

CPL Applications
(Total to date: 129)**Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Application****CPL1000037****Spreadsheet****Name and Contact**

Project Identifier:	CPL1000037	Street Address 1:	1340 Lisa Lane
Project Name:	Balton Wildlife Management Area	Street Address 2:	
Organization Name:	Balaton Sportsman Club	City:	Balaton
Organization Website:		State:	MN
Organization Contact Person:	Bryan Smith, President	Zip Code:	56115
Contact Email:	bsmith@centrol.com		
Contact Phone:	507-829-4377		

Location

Primary County:	Lyon
Nearest City:	Balaton
Township:	Rock Lake
Project Site Name:	Balaton Wildlife Management Area
Project Site Land Ownership:	County
Other Land Ownership:	

Project Information

Primary Activity:	Acquisition
Primary Habitat Type:	Wetland
Total Project Acres:	94
Total Project Sites:	1
Total Grant Amount Requested:	\$123750
Total Match Amount:	\$13750
Total Project Cost:	\$137500
Project Completion Date:	12/2010 (MM/YYYY)
Project Summary and Outcomes:	This project consists of 94 ac. of restored wetland and upland currently owned by Lyon co. This unit would be a perfect fit for the BSC and DNR as it is within 1 mi. of town, making it accessible to the community and especially the youth hunter. We currently have funding in hand to provide the 10% match in cash. Bob Meyer, DNR Wildlife Manager is in full support of this aquistion.

Attachments

- [Project Site Information Form](#)
- [Project Budget and Match Description](#)
- Partner Committment Letter
- [Financial Documentation](#)
- Conservation Easement
- Supplementary Attachment #1
- Supplementary Attachment #2

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Project Site Information

Contact information

Project name:
Organization:
Organization contact person (Project Manager):

Project information

Project site:
Project site land manager Legal :
or easement holder:
Private land owner County:
(if applicable):

Activity (may choose more than one): ☐ Enhancement ☐ Restoration ☒ Acquisition
Predominant Habitat (choose one): ☐ Forest ☐ Prairie ☒ Wetland ☐ Fish, Game and Wildlife Habitat
Activity quantity: ☒ Acres ☐ Miles ☐ Feet ☐ Structures ☐ Wetlands

Project Site #2, if needed.

Project site:
Project site land manager Legal :
or easement holder:
Private land owner County:
(if applicable):

Activity (may choose more than one): ☐ Enhancement ☐ Restoration ☐ Acquisition
Predominant Habitat (choose one): ☐ Forest ☐ Prairie ☐ Wetland ☐ Fish, Game and Wildlife Habitat
Activity quantity: ☐ Acres ☐ Miles ☐ Feet ☐ Structures ☐ Wetlands

Project Site #3, if needed. Use Additional Project Sites form if needed.

Project site:
Project site land manager Legal :
or easement holder:
Private land owner County:
(if applicable):

Activity (may choose more than one): ☐ Enhancement ☐ Restoration ☐ Acquisition
Predominant Habitat (choose one): ☐ Forest ☐ Prairie ☐ Wetland ☐ Fish, Game and Wildlife Habitat
Activity quantity: ☐ Acres ☐ Miles ☐ Feet ☐ Structures ☐ Wetlands

Project timeline:

Time frame	Goal	Time frame	Goal
February 2010	Appraisal		
March 2010	Purchase Agreement		
June 2010	Close on property		
Sept. 2010	Site Prep for seeding		
May 2011	Native Grass seeding in uplands		
Sept. 2011	Transfer to DNR		

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

This project consists of 94 ac. of restored wetland and upland currently owned by Lyon co. The area was restored in approx. 1991 in a low lying pasture area. The county has no desire to manage areas for wildlife and would like to see this property under better management and open to the public for hunting permanently. The property will be offered for sale in early 2009 and the Balaton Sportsman's Club is in a position to secure the property with the assistance of LSOHC CPL funding. This unit would be a perfect fit for the BSC as it is within 1 mi. of town, making it accessible to the community and especially the youth hunter. It currently serves as a highly functional wildlife area under county ownership, but the decision will soon be made as to who the new owner will be and what use the property will be put to. It may end up as a residential lot, private wildlife area or the perfect addition to the public land holdings of the DNR and USF&W in the area. It is the sincere desire of the BSC to continue the wildlife tradition of this property and further enhance the wetland and upland features to 2010 standards. The BSC has been raising funds and saving for such a project for many years. We currently have funding in hand to provide the 10% match in cash. Bob Meyer, DNR Wildlife Manager is in full support of this acquisition.

