

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

Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Application

CPL1000129

Spreadsheet

Name and Contact

Project Identifier:	CPL1000129	Street Address 1:	221 East Clark Street
Project Name:	City of Albert Lea Fish Habitat Enhancement and Recreation	Street Address 2:	
Organization Name:	City of Albert Lea	City:	Albert Lea
Organization Website:		State:	MN
Organization Contact Person:	Victoria Simonsen	Zip Code:	56007
Contact Email:	vsimonsen@city.albertlea.org		
Contact Phone:	507-377-4336		

Location

Primary County:	Freeborn
Nearest City:	Albert Lea
Township:	
Project Site Name:	City of Albert Lea
Project Site Land Ownership:	Local
Other Land Ownership:	

Project Information

Primary Activity:	Enhancement
Primary Habitat Type:	Fish, Game or Wildlife Habitat
Total Project Acres:	2
Total Project Sites:	1
Total Grant Amount Requested:	\$390131
Total Match Amount:	\$153773
Total Project Cost:	\$543904
Project Completion Date:	12/2012 (MM/YYYY)

Project Summary and Outcomes: The acquired land will be restored to natural features using bioengineering techniques. Bioengineering techniques for this project will be defined as utilizing plants and other natural materials to stabilize and restore existing erosion problems. This technique utilizes native vegetation to help improve water quality through the filtration and uptake of sediments and nutrients from stormwater runoff. Through careful plant selection the restoration and enhancement of the stream corridor will provide food, cover and water for wildlife an urban environment.

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:

City of Albert Lea Fish Habitat Enhancement and Recreational Access Improvement

Organization:

City of Albert Lea

Organization contact person (Project Manager):

Jeffery S. Broberg

Project information

Project site:

City of Albert Lea

Project site land manager Legal :

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or easement holder:

City of Albert Lea c/o Victoria Simonsen - City Manager

Private land owner County:

Freeborn

(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:

1.2

☒ Acres ☐ Miles ☐ Feet ☐ Structures ☐ Wetlands

Project Site #2, if needed.

Project site:

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Project site land manager Legal :

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

Project site:

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Project timeline:

Time frame	Goal	Time frame	Goal
FY 2010	Complete accomplishment plan and execute grant agreement	FY 2012	Develop and install interpretative sign at the project site
FY 2010	Complete preliminary soils work for bioengineer shoreline and native upland buffer		
FY 2011	Clean debris out of Shell Rock River in channel at the project site		
FY 2011	Complete, survey, design, obtain environmental compliance permits and complete construction of bioengineered shoreline		
FY 2011	Plant native vegetation on 275 linear feet of shoreline		
FY 2011	Begin construction of native upland buffer and complete planting		
FY 2012	Install two fish habitat structures		
FY 2012	Install canoe access, a handicap fishing pier		
FY 2012	Finish planting native upland buffer		

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

Albert Lea's motto the "land between the lakes" defines the community's focus for natural resource stewardship in the lakes and rivers surrounding the city and is a vital component to the city's identity. The City of Albert Lea Fish Habitat Enhancement and Recreational Access Improvement project proposes restoration and enhancement of fishery habitat (in-stream), shoreland buffers and will improve recreational access by installing a canoe landing and a handicap fishing pier on publically owned city land. These restoration efforts will be completed along a 350 foot reach of the Shell Rock River, the segment that connects Fountain Lake to Albert Lea Lake near the core of Albert Lea's commercial/business district.

The City of Albert Lea's, population 18,356, is at the crossroads of I-35 and I-90, 70 miles south of the Twin Cities and 10 miles north of the Iowa border. The natural setting is described as the Glaciated Plain of the Prairie Provenance and is at the center of the headlands of the 246 square mile Shell Rock River Watershed which drains southeast across fertile farmland to the Iowa River. The City encompasses Fountain Lake, the headwater of the Shell Rock River and the proposed river restoration reach that flows to the 2,654 acre Albert Lea Lake. The Shell Rock River Watershed and the City of Albert Lea are the southern gateway to Minnesota's lakes, our signature natural resource. Albert Lea Lake and the Shell Rock River are a visitors first view of Minnesota's water, when coming north on I-35 or coming east on I-90.

