

CPL Applications
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Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Application

CPL100051

Spreadsheet

Name and Contact

Project Identifier:	CPL100051	Street Address 1:	1008 West Lincoln
Project Name:	Renville County Perpetual Easements	Street Address 2:	
Organization Name:	Renville County SWCD	City:	Olivia
Organization Website:	http://www.renvilleswcd.com/	State:	MN
Organization Contact Person:	Karen Flom	Zip Code:	56277
Contact Email:	flom@yahoo.com		
Contact Phone:	320-523-1550		

Location

Primary County: Renville
Nearest City:
Township:
Project Site Name: Renville County Perpetual Easements
Project Site Land Ownership: Private
Other Land Ownership:

Project Information

Primary Activity: Acquisition
Primary Habitat Type: Prairie
Total Project Acres: 90
Total Project Sites: 3
Total Grant Amount Requested: \$375477
Total Match Amount: \$44134
Total Project Cost: \$419611
Project Completion Date: 05/2010 (MM/YYYY)

Project Summary and Outcomes: The Renville County Perpetual Easements Project looks toward securing easements on expiring RIM, CRP and on land currently in crop production. The easements will be developed with a conservation plan to restore native prairie, wetland complexes, and other local land cover types. These easements will add needed habitat for many species including upland game such as Pheasants and Hungarian Partridge. In addition, Morning Doves, waterfowl and big game species including Whitetail Deer and Wild Turkeys will benefit. With over 400 perpetual conservation easements in the county, local staff are proficient at acquiring and implementing perpetual conservation easements.

Attachments

- [Project Site Information Form](#)
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Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program

Project Site Information

Contact information

Project name:	Renville County Perpetual Easements
Organization:	Renville County Soil and Water Conservation District
Organization contact person (Project Manager):	Karen Flom

Project information

Project site:	BrookField TWP section 34				
Project site land manager	Legal :	T116	R32	S34	QNW
or easement holder:	Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources				
Private land owner	County:	Renville			
(if applicable):	James Kossack				

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:	Ericson TWP section 23				
Project site land manager	Legal :	T116	R37	S23	QSE
or easement holder:	Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources				
Private land owner	County:	Renville			
(if applicable):	Shars Prairie Patch Work Inc.				

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:	Bird Island TWP section 20				
Project site land manager	Legal :	T115	R34	S20	QNW
or easement holder:	Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources				
Private land owner	County:	Renville			
(if applicable):	Dan Tersteeg				

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
Fall 2009	Disk wheat field twice on Shars Prairie Patch Work Inc.		
Spring 2010	Break drainage tile and restore all wetlands on Shars Prairie Patch Work Inc.		
Spring 2010	Drill native grass seed on Shars Prairie Patch Work Inc.		
Spring 2010	Pay for all three proposed easements.		

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

The Renville County Perpetual Easements Project is geared towards adding to the already extensive number of perpetual easements in Renville County. As of 2009, Renville County is the leading county for CREP and RIM in the State of Minnesota with 17,815.9 acres in easements. In addition, there are 5,763.9 acres of CRP. Renville County has been, and continues to be, a leader in conservation activities, especially in the perpetual conservation easement area. Since 2007, nearly 4 million dollars have been received from the Natural Resources and Environmental Trust Fund for perpetual easements for habitat protection on rare granite rock outcrop ecosystems located in the Minnesota River Valley.

The Renville County Perpetual Easements Project looks toward securing easements on expiring RIM, CRP and on land currently in crop production. The easements will be developed with a conservation plan to restore native prairie, wetland complexes, and other local land cover types. These easements will add needed habitat for many species including upland game such as Pheasants and Hungarian Partridge. In addition, Morning Doves, waterfowl and big game species including Whitetail Deer and Wild Turkeys will benefit. With over 400 perpetual conservation easements in the county, local staff are proficient at acquiring and implementing perpetual conservation easements.