Please provide the answers to the following questions. Boxes will expand as typed into.

1. For lands acquired in fee title that will be turned over to a public agency for long-term management:

- a. Provide a description of the work necessary to bring the land up to agency standards and an estimate of the associated cost.

As this site was originally established nearly 20 yrs. ago, there has been much learned about wetland and grassland quality and establishment. The wetland is in need of a structure that will allow water level manipulation and the uplands have never been burned or seeded so this will need to occur in sequence.

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

Management would likely entail prescribed burning on a regular basis to keep native vegetation in place and avoid invasive species. Water level management will need to be done to better establish both emergent and submergent population and rough fish control.

2. For enhancement/ restoration projects on public lands:

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

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

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

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

As required by 2009 MN Session Law, Chapter 172 subd. 10 (8), “any agency or entity receiving an appropriation must, for any project funded in whole or in part with funds from the appropriation, give consideration to and **make timely written contact with the Minnesota Conservation Corps** for consideration of possible use of their services to contract for restoration and enhancement services”. Contact MCC at cplg@conservationcorps.org, or email a copy of this form to the same address. For more information on costs, crew capabilities, etc., visit MCC’s website at <http://www.conservationcorps.org/useacrew.html>.

Signature:

☒ I certify that I have read the Conservation Partners Legacy Grants Program **Request for Proposal, Program Manual** and other program documents, and have discussed this project with the appropriate public land manager, or private landowner and easement holder. I am authorized to apply for and manage these grant and match funds, and the project work by the organization or agency listed below. I have made timely written notification to MCC regarding my restoration or enhancement project.

Signature: Bryan Smith	Organization/ Agency: Balaton Sportsman's Club
Title: President	Date: 10-28-09

Please save this document to your computer or electronic storage device and attach this document as specified on the online submittal form when ready to apply. Contact [CPL Grant Staff](#) with any questions.

CPL Project Application Review and Approval Form

REVIEWER INFORMATION

Land manager/ easement holder name:	MN DNR		
Title:	Bob Meyer, Area Wildlife Manager	Date of meeting:	10-28-09
Phone:	507-537-6250	Proposal ID #:	
Email:	bob.meyer@state.mn.us	(assigned by agency, optional)	

PROJECT INFORMATION:

Project Name:	Balaton Wildlife Management Area	Organization:	Balaton Sportsman's Club
Contact Person:	Bryan Smith, President		
Email:	bsmith@centrol.com	Daytime Phone:	507-829-4377

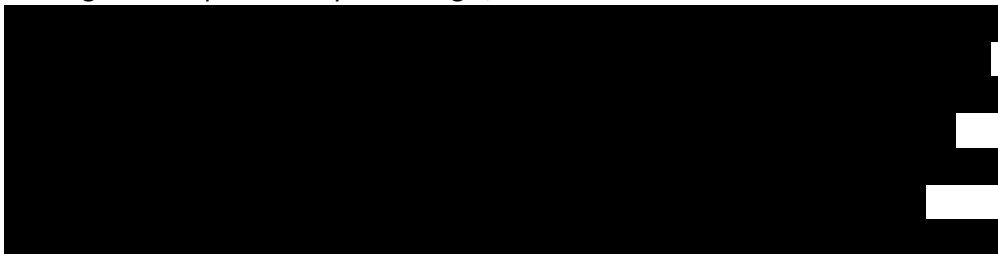
Please check the appropriate boxes:

- ☒ I have read the application and discussed this proposed project with the above listed Organization Contact Person.
- ☐ For work on easements, the private landowner has been contacted and has given support and approval for this project.

