

**CPL  
Applications**  
(Total to date: 129)

## Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Application

**CPL1000042**

### Spreadsheet

#### Name and Contact

Project Identifier:	CPL1000042	Street Address 1:	709 North 9th Street
Project Name:	Land Acquisition	Street Address 2:	
Organization Name:	Swan Lake Area Wildlife Assoc.	City:	St. Peter
Organization Website:		State:	MN
Organization Contact Person:	Pell Johnson	Zip Code:	56082
Contact Email:	pelljo@mchsi.com		
Contact Phone:	507/934/1312		

#### Location

Primary County:	Nicollet
Nearest City:	Courtland
Township:	
Project Site Name:	Helen Meyer Wildlife Management Area
Project Site Land Ownership:	Other
Other Land Ownership:	No other land owner

#### Project Information

Primary Activity:	Acquisition
Primary Habitat Type:	Wetland
Total Project Acres:	80
Total Project Sites:	1
Total Grant Amount Requested:	\$349110
Total Match Amount:	\$38790
Total Project Cost:	\$387900
Project Completion Date:	06/2012 (MM/YYYY)
Project Summary and Outcomes:	Pt. of Swan Lake Project Area Buy 80 ac. adj. to existing Courtland WMA middle unit site not tiled Adj. to Bit, Srvc. CR 12 Dev. wetlands adding nesting and resting sites Fut land owner will contribute to prchs and devpmnt of site

#### Attachments

- [Project Site Information Form](#)
- [Project Budget and Match Description](#)
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## Project Site Information

### Contact information

Project name:	Land Acquisition
Organization:	Swan Lake Area Wildlife Association (SLAWA)
Organization contact person (Project Manager):	Pell Johnson

### Project information

Project site:	Swan Lake WMA - courtland Middle				
Project site land manager	Legal :	T110	R29	S32	QSW
or easement holder:	Helen Meyer Life Estate et al.				
Private land owner	County:	Nicollet			
(if applicable):	Helen Meyer Life Estate et al.				

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

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Project Site #2, if needed.

Project site:					
Project site land manager	Legal :	T	R	S	Q
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

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

Project site:					
Project site land manager	Legal :	T	R	S	Q
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
1-1-10 to 12-31-10	Acquire Land		
1-1-11 to 12-31-11	develop Site to DNR standards		
1-1-11 to 6-30-12	transfer land to DNR Wildlife		

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

Acquire a key parcel within the Swan Lake "Project" in Nicollet County with the following key components.

- \* 80 acres of upland and wetland that meets several important criteria:
- \* Directly adjacent to the Swan Lake WMA – Courtland Middle Unit
- \* Provide both wetland and upland acres important to waterfowl and upland game
- \* Access is directly off paved Nicollet County Road 12
- \* Lies within the Swan Lake Project Area
- \* Landowners are willing to work with applicant on this acquisition

The parcel will provide additional nesting and brood rearing cover within the project area. There are a existing wetlands on the property and the land is not tiled. This will reduce the cost of development significantly. The Courtland Units consist of 3 unconnected parcels. In the near future there will be an opportunity to expand upon our current land to create one large contiguous unit. This acquisition assists in creating a larger tract of grassland/wetland in the Courtland area to make the unit more valuable to wildlife.

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.

WMA Initial Development Cost Estimates:

	Quantity	Cost
Nesting cover	__57__ Acres	\$ 27,480
Boundary Survey	__0__ Miles/Feet	\$ 0
Tree and Shrub Plantings	__0__ Acres	\$ 0
Posting Boundary	__1.5__ Miles	\$ 1,020__
Parking Lots	__0__ No.	\$ 0
Restore Small Wetlands	__0__ Acres	\$ 0
Access Roads and Trails	__0__ Miles	\$ 0
Well sealing/site cleanup	__0__ Sites	\$ 0
TOTAL		\$28,500