Together the partners will enhance a highly visible reach of natural shoreland (1.2 acres) in the center of Albert Lea that was formerly a business and developed as a totally impervious lot that has been purchased by the City as a flood mitigation measure. The City will demolish the building in preparation of the site restoration. The project is a high priority for the citizens of Albert Lea, the Shell Rock River Watershed District (SRRWD) and MNDNR Fishery managers, who have all contributed countless hours in defining and prioritizing projects for the Freeborn County Comprehensive Plan, the Freeborn County Local Water Plan and the Shell Rock River Watershed District Management Plan; which all conclude the "land between the lakes" is a high priority. Local support is provided by the Albert Lea - Freeborn County Chamber of Commerce and the Fountain Lake Sportsmen's Club, Inc., the project partners .

Funding this proposal now, will restore and enhance the degraded river reach that was abused for over 130 years by commercial and industrial businesses. A MNDNR assessment of Albert Lea Lake states that "Lake habitat and water quality have been seriously degraded from point and non-point industrial, agricultural, and urban sources. Lake conditions have improved remarkably in the past ten years. Industrial and municipal pollution abatement is nearly complete with agricultural and urban pollution the main existing pollution sources, total phosphorous concentrations have decreased to less than one third of the average concentration measured prior to the upgrade of the wastewater treatment plant" (SSRWD Water Plan, June 2004). Lake and river corridors, like the Shell Rock River channel provide significant aquatic, shoreland and terrestrial habitat in a landscape now dominated by corn and soybean production. Albert Lea Lake is continuing the recovery of water quality and habitat that was degraded for decades due to adjacent industrial activity. With help from the L-SCPL Grant the enhancements and restoration of the 350-foot river corridor and 1 acre of urban shoreland enhancement will show an immediate impact on local natural resources and habitat and will stimulate Albert Lea's continuing efforts. On a similar note, it will also help the citizens of Albert Lea and surrounding community realize their community health "Blue Zone" vision that recognizes healthy lakes and outdoor activity boost a healthy community. Because this 350-foot stream corridor is part of the defining natural resource link between land and water the proposed project can help restore the link between man and the environment in Albert Lea.

Although the MNDNR Natural Heritage Database Review indicated no features were within one mile of the proposed project, the project will provide multiple benefits to the Shell Rock River, through habitat enhancement, improve water quality and will improve public use and public health through restoration and enhancement of this public open space corridor in an urban setting. The project is designed to restore over 1 acre of land in an urban setting and a 350-foot reach of river habitats. The historically degraded shoreland has been used for many years as a commercial property and was recently acquired by the City for a natural area restoration and public access improvement. The acquired land will be restored to natural features using bioengineering techniques. Bioengineering techniques for this project will be defined as utilizing plants and other natural materials to stabilize and restore existing erosion problems. This technique utilizes native vegetation to help improve water quality through the filtration and uptake of sediments and nutrients

from stormwater runoff. Through careful plant selection the restoration and enhancement of the stream corridor will provide food, cover and water for wildlife an urban environment.

The restored corridor will provide safe and hospitable public access for fishing and outdoor activities along this urban riparian corridor. The proposed project is ready for the final details and implementation and can be completed within two years. The citizens of Albert Lea are enthusiastic about the opportunity to partner with L-SCPL to bring nature, fish and wildlife back to the core of Albert Lea.

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.

n/a

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

n/a

2. For enhancement/ restoration projects on public lands:

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

Since the habitat enhancement and restoration activities will be completed on city-owned land, the City of Albert Lea 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?

To complete short-term maintenance work, establishment of native grasses will be the most difficult challenge. The city has dedicated \$2,000 of in-kind labor to complete activities such as mowing to help keep annual weeds out of the newly restored project area. In the long-term annual

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

The city has dedicated up to \$2,000 for maintenance crews (City employees) to inspect and complete maintenance activities such as, mowing. Once the grant has expired, the city will maintain the Lessard-Sams Conservation Partners Legacy funds with revenue from the city's general fund.


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

No, Funds will not be used to supplant any existing funds.

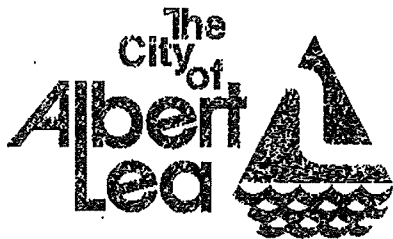
As required by 2009 MN Session Law, Chapter 172 subd. 10 (8), "any agency or entity receiving an appropriation must, for any project funded in whole or in part with funds from the appropriation, give consideration to and make **timely written contact with the Minnesota Conservation Corps** for consideration 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: 	Organization/ Agency: City of Albert Lea
Title: City Manager	Date: 11-3-09

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.



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City of Albert Lea Fish Habitat Enhancement and Recreational Access Improvements

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If this is based on a fund-raising event or other future action, If that future action fails, will you still provide the contribution amount?