I have performed a Natural Heritage Database review and found:

- ☐ this project to have no features within one mile.
- ☒ this project to have features within one mile, but project is not likely to adversely affect those features. I have recommended the following minimization strategy:

Heritage review provided by Joe Stangel, DNR:



- ☐ this project is likely to adversely affect Natural Heritage features. I feel that this project is important and should be forwarded to DNR Ecological Resources staff for further review.

☐ I do not have access to the Natural Features database and will forward this completed form to DNR within 3 business days to [CPL Staff](mailto:CPLStaff@LSCPLGrants.DNR@dnr.state.mn.us) at LSCPLGrants.DNR@dnr.state.mn.us for review.

I have discussed what role my office will be expected to have in this project and find that the project, as described will require:

- ☒ minimal or no involvement from my office for completion.
- ☐ a commitment of involvement by staff that is reasonable and can be accomplished with current staffing levels and workload.

- ☐ an amount of staff involvement that cannot be committed during the project time period with current staffing levels. Unless additional staffing can be committed from other offices, Divisions or appropriate partners, I feel this project cannot be completed within the project timeline to our desired standards.

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☒ I have discussed permits and applications that the applicant may be responsible for using the Working on DNR Lands and Working on Public Lands, or Working on Private Lands documents.

Upon final review of this project:

- ☒ I find this project to be consistent with sound conservation science. This work will benefit area fish, game and wildlife by restoring, enhancing or protecting forests, wetlands, prairies and habitat and is consistent with the management or stewardship plan for this land. (APPROVAL)
- ☐ I find that this project does not follow the management or stewardship plan for this land and does not fit within the long range goals for this land at this time on the local level. (DECLINE)
- ☐ I find that this project should be sent up to a higher level within the agency for further review and decision. I have forwarded the Project Planning Form and this Review and Approval Form for further review to:

Name:		Phone:	
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☒ By checking this box and typing my name below I certify that I have met with the above applicant and discussed the proposed project and have provided feedback to the applicant.

Name:	Bob Meyer
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Comments: **This is a great project, with excellent local support and cash match. it would be a great addition to the existing wildlife management system.**

Name:		Phone:	
Title:		Email:	

Additional
necessary):

Comments(including approval or denial, reasoning):

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Project Budget and Match Worksheet, Application Requirement

Project name:	Balaton Wildlife Management Area
Organization:	Balaton Sportsman's Club
Organization contact person (Project Manager):	Bryan Smith, President

Please complete all sections and be as detailed as possible for all descriptions under the Details sections. Limit entries in large tables to numbers only, **round to the nearest dollar**. Do not edit table categories, only enter values or text into the table. The tables will adjust to accommodate additional text in each box. If all categories are not needed, please leave those fields blank.

BUDGET: amounts being requested **Note: FY refers to State Fiscal Year: July 1- June 30, with the year reflecting the year that June falls in. For example: if today were September 3rd, 2009 it would be FY2010; December 3rd 2010= FY2011; May 2012= FY2012

Budget Item	Fiscal Year 2010	Fiscal Year 2011	Fiscal Year 2012	Total
Personnel				
Contracts				
Grant Administration				
Administration/ Environmental Compliance				
Fee Acquisition	137500			
Easement Acquisition				
Easement Stewardship				
Equipment/Tools/Supplies				
Travel				
Additional Budget items				
Total	\$137500			

DETAILS: detail the amounts listed in the above table.

Personnel Details:

Name	Title	Amount

Contract Details:

Contractor Name	Contracted Work	Amount

Grant Administration:

Administrative Activity	Description/ Amount	Amount

Administration/ Environmental Compliance

Activity	Description	Amount

Fee Acquisition/ Easement Acquisition/ Easement Stewardship Details:

Appraisal Costs:\$1000
Land Costs \$135,600 (94ac.x\$1442/ac.max.)
Public Access, parking lot, fencing \$900

Equipment/Tools/Supplies Details:

Item	Use	Amount

Travel Details:

