

CPL Grant Program FY2014 Round 1

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

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478	Anoka Conservation District	Martin and Typo Lake Carp Barriers	Gov	Anoka	Public Water	Enhancement	Wetland	528	\$ 399,983	\$ 57,095	41.43	69%	Yes	<p>This project will improve aquatic habitat in Martin and Typo Lakes by controlling carp with strategically placed barriers. Carp are a high percentage of the fish biomass in these waterbodies. They strongly degrade habitat and water quality throughout their feeding and spawning behaviors. Carp control will improve water clarity, increase plants, improve the game fishery, and enhance wildlife opportunities.</p> <p>Barriers are an effective strategy for carp control because Typo and Martin Lake each provide something important for carp, and moving between the lakes is important to their success. Martin Lake is deeper, and good for overwintering. Typo Lake is shallow and good for spawning. Stopping migrations between the lakes will reduce overwintering survival and spawning success. It will make commercial harvests, which regularly occur on this system, more effective by preventing escape and recolonization.</p>
527	Bad Medicine Lake Area Foundation	Bad Medicine Lake AMA	NP	Becker	State	Acquisition	FGW	2	\$ 379,000	\$ 43,300	45.43	76%	Yes	<p>The proposed AMA acquisition consists of approximately 2.3 acres with 780 feet of shoreline at the Ordinary High Water Level (OHWL). Bad Medicine Lake is a closed-basin oligotrophic lake with high water quality. It is presently about 5 feet above the OHWL. The lake has been above the OHWL for over 25 years. This particular property includes a peninsula that is now an island due to the current water level. 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 used as a 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 by the BMLAF with DNR assistance and a RIM match grant. It is also about 1/4 mile south of an AMA that the BMLAF is in the process of purchasing with another CPL grant. Bad Medicine Lake is managed as a two-story trout fishery.</p>
503	Bois de Sioux Watershed District	Red River Fishery Habitat Project at Lake Traverse	Gov	Traverse	Private	Acquisition	FGW	1	\$ 99,900	\$ 22,400	31.71	53%	No	<p>This project will impact and enhance 11,472 acre Lake Traverse and the Red River Basin.</p>
472	Chippewa National Forest	Blowdown Conifer Restoration	Gov	Cass	Federal	Restoration	Forest	523	\$ 196,520	\$ 132,095	42.33	71%	Yes	<p>This proposal is for restoration through reforestation. A windstorm on July 2, 2012 toppled thousands of acres of pine on the Chippewa National Forest. At and around Tamarack Point, on Lake Winnie, salvage has occurred and stands will be site prepped to replant to mixed conifer, primarily native pine species. The proposed grant amount would pay for the purchase of bareroot planting stock as well as planting costs. The match amount would be federal funding to cover personnel, the costs of site prep, bud capping (animal damage control) and hand release from competing vegetation. The site prep and planting would be completed by July 1, 2014. The repeated bud capping and release would be on going and paid for by the Forest Service. The scope of this project is beyond the Chippewa NF budget for FY2014. Funds are available for site prep., but there is currently no funding in the Forest Service budget for the purchase of stock or the planting contract.</p>
516	City of Barnesville	Whisky Creek Spillway Restoration	Gov	Clay	Public Water	Restoration	FGW	44	\$ 368,426	\$ 38,000	40.71	68%	No	<p>This project proposes to repair the Whisky Creek Spillway in Barnesville, MN and restore fish passage between the Red River Basin and more than 36.6 miles (~44 acres) of upstream river channel. As this upstream reach is currently isolated from any deep water habitat, fish within it have limited areas to overwinter. The spillway hydraulics and steep slopes downstream also present a safety concern for the public that utilize the adjacent Blue Eagle Park and fish or play in the creek.</p> <p>This project proposes to construct a rock ramp below the spillway to provide fish passage and eliminate the rolling undertow hydraulics. As the spillway was initially designed to allow drawdown of the upstream sediment basin for maintenance, a bypass pipe will also be installed to maintain this function. Reconnecting the creek will enhance aquatic life in the stream by restoring access to a greater diversity of fish species, and encourage spring migration of game fish like northern pike through the area.</p>

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258	City of Cottage Grove	Gateway North Prairie and Oak Savanna Restoration	Gov	Washington	Local	Restoration	Prairie	11	\$ 50,000	\$ 5,000	19.25	32%	No	<p>The Gateway North Open Space (GNOS) property is ranked as perhaps the most significant native vegetation resource in Cottage Grove (1998 NR Plan). The site consists of dry prairie bluff remnant, oak savanna and woodlands, all of which have been historically disturbed. The proposed project will use recommendations provided in the Gateway North Open Space Natural Resource Plan (submitted by FMR) to guide implementation of both preservation and restoration activities. The prairie restoration project is an effort to restore valuable parkland in the GNOS area to its presettlement prairie savanna and dry bluff prairie plant community type. The woodland areas require management of forest health including invasive woody species control and tree disease management. Benefits of this project would include preservation of precious native prairie/savanna habitat, improved animal/bird habitat, improved water quality, improved erosion control measures, and restored resource integrity.</p>