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

Weed control and prescribed burning

**2. For enhancement/ restoration projects on public lands:**

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

DNR - Section of Wildlife

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

AWeed control and prescribed burning

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

DNR Section of Wildlife

- 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](mailto: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: Pell Johnson	Organization/ Agency: Swan Lake Area Wildlife Assoc.
Title: Vice-President	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:	Joel Anderson		
Title:	Nicollet Area wildlife Manager	Date of meeting:	10/29/09
Phone:	507-225-3572	Proposal ID #:	
Email:	joel.anderson@dnr.state.mn.us	(assigned by agency, optional )	

### PROJECT INFORMATION:

Project Name:	Swan Lake Courtland Middle Addition	Organization:	Swan Lake Area Wildlife Association
Contact Person:	Pell Johnson		
Email:	pelljo@mchsi.com	Daytime Phone:	507-934-1312

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:

- ☐ 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](mailto: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:	Joel R. Anderson
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Comments: **Joel Anderson, ken Varland and Paul Hansen met with Swan Lake Area Wildlife Association members Pell Johnson(President) and Clinton Keene to discuss this proposed project. This project fits into the DNR goals to acquire develop and enhance lands within the Swan Lake Project Area. We have worked on acquisition projects with the Swan lake Area Wildlife Association in the past and they have been a tremendous help in acquiring WMA lands within the Swan Lake Project Area.**

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Name:	Joel Anderson	Phone:	507-225-3572
Title:	Area Wildlife Manager	Email:	joel.anderson@dnr.state.mn.us

Additional  
necessary):

Comments( including approval or denial, reasoning):

**This project fits into the Section of Wildlife and the Nicollet Wildlife goals of acquiring and enhancing lands in the Swan Lake Project Area. Swan Lake is the largest Prairie Pothole marsh in the United States. Adding and developing adjacent upland and wetland to provide nesting and brood rearing areas is key to elevating the importance of Swan Lake to waterfowl and waterfowl hunters. Besides the benefit to waterfowl, the native grasses and wildflowers to be seeded will enhance pheasants and many nongame species of wildlife in the area.**

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# Conservation Partners Legacy Grant

## Project Budget and Match Worksheet, Application Requirement

Project name:	Land Acquisition	
Organization:	Swan Lake Area Wildlife Association (SLAWA)	
Organization contact person (Project Manager):	Pell Johnson	

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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 it would be FY2010; December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010= FY2011; May 2012= FY2012

Budget Item	Fiscal Year 2010	Fiscal Year 2011	Fiscal Year 2012	Total
Personnel				
Contracts		\$25,650.00		
Grant Administration				
Administration/ Environmental Compliance				
Fee Acquisition	\$323,460.00			
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
Pending or MCC	Install prairie grass nesting cover (57 acres) and post boundary (1.5 miles)	

**Grant Administration:**

Administrative Activity	Description/ Amount	Amount

**Administration/ Environmental Compliance**

Activity	Description	Amount

**Fee Acquisition/ Easement Acquisition/ Easement Stewardship Details:**

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**Equipment/Tools/Supplies Details:**

