be accomplished by a hired contractor.

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186	Duluth Audubon Society	Kingsbury Creek Forest Restoration	St. Louis	Restoration	Forest	$13,425	46.25	57.81%	Y	$13,425	The Duluth Audubon is restoring and enhancing 20 acres of sensitive hillside habitat along Kingsbury Creek that belongs to the city of Duluth. The restoration includes mixed hardwoods such as oak and yellow birch and conifers that provide wildlife habitat and help improve aquatic habitat within the creek, which is a DNR designated trout stream and MPCA impaired waterway. This project will help restore ecosystem services to a landscape dominated by nonnative grasses, open canopy and stunted or declining pioneer trees. The goal is to plant a variety of species to diversify the forest as adaptive management for climate change, and return a conifer component to slow rain and snowmelt infiltration into the creek. This project is spurred in part by the attention the estuary has gotten by the EPA as an Area of Concern and by Audubon MN as one of the states€™s newest IBAs.
238	Fergus Falls Fish and Game Club	Prairie Easement Enhancement in Otter Tail County	Otter Tail	Enhancement	Prairie	$68,320	89.2	63.71%	Y	$68,320	The Fergus Falls Fish and Game Club (FFFGC) would like to partner with private landowners, the MN DNR, the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and the CPL grant program to restore and enhance prairie and wetland habitat on four FWS habitat easements and one state WMA in Otter Tail County. The FWS recently purchased perpetual habitat easements on these four sites between 2008 and 2010. Portions of all of these sites have a past history of being enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) where many areas were planted to native grasses and forbs during initial enrollment. As such, many of these sites have been idle for at least 10 years and are being invaded by trees; in addition, the native grasses are suppressed by cool season grasses. This project will use a combination of tree and brush removal, seeding, and prescribed fire to restore and enhance 274 acres of prairie. The project will also restore 11 acres of wetlands via plugging drainage ditches.
204	Friends of Sax-Zim Bog	Sax-Zim Bog Wetland Habitat Protection	St. Louis	Acquisition	Wetland	$29,072	125.25	89.46%	Y	$29,072	Friends of Sax-Zim Bog proposes to purchase 40 acres of unique black spruce/tamarack wetland bog within the Sax-Zim Bog area located 35 miles northwest of Duluth, Minnesota. Acquisition of the property will preserve and protect habitat for a unique array of birds and mammals, many not found in other parts of the United States. It will also provide educational opportunities to increase recognition of birds and their habitats.
191	Friends of Tamarac NWR	Upland Restoration on Tamarac NWR	Becker	Restoration	Forest	$24,500	69.4	86.75%	Y	$16,500	The Friends of Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge (Friends of Tamarac) seeks $24,500 in grant funding to assist Tamarac NWR in the restoration of approximately 100 acres of coniferous forest and 70 acres of native prairie grassland for the benefit of wildlife. The project consists of 3 or 4 conifer restoration sites and one large native prairie restoration site. The conifer restoration will be planted with either a mixture of red/white pine or jack pine seedlings which is dependent on site condition. The native prairie grassland site grassland will be enhanced by interseeding a number of cool season native grass species to help control invading cool season tame grasses and improve nesting cover. Multiple habitat and species benefits are expected. Habitat benefits

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237	Friends of Tamarac NWR	Friends of Tamarac Wetland Enhancement	Clearwater	Enhancement	Wetland	$11,000	45	56.25%	N	$0	The Friends of Tamarac Refuge would like to support the Wildlife Refuge in its five county wetland management district, to enhance and protect wetlands that have been previously restored but have become severely degraded from the effects cattle grazing on selected easement properties. The most cost effective and long-term solution is to armor degraded dikes with rip-rap (rocks 3-6" in diameter). Many of the 34 earthen dikes proposed are degraded to the point of minimally achieving the restoration goals of their initial restoration.
259	Isanti SWCD	Native praire seeding	Isanti	Restoration	Prairie	$85,000	0.00	0.00%	IE	$0	The project will establish highly visible demonstration projects to address concerns identified in Isanti Countys water plan to reduce runoff and protect groundwater by establishing native praire on 250ac of private lands.