477	City of New Prague	Settlers Park Prairie and Wetland Restoration	Gov	Le Sueur	Local	Restoration	Prairie	6	\$ 21,987	\$ 2,443	10.75	18%	No	<p>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 has 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 unmowed area which was previously park 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 which 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 current low quality. The site is adjacent to a very large City owned wetland complex.</p>
539	City of Prior Lake	Bluffs of Markley Lake - Ecosystem Restoration	Gov	Scott	Local	Restoration	Prairie	8	\$ 23,785	\$ 40,715	18.5	31%	No	<p>The City of Prior Lake purchased two parcels of land adjacent to Markley Lake (DNR #70002100) in 2012. The purpose of the acquisition was twofold: 1) Provide regional stormwater treatment for the reconstruction of an adjacent street; and 2) Provide residents with increased recreational opportunities (new trail connection, lake access). The area is characterized by relatively steep slopes, an inactive gravel mine, and low-quality vegetation. The proposed CPL Grant project includes native ecosystem restoration (prairie, wetland, and oak savanna) to be implemented in conjunction with a larger overall City-led project to install a regional stormwater pond.</p>
538	City of Saint Paul, Dept of Parks and Recreation	Lilydale Floodplain Forest Enhancement	Gov	Ramsey	Local	Enhancement	Forest	54	\$ 135,000	\$ 16,000	42.00	70%	Yes	<p>This program will enhance and manage approximately 54 acres of disturbed floodplain forest in the City of Saint Paul through invasive species removal and control, and reforestation efforts. The project will improve tree canopy diversity, increase connectedness of high-quality forests, increase the probability of a self-sustaining forest community, reduce sedimentation of impaired waterbodies, and improve habitat for fish and wildlife. This program will focus on a significant land parcel in the Mississippi River Critical Area, within the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area (MNRRA) and the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge Important Bird Area. Work will be guided by the Lilydale Regional Park Natural Resources Management Plan (Lilydale NRMP) (Bonestroo, 2009) and modeled off of recommendations for floodplain forest enhancement as suggested in the Crosby Farm Regional Park Ecological Inventory and Restoration Management Plan (Great River Greening, 2005).</p>
510	City of Sandstone	Robinson Park Invasive Species	Gov	Pine	Local	Restoration	Forest	65	\$ 43,500	\$ 7,788	34.17	57%	Yes	<p>The purpose of this grant is for the City of Sandstone to let a contract to seek professional help to eradicate the existing small patches of invasive Buckthorn, and Garlic Mustard in Robinson Park, to develop a management plan for the park vegetation and install additional native plantings.</p> <p>The areas of invasion have been identified on a map by the DNR regional ecologist for the area and attached to the photo portion of this application.</p> <p>The first step is a three year eradication plan.</p> <p>Then the City will then work with the contractor and volunteers to implement the restoration, control, and management plan developed as part of this process.</p> <p>The City will be able to restart planting the appropriate native species using community support and advice from public agencies.</p>

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517	Dakota County	Mississippi River Flyway Restoration	Gov	Dakota	County	Restoration	Prairie	88	\$ 198,000	\$ 66,000	41.75	70%	Yes	Through this project, Dakota County will restore approximately 88 acres within the Mississippi River flyway, transforming degraded fields to native prairie, removing invasive species in an oak forest along the Mississippi River, and removing invasive species from a walnut grove on the south side of the project site. This project will improve wildlife habitat and expand public hunting opportunities. The project site is located along the Mississippi River within Spring Lake Park Reserve, a 1500-acre natural jewel owned by Dakota County that provides for hunting, recreation, and wildlife protection. The project site is owned by Dakota County.
532	Delta Waterfowl	Agassiz Wetland Enhancement	NP	Marshall	Federal	Enhancement	Wetland	5010	\$ 246,000	\$ 38,000	30.43	51%	No	Delta Waterfowl proposes 8 additional sites to an ongoing project that has been set forth on Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), Middle River, MN to enhance the native wildlife habitat and increase biodiversity in more than 26,000 acres of non-forested wetlands. The site is experiencing a significant invasive species infestation of overgrown hybrid and non-native cattails. Through various methods and techniques (e.g., grazing, chemical application), accompanied with improved water management, the expected outcome is increased biodiversity, improved water quality, and increased open water habitat within the Refuge's wetland impoundments. Some of which that has been accomplished in previous years with the help of the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant dollars.
