

Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Application

CPL1000115

Spreadsheet

Name and Contact

Project Identifier:	CPL1000115	Street Address 1:	2356 University Ave. W, Ste 240
Project Name:	Wells Creek Habitat Protection Project	Street Address 2:	
Organization Name:	Minnesota Land Trust	City:	St. Paul
Organization Website:	www.mnland.org	State:	MN
Organization Contact Person:	Kris William Larson	Zip Code:	55114
Contact Email:	klarson@mnland.org		
Contact Phone:	651-647-9590		

Location

Primary County: Goodhue
Nearest City: Red Wing
Township: 112N
Project Site Name: Wells Creek
Project Site Land Ownership: Private
Other Land Ownership:

Project Information

Primary Activity: Acquisition
Primary Habitat Type: Fish, Game or Wildlife Habitat
Total Project Acres: 58
Total Project Sites: 1
Total Grant Amount Requested: \$165000
Total Match Amount: \$30000
Total Project Cost: \$195000
Project Completion Date: 12/2010 (MM/YYYY)

Project Summary and Outcomes: The Minnesota Land Trust proposes to acquire a conservation easement on high-quality habitat along Wells Creek, in Goodhue County, portions of which are a DNR designated trout stream. This particular project represents an excellent and urgent opportunity to work with a willing landowner to protect more than 2,500 of natural shoreline habitat and approximately 58 acres of a rich mosaic of forest, grasslands and wetlands. This project will benefit fish, game and wildlife, as it will preserve the unique habitats found on the site, the most critical of which is the natural shoreline and floodplain forest.

Attachments

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

Contact information

Project name:

Wells Creek Habitat Protection Project
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Organization:

Minnesota Land Trust

Organization contact person (Project Manager):

Kris William Larson

Project information

Project site:

Wells Creek

Project site land manager or easement holder:

Minnesota Land Trust

 Legal :

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Private land owner County:

Goodhue

(if applicable):

Eckblad

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

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

Activity quantity:

2,500

 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
Dec. 31, 2010	Complete Conservation Easement Transaction		
Ongoing	Easement Monitoring and Enforcement		

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

The Minnesota Land Trust proposes to acquire a conservation easement on high-quality habitat along Wells Creek, in Goodhue County, portions of which are a DNR designated trout stream. This particular project represents an excellent and urgent opportunity to work with a willing landowner to protect more than 2,500 of natural shoreline habitat and approximately 58 acres of a rich mosaic of forest, grasslands and wetlands. [REDACTED]

This project is a strategic, high-priority conservation easement acquisition for the Minnesota Land Trust, as it is located within a target area identified in its Mississippi Blufflands conservation planning. Critical shoreline habitat protection is a major goal of most state and regional conservation strategies. For example, the Minnesota Conservation and Preservation Plan recommends state investments in critical shoreland habitat protection through conservation easements, which this project represents.

This project will benefit fish, game and wildlife, as it will preserve the unique habitats found on the site, the most critical of which is the natural shoreline and floodplain forest. In-stream fish and invertebrates will be protected from improper shoreline development and management, which can increase the turbidity of the water, increase temperatures and otherwise destroy the aquatic habitat. Other species will benefit from the protection of the other habitats found on the site, including the forest, grasslands and wetlands.

As in other parts of the state, much of the shoreline on trout streams in southeast Minnesota is located on private property, which makes it vulnerable to development pressures and improper management. As such, conservation easements are the only permanent tool to meet the state's conservation objectives on private land.

The project will help prevent Wells Creek from potential degradation caused by development in this growing region of the state. It also will provide an opportunity for further partnerships with the landowners to improve in-stream habitat and other beneficial land management practices.

The conservation easement will prohibit adverse impacts to the conservation values by regulating certain land uses of the property, including prohibiting residential and commercial development, limiting residential development and structures to the existing home site and out buildings, limiting division of the property, and requiring that land management be conducted according to an approved land management plan.

Funding for this project will cover personnel, professional services, easement acquisition expenses and perpetual conservation easement monitoring and enforcement. The match for this project will come in additional acquisition

funding, which the Land Trust has secured via the Dorris Duke Charitable Foundation, and/or landowner donation, depending upon the values of the final appraisal.