250	Izaak Walton League	Ramsey Mill Pond Oak Forest	Mower	Enhancement	Forest	$15,000	54	67.50%	Y	$15,000	This proposal is about removing invasive, exotic shrubs and small trees, especially targeting buckthorns and honeysuckles within a 30 acre section of oak forest, savannah and woodlands along the Red Cedar River at the Ramsey Mill Pond State Wildlife Area. The project site is a bluff overlooking the river located in the highest use portion of the Wildlife Area. The project will serve as a forest and savanna management demonstration site, will remove exotic species from an area they are most likely to be encountered by visitors to the area and enhance the habitat value of the wildlife area.
244	Kanabec SWCD	Kanabec Wetlands - Invasives Mgmt & Restoration	Kanabec	Restoration	Wetland	$25,000	70.75	88.44%	Y	$25,000	The goals of this project include the restoration and enhancement of 25 acres of wetland habitat in Kanabec County on state WMA's and on Kanabec SWCD (local unit of gov't) owned property. These goals will be accomplished by completing 10 projects that include a combination of small water control structure installation and wetland excavations to remove invasive species, including cattails and reed canary grass. The hydric soil conditions and the glacial till and lacustrine parent materials in these wetlands and fringe areas, will support the proposed activities by retaining the surface waters in these wetlands. Local supporters for this project include the Kanabec County Pheasants Forever Chapter and the local Deer Hunter's Association.

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243	Kanabec SWCD	Kanabec Prescribed Fire Mgmt - Wildlife Habitats	Kanabec	Enhancement	FGW	$24,999	52	65.00%	N	$0	The proposed prescribed burning project will restore and enhance approximately 1,000 acres of habitat within 15 separate sites. All sites are publically accessible state WMA lands and SWCD administered lands. This project will be supported widely because it meets the goals of many local and state organizations such as the Kanabec County Pheasants Forever chapter, the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, Kanabec SWCD and DNR wildlife, to improve degraded wildlife nesting and cover habitat for multiple species such as sharp-tail grouse, ring-necked pheasant, wild turkey and many other game and non-game species.
247	Land Stewardship Project	Prairie Landowner Contact	Pope	Acquisition	Prairie	$79,300	0.00	0.00%	W	$0	This project will contact all landowners with more than one acre of native prairie within the Glacial Lakes Prairie Core Area to provide them with information about the protection, restoration, and enhancement of native prairie and grasslands. This is a joint project of the Land Stewardship Project (LSP)and The Nature Conservancy (Conservancy)that addresses a priority issue identified by the Minnesota Prairie Plan Working Group: how to inform and influence prairie landowners about the potential future of their land. Information on all of the conservation options available will be presented to each landowner and an ongoing dialog with the most appropriate conservation agency or group will be established. This dialog should increase the number and quality of prairie conservation projects in the Glacial Lakes area.
231	Martin SWCD	Martin County Local Ecotype Project	Martin	Enhancement	Prairie	$100,000	63.17	45.12%	N	$0	This project will work to enhance primarily prairie and some woodland habitat in county and city parks, WMAs and perpetual conservation easements in Martin County. Local ecotype seeds will be harvested from native plant populations and planted on protected lands. This project will benefit multiple native plant species. The proposed project may partner with Native Buffer and Cooperative Weed Management projects that will provide invasive species removal prior to project plantings. After any invasive species removal, local ecotype native plants will be established. Most of the project sites border county lakes, wetlands or streams. By enhancing habitats with native plant species, upland habitat will be improved, runoff into the lakes will be reduced and thus improve riparian and aquatic habitats and the water quality.