Shars Prairie Patch Work Inc.:

The proposed area is 58 acres of cropland. The area contains 17.3 acres of hydric soils that will be restored. The site is directly south of 48.7 acres that includes an existing RIM easement and CRP. By putting a perpetual easement on the proposed site, 105.7 acres of continuous habitat would be created. The site will be planted with a CP-25 mix and the area will be enrolled in CRP before the easement is put in place. We will use CRP cost-share to help pay for the seeding and the wetland restoration. Any restoration on the property will be a level 2 restoration. A level 2 restoration is considered anything involving earthwork such as dikes, dams, levees, and scrapes. The proposed restoration method for this site will be doing scrapes and building berms in addition to breaking all drainage tile lines to restore the hydrology. By restoring the site back to native vegetation and restoring wetlands, we will be creating high quality habitat for upland game species, migratory birds, and amphibians. The site is highly visible to the public.

Dan Tersteeg Property:

The proposed area is 15.0 acres of expired RIM. The area was seeded in the spring of 1992. Of the total 15.0 acre area 14.6 acres are hydric soils making this an important area to protect wetlands. The site is in the heart of Renville County's agriculture region and would be a great area to protect forever from being converted back to agricultural production. The landowner directly to the west has expressed interest in enrolling 35 acres of expired RIM in an easement. This site is home to a large population of pheasants and deer. The thick cover provides vital winter and nesting cover for wildlife in an area that has very little cover to offer these species. The site contains several voluntary trees that act as predator perches which the landowner has committed to voluntarily remove from the area improving the habitat.

James Kossack Property:

The proposed area is 17.4 acres of expired CRP. The area was enrolled into general CRP that expired on September 30 2009. With no general CRP sign-up right now the only option is to reenroll the area into filter strips which would only include 11.0 acres out of the total 17.4 acres. The site was seeded to Western Wheat grass, Switchgrass, Indian grass, Canada Wildrye, and Big Bluestem in the spring of 1999. The site has a 1.7 acre seven row tree planting containing four rows of Plums and three rows of Redosier Dogwood as well as a .5 acre wetland. The area has slopes that range between 6% and 12% that direct runoff into a drainage ditch forming the boundary on the west and northwest side. The site is scheduled for a prescribed burn in the spring of 2011 to help control woody invasion and to increase the native warm season vegetation. There is an active gravel pit on the east side of the site. The site does contain some gravel and would be under threat of being mined. The site offers excellent winter cover for resident wildlife by providing shrubs in the tree planting and cattails in the wetland. There is 126.7 acres of habitat within one mile of the site making this site a

vital component to the wildlife habitat complex.

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.

NA

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

NA

2. For enhancement/ restoration projects on public lands:

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

NA

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

NA

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

NA

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

NA

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: Karen Flom	Organization/ Agency: Renville County SWCD
Title: Office Manager	Date: 10/30/2009

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:

Renville County Perpetual Easements

Organization:

Renville County Soil and Water Conservation District
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Organization contact person (Project Manager):

Karen Flom

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	\$7,200.00			\$7,200.00
Contracts				
Grant Administration	\$18,000.00			\$18,000.00
Administration/ Environmental Compliance				
Fee Acquisition				
Easement Acquisition	\$350,277.20			\$350,277.20
Easement Stewardship				
Equipment/Tools/Supplies				
Travel				
Additional Budget items				
Total	\$373,677.20			\$375,477.20

DETAILS: detail the amounts listed in the above table.