The Minnesota Land Trust is an Accredited Land Trust by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. As such, its conservation easement transactions and easement stewardship methods meet the Land Trust Standards and Practices.

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?

- 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?

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

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: Kris William Larson (in lieu of physical signature due to electronic submission)	Organization/ Agency: Minnesota Land Trust
Title: Executive Director	Date: November 3, 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:	Wells Creek Habitat Protection Project	
Organization:	Minnesota Land Trust	
Organization contact person (Project Manager):	Kris William Larson	

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	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00		\$10,000.00
Contracts	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00		\$15,000.00
Grant Administration	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		\$2,000.00
Administration/ Environmental Compliance				
Fee Acquisition				
Easement Acquisition		\$120,000.00		\$120,000.00
Easement Stewardship		\$18,000.00		\$18,000.00
Equipment/Tools/Supplies				
Travel				
Additional Budget items				
Total	\$16,000.00	\$149,000.00		\$165,000.00

DETAILS: detail the amounts listed in the above table.

Personnel Details:

Name	Title	Amount
Nancy Kafka	Southern Region Conservation Director	\$5,000.00
Bonnie Maffit	Southern Region Assistant	\$2,500.00
Gena Setzer	Staff Attorney	\$2,500.00

Contract Details:

Contractor Name	Contracted Work	Amount
To be determined	Appraiser, GIS services, Survey (if needed), Legal assistance, title work, other.	\$15,000.00

Grant Administration:

Administrative Activity	Description/ Amount	Amount
Staff/Accountant Time	Grant Management	\$2,000.00

Administration/ Environmental Compliance

Activity	Description	Amount

Fee Acquisition/ Easement Acquisition/ Easement Stewardship Details:

The Minnesota Land Trust will purchase a conservation easement from the landowner for an estimated \$150,000. The Land Trust will commission a conservation easement appraisal to determine exact value of the easement upon receipt of the grant. The Land Trust will monitor and defend the conservation easement in perpetuity, using an approach based on Land Trust standards and practices.

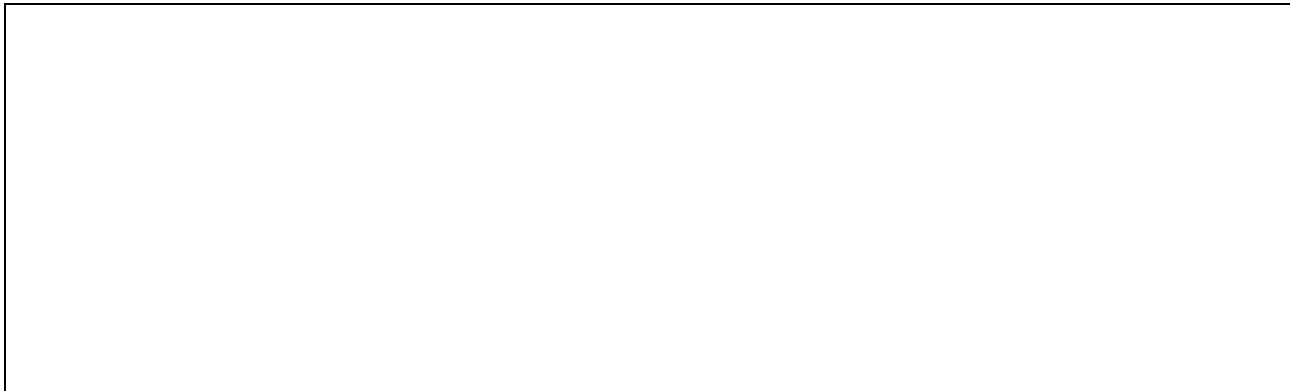
Equipment/Tools/Supplies Details:

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
Dorris Duke Charitable Foundation and/or Landowner Contribution	Conservation easement acquisition funding			\$30,000.00

Matching description/ comments: if needed

Once the Land Trust secures the appraisal, it can then determine the most appropriate source of the match amount. The Land Trust has secured funding from the Dorris Duke Charitable Foundation for wildlife habitat protection in the Blufflands, which it can use on this project. In addition, once the value is determined, the landowner may be willing to donate a portion of the value. In no case will the match be less than 10% of the overall project amount.