N/A

Signature:

Printed Name, Title, and Affiliation: Victoria Simonsen, City Manager, Albert Lea

Date Signed: 11-03-09

CPL Project Application Review and Approval Form

REVIEWER INFORMATION

Land manager/ easement holder name:	City of Ablert Lea		
Title:	City Manager - Victoria Simonsen	Date of meeting:	10-23-09
Phone:	(507) 377-4325	Proposal ID #:	
Email:	vsimonsen@city.albertlea.org	(assigned by agency, optional)	

PROJECT INFORMATION:

Project Name:	City of Albert Lea Fish Habitat Enhancement and Recreational Access Improvement	Organization:	City of Albert Lea
Contact Person:	Jeffery S. Broberg		
Email:	jsbroberg@mcghiebetts.com	Daytime Phone:	(507) 289-3919

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** at 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.

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)

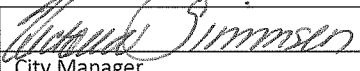
☐ I find that this project should be sent up to a higher level within the agency for further review and decision. I have forwarded the Project Planning Form and this Review and Approval Form for further review to:

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:	Victoria Simonsen
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Comments:

Name:		Phone:	507-377-4300
Title:	City Manager	Email:	vsimonsen@city.alberta.org

Additional
necessary):

Comments(including approval or denial, reasoning):

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Comments:

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Title:	City Manager	Email:	vsimonsen@city.alberta.org

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Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program
Natural Heritage Database Review
October 22, 2009

Victoria Simonsen, City of Albert Lea,

We have received your request for a Natural Heritage Database Review specific to your Conservation Partners Legacy Grant application, titled City of Albert Lea Fish Habitat Enhancement and Recreational Access Improvement. The following information is the result of that review, completed for the project location(s) within your proposed project.

- There are no features within one mile of your project site.

Please note:

- This review only applies to the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program application referenced above.
- This information has no bearing on any related permits or projects not covered under the request for review.
- This information will not be valid after March 1, 2010. The only use of this data is to record potential impacts and minimization or avoidance techniques for any Natural Heritage Database records found in or within 1 mile of the listed project site(s).

Please contact CPL Grant staff at LSCPLGrants@state.mn.us with any questions. Thank you for your interest in the CPL Grant Program.

Conservation Partners Legacy Grant

Project Budget and Match Worksheet, Application Requirement

Project name:	City of Albert Lea Fish Habitat Enhancement and Recreational Access Improvement	
Organization:	City of Albert Lea	
Organization contact person (Project Manager):	Victoria Simonsen - City Manager 221 East Clark Street, Albert Lea, MN 56007 Phone: (507) 377-4325 Email: vsimonsen@city.albertlea.org	

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		\$5,053.00	\$5,053.00	\$10,106.00
Contracts	\$3,000.00	\$296,867.00	\$68,105.00	\$367,972.00
Grant Administration	\$753.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,753.00
Administration/ Environmental Compliance		\$7,000.00		\$7,000.00
Fee Acquisition				
Easement Acquisition				
Easement Stewardship				
Equipment/Tools/Supplies			\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00
Travel				
Additional Budget items				
Total	\$3,753.00	\$309,920.00	\$76,458.00	\$390,131.00

DETAILS: detail the amounts listed in the above table.

Personnel Details:

Name	Title	Amount
Kyle Skov	Environmental Engineer	\$10,106.00

Contract Details:

Contractor Name	Contracted Work	Amount
TBD	Bioengineer 550 linear feet of shoreline creating accessible fishing. Native plantings	\$243,650.00

	as appropriate.	
TBD	Design, specifications, construction inspection, soil testing and prepare master plan for remaining river corridor	\$47,922.00
TBD	Install native upland buffer, canoe and handicap fishing access	\$46,000.00
TBD	Clean Debris out of river, survey river and install fish habitat structures	\$30,400.00

Grant Administration:

Administrative Activity	Description/ Amount	Amount
Grant Agreement	Prepare and execute grant agreement	\$753.00
Grant Administration	Overseeing the project and billing reimbursements (FY11)	\$1,000.00
Grant Administration	Overseeing the project and billing reimbursements (FY12)	\$1,000.00

Administration/ Environmental Compliance

Activity	Description	Amount
Public Waters Permit	File a Public Waters Work Permit to complete bioengineering of the stream bank along Shell Rock River	\$3,000.00
NPDES/SWPPP Permit	File a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) Permit for disturbance of land greater than 1 acre	\$4,000.00