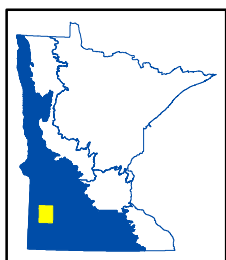
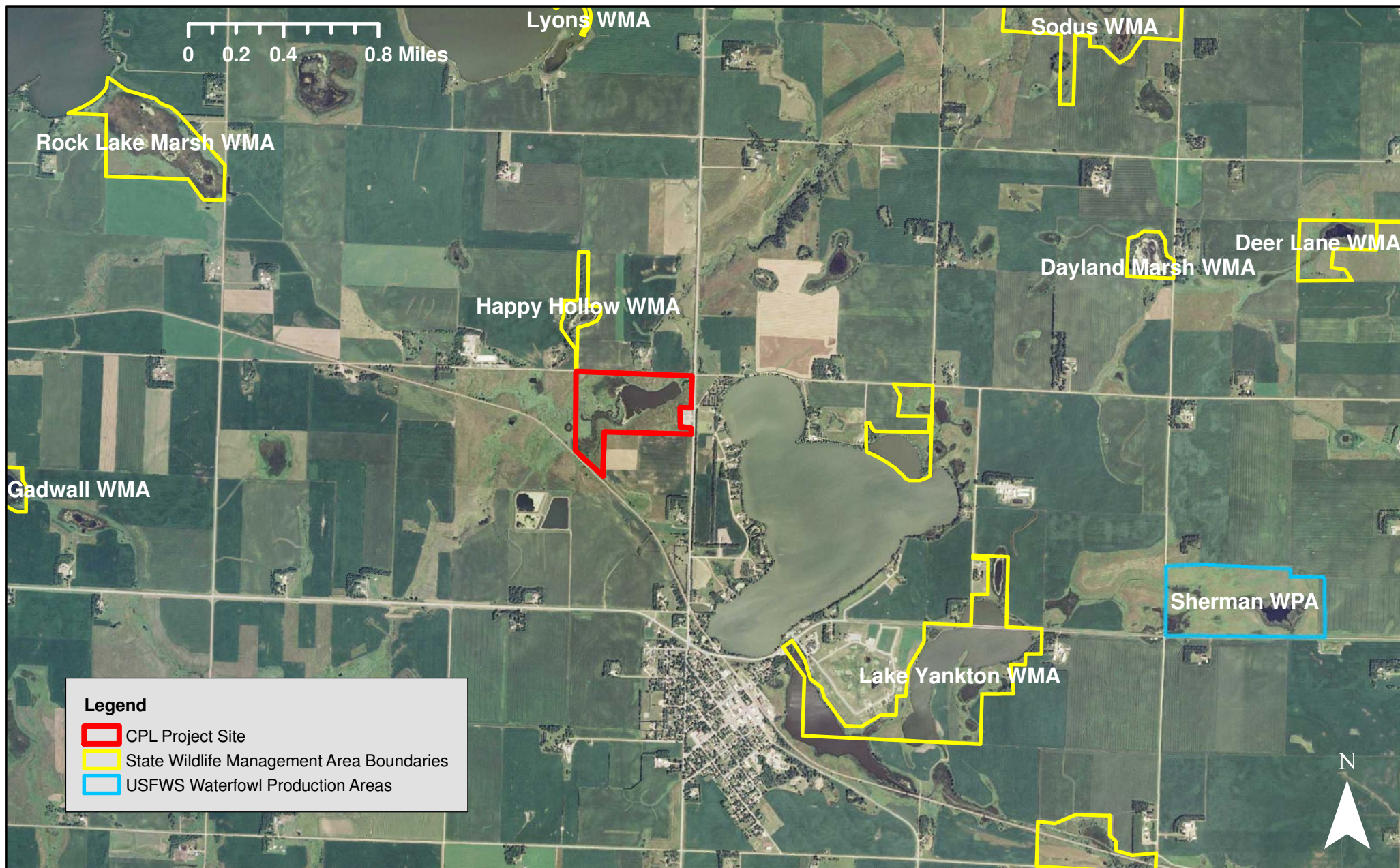
Miles	Purpose	Amount

Additional Budget Items Details:

MATCH: Required 10% of total project funds, to be fulfilled by end of Fiscal Year 2012. Use provided rate sheet to determine unit rate and total value of in-kind services to be used as matching funds if applicable.