497	Fergus Falls Fish and Game Club	WPA grassland restoration 2014	NP	Otter Tail	Federal	Restoration	Prairie	143	\$ 52,920	\$ 5,880	45.5	76%	Yes	The overall goal of this proposal is to provide additional grassland habitat within the Prairie Pothole Region of western MN for the benefit of nesting waterfowl and other grassland dependent birds. The objectives of this proposal are to restore 123 ac of cropland to grasslands dominated by native grasses and forbs, finish the conversion of 13 ac of tree groves to grasslands, and complete the initial phase of converting 7 ac of tree groves to grasslands. All of the work will take place on eight federal Waterfowl Production Areas within the Fergus Falls Wetland Management District.
523	Kanabec SWCD	Kanabec Prescribed Fire Management	Gov	Kanabec	State	Enhancement	FGW	1000	\$ 25,000	\$ 2,500	51.14	85%	Yes	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 non-game species.
499	Minnesota Pheasants, Inc.	Straight Creek WPA Restoration	NP	Steele	Federal	Restoration	Prairie	35	\$ 57,335	\$ 8,205	38.75	65%	No	The proposed project will restore and enhance 35 acres of former home site and agricultural land to native prairie and wetlands. This small site has 7 restorable wetlands. This project will add to the 325 acre complex of Straight Creek WPA and adjacent 113 acre Pogones Marsh WMA. Funds will be used to remove tree stumps, prepare and seed native prairie, restore wetlands, and remove buildings. This area is an important migratory and nesting area for waterfowl and winter habitat complex for resident wildlife. This unit is part of a larger complex of private and public conservation efforts benefiting water quality and fish and wildlife along the upper reaches of the Straight River.
464	Minnesota Waterfowl Association	Blue Diamond Habitat Restoration	NP	Kandiyohi	Private	Restoration	Prairie	79	\$ 25,000	\$ 27,200	42.5	71%	Yes	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) recently purchased a perpetual "Habitat Easement" on 134 acres of the project site farm. This CPL grant proposal, if successful, will be used to help fund restoration of the tract's upland and wetland habitats and remove seed-producing invasive trees from its perimeter areas. <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Although the tract has been used as an active farm for many decades, only marginally has it been producing row crops, hay, and dairy. In 2012 the landowners approached FWS and expressed interest in participating in their habitat restoration and easement program. By June of 2013 the easement was signed by the official landowner and approved by the local government unit. <input type="checkbox"/>

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505	Minnesota Waterfowl Association	Wetland and Grassland Easement Restoration I	NP	Otter Tail	Private	Restoration	Prairie	190	\$ 122,400	\$ 28,660	41.25	69%	Yes	Across the prairie pothole region of Minnesota, greater than 90% of wetlands have been drained and approximately only 1% of native prairie still remains on the landscape. One only needs to drive across the area or look at aerial photos to see how radically we have changed the ecology of this landscape. This has had two effects. First, wetland drainage and agricultural tillage has removed hundreds of thousands of acres of nesting and brood rearing habitat for waterfowl and other grassland game-birds and songbirds. Second, instead of holding water in the watershed in those wetlands, and reducing erosion of uplands, precipitation flushes directly into our lakes and river systems. This project focuses on restoring or enhancing wetlands and grasslands protected in perpetuity by conservation easements. This work uses the best conservation science to strategically restore and enhance wetlands and prairie grasslands on the landscape to increase migratory bird and resident wildlife populations.
528	MN Deer Hunters Association- Rum River Chapter	Bethel WMA- Wyatt Acquisition	NP	Isanti	State	Acquisition	FGW	57	\$ 198,475	\$ 19,925	50.40	84%	Yes	This application is to fund an addition to the Bethel WMA of 57 acres. There are many partners participating on this project including MN Deer Hunters Association (North Suburban, Rum River and Isanti Chapters, along with State Habitat Committee), MN Waterfowl Association (Cedar Creek Chapter), and National Wild Turkey Federation (State Superfund and Struttin' Toms Chapter). Pheasants Forever is interested (Anoka and Isanti County Chapters) but at time of application, partner letters weren't available. They may become partners in the next few weeks, but complete funding of the match is not dependant on their participation.