Item	Use	Amount

**Travel Details:**

Miles	Purpose	Amount

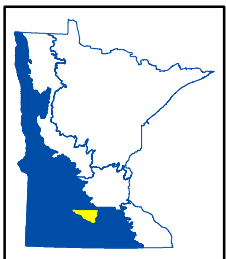
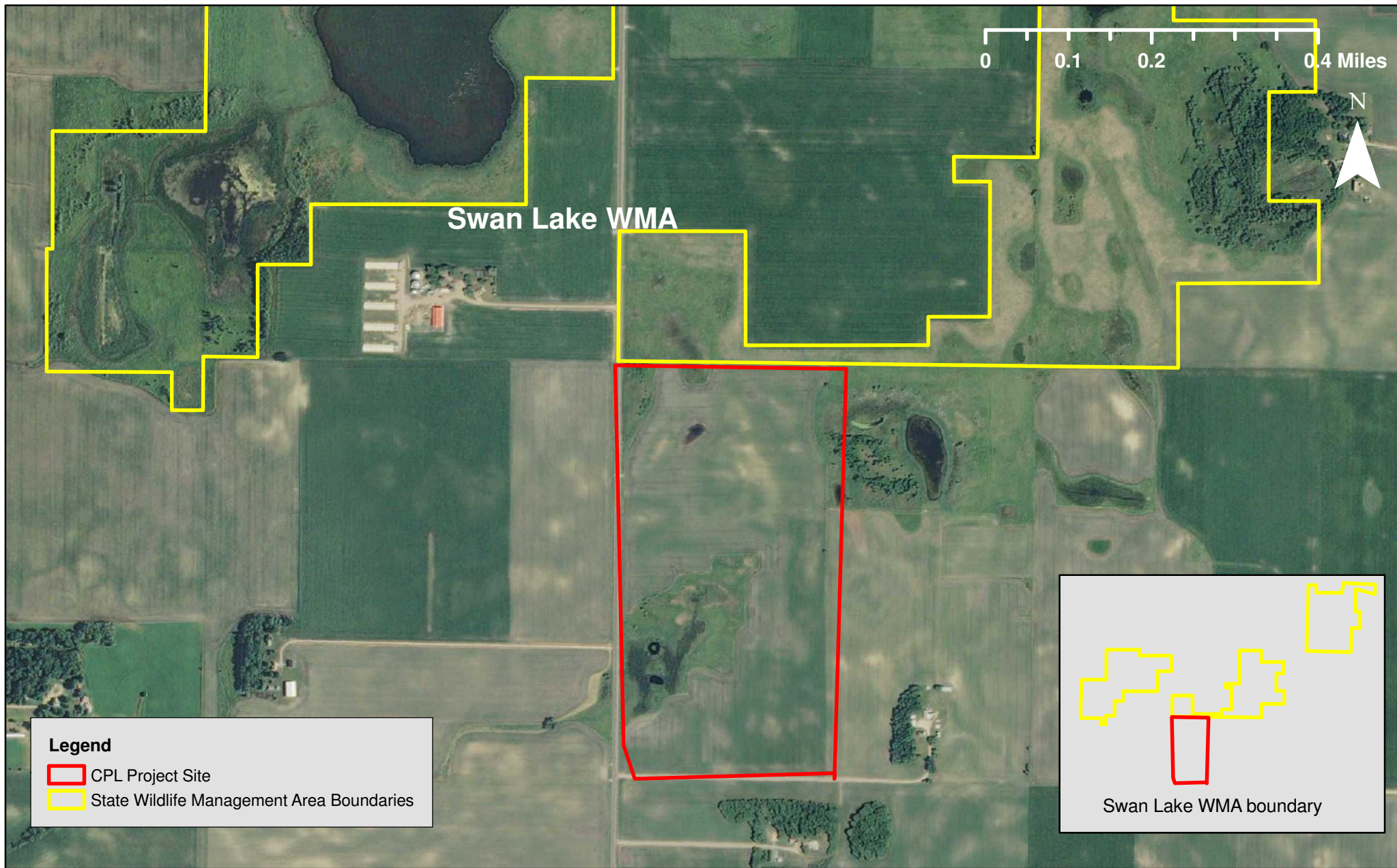
**Additional Budget Items Details:**

**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
SLAWA	Fee Title Acquisition funds	dollars		\$35,940.00
Contract	Install prairie nesting (57 acres) over and boundary posting (1.5 miles)	dollars		\$2,850.00

Matching description/ comments: if needed

Match will provided as funds coming from the SLAWA



CPL100-042  
Land Acquisition  
Nicollet County, LSOHC Prairie Planning Section



# Swan Lake WMA - COURTLAND AND MIDDLE UNIT Addition



County Road 12

Nicollet County



Swan Lake Project Area

Proposed Acquisition  
80 acres

Feet  
0 500 1,000 2,000 3,000 4,000