Personnel Details:

Name	Title	Amount
Jason Beckler	Pheasants Forever Farm Bill Biologist - 80 hours / easement for 3 easements - \$30.00 / hour.	\$7,200.00

Contract Details:

Contractor Name	Contracted Work	Amount

Grant Administration:

Administrative Activity	Description/ Amount	Amount
Easement Processing	MN Board of Water and Soil Resources \$3,000.00/easement for 3 easements	\$9,000.00
Easement Processing	Renville County Soil and Water Conservation District \$2,000.00/easement for 3 easements	\$6,000.00
Administration Fee	100 hours for account management, annual and final reporting.	\$3,000.00

Administration/ Environmental Compliance

Activity	Description	Amount

Fee Acquisition/ Easement Acquisition/ Easement Stewardship Details:

<p>James kossack Property:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expired General CRP 17.4 acres \$4013.00 / acre (100% RIM rate)Total: \$69,826.20 <p>Dan Tersteeg Property</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expired RIM 15.0 acres - \$4,189.00 / acre (100% RIM rate) - Total: \$62,835.00 <p>Shars Prairie Patch Work Inc. :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cropland - Signing up for CRP - 58.0 acres - \$3,752.00 / acre (100% RIM rate) - Total: \$217,616.00
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Equipment/Tools/Supplies Details:

Item	Use	Amount

Travel Details:

Miles	Purpose	Amount

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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
In-Kind	Disking, Offset / 2 times - Fall 2009	58 ac.	\$13.30	\$1,542.80
FSA	James Kossack 11.0 ac. CRP Payment 2 years	2 yrs	\$2026.00	\$4,052.00
FSA	Shars Prairie Patch Work Inc. Signing Incentive Payment CRP	58 ac.	\$100.00	\$5,800.00
FSA	Shars Prairie Patch Work Inc. 58.0 ac. CRP Payment 2 years	2 yrs	\$8,338.08	\$16,676.12
FSA	Shars Prairie Patch Work Inc. CP-25 seed mix	58 ac.	\$65.00	\$3,770.00
FSA	Shars Prairie Patch Work Inc. Level 2 Restoration	17.3 ac.	\$600.00	\$10,380.00
FSA	Shars Prairie Patch Work Inc. seedbed prep and seeding	58 ac.	\$25.00	\$1,450.00
FSA	Shars Prairie Patch Work Inc. chemical and mechanical	58 ac.	\$8.00	\$464.00

Matching description/ comments: if needed

All Farm Service Agency (FSA) funds used as the 10% match shown above are federal dollars and approved by Renville County FSA.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE • FARM SERVICE AGENCY

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November 2, 2009

To Whom it may concern:

The Renville County FSA is recommending that 100% of the shown FSA-CRP cost share amounts be approved as part of the Renville County Perpetual Easements project.

The Renville County Farm Service Agency (FSA) verifies that the cost share dollar amount shown for Shars Prairie Patch Works Inc. for the establishment of a new CRP contract is correct and supported by the Minnesota CRP Practice Cost Share Rates, 2-CRP (Rev. 4) MN Amend. 5 handbook. Renville County FSA also verifies that the annual payment amount shown for James Kossack and the projected annual payment amount for Shars Prairie Patch Work Inc. are correct and up to date with current soil rental rates.

James Kossack:

2 years CRP payments (11.0 ac.)
\$2,026.00 / year = \$4,052.00

Shars Prairie Patch Works Inc.:

Signing Incentive Payment (58.0 ac.)
\$100.00 / ac = \$5800.00

CP-25 grass mix (58.0 ac.)
\$65.00 / ac. = \$3,770.00

Seedbed prep and seeding – New Land (58.0 ac.)
\$25.00 / ac. = \$1,450.00

Practice establishment after planting grasses - Chemical and or Mechanical (58.0 ac.)
\$8.00 / ac. = \$464.00

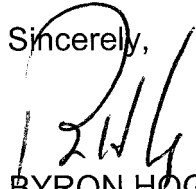
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Level 2 wetland restoration (17.3 ac.)
\$600 / ac. = \$10,380.00

2 years CRP payments (58.0 ac.)
\$8,338.08 / year = \$16,676.16

If you have any further questions regarding the information on these two CRP contracts, please contact our office at 320-523-1550.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'BH' with a large flourish above it.

BYRON HOGBERG
County Executive Director

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