506	MN Waterfowl Association	Iron Pool Savanna and Wetland Enhancement	NP	Sherburne	Federal	Enhancement	FGW	7088	\$ 208,100	\$ 30,000	48	80%	Yes	The goal of this project is to restore or enhance both savanna and wetland habitat types to pre-European settlement conditions by controlling invasive species and increasing diversity through the use of conservation grazing. The diverse vegetative composition of the habitat types found in this area correlate to a high diversity of wildlife species. From this enhancement project, many species that are dependent on these habitats for both feeding and breeding areas will benefit. This includes: a variety of waterfowl and shorebird species, Red-headed Woodpeckers, state threatened Blanding's Turtles, Whitetail Deer, Wild Turkey, Le Conte's Sparrow, Sedge Wren, Sharp-tailed Sparrow, Yellow Rail and many more. This project will create the infrastructure needed to enclose macrofauna to mimic the natural disturbances of the landscape to enhance and maintain these habitats.
495	Pheasants Forever Inc	WMA & WPA Grassland Enhancements	NP	Meeker	State	Enhancement	Prairie	1000	\$ 216,000	\$ 24,000	36.25	60%	No	This proposal is for invasive woody vegetation removal on both Waterfowl Production Area's (WPA's) and Wildlife Management Area's (WMA's). This proposal will greatly enhance 1,000 acres existing grasslands that are degraded and providing only limited nesting and brood rearing habitat for grassland species by removing scattered invasive woody vegetation and old groves within those grassland ecosystems. This work will be completed within the pheasant range of Minnesota as described in the MN DNR Pheasant Plan.
501	Pioneer Heritage Conservation Trust	389G-1 Prairie Restoration	NP	Pope	Private	Restoration	Prairie	80	\$ 120,000	\$ 27,300	28.5	48%	No	The goal of this native prairie enhancement project is to increase species richness and diversity in the plant community of this easement to improve the habitat for threatened and endangered butterflies, grassland birds, and other endemic prairie wildlife. The enhancement plan will entail burning the prairie, then spraying re-growth to set back invasive grasses, broadcasting local ecotype grass and forb species, and planting key forb and grass seedlings.
531	Ramsey County Parks & Recreation	Tamarack Prairie Enhancement Project	Gov	Ramsey	County	Enhancement	Prairie	60	\$ 23,500	\$ 2,500	37.67	63%	Yes	Tamarack Nature Center (TNC) is a 320 acre nature preserve with a mix of woodlands, prairies, savanna, wetlands and ponds that provide habitat for numerous types of species. The TNC is also a well known destination for environmental education where visitors can learn about the different habitat types and wildlife that inhabit them. When funding is available smaller restoration projects within the complex are completed to maintain quality habitat. Larger projects, like this one being proposed, require outside funding to enhance larger tracts of land that are in jeopardy of degradation by invasive vegetation. This project will enhance an additional 60 acres of existing prairie by conducting a management burn and increasing the diversity of forbs and will also include the removal of 2 acres of spruce plantation from the prairie edge.

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460	Ramsey County Parks & Recreation	Long Lake Sand Prairie & Oak Woodland Project	Gov	Ramsey	County	Enhancement	Forest	31	\$ 82,000	\$ 8,200	26.33	44%	No	In 1990 the north section of Long Lake Regional Park was listed in the Minnesota Biological Survey as containing a community of high quality dry sand prairie and oak woodland. Since that time this area has become inundated by invasive and exotic vegetation diluting the overall quality of both the sand prairie and connecting oak woodlands. This project aims to restore 2.7 acres of an old burrow site to sand prairie, which is adjacent to a small section of an undisturbed high quality sand prairie remnant, and enhance 27 acres of surrounding oak woods. Once completed, this project will fulfill the restoration goals for this site pursuant to the Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Natural Resources Plan and provide high quality habitat that will connect the Rush Lake, Long Lake and Rice Creek corridors which surround the site.
533	Ramsey County Parks & Recreation	Keller Lake Savanna & Woodland Project	Gov	Ramsey	County	Restoration	Forest	20	\$ 65,000	\$ 6,500	26.67	44%	No	Located in the Southwest corner of Keller Regional Park, off of the beaten path from the main recreational area, is an open space set aside for wildlife habitat. This area serves as a corridor along Phalen Creek and Keller Lake for which it cradles with over 2000 feet of shoreline. This area currently consists of oak woods and savanna that overtime has become overridden by invasive vegetation. This project will enhance the 12.5 acres of oak woods and 7.5 acres of oak savanna by restoring the herbaceous and understory vegetation.
