

**CPL
Applications**

(Total to date: 129)

Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Application

CPL1000063

Spreadsheet

Name and Contact

Project Identifier:	CPL1000063	Street Address 1:	1310 NW 30th St.
Project Name:	Rice County Conservation Easement Forest Enhancement	Street Address 2:	
Organization Name:	Rice County Forestry Committee	City:	Faribault
Organization Website:		State:	MN
Organization Contact Person:	Angela Yuska	Zip Code:	55021
Contact Email:	amyuska@gmail.com		
Contact Phone:	507-843-2213		

Location

Primary County: Rice

Nearest City:

Township:

Project Site Name: Nerstrand6, Cannon River Big Woods3, Huston

Project Site Land Ownership: Private

Other Land Ownership:

Project Information

Primary Activity: Enhancement

Primary Habitat Type: Forest

Total Project Acres: 83

Total Project Sites: 3

Total Grant Amount Requested: \$13142

Total Match Amount: \$1825

Total Project Cost: \$14967

Project Completion Date: 06/2012 (MM/YYYY)

Project Summary and Outcomes: This project's focus is enhancing current and future wildlife habitat on forested land in Rice County. Rice County has intense development pressure and, as a result, landowners have aggressively sought long-term protection for their land. These three conservation easements all include existing Big Woods type forests. To create corridors and interior forest, restoration activities have occurred, especially tree plantings of oak. All three landowners have extensive prairie re-creations, also. The proposed projects will eliminate undesirable vegetation that competes with mast producing woody vegetation and invades restoration areas (both woods and prairie).

Attachments

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

Contact information

Project name:	Rice County Conservation Easement Forest Enhancement
Organization:	Rice County Forestry Committee
Organization contact person (Project Manager):	Angela Yuska

Project information

Project site:	Nerstrand Woods #6				
Project site land manager	Legal :	T110	R19	S03	Q
or easement holder:	MN DNR Forest Legacy				
Private land owner	County:	Rice			
(if applicable):	Gary Wagenbach				

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:	Cannon River Big Woods #3				
Project site land manager	Legal :	T109	R22	S17	Q
or easement holder:	MN DNR Forest Legacy				
Private land owner	County:	Rice			
(if applicable):	Dan Zielske				

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:	Huston Woods				
Project site land manager	Legal :	T110	R21	S28	Q
or easement holder:	MN Land Trust				
Private land owner	County:	Rice			
(if applicable):	Dick Huston				

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
		Year 2011	15.3 acres Nerstrand Woods #6
Year 2010	5 acres timber stand improvement Big Woods #3, 100 trees & 250 shrubs planted	Year 2011	5 acres timber stand improvement Big Woods #3, 100 trees & 250 shrubs planted
		Year 2011	20 acres Huston Woods
Year 2012	17.25 acres Huston Woods		
Year 2012	5.25 acres timber stand improvement Big Woods #3, 100 trees planted		
Year 2012	15 acres Nerstrand Woods #6		

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

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Nerstrand Woods #6

A direct seeding of hardwood trees was established in former agricultural cropland in Fall of 2004. This project will enhance the existing vegetation by removing undesirable trees and shrubs. Oak (bur and red), walnut, and other mast producing trees will be promoted. Mechanical and chemical cleaning will release the mast producing hardwoods from competition and increase the forest health and rate of growth of the remaining trees. Open grown trees produce mast more quickly and in greater amounts than trees growing in shade. The goal of this project is to ensure the restoration of hardwood forest is dominated by oak and other important long-lived woody vegetation that will benefit wildlife species in the future.

Cannon River Big Woods #3

This lakeshore property is being restored from its farming past, but would benefit from additional enhancements. Planting native mast producing trees and berry producing shrubs to areas around existing wetlands will enhance the habitat for wildlife and improve the watershed of Lower Sakatah Lake. Additional work to be completed includes brush clearing and chainsaw work which will release the planted oak and other mast producing native species (nannyberry, dogwood, and others) from intense competition from mono-culture shrub and tree patches (prickly ash, sumac, and ironwood). After the shrubs are removed, additional wildlife plantings of oak and shrubs (DNR wildlife packets) will occur to fill in the plantations and natural shrub regeneration areas.

