

CPL Applications
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Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Application

CPL1000059

[Spreadsheet](#)

Name and Contact

Project Identifier:	CPL1000059	Street Address 1:	410 Lincoln Ave S
Project Name:	Prairie Storm WPA Addition	Street Address 2:	PO Box 91
Organization Name:	Pheasants Forever Inc	City:	South Haven
Organization Website:		State:	MN
Organization Contact Person:	Eran Sandquist	Zip Code:	55382
Contact Email:	esandquist@pheasantsforever.org		
Contact Phone:	763 242 1273		

Location

Primary County:	Stearns
Nearest City:	Brooten
Township:	Raymond
Project Site Name:	Neumann Tract
Project Site Land Ownership:	Federal
Other Land Ownership:	

Project Information

Primary Activity:	Acquisition
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Primary Habitat Type:	Prairie
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Total Project Acres:	78
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Total Project Sites:	1
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Total Grant Amount Requested:	\$159000
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Total Match Amount:	\$68500
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Total Project Cost:	\$227500
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Project Completion Date:	06/2012 (MM/YYYY)
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Project Summary and Outcomes:	<p>This proposal will result in protection of 78 acres that has native prairie on the site. These parcels will then be donated to the US Fish & Wildlife Service to become a Waterfowl Production Areas (WPA's).</p> <p>The acquisition of this tract will us to build on the existing 320 Prairie Storm WPA and allow for the restoration and protection of 29 plus acres of wetlands. The land will be managed consistent with the WPA system and protected as such.</p>
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Attachments

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

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Project Site Information

Contact information

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

Project information

Project site:
Project site land manager
or easement holder:
Private land owner
(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
or easement holder:
Private land owner
(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
or easement holder:
Private land owner
(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
Prior to 2012	Acquisition of 78 acres to become a WPA		

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

This project encompasses the acquisition of 78 acres as an addition to the adjacent 320 acre Prairie Storm Waterfowl Production Area (WPA). After purchase the land will be donated to the US Fish and Wildlife Service and managed as a WPA for perpetuity. In addition this project will provide public access consistent with WPA's and allow for hunting of all game species during open seasons. This acquisition will also improve the possibility of restoring a large wetland basin that is currently drained by a County ditch and provide additional water quality and soil erosion benefits.

The tract that is proposed to be acquired is currently grassland, shrubland and wetland habitat. Portions of it are good quality native prairie. Less than 1% of Minnesota's native prairie remains, and grassland habitat losses are cited as the primary reason for population declines of breeding waterfowl, grassland birds, and other wildlife species. Central Minnesota also provides important migration and breeding waterfowl habitats. Western Stearns County in particular contains critical waterfowl breeding habitats of above average breeding duck density.

Minnesota is also seeing significant grassland habitat loss through expirations out of USDA's Conservation Reserve Program, and pressures due to development, wind, mining and other threats. In addition, it is well-documented that grassland-associated wetland habitats have also been lost and severely degraded. This proposal seeks to build upon existing investments in permanently protected grassland and wetland habitat. The goal is to improve the form and function of these habitat complexes through protection, restoration, and enhancement of grasslands and wetlands.

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.

With quality native prairie and wetlands already on the parcel, some invasive tree removal will be all that is immediately necessary. The cost estimate is approximately \$5,000.

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

As mentioned above, limited invasive tree removal is likely the only short-term work as required. Long term management will focus on maintaining grassland diversity and limiting invasive tree growth. Prescribed fire, chemical treatments and mowing on 3-5 year rotations are tools commonly used to achieve this work.

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: Eran Sandquist	Organization/ Agency: Pheasants Forever Inc
Title: Wildlife Biologist	Date: 11/2/09

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:	U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service		
Title:	Project Leader	Date of meeting:	October 15, 2009
Phone:	320-693-2849	Proposal ID #:	
Email:	scott_glup@fws.gov	(assigned by agency, optional)	

PROJECT INFORMATION:

Project Name:	Prairie Storm WPA roundout	Organization:	Pheasants Forever
Contact Person:	Eran Sandquist		
Email:	esandquist@pheasantsforever.org	Daytime Phone:	763-242-1273

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:

<div></div> <p>The proposed purchase of this land will not effect the features identified on the Natural Heritage Database.</p> <p>I would suspect that if a review was completed on the proposed acquisition, it would become a Natural Heritage Database site as there is some high quality native prairie on the site.</p>

- ☐ this project is likely to adversely affect Natural Heritage features. I feel that this project is important and should be forwarded to DNR Ecological Resources staff for further review.
- ☐ I do not have access to the Natural Features database and will forward this completed form to DNR within 3 business days to [CPL Staff](#) at LSCPLGrants.DNR@dnr.state.mn.us for review.