535	Ramsey County Parks & Recreation	Battle Creek West Prairie Enhancement Project	Gov	Ramsey	County	Enhancement	Prairie	40	\$ 22,000	\$ 2,500	34.67	58%	No	In 2010 a restoration project was completed within Battle Creek regional Park to restore 200 acres back to native prairie /savanna. This project included three sections within the park, the West, Winthrop and East prairies. All of these areas have been managed to maintain the initial restoration. Surveys of these three restoration sites has shown that the West prairie is in need of increased enhancement due to Invasive woody material that is establishing itself around the perimeter of the prairie and unwanted grasses that are seeding themselves across concentrated areas within the established prairie. This project proposes to remove the invasive woody vegetation from the prairie edge, conduct a management burn, and seed a mix of forbs and grasses to create a more uniform tract of native prairie land.
508	Shell Rock River Watershed District	Wedge Creek Habitat Restoration and Enhancement	Gov	Freeborn	Public Water	Restoration	FGW	16	\$ 237,851	\$ 26,019	45.29	75%	Yes	Shell Rock River Watershed District (SRRWD) established a stream restoration program in 2010. The program includes restoration and enhancement of in-stream, riparian fish and wildlife habitat in the Shell Rock River Watershed. The SRRWD has completed the Wedge Creek Stream Habitat Restoration Plan for a 1.95 mile reach of Wedge Creek, a tributary watershed that discharges into Fountain and Albert Lea Lakes in the City of Albert Lea. The project is divided into six individual reaches in accordance stream morphology. The watershed district is requesting funding for restoration of reach #1 (2,500 Linear Feet) and #5 (2,500 Linear Feet). The entire 36-acre restoration project is part of a program designed to: reduce stream bank erosion and associated sedimentation, reconnect streams to their floodplains to reduce negative impacts from severe flooding, increase natural reproduction of fish and other aquatic organisms and stabilize stream banks with minimal maintenance.
490	Sugarloaf: The North Shore Stewardship Association	Collaborative Restoration of North Shore Forests	NP	Cook	Federal	Restoration	Forest	997	\$ 400,000	\$ 40,490	48.20	80%	Yes	This project is a collaborative effort to enhance wildlife habitat by restoring native vegetation communities to functioning, resilient forest ecosystems on public lands of the North Shore of Lake Superior, Minnesota. Project objectives will be accomplished through invasive species management and the planting and protection of native conifer and hardwood species in the near-shore areas of Sugarloaf Cove and the Cascade River and Spruce Creek watersheds. Major outcomes will be to improve wildlife habitat and watershed health in the project area and to provide benefits to Minnesota's Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) that rely on upland conifer forests. This project is consistent with Minnesota Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan goals which identify the North Shore of Lake Superior as an area of high conservation priority and emphasize restoration efforts aimed at reducing impacts to lakes and streams in this area.

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496	The Trust for Public Land	Upper Cullen Lake	NP	Crow Wing	County	Acquisition	FGW	27	\$ 400,000	\$ 60,000	47.86	80%	Yes	<p>The Trust for Public Land is in the process of protecting 146 acres of high quality habitat on Upper Cullen Lake in Crow Wing County. This land has high biodiversity significance and is on a lake with no current public access. Conservation of this land will protect high quality habitat, connect with existing public land, provide public lake access and recreation opportunities, and prevent forest fragmentation. □</p> <p>□</p> <p>The Upper Cullen site will protect over 2700 feet of lakeshore and over 1000 feet of a designated trout stream. Crow Wing County owns land adjacent to this property and will be the permanent steward. The County will manage the land for public hunting, fishing, and hiking. □</p> <p>□</p> <p>This land is threatened by development and CPL funding is needed for protection. The project has strong local support from the DNR, the township, the county, and local conservation organizations. This CPL grant application seeks funding for the second and final phase of this acquisition (est 27acres). □</p>
466	Three Rivers Park District	Murphy - Middle Prairie	Gov	Scott	Other	Restoration	Prairie	90	\$ 117,000	\$ 30,000	38	63%	Yes	<p>The Murphy Middle Prairie is the last large piece of the Murphy Hanrehan Prairie complex. The 90 acre restoration, 80 of prairie and 10 of savanna will bring the system to over 300 acres with associated wetlands. The existing oldfield will be restored mesic prairie with a diversity of native grasses and forbs. The oak savanna will be cleared of woody invasives and dead wood. The existing horse and hiking trails will be realigned to act as firebreaks.</p> <p>The restored Murphy Middle Prairie will increase the habitat for nesting state threatened Blanding's Turtles and numerous SGCN listed grassland birds. The diverse forb component of the prairie will benefit a number of native pollinator species.</p>