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254	Minnehaha Creek WD	Halverson Farm Habitat Restoration	Hennepin	Restoration	Prairie	$336,300	28.8	20.57%	N	$0	The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) proposes to restore 70 acres of former farm land to high-diversity mesic prairie (54.2 acres), dry prairie (3.1 acres), sedge meadow (4.5 acres) and wet meadow (8.2 acres), as well as establish future oak savanna. The property is in a MCWD key conservation area, a Metro Conservation Corridor, and a Regional Ecological Corridor. It is located on the north side of Six Mile Marsh, a Regionally Significant Ecological Area and Hennepin County Natural Resource Corridor, which drains east to Halsted Bay on Lake Minnetonka. MCWD purchased the 112.5-acre farm from August, 2011 to take it out of row-crop agriculture and restore it to diverse perennial native upland and wetland vegetation. Built into the restoration design are ecological studies aimed at practical restoration questions, the answers to which could lower restoration costs, improve results, and advance the science of prairie and wetland restoration in Minnesota.
257	Minnesota Land Trust	Moose Lake	Carlton	Acquisition	Forest	$58,500	90.2	64.43%	Y	$58,500	The Minnesota Land Trust will secure donated conservation easements on two private properties near Moose Lake, Minnesota, in the east central region of the state. These conservation easements will protect approximately 650 acres of important hardwood forest, numerous wetlands and approximately 2,000 feet of sensitive shoreline habitat on Moose Lake. This contiguous property is located in a key habitat complex of several thousand acres, which includes Moose Lake State Park and school trust lands. This complex is essential for numerous wildlife species, including migratory waterfowl, black bear, timber wolves, upland game birds, fish and other aquatic species.
226	Minnesota Pheasants, Inc.	Howard Family Farm WPA Grassland Enhancement	Blue Earth	Enhancement	Prairie	$25,000	68.27	85.34%	Y	$25,000	Our objective is to remove trees on Howard Family Farm Waterfowl Production Area (WPA) to revitalize and reclaim a contiguous piece of prairie and return it to a feasible maintenance regimen. The proposed project is a Phase II of a CPL Grant, Blue Earth County WPA Restoration and Enhancement Project, which treated 80 acres adjacent to the proposed treatment area. Trees in grasslands change the dynamics of the ecosystem. They shade out native grasses and forbs, provide shelter and corridors for predators, and decrease production of grassland nesting birds. Research shows that larger tracts of grasslands yield higher rates of nest success. If treated, this site will provide higher quality habitat for resident species (pheasant) and for migratory grassland nesting waterfowl and songbirds, and ultimately, a quality experience for hunters.

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260	Minnesota Valley NWR Trust	Lincoln and Perch Lake WPA Restoration	Blue Earth	Restoration	Prairie	$160,000	104	74.29%	Y	$160,000	This project will restore and enhance 201 upland and wetland acres at the Lincoln (196 acres) and Perch Lake (5 acres) Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs) in Blue Earth County. These recently acquired acres are part of a 720-acre complex (Lincoln WPA) and a nearly 900-acre complex (Perch Lake and Cobb WPAs). Degraded habitat, woody species, and predators are threatening the survival and success of resident and migratory wildlife. Funds will be used to remove trees, prepare and seed native prairie, restore wetlands, and remove buildings. Overall, this project will augment the large partnership investments in these two complexes. It will increase habitat quality and nest success for resident and migratory grassland birds while providing additional protection to the core areas of these complexes. It will also provide benefits to water quality through filtration and storage and increase wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities.
269	Minnesota Waterfowl Association	Kandi WMA Southwest	Kandiyohi	Enhancement	Prairie	$9,000	59	73.75%	Y	$9,000	The volunteer trees and shrubs will be cut and piled on site. The project will impact 33 acres including approximately 15 acres of wetland on the Kandi WMA site. Removal of volunteer trees will occur on approximately 11 acres on the Kandi WMA and 7 acres on the Dietrich Lange WMA site.
235	Minnesota Waterfowl Association	Clair Rollings WMA Addition T-2	Swift	Acquisition	Prairie	$332,500	95.5	68.21%	Y	$332,500	The purpose of this proposal is to purchase and develop approximately 135 acres of land from Paul Hanson/SDH Land and Cattle, LLC. This is an addition the existing Clair Rollings Wildlife Management Area. A portion of this tract is included in the original DNR project proposal. This tract includes approximately 39 acres of land enrolled in the CREP/RIM program. This land is permanently protected by easement. This portion of land value as determined by appraisal will be donated by the owner.