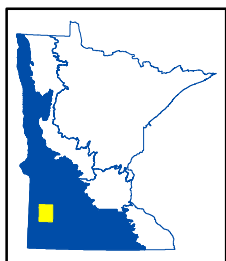
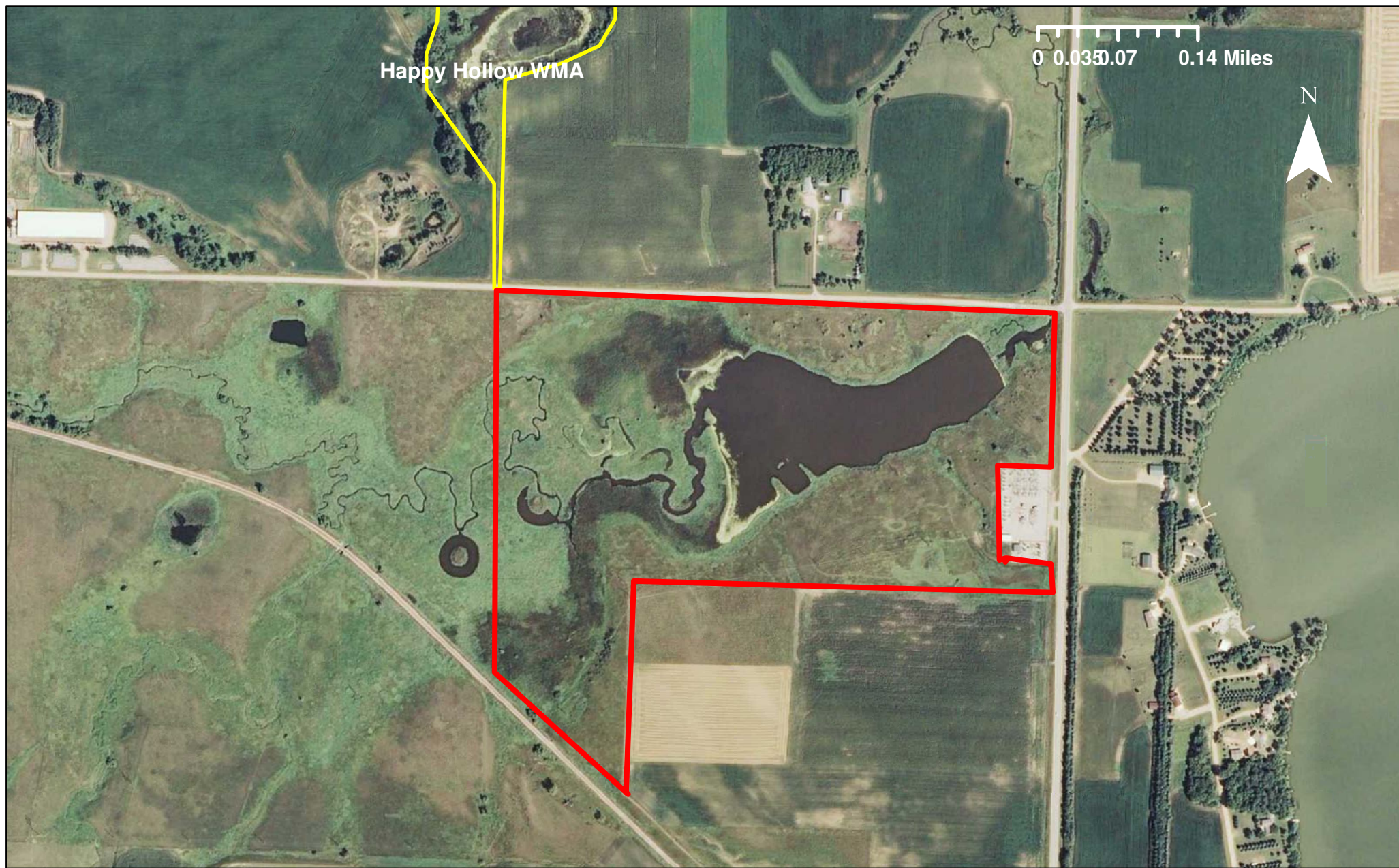
Source	Description	Units	Unit Rate	Total Value
Balaton Sportsman's Club	Cash			\$15,090.00

Matching description/ comments: if needed



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