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

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

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

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

Upon final review of this project:

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

Name:	Scott S. Glup	Phone:	320-693-2849
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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:	Scott S. Glup
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Comments: **The tract that is proposed to be acquired is currently grassland, shrubland and wetland habitat. Portions of it are good quality native prairie. The protection and management of this tract will complement the adjacent 320 acre Prairie Storm Waterfowl Production Area and will also improve the possibility of restoring a large wetland basin that is currently drained by a County ditch.**

Name:		Phone:	
Title:		Email:	

Additional
necessary):

Comments(including approval or denial, reasoning):

review (if

Conservation Partners Legacy Grant

Project Budget and Match Worksheet, Application Requirement

Project name:	Praire Storm WPA Addition
Organization:	Pheasants Forever Inc
Organization contact person (Project Manager):	Eran Sandquist

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	\$3,950.00			\$3,950.00
Administration/ Environmental Compliance				
Fee Acquisition	\$155,050.00			\$155,050.00
Easement Acquisition				
Easement Stewardship				
Equipment/Tools/Supplies				
Travel				
Additional Budget items				
Total	\$159,000.00			\$159,000.00

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
Eran Sandquist	General grant management (i.e. reporting, project oversight, etc) - only direct costs	\$1,975.00
Ron Leathers & Assistants	Accounting, audit & reimbursements - only direct costs	\$1,975.00

Administration/ Environmental Compliance

Activity	Description	Amount

Fee Acquisition/ Easement Acquisition/ Easement Stewardship Details:

Fee Acquisition will include actual purchase (estimated at \$220,000) of land and associated costs (including but not limited to appraisals, surveys, title work, closing costs, etc).

Equipment/Tools/Supplies Details:

Item	Use	Amount

Travel Details:

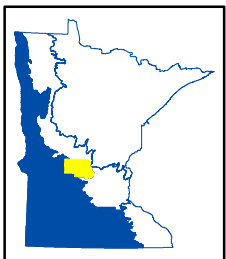
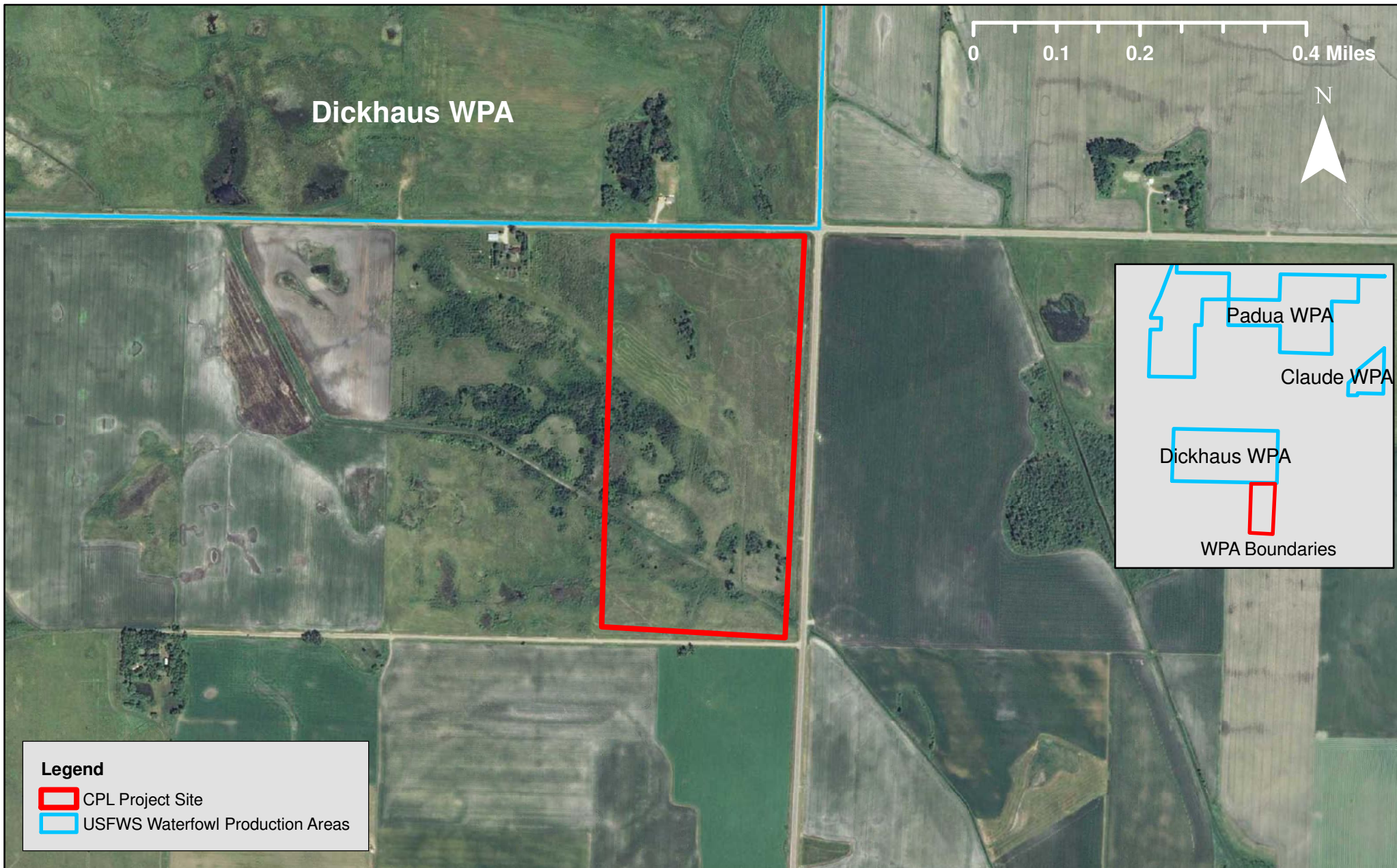
Miles	Purpose	Amount