242	MN Deer Hunters Association	Blue Hill Savanna Restoration	Sherburne	Restoration	FGW	$200,000	112	80.00%	Y	$200,000	The goal of this project is to work with the USFWS to improve oak savanna habitat based on pre-European settlement conditions to support a variety of wildlife including deer, wild turkey, red-headed woodpecker, Blanding's turtles and other species dependent on this habitat. Savannas are a globally imperiled ecosystem and most have been lost or degraded due to fire suppression and direct conversion to agriculture or development. With this decline in habitat, many species associated with savanna are also declining. This project will restore a degraded savanna by cleaning up the understory which will include: removing most dead and downed trees, brush removal, planting native forbs and grasses. Other management activities will include tree thinning operations, invasive species eradication, and planting bur oak seedlings in a restored grassland. Management activities that mimic natural processes (i.e. fire) will be implemented in this area through time to maintain savanna habitat.

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233	MN Deer Hunters Association Des Moines Valley	Banks WMA Thermal Enhancement	Cottonwood	Enhancement	FGW	$22,033	49.25	61.56%	Y	$22,033	There is a need for Winter Thermal cover and winter browse in Southwest MN. This project is to enhance the tree and shrub cover on the Banks WMA. The project we are proposing will add cover and mast trees as well as low shrubs. The utilization of tall trees and shrubs will greatly improve the cover and food supply to improve winter survival.
189	MN Deer Hunters Association Isanti County Chapter	Spencer Brook WMA - Drabant addition	Isanti	Acquisition	Wetland	$45,000	105.5	75.36%	Y	$45,000	This is a 40 acre acquisition to the Spencer Brook WMA in Isanti County. The 40 consists of 36 acres - type 2 wetland, and 4 acres of upland.
202	MN Deer Hunters Association Itasca County Chapter	Itasca County White Cedar Planting	Itasca	Enhancement	Forest	$17,220	61.5	76.88%	Y	$17,220	County would utilize the Minnesota Conservation Corps of MN to create future winter cover for wildlife in Itasca County. This proposal will entail the planting of White Cedar seedlings in recently clear cut conifer stands in two locations of Itasca County. The seedlings will be planted on two sites for a total of 10 acres with approximately 200 seedlings per acre and then be caged for protection from browse. It is important to plant these seedlings prior to any establishment of competing tree and shrub species on these clear cut areas. Naturally regenerating White Cedar stands are becoming increasingly rare in the northern forest.
199	MN Deer Hunters Association Park Rapids Chapter	WMA Jack Pine Regeneration	Hubbard	Enhancement	Forest	$13,500	70.25	87.81%	Y	$13,500	This project will include the site preparation, purchase of seedlings, planting and protection of Jack Pine trees on a Jack Pine cut-over. This project will take place on the Crow Wing Chain WMA. Without site prep. and reforestation the cut-over site will regenerate back to brush and unwanted weeds. Jack Pine is of a species and habitat of special concern and is needed more on the landscape.

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215	North St. Louis SWCD	North St. Louis Conifer Enhancment	St. Louis	Enhancement	Forest	$50,000	116	82.86%	Y	$50,000	Timber Stand Improvement: The projects central goal is increased winter survival of whitetail deer. On 625 acres of state forest land, release coniferous tree species by hand-cutting competing vegetation. The goal is increased regeneration and growth rate of conifers, providing winter thermal cover for whitetail deer. Conifer cover provides refugia during winter, reducing stress on deer and increasing survival.