Huston Woods

This project will focus on eliminating invasive vegetation that is competing with the restoration of former agricultural fields (prairie and tree plantings) and older woody fence lines. Common buckthorn and exotic honeysuckle, and boxelder and cottonwood in certain areas, will be mechanically and chemically treated to encourage more desirable vegetation and improve habitat. This project will benefit wildlife by removing competition for light and resources from existing native shrubs and trees, especially those that provide additional wildlife benefit through food source and cover. Removing boxelder seed trees and cottonwood along areas of native grass restoration will enable the landowner to have more success in prescribed burning to maintain grass cover for the properties's abundant wildlife. Removing the fenceline buckthorn and honeysuckle will restrict the invasive species from propagating on site. There is abundant native mast and berry producing vegetation on this property and promoting it will greatly enhance the growth and seed production of this young (less than 7 years old) restoration project.

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.

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

2. For enhancement/ restoration projects on public lands:

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

The landowners will be responsible for the long-term maintenance with help from Rice County Forestry Committee and DNR Forestry for planning.

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

Weed/ invasives/ undesireables will need to be controlled to ensure trees become established.

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

The landowners will be responsible for monitoring the sites for needed work; they will fund work covered under their easement. RCFC and DNR Forestry will provide technical or financial assistance when appropriate and possible.

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

No.

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: Angela Yuska	Organization/ Agency: Rice County Forestry Committee
Title: Secretary	Date: 10/29/09

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 Forest Legacy		
Title:	Forest Legacy Coordinator	Date of meeting:	11/2/09
Phone:	507/333-2012x222	Proposal ID #:	
Email:	richard.peterson@dnr.state.mn.us	(assigned by agency, optional)	

PROJECT INFORMATION:

Project Name:	Rice County Conservation Easement Forest Enhancement	Organization:	Rice County Forestry Committee
Contact Person:	Angela Yuska		
Email:	amyuska@gmail.com	Daytime Phone:	507-843-2213

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:

The project areas are sufficiently distant from heritage elements so that no adverse affects are likely. However, pesticide applications should follow site level guidelines as an additional minimization strategy.

- ☐ 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:	Richard Peterson	Phone:	507/333-2012x222
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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:	Richard F. Peterson
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Comments:

Comments:

Name:		Phone:	
Title:		Email:	

Additional
necessary):

Comments(including approval or denial, reasoning):

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REVIEWER INFORMATION

Land manager/ easement holder name:	Minnesota Land Trust, Anne Murphy		
Title:	Conservation Stewardship Director	Date of meeting:	October 29, 2009
Phone:	(651) 647-9590	Proposal ID #:	
Email:	amurphy@mnland.org	(assigned by agency, optional)	

PROJECT INFORMATION:

Project Name:	Rice County Conservation Easement Forest Enhancement Project	Organization:	Rice County Forestry Committee
Contact Person:	Angela Yuska		
Email:	amyuska@gmail.com	Daytime Phone:	507-843-2213

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Name:		Phone:	
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Name:	Anne Murphy
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Comments: **The conservation easement held by the Minnesota Land Trust protects important deciduous forests, creek, wetlands, as well as prairie and agricultural land in a scenic area of Rice County. The conservation easement does not require management of invasive species. This proposal represents a habitat enhancement activity above and beyond what is required by the landowner under the terms of the conservation easement. The Minnesota Land Trust supports this enhancement.**

Name:	Anne Murphy	Phone:	(651) 647-9590
Title:	Conservation Stewardship Director	Email:	amurphy@mnland.org

Additional
necessary):

Comments(including approval or denial, reasoning):

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Project Budget and Match Worksheet, Application Requirement

Project name:	Rice County Conservation Easement Forest Enhancement	
Organization:	Rice County Forestry Committee	
Organization contact person (Project Manager):	Angela Yuska	

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	\$972.00	\$6,085.00	\$6,085.00	\$13,142.00
Grant Administration				
Administration/ Environmental Compliance				
Fee Acquisition				
Easement Acquisition				
Easement Stewardship				
Equipment/Tools/Supplies				
Travel				
Additional Budget items				
Total				

DETAILS: detail the amounts listed in the above table.