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.

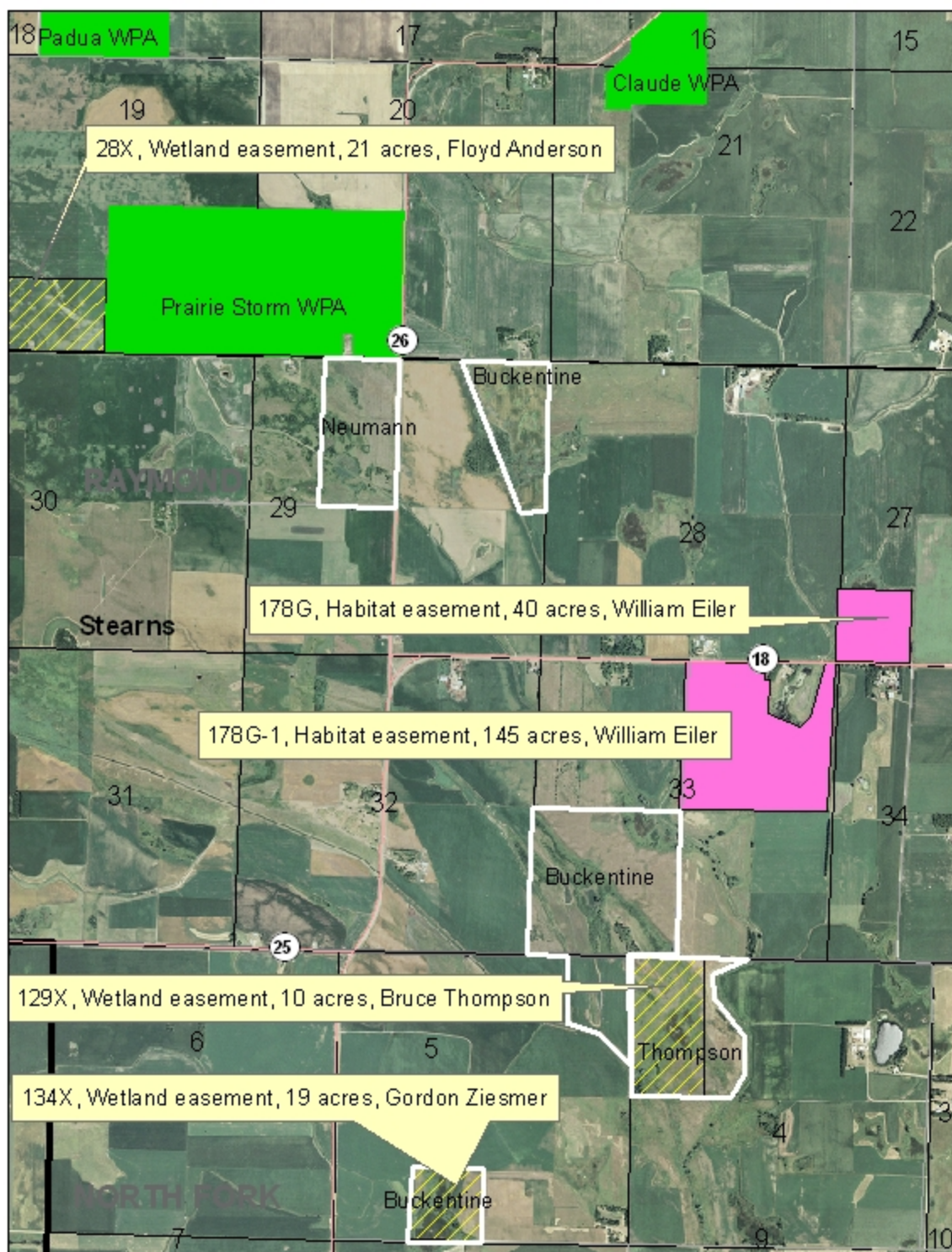
Source	Description	Units	Unit Rate	Total Value
PF	PF’s contribution may include chapter contributions, documented donations of land value, and funding from the North American Wetland Conservation Act			\$67,500.00
MWA	Tri-County MWA			\$1,000.00