271	Olmsted County	Lake Shady Restoration	Olmsted	Enhancement	Prairie	$77,965	0.00	0.00%	W	$0	submerged beneath Lake Shady since the construction of the Oronoco dam in 1937. The land was exposed when the September 2010 flood damaged the Oronoco dam beyond repair. The site is located at the confluence of two branches of the Middle Fork Zumbro River and its restoration would greatly benefit fish and the wildlife that rely upon the river corridor. Recognizing the recreational value of the newly exposed lakebed area and the potential fish and wildlife benefits of restoring the area as a natural corridor on the Zumbro River, Olmsted County and the City of Oronoco with
234	Pioneer Sarah Watershed Management Commission	Lake Independence Bulrush Restoration	Hennepin	Restoration	FGW	$5,400	61.75	77.19%	Y	$5,400	adjacent shoreline was stabilized in 2011 with biologs and native vegetation. Two naturally-occurring expansive stands of native bulrush exist on either side of the project site. In the center portion of the site, bulrush is absent for a 150 linear feet span (2400 square feet), and this is where shore erosion has been most severe. This project will connect the two bulrush stands and provide a continuous 450 foot swath of vegetation along the shoreline providing important fish
194	Ramsey County Parks and Recreation	Grass Lake Oakwoods/Shrub Swamp Enhnacement	Ramsey	Enhancement	Forest	$87,540	92.6	66.14%	Y	$87,540	This project will enhance the oakwoods and shrub/swamp on the east and north side of the Grass lake. The oakwoods are interesting in they have a good component of serviceberry and blueberry in the understory. The entire project site will have invasive species removed. The Oakwoods will receive a prescribed burn and additional seeding. This project ties into recent restoration projects along the north and west sides of Grass lake

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193	Ramsey County Parks and Recreation	Otter Lake - woodland restoration	Ramsey	Restoration	Forest	$89,850	86	61.43%	Y	$89,850	This project will enhance the mesic woods on the east side of Otter Lake. The 50 acres of woods has a low level of buckthorn, much of which is small. There are several old fields within the woodland. This project will replant 20% of the open areas to connect the woodlots and fill in the gaps.
239	Rice County	Oak Savannah Restoration	Rice	Restoration	Forest	$9,686	85.25	60.89%	Y	$9,686	Rice County Environmental Services is seeking to restore a 30 acre parcel of land owned by Rice County to Oak Savannah. The site is surrounded by both private and public land. The site is currently farmed as food plots. The primary activities of this grant would restore a once common Midwestern habitat type that is currently highly endangered. In addition, the site would provide habitat for game and non-game species, and provide nesting and bedding cover and forage for a variety of upland bird species, songbirds, reptiles, amphibians, and mammals.
241	Rice County	CRWA- Maple Basswood Restoration	Rice	Restoration	Forest	$35,106	41.25	51.56%	N	$0	Friends of the Cannon River Wilderness Area seek to restore a 7 acre maple basswood forest located adjacent to the Cannon River Wilderness Area. The property, which is currently farmed in food plots, provides an estimated sediment erosion-loss of 6.15 tons/acre (per year). The proposed forest conversion will eliminate approximately 5.75 tons/acre (per year), reducing the estimated soil loss to 0.4 tons/acre (per year). The primary activities of this grant would reduce erosion, sediment and nutrient loading in the
195	Sherburne SWCD	Young Park - Ecosystem Enhancement Project	Sherburne	Enhancement	FGW	$76,940	83.5	59.64%	N	$0	Young Park was donated to Baldwin Township by late property owner Kermit Young, whose long standing vision for the land was to leave it for use as a nature park to be enjoyed by future generations. The parcel encompasses 80 acres and includes types 2, 6 and 7 wetlands, pine plantation, oak woodland and upland prairie. This grant provides an opportunity for enhancement of these native ecosystems to increase the quality of habitat for area wildlife on acres that are not hunted and are protected from development.

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181	Southern Dakota County Sportsmans Club	Vermillion River AMA Prairie Restoration	Dakota	Restoration	Prairie	$5,000	71.17	88.96%	Y	$5,000	The reason this project is important is it is an integral part to a long term collaborative effort to provide a habitat corridor along the Vermillion River from Hastings to Farmington and beyond. This effort includes partners such as MN DNR, Dakota County, Trout Unlimited, Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District and others.
