Conservation Partners Legacy Grants - Online Applications **Summary Spreadsheet** Jamie Gangaware Admin **List Applications** Log Out Project Info Project Summary Site Info Budget Info Review & Approval Additional Info Application Submission Project Summary **Project Name and Contact** Project Name: Pembina Beach Ridges Project Manager: Linda Bormann **Land Protection** Title: Organization Name: The Nature Conservancy **Specialist** Organization Type: Non-Profit Phone: 612-331-0708 Mailing Address 1: 1101 West River Email: lbormann@tnc.org **Parkway** Mailing Address 2: Suite 200 Minneapolis City: State: MN Zip Code: 55415 **Project Location Summary** Primary County: Polk Secondary Land Ownerships: Nearest City: Crookston Project Site Name: Pembina Beach Ridges #1 Primary Land Ownership: **Private Project Activity Summary** Primary Activity: Acquisition Primary Habitat Type: **Prairie** Additional Activities: Additional Habitats: Fish, Game or Wildlife **Enhancement and** Restoration Habitat Total