Fee Acquisition/ Easement Acquisition/ Easement Stewardship Details:

n/a

Equipment/Tools/Supplies Details:

Item	Use	Amount
Sign	An interpretative sign will be developed to adequately highlight funding was provided by the Lessard-Sams Conservation Partners Legacy Grant	\$2,300.00

Travel Details:

Miles	Purpose	Amount

Additional Budget Items Details:

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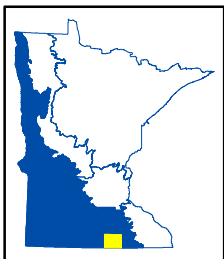
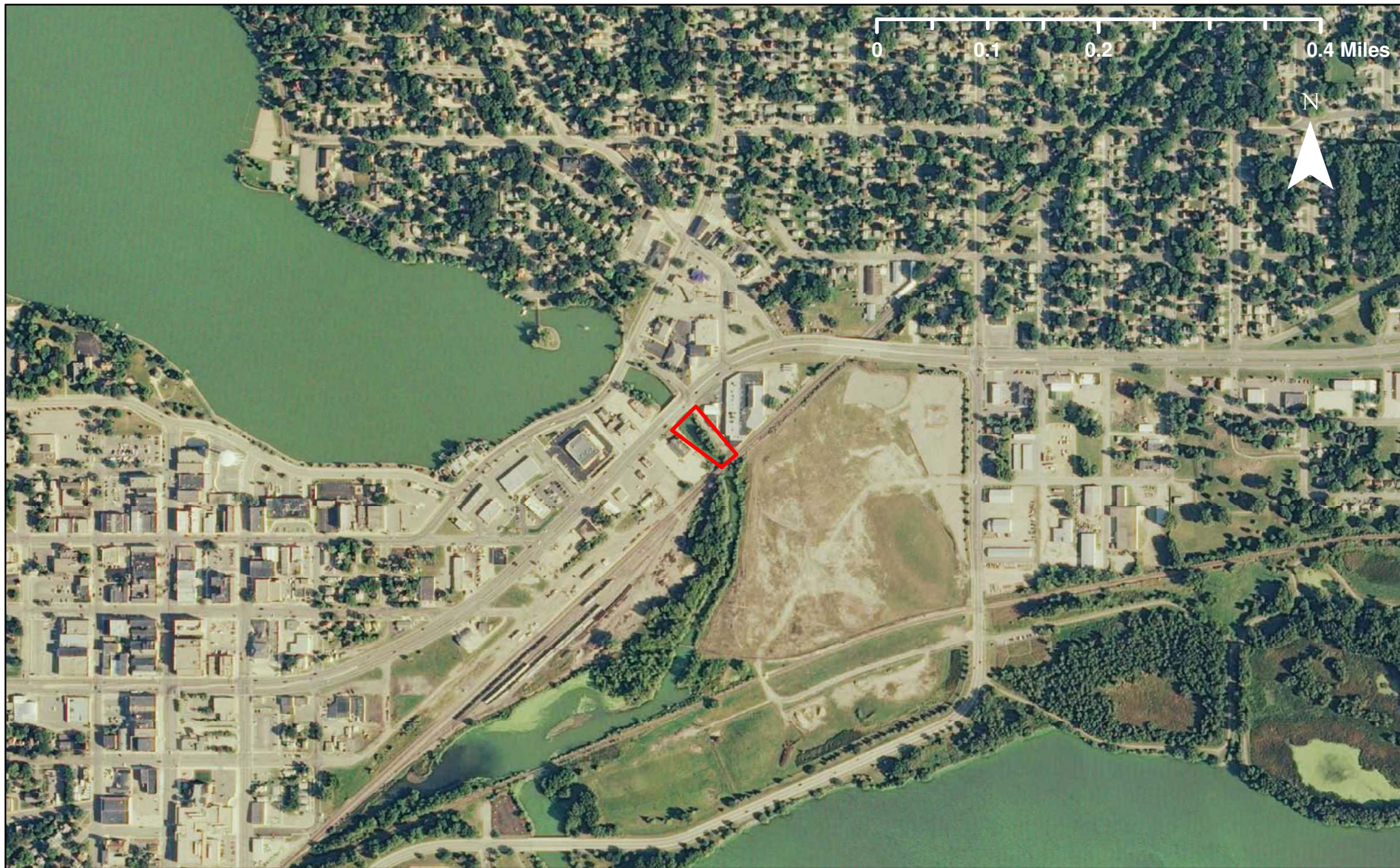
MATCH: Required 10% of total project funds, to be fulfilled by end of Fiscal Year 2012. Use provided rate sheet to determine unit rate and total value of in-kind services to be used as matching funds if applicable.