209	Sugarloaf: The North Shore Stewardship Association	Native Forest Restoration at Sugarloaf Cove	Cook	Restoration	Forest	$8,575	54.5	68.13%	Y	$8,575	located on the shore of Lake Superior. From the 1940s through the 1970s, the site was used by Consolidated Papers, Inc. as a pulpwood landing. When the paper company stopped using the site in the 1970s, they removed most of the buildings and established red pine plantations in some areas to cover bare soil. Since then, Sugarloaf has worked to restore the native plant communities that had existed at the site before it was disturbed. Much has been accomplished, including restoration of a wetland and planting of many native conifers. But the red pine plantations have not been managed and are in need of thinning. Sugarloaf is requesting $8475 to restore the biodiversity of the pine plantations by thinning the pines and planting native conifers
256	The Nature Conservancy	Weaver Dunes Conservation Easement	Wabasha	Acquisition	Prairie	$135,100	96.6	69.00%	Y	$135,100	The Nature Conservancy will acquire a permanent conservation easement on 80 acres adjacent to the Weaver Dunes Preserve/Scientific and Natural Area. The project will protect some remnant prairie and prevent development of a key parcel adjacent to 800 acres of native and restored prairie. Permanent protection will allow for the eventual restoration of sand prairie, increasing habitat in this ecologically significant area that includes Kellogg Weaver Dunes SNA, McCarthy Lake WMA and the Upper Mississippi National Fish and Wildlife Refuge. This site and the larger area is an important nesting area for Blandings€™s turtles, grassland nesting birds, wild turkeys, whitetail deer and an array of reptiles.
228	The Prairie Enthusiasts - Many Rivers Chapter	Rosenau-Lambrecht WMA Prairie Enhancement	Brown	Enhancement	Prairie	$13,675	56.8	71.00%	Y	$13,675	depressional wetland, but the upland is dominated by smooth brome grass and scattered Eastern red cedar trees. The wetland complex will be enhanced by converting the virtual monoculture of brome grass to a high quality native grass, forb and sedge mixture to complement the adjacent wetland. This will enhance the habitat for waterfowl, grassland birds, including pheasants, and
255	Three Rivers Park District	Hyland Park Reserve Oak-Aspen Forest Restoration	Hennepin	Restoration	Forest	$14,800	61.4	76.75%	Y	$14,800	This project will restore 30 acres of Three Rivers Park District property to a native oak-aspen forest via the planting of approximately 50,000 tree and shrub seedlings. The planting will be a continuation of Three Rivers Park Districts€™s overall long-term vegetation management plan for Hyland Park Reserve, and will consist of a diversity of native plant material. At least 30 different species will be used, all of which are produced from locally collected seeds and grown at the Park District's Nursery located in Crow-Hassan Park Reserve.

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217	Traverse SWCD	Wing 'N Fin Preserve	Traverse	Acquisition	Forest	$400,000	34.2	24.43%	N	$0	This project will preserve and permanently protect 810 linear feet of shoreland property in its natural state. The area will provide quality habitat and will protect sensitive features that are an asset to Lake Traverse.
227	Viking Sportsmen, Inc.	Remnant Prairie and Oak Savanna Enhancement	Otter Tail	Enhancement	Prairie	$17,675	45.4	56.75%	Y	$17,675	The Viking Sportsmen club would like to partner with a private landowner, the MN Land Trust, the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, and the CPL grant program to enhance remnant prairie and oak savanna habitat in Otter Tail County. The landowner donated a 149 acre conservation easement to the MN Land Trust in December 2009 that contains a 15 acre high quality prairie remnant and adjacent bur oak savanna and wet prairie. This project will enhance 40 acres of prairie and oak savanna via removing invasive trees and brush from 16 acres of prairie and oak savanna habitat via hand cutting and treating stumps in sensitive remnant prairie areas, forestry mowing with follow up foliar spraying in areas that are thick brush, and the application of prescribed fire on the entire 40 acre project area. This project will improve habitat for prairie and oak savanna dependent wildlife and help preserve and enhance a portion of these rare, remnant habitat types in MN.
156	Waseca SWCD	LeSueur River/Manthey WMA Buffer	Waseca	Acquisition	FGW	$215,569	58.75	41.96%	Y	$215,569	The proposed 49 acre project site located within the floodplain of the Le Sueur River will be protected by applying a perpetual conservation easement on the property. The tract is contiguous with the recently acquired Manthey WMA and its protection will add significantly to an existing natural corridor of 400+ acres of permanently protected RIM land. Work associated with the project will include converting 33 acres of cultivated ag land to native vegetation, removal of invasive woody species and securing a perpetual easement. The LeSueur River, known as the primary contributor to the sediment load to the Blue Earth River will benefit from a reduction in sediment delivery and restored floodplain function. Other benefits gained from the project would be protecting critical soils from scour erosion, improve water quality and quantity downstream and provide needed habitat for amphibians, shorebirds, deer, pheasant, turkey and aquatic life.

