

CPL Applications

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Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Application

CPL1000085

Spreadsheet

Name and Contact

Project Identifier:	CPL1000085	Street Address 1:	16015 Central Ave NE #103
Project Name:	Beach Conservation Easement Restoration/Enhancement	Street Address 2:	
Organization Name:	Anoka Conservation District	City:	Ham Lake
Organization Website:	www.anokaswcd.org	State:	MN
Organization Contact Person:	Nate Zwonitzer	Zip Code:	55304
Contact Email:	nate.zwonitzer@anokaswcd.org		
Contact Phone:	(763)4342030		

Location

Primary County:	Anoka
Nearest City:	St. Francis
Township:	
Project Site Name:	Beach Conservation Easement
Project Site Land Ownership:	Private
Other Land Ownership:	

Project Information

Primary Activity:	Enhancement
Primary Habitat Type:	Prairie
Total Project Acres:	6
Total Project Sites:	4
Total Grant Amount Requested:	\$12394
Total Match Amount:	\$1480
Total Project Cost:	\$13874
Project Completion Date:	06/2012 (MM/YYYY)

Project Summary and Outcomes: The Beach Conservation Easement Prairie Restoration/Enhancement project will enhance approximately 5 acres of upland grassland and restore another acre that is completely devoid of native vegetation. The 70 acre Beach Conservation Easement property is located between the Bethel WMA and the Cedar Creek Corridor, providing connectivity between two important habitat areas. The property consists of woodland, wetlands and upland grasslands in an area known to [REDACTED]. This project will result in higher quality upland habitat by introducing a variety of native grasses and forbs that will provide food, winter cover and nesting grounds.

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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Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program

Project Site Information

Contact information

Project name:

Beach Conservation Easement Restoration/Enhancement
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Organization:

Anoka Conservation District

Organization contact person (Project Manager):

Nate Zwonitzer

Project information

Project site:

Beach Conservation Easement

Project site land manager or easement holder:

Minnesota Land Trust

 Legal :

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Private land owner County:

Anoka

(if applicable):

Anoka Conservation District

Activity (may choose more than one): Enhancement Restoration Acquisition

Predominant Habitat (choose one): Forest Prairie Wetland Fish, Game and Wildlife Habitat

Activity quantity:

6

 Acres Miles Feet Structures Wetlands

Project Site #2, if needed.

Project site:

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Project site land manager or easement holder:

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 Legal :

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Private land owner County:

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(if applicable):

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Activity (may choose more than one): Enhancement Restoration Acquisition

Predominant Habitat (choose one): Forest Prairie Wetland Fish, Game and Wildlife Habitat

Activity quantity:

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 Acres Miles Feet Structures Wetlands

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

Project site:

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Project site land manager or easement holder:

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 Legal :

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Private land owner County:

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(if applicable):

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Activity (may choose more than one): Enhancement Restoration Acquisition

Predominant Habitat (choose one): Forest Prairie Wetland Fish, Game and Wildlife Habitat

Activity quantity:

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 Acres Miles Feet Structures Wetlands

Project timeline:

Time frame	Goal	Time frame	Goal
Spring 2010	Burn 3 enhancement fields followed by seeding, herbicide restoration field.	Spring 2011	Spot treat all fields for undesirable species, mow restoration field to reduce competition.
Summer 2010	Spot treat enhancement fields, second herbicide application to restoration field.	Summer 2011	Spot treat enhancement fields for undesirable species, mow restoration field to reduce competition.
Fall 2010	Mow enhancement fields to reduce cool season grass competition, third herbicide application to restoration field (if needed) followed by seeding. Kern: Prescribed burn of wetland restoration area followed by native seeding.	Fall 2011	Mow all fields.
		Spring 2012	Beach: spot treat all fields for undesirable species, burn restoration field and inter-seed poorly established areas

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

Project Site 1: Beach Conservation Easement Enhancement/Restoration

DESCRIPTION: The Minnesota Land Trust holds a conservation easement and supports the proposed restoration work on this 70 acre property located in St. Francis. The owner of the property recently passed away, and the property will be in probate until December when ownership will be transferred to the Anoka Conservation District as directed in the deceased owner's will. This process will not affect the proposed project. There are four fields on the property totalling about six acres. Three of the fields have some native grasses and forbs established with scattered invasive species and bare soil areas prone to early successional and annual weeds. The fourth field is completely void of any valuable vegetation. This project will implement the prairie restoration practices needed to enhance and restore the fields to a state of established warm season grasses and forbs. Three of the fields will be burned and seeded with native grasses and forbs to increase species diversity and habitat value. Mowing will be used to reduce competition from weed species and promote seed germination. The restoration field will require a full season of site preparation to ensure a suitable seed bed. Herbicide applications and mowing will reduce the presence of weed species. If one season of site preparation is sufficient, drilling native grass and forb seed will be done in the fall of the first season. If needed, another herbicide application followed by seeding could be done the second spring. Mowing the seeded area will be done to reduce competition from weed species. A final burn and inter-seeding of poorly established areas will occur in the spring of 2012.