Source	Description	Units	Unit Rate	Total Value
City of Albert Lea	Personnel cost for Environmental Engineer (0.20 FTE for 2 years), includes costs for developing the Accomplishment Plan	2	\$16,700.00	\$33,400.00
City of Albert Lea	Personnel cost for Engineering Technician (0.20 FTE for 2 years)	2	\$9,624.00	\$19,248.00
City of Albert Lea	Grading parking lot for public access, includes sewer and water connection for bathroom facilities	2	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00
City of Albert Lea	Land Acquisition, Abatement and Demolition of Existing Building	1	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00
City of Albert Lea	Maintenance native planting installations	4	\$500.00	\$2,000.00
Albert Lea - Freeborn County Chamber of Commerce	Landscape enhancements, such as native plants, trees, shrubs or a bench) Selection of donated item will be dependant on final design.			\$6,000.00
Fountain Lake Sportsmen's Club Inc.	Volunteered labor for clean up, and planting (25 volunteer for a total of 25 hours)	25	\$13.00	\$8,125.00

Total				\$153,773.00

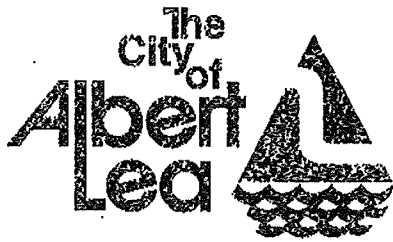
Matching description/ comments: if needed

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CPL100-129
City of Albert Lea Fish Habitat Enhancement and Recreation
Freeborn County, LSOHC Prairie Planning Section





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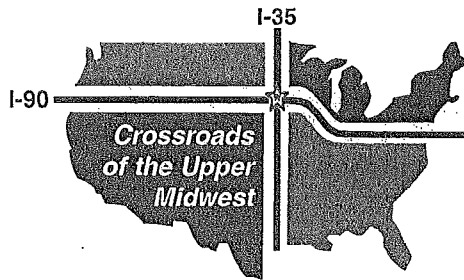
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Signature:

Printed Name, Title, and Affiliation: Victoria Simonsen, City Manager, Albert Lea

Date Signed: 11-03-09



Albert Lea - Freeborn County Chamber of Commerce

October 29, 2009

Mr. Kyle Skov
City of Albert Lea
221 E. Clark St.
Albert Lea, MN 56007

Dear Mr. Skov,

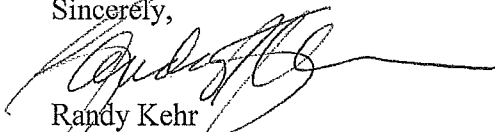
The Albert Lea-Freeborn County Chamber of Commerce has long supported any and all projects related to our county's natural resources. Our Lakes Restoration Committee initiated the first Lake Clean up Day and has work tirelessly to educate our young people on the importance of taking care of these resources.

Additionally, they initiated the petition for the formation of the Shell Rock River Watershed Board. Two committee members headed the group that urged passage of the City's half cent sales tax dedicated to cleaning up our lakes and funding the Watershed Board. This tax was approved by 82% of the votes cast.

We are greatly interested in your proposed Channel Restoration and support your bid to receive funding from the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. We represent 500 individuals and businesses from throughout Freeborn County. As such, we will pledge up to \$6000 in landscape enhancements to the project. The actual enhancements will depend on the final design of the project.

Again, we support your efforts and urge the Minnesota State Legislature to fund this project. Our community has shown a true commitment to the lakes and, as such, should be assisted in its efforts surrounding them.

Sincerely,



Randy Kehr
Executive Director



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FOUNTAIN LAKE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB, INC.

P.O. Box 524 - Albert Lea, MN 56007

Greetings,

This letter is in regards to the grant applications, that the Shell Rock River watershed District is applying for concerning the channel improvement proposal.

To all parties involved, we as The Fountain Lake Sportsmen's club, are very much in favor of all of the proposed improvements.

As of this writing, we are not in a position to make any financial contributions, but would consider some possibly in the future. We are, however, willing to donate manpower, in the form of volunteering in clean up, and/or any other help needed. We have 200 plus members, and most would be able to help in whatever capacity possible.

We feel the proposed improvements will very much improve both the quality of our lakes and help the area become a focal point of our city.

If there are any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact us. 507-402-1864. We would love to help any way we can.

Thank you.

Dave Villarreal President, Fountain Lake Sportsmen's Club

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