Matching description/ comments: if needed



CPL100-059
Prairie Storm WPA Addition
Stearns County, LSOHC Prairie Planning Section





Raymond Township
 Gary Neumann
 Section 29
 William Buckentine
 Section 29, 33
 North Fork Township
 Section 5
 Bruce Thompson
 Section 4
 Areas delineated in
 white.

Map Legend

WPA

Easement

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Flowage

FmHA

Habitat

Tallgrass

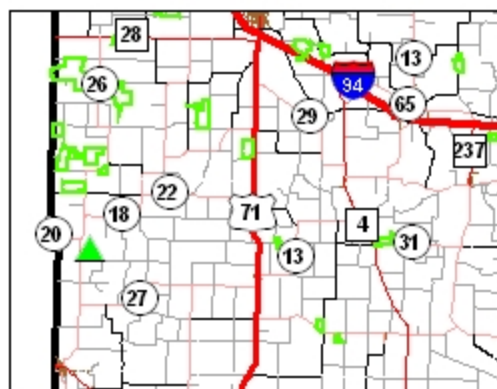
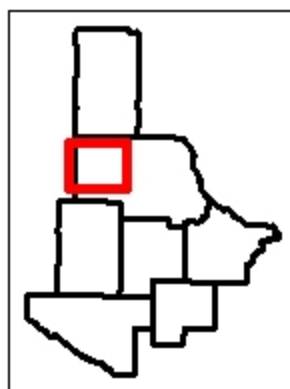
Wetland

PLSS - Section Lines

Township

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Miles





Minnesota Waterfowl Association, INC

901 First Street North, Hopkins, MN 55343 • 952-767-0320 • FAX 952-767-0324

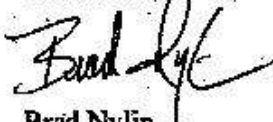
October 23, 2009

Dear Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Staff:

The Minnesota Waterfowl Association, Inc. is committed to providing \$1,000 of new match for the grant request titled "Prairie Storm WPA" proposed by Pheasants Forever. Contributions are eligible according to factors given in the small grants instructions. The Minnesota Waterfowl Association is excited to be partnering with Pheasants Forever and looks forward to more partnerships in the future. Following are the details pertaining to our contribution.

The Minnesota Waterfowl Association will provide \$1,000 in new match for the "Prairie Storm WPA" project. Please contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,
The Minnesota Waterfowl Association


Brad Nylin
Executive Director



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GRANT PROGRAM
PARTNER COMMITMENT LETTER

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
1783 Buerkle Circle
St. Paul, Minnesota 55110
(651) 773-2000
(651) 773-5500 FAX

What is the name of the project that you are contributing to, and who is the applicant? *Prairie Storm WPA Addition.*

What is the name of your organization (private landowners use "Private Landowner")? *Pheasants Forever Inc*

When will you make the contribution? *When we close on the property.*

What is the value of your contribution and how did you determine the value?
Does the contribution have a non-state origin? *\$67,500. The exact value will be determined after we have entered into an agreement with the landowners, but PF is committing a minimum of the amount listed above. The amount will include any combination of PF chapters, land value donation and or NAWCA dollars. Yes all match will have a non-state origin.*

If this is based on a fund-raising event or other future action, if that future action fails, will you still provide the contribution amount? *Yes*

Signature:

Printed Name, Title, and Affiliation:

Howard K. Vincent, President & CEO - Pheasants Forever, Inc.

Date Signed:

11/2/09