BENEFITS: The property provides a critical link between the Bethel Wildlife Management Area and the Cedar Creek Corridor, the latter of which consists of large tracts of natural communities on privately owned land and spans twelve miles between the Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve and the Rum River. Current habitat on the property consists of oak forest in transition to woodland due to oak wilt, wetland ranging from high quality to degraded and degraded upland fields. The general area is composed largely of wetlands and mesic forest, with many of the upland grasslands having been developed to housing during the past several decades. The woodland and wetlands on the property attract a lot of wildlife, and the native prairie restoration will provide critical upland nesting grounds and winter cover that is currently lacking. Sandhill cranes and wild turkeys are frequently seen on the property, and this project will greatly increase its ecological value by providing high quality upland area for many game and non-game species.

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?

As the fee title owner of the Beach project site, the Anoka Conservation District coordinates with the conservation easement holder, the Minnesota Land Trust, to ensure all activities are consistent with the terms of the management plan.

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

Most of the maintenance work required on the Beach prairie sites will be spot treatment of weed species, mowing, and periodic burns. Anoka Conservation District owns the equipment necessary to complete mowing and herbicide application.

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

Maintenance work on the Beach property will be done by ACD staff. It will be funded through the Anoka Conservation District's general fund, as there are no existing funds dedicated to this site.

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

CPL funds will not supplant existing funding. There is no current funding for materials or labor required for the above extensive restoration/enhancement activities.

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 project.

Signature: Nathan Zwonitzer	Organization/ Agency: Anoka Conservation District
Title: Conservation Technician	Date: 10-29-2009

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.

- 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.

CPL Project Application Review and Approval Form

- 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:	Chris A. Lord and Sarah Strommen
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Comments: **Anoka Conservation District is the land manager and MN Land Trust is the easement holder therefore we have completed this review form jointly. The work proposed is above and beyond the requirements of the conservation easement and is consistent with the management plan.**

Name:		Phone:	
Title:		Email:	

Additional
necessary):

Comments(including approval or denial, reasoning):

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

Project name:	Beach Conservation Easement Restoration/Enhancement	
Organization:	Anoka Conservation District	
Organization contact person (Project Manager):	Nate Zwonitzer	

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	\$1,180.00	\$2,122.00	\$1,180.00	\$4,472.00
Contracts	\$1,200.00		\$600.00	\$1,800.00
Grant Administration	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$1,200.00
Administration/ Environmental Compliance	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$750.00
Fee Acquisition				
Easement Acquisition				
Easement Stewardship				
Equipment/Tools/Supplies	\$2,100.00	\$2,322.00	\$1,230.00	\$5,652.00
Travel				
Additional Budget items				
Total	\$5,130.00	\$5,084.00	\$3,660.00	\$13,874.00

DETAILS: detail the amounts listed in the above table.

Personnel Details:

Name	Title	Amount
Nate Zwonitzer	Conservation Technician	\$1,100.00
Seasonal Employee	Seasonal Technician	\$3,372.00

Contract Details:

Contractor Name	Contracted Work	Amount
Prairie Restorations	Prescribed Burns	\$1,800.00

Grant Administration:

Administrative Activity	Description/ Amount	Amount
Contract Management	Solicit bids and manage contracts, ensuring compliance with grant requirements.	\$400.00
Reporting	Submit period reports and requests for reimbursement in accordance with the terms of the grant agreement.	\$400.00
Financial Management	Record all financial transaction and ensure all expenses are well documented and segregated from other district operations.	\$400.00

Administration/ Environmental Compliance

Activity	Description	Amount
Blanding's Turtle Management	Contractor notification regarding Blanding's Turtles. Provide staff presence on site during critical activities to avoid adverse affects to Blanding's Turtle populations.	\$750.00

Fee Acquisition/ Easement Acquisition/ Easement Stewardship Details:

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Equipment/Tools/Supplies Details:

Item	Use	Amount
Native Seed Drill/seed	Prairie seeding	\$3,150.00
Herbicide and sprayer	Site prep/spot treating weed	\$1,582.00
Mower	Reducing weed competition/aid prairie establishment	\$920.00

Travel Details:

Miles	Purpose	Amount

Additional Budget Items Details:

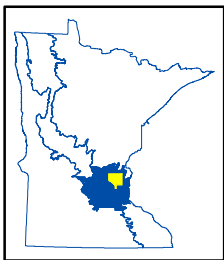
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MATCH: Required 10% of total project funds, to be fulfilled by end of Fiscal Year 2012. Use provided rate sheet to determine unit rate and total value of in-kind services to be used as matching funds if applicable.

Source	Description	Units	Unit Rate	Total Value
ACD	Mower rental/transportation	4	\$230.00	\$920.00
ACD	ATV and herbicide tank/boom rental	2	\$280.00	\$560.00

Matching description/ comments: if needed

The Anoka Conservation District will provide ACD owned equipment at the rate outlined in the ACD Board Approved Fee Schedule.



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 Anoka County, LSOHC Metropolitan Urbanizing Area Planning Section

