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Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Application

CPL1000028

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Name and Contact

Project Identifier:	CPL1000028	Street Address 1:	313 North Main Street
Project Name:	Lutz Property Acquisition	Street Address 2:	
Organization Name:	Chisago County	City:	Center City
Organization Website:	www.co.chisago.mn.us	State:	MN
Organization Contact Person:	Jerry Spetzman	Zip Code:	55012-9663
Contact Email:	jpspetz@co.chisago.mn.us		
Contact Phone:	651-213-8383		

Location

Primary County:	Chisago
Nearest City:	North Branch
Township:	
Project Site Name:	Lutz Property Acquisition
Project Site Land Ownership:	County and Private
Other Land Ownership:	

Project Information

Primary Activity:	Acquisition
Primary Habitat Type:	Fish, Game or Wildlife Habitat
Total Project Acres:	40
Total Project Sites:	1
Total Grant Amount Requested:	\$105000
Total Match Amount:	\$35000
Total Project Cost:	\$140000
Project Completion Date:	12/2010 (MM/YYYY)

Project Summary and Outcomes: We are requesting funding to expand Checkerboard Park (currently 79 acres) by purchasing the adjacent Lutz property (an additional 40 acres). The property contains many small wetlands and upland species that provide habitat for reptiles, amphibians, and aquatic plants. It also acts as a buffer and filter for a small stream which flows through the site and into the impaired North Branch Sunrise River (NBSR). Farmland adjacent to the Lutz property contains substantial agricultural activity. Runoff from cropland flows, untreated, into a drained wetland complex on the Lutz property. Restoration of this wetland will improve the water quality entering the NBSR.

Attachments

- [Project Site Information Form](#)
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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: Legal :
 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 or easement holder: Legal :
 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 or easement holder: Legal :
 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
2010	Purchase Lutz property		
2011	Restore wetland complex		

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

We are requesting funding to expand Checkerboard Park (currently 79 acres) by purchasing the adjacent Lutz property (an additional 40 acres).

The landowner adjacent to Checkerboard Park has offered to sell their 40 acre property at 75% of the appraised value (\$140,000). The seller has had several offers from both developers and sod farmers but would prefer to see the parcel kept in a natural state. The Chisago County Park Board and Chisago County Board of Commissioners passed motions in support of purchasing the property.

The property contains many small wetlands and upland species that provide habitat for reptiles, amphibians, and aquatic plants. It also acts as a buffer and filter for a small stream which flows through the site and into the impaired North Branch Sunrise River (NBSR). The NBSR is impaired for bacteria and biota. The NBSR has an approved TMDL study and Implementation Plan.

Farmland adjacent to the Lutz property contains substantial agricultural activity including sod and row crops. Runoff from cropland flows, untreated, into a drained wetland complex on the Lutz property, through Checkerboard Park, and into the NBSR. Restoration of this wetland will provide the opportunity to install a substantial stream and wetland restoration project and, as a result, improve the water quality of the NBSR.

The Army Corps of Engineers is conducting a wetlands study of the greater Sunrise River watershed looking for opportunities for wetland restoration. This project will likely become a priority for wetland restoration.

Adding this land to the County Park system (Checkerboard Park) will protect it from being developed into sod farms and housing in the near future.

Acquisition of the Lutz Property will help to achieve the objectives of the following local plans:

Chisago County Comprehensive Plan 2007 - Parks and Trails Chapter

Checkerboard Park - The county may consider acquisition of 40 acres of land located adjacent to the park to the northwest of the pond.

Chisago County Local Water Management Plan 2006-2011, Chisago SWCD 5 Year Comprehensive Plan, and Chisago County Comprehensive Plan 2007.

1. Projects and practices recommended in the North Branch Sunrise River Total Maximum Daily Load study are implemented.
2. Control of exotic species is promoted.
3. The Wetland Conservation Act is enforced and wetland mitigation sites are identified.
4. Biological diversity, critical ecosystems and wildlife habitat is protected through measures adopted in the County Comprehensive Plan, especially in areas identified in the County Green Corridor Study.

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.

The intent, following this acquisition, is to enter into a 'No Fee Lease Agreement' with the DNR-Section of Wildlife to incorporate this public land unit into the Wildlife Management Area system. This will then allow and provide for habitat management, enhancement and restoration as well as creating a much needed WMA open to only physically challenged hunters.

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

Short term would be the boundary survey, signing and posting of the boundary and parking lot improvement.

Also, the DNR-Section of Wildlife will be able to secure funding and conduct all the work necessary to restore the wetland complex to its full ecological functions.

2. For enhancement/ restoration projects on public lands:

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

Chisago County Parks Board in conjunction with DNR - Section of Wildlife

- 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?

County in partnership with DNR, BWSR, ACOE, SWCD etc

- 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: <i>Mary Donagh Schmidt</i>	Organization/ Agency: <i>Chisago County</i>
Title: <i>Director of Environmental Services/Zoning</i>	Date: <i>10/30/09</i>

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.

Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Project Budget and Match Worksheet, Application Requirement

Project name:

Lutz Property Acquisition

 Organization:

Chisago County

 Organization contact person (Project Manager):

Laird Mork, Chisago County Parks Director

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	\$105,000			\$105,000
Easement Acquisition				
Easement Stewardship				
Equipment/Tools/Supplies				
Travel				
Additional Budget items				
Total	\$105,000.00			\$105,000.00

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

Administration/ Environmental Compliance

Activity	Description	Amount

Fee Acquisition/ Easement Acquisition/ Easement Stewardship Details:

The total appraised value of the Lutz property is \$140,000. The Lutz family has offered to reduce the purchase price of the property by 25%. The final cost of purchasing the property is \$105,000.

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
Lutz Family	Reduce purchase price by 25% - \$35,000 match			

Matching description/ comments: if needed



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Commissioner McMahon offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION NO. 091028-3
AUTHORIZING APPLICATION OF A GRANT FOR
LAND ACQUISITION ADJACENT TO CHECKERBOARD PARK**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Chisago County act as legal sponsor for the project contained in the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program and that the Park Director is hereby authorized to apply for funding of this project on behalf of Chisago County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Chisago County has the legal authority to apply for financial assistance, and financial capability to meet the match requirement and ensure adequate management and protection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Chisago County has not incurred costs and has not entered into a written purchase agreement for the property described.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of its application by the state, Chisago County may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above-referenced project, and that Chisago County certifies that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the grant agreement including dedicating the park property for natural and/or scenic uses into perpetuity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chisago County Park Director is hereby authorized to execute such agreements as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the applicant. No condemnation will be permitted in acquiring this parcel.

Commissioner Greene seconded the resolution and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted:

IN FAVOR THEREOF: McMahon, Montzka, Greene, Robinson

OPPOSED: None


ABSENT: Walker

Whereupon the resolution was declared duly **passed** and **adopted**.

Approved: October 28, 2009



Ben Montzka, Chair

Attest: 

DeAnna M. Lilienthal
Clerk, County Board

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