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265	Waseca SWCD	LeSueur River Tributary - Guse	Waseca	Acquisition	Prairie	$397,488	69	49.29%	N	$0	The proposed 59 acre project site located on a tributary of the Le Sueur River will be protected by applying a perpetual conservation easement on the property. It is contiguous with riparian easements immediately downstream and its protection will add significantly to an existing natural corridor of 400+ acres of permanently protected RIM land. Work associated with the project will include converting 43 acres of cultivated ag land to a riparian buffer of native vegetation and securing a perpetual easement. The LeSueur River, known as the primary contributor to the sediment load to the Blue Earth River will benefit from a reduction in sediment delivery and restored floodplain function. Other benefits gained from the project would be protecting critical soils from scour erosion, improve water quality and quantity downstream and provide needed habitat for amphibians, shorebirds, deer, pheasant, turkey and aquatic life.
263	Waseca SWCD	Bull Run Creek- Oliver	Waseca	Acquisition	Prairie	$41,371	68	48.57%	N	$0	The proposed 88-acre project site located on Bull Run Creek will be protected by applying a perpetual conservation easement on the property. Protection and restoration of this tract will constitute a significant improvement to the watershed function of Bull Run Creek, in addition to the intrinsic habitat values that will be created. Work associated with the project will include conversion of 69 acres of cultivated agricultural land to native vegetation and restoration of a 20-acre pumped wetland basin . Bull Run Creek will benefit from a reduction in sediment delivery, restored floodplain function and increased stability of flow, a key driver of aquatic habitat value. Other benefits gained from the project would be protecting critical soils from scour erosion, improve water quality and quantity downstream and provide needed habitat for amphibians, shorebirds, deer, pheasant, turkey and aquatic life.
264	Waseca SWCD	Boot Creek - Koziolek	Waseca	Acquisition	Prairie	$137,572	67.67	48.34%	N	$0	The proposed 35-acre project site located on Boot Creek will be protected by applying a perpetual conservation easement on the property. Protection and restoration of this tract will improve the watershed function of Boot Creek, in addition to the intrinsic habitat values that will be created. Work associated with the project will include conversion of 27 acres of cultivated agricultural land to native vegetation and restoration of four 2 acre wetland basins. Boot Creek will benefit from a reduction in sediment delivery, restored floodplain function and increased stability of flow. Other benefits gained from the project would be protecting critical soils from scour erosion, improve water quality and quantity downstream and provide needed habitat for amphibians, shorebirds, deer, pheasant, turkey and aquatic life.

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174	Waseca SWCD	Cannon River- Carlson	Waseca	Acquisition	Prairie	$286,740	63.5	45.36%	N	$0	This 15 acre parcel, located in the Cannon River watershed, will be protected by applying a permanent conservation easement on the property. Work associated with the project will include establishing 10 acres of native prairie, removal of woody invasives and disabling tile. This tract is contiguous with DNR Protected Waters (Whitewater Creek) and lies within the Big Woods corridor. Recently, Cannon River Watershed staff (CRWP)identified Whitewater Creek as impaired for fecal coliform and a concern for downstream flooding in the City of Waterville. This project will assist in meeting the CRWP and City of Waterville goals. The proposed riparian buffer will provide habitat for many wildlife species and will enhance aquatic habitat, both in the easement area and downstream.