Personnel Details:

Name	Title	Amount

Contract Details:

Contractor Name	Contracted Work	Amount
Zumbro Valley Forestry	Timber Stand Improvement (Cleaning)	\$4,585.00
Dan Zielske	Timber Stand Improvement (Brush Cutting, Chain Sawing), Planting 500 shrubs & 300 trees	\$2,917.00
Dick Huston	Mechanical & Chemical Invasive Species	\$5,640.00

	Removal, Timber Stand Improvement	

Grant Administration:

Administrative Activity	Description/ Amount	Amount

Administration/ Environmental Compliance

Activity	Description	Amount

Fee Acquisition/ Easement Acquisition/ Easement Stewardship Details:

Equipment/Tools/Supplies Details:

Item	Use	Amount

Travel Details:

Miles	Purpose	Amount

Additional Budget Items Details:

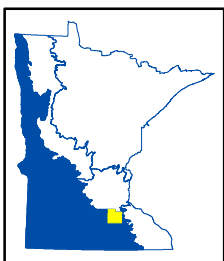
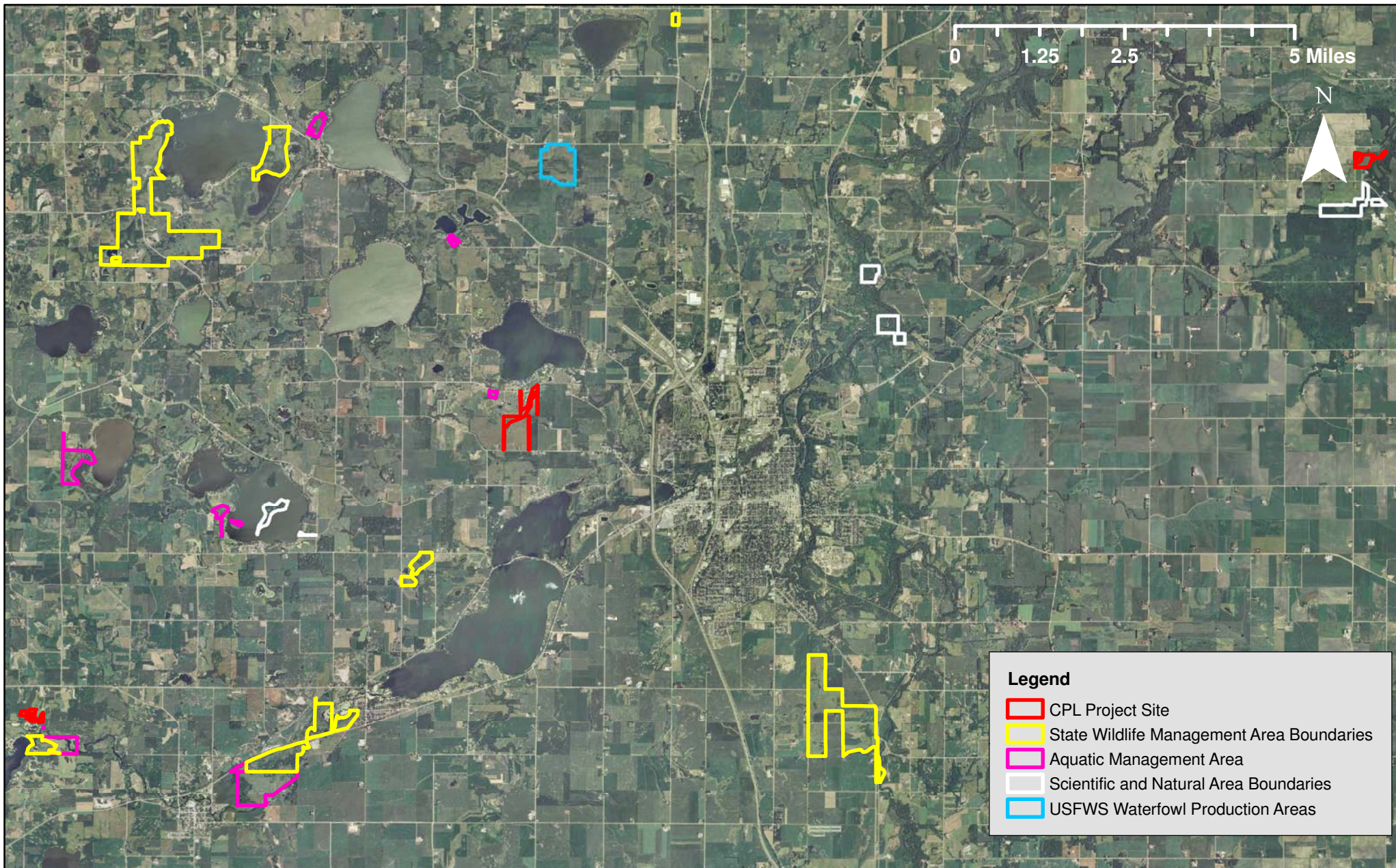
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MATCH: Required 10% of total project funds, to be fulfilled by end of Fiscal Year 2012. Use provided rate sheet to determine unit rate and total value of in-kind services to be used as matching funds if applicable.

Source	Description	Units	Unit Rate	Total Value
Rice County Forestry Committee	Cash Match - paid to Zumbro Valley Forestry	\$850		\$850.00
Dan Zielske	Volunteer Hours - chainsaw work & planting	25 hours	\$13 per hour	\$325.00
Dick Huston	Volunteer Hours - cutting and treating invasive vegetation	50 hours	\$13 per hour	\$650.00

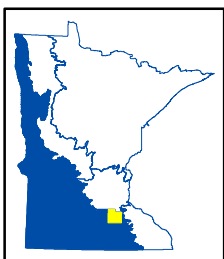
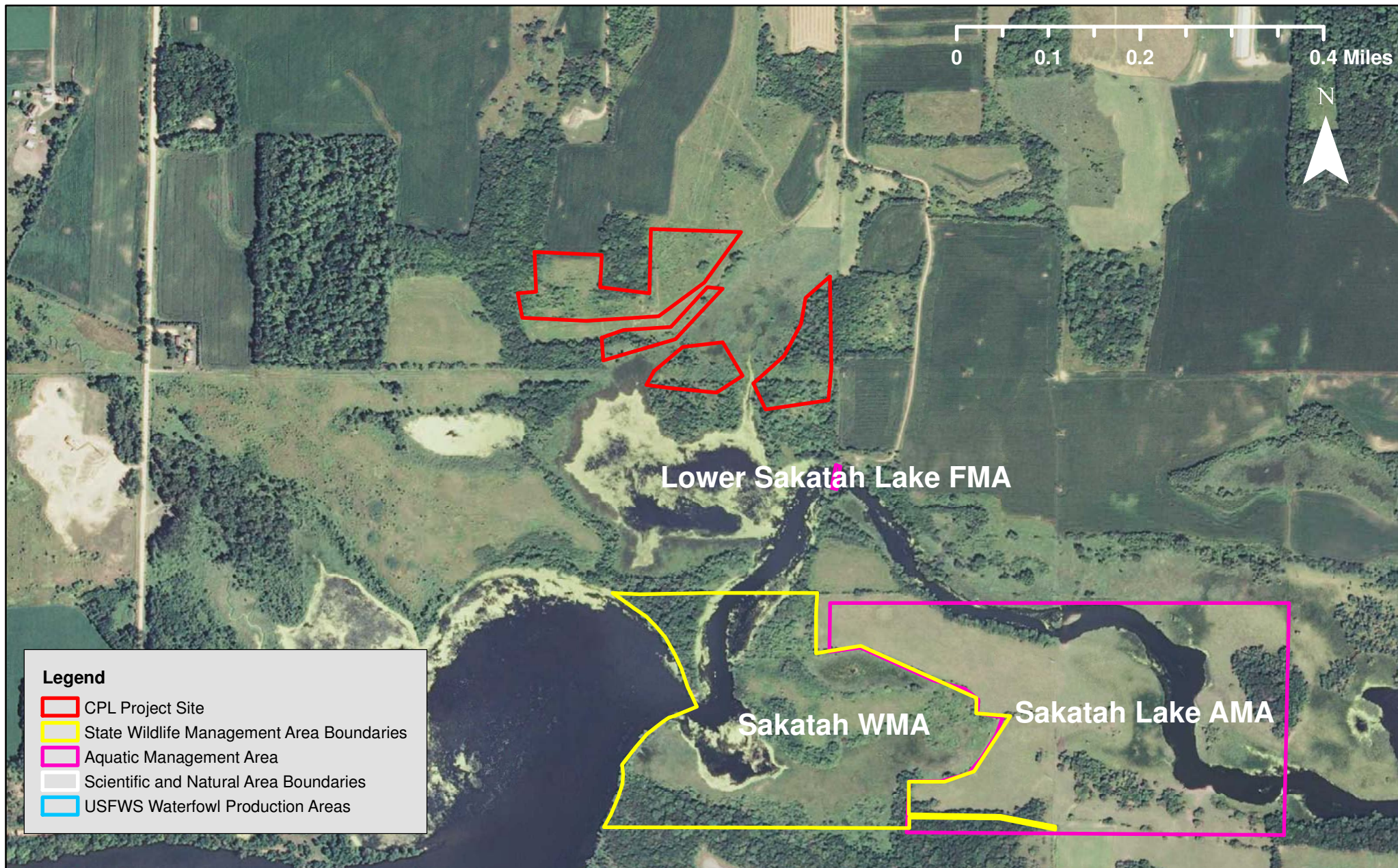
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 Rice County, LSOHC Prairie Planning Section



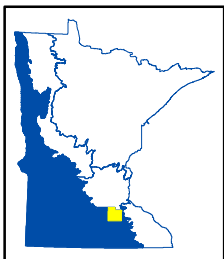
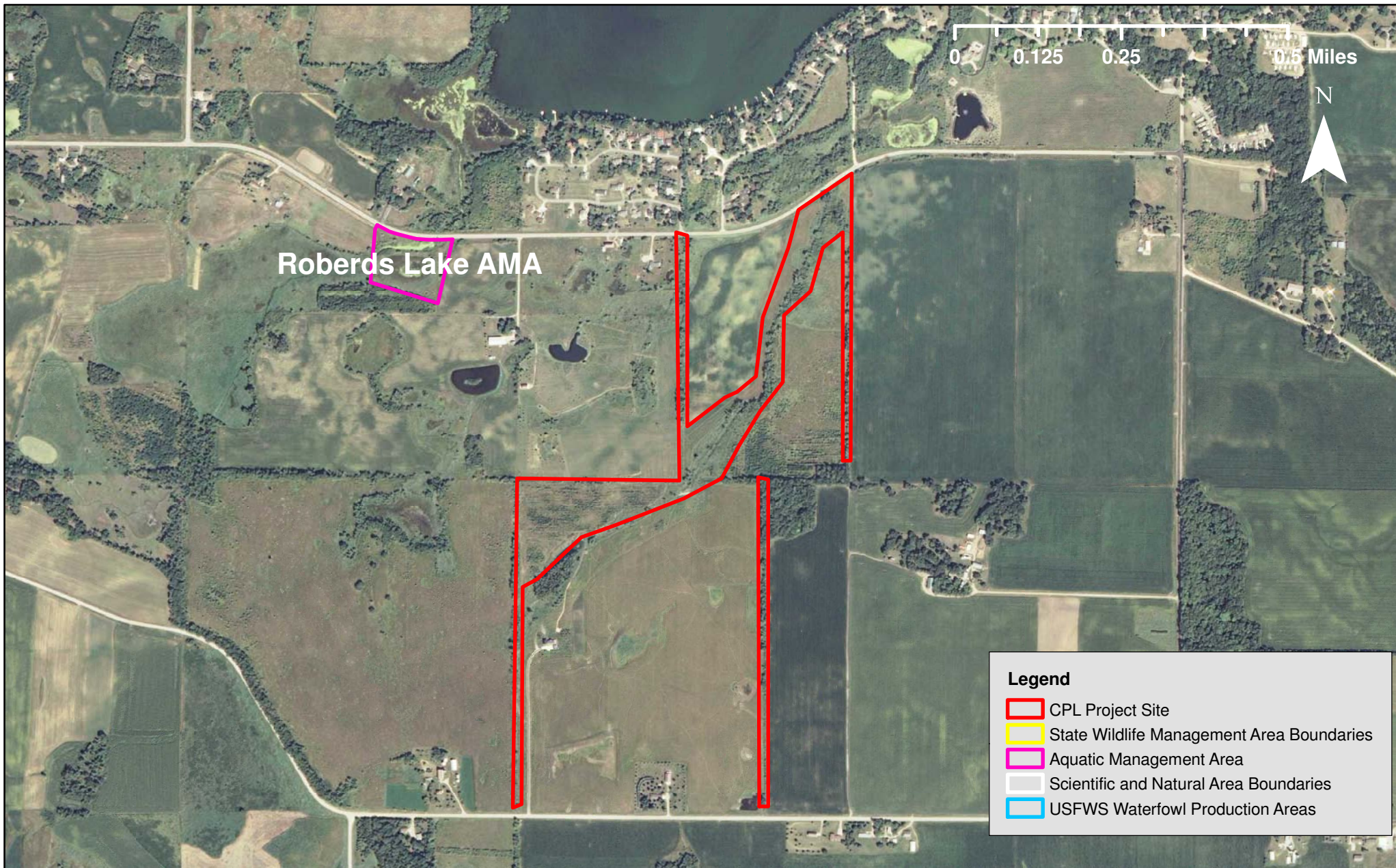


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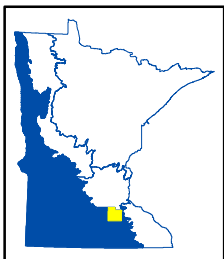
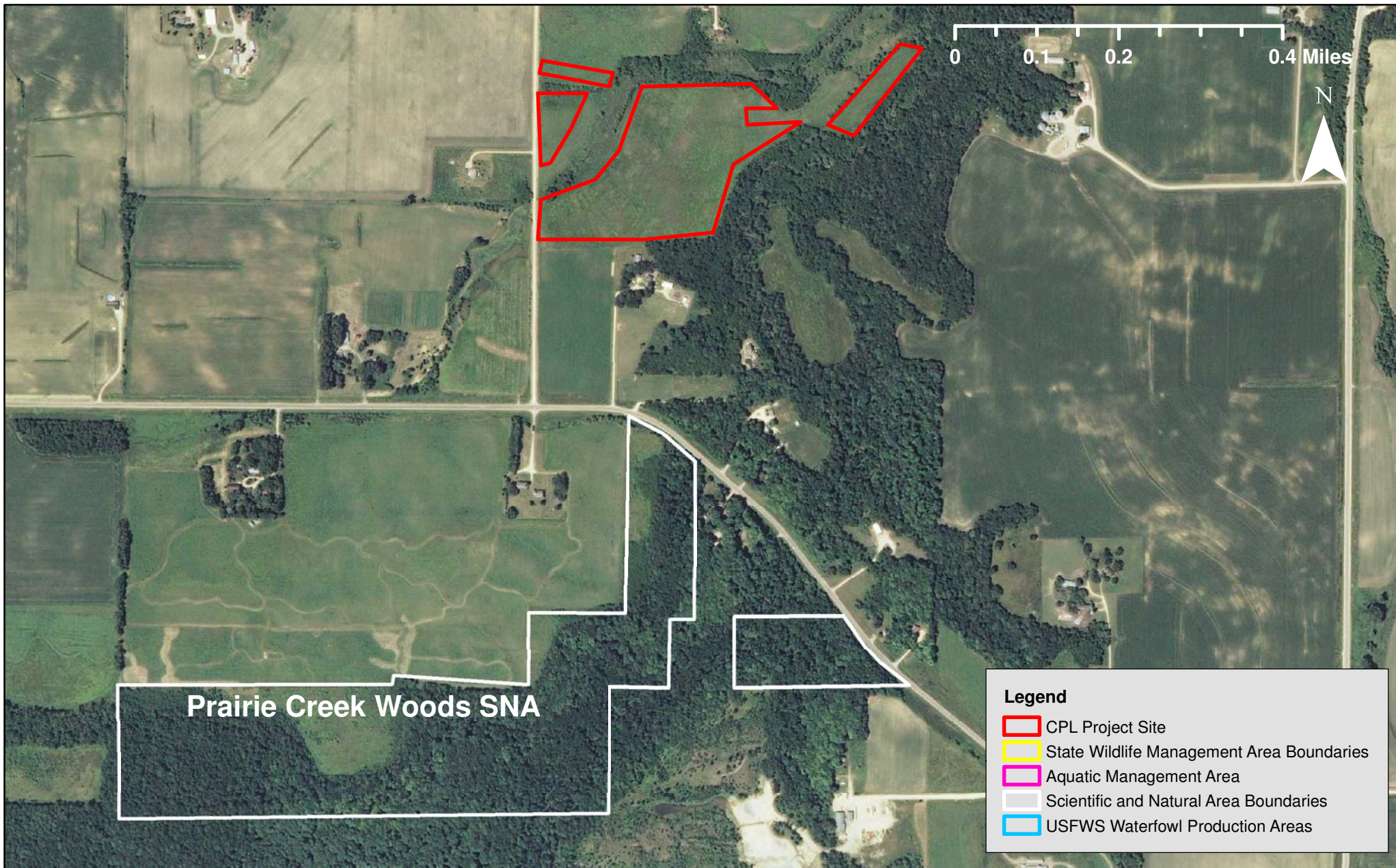


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