172	Waseca SWCD	LeSueur River - Donahue	Waseca	Acquisition	FGW	$168,312	58	41.43%	N	$0	This proposed 76 acre site, located within the floodplain of the Le Sueur River, will be protected by applying a perpetual RIM conservation easement on the property. The tract is contiguous with existing Waseca County riparian land. Work associated with this project would include; converting and maintaining 19 acres of cultivated ag land to native prairie (9 acres) and trees (10 acres); enhancement of 20 acres of existing CRP vegetation; and removal of invasive woody species in the maple/oak/basswood woods. The LeSueur River, know as the primary contributor to the sediment load to the Blue Earth River, will benefit from the restored floodplain function resulting in a reduction in sediment delivery downstream. Other benefits gained from the project would be protecting critical soils from scour erosion, improving water quality, decreasing downstream flooding and providing significant habitat value for aquatic life, amphibians, shorebirds, deer, songbirds, pheasants and turkeys.
162	Waseca SWCD	LeSueur River - Bauman	Waseca	Acquisition	Prairie	$65,209	56.17	40.12%	N	$0	The proposed 29 acre site, located within the floodplain of the Le Sueur River, will be protected by applying a perpetual RIM conservation easement on the property. The tract is contiguous with existing 38 acres of diverse permanently protected RIM land. Work associated with this project would include converting and maintaining 19 acres of cultivated ag land to native vegetation, removal of invasive woody species in the maple/oak/basswood woods and securing a perpetual RIM easement on 29 acres. The Le Sueur River, know as the primary contributor to the sediment load to the Blue Earth River, will benefit from the restored floodplain function resulting in a reduction in sediment delivery downstream. Other benefits gained from the project would be protecting critical soils from scour erosion, improving water quality, decreasing downstream flooding and providing significant habitat value for aquatic life, amphibians, shorebirds, deer,

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175	Waseca SWCD	Cannon River - Hagen	Waseca	Acquisition	Prairie	$262,746	52.17	37.26%	N	$0	This 8 acre parcel, located in the Cannon River watershed, will be protected by applying a permanent conservation easement on the property. Work associated with the project include establishing 6 acres to native prairie and disable any tile. This tract is contiguous with DNR Protected Waters (Knutson Lake) and lies within the 900 acre DNR Wildlife Refuge and the Big Woods corridor. Recently, Cannon River Watershed staff (CRWP)identified Waterville Creek as impaired for fecal coliform and a concern for downstream flooding in the City of Waterville. This project will assist in meeting the CRWP and city of Waterville goals. The proposed buffer will support nesting cover for many duck species who frequent Knutson Lake. The diverse natural habitats, Oak forest, emergent marshes and upland within this tract contribute to the value of the area and also contributes directly to the aquatic habitat function downstream.
188	White Earth Reservation	Middle Rice Lake	Clearwater	Restoration	Wetland	$25,000	69.67	87.09%	Y	$25,000	White Earth Reservation is located in Becker, Clearwater, and Mahnomen counties in north-central Minnesota. Created in 1867 by a treaty between the United States and the Mississippi Band of Chippewa Indians, it is one of seven Chippewa reservations in Minnesota. Middle Rice Lake is situated in the southwestern corner of Clearwater County. The project is located immediately up watershed to Lower Rice Lake, White Earth's premier wild rice harvesting lake on the reservation. The project consists of restoring a large 65 acre drained shallow lake by constructing an earthen dike with sheetpile water control structure. This proposal is to for construction funding.
221	Zumbro Valley Gobblers NWTF	Turkey Habitat Restoration: Goodhue County	Goodhue	Enhancement	Forest	$22,000	64.4	80.50%	Y	$22,000	2 separate projects: Site 1. Our plan is to fence the area shown on the map with woven wire fence and contract with a vendor to graze the site with goats to eliminate current buckthorn the first year and in subsequent years to eliminate new buckthorn. CPL grant funding will be used to erect the fence. Hiring a contractor with goats will be paid for with other funds. Site 2. Site will be harvested in winter 2011-12. We intend to use RPM (root pruned method)(See attachment description) swamp white oak as part of our regeneration plan for this site. These seedlings cost about $20.00 each delivered to Minnesota and our grant request is for funding to purchase this specialty stock. DNR will provide funding for traditional reforestation of the remainder of site. Our chapter will volunteer labor for the RPM.

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W (Fund)= Withdrawn application
Score= Total score from application review on each scoring criteria
% of Total Points= $25,000 and under requests have 80 total points
Requests above $25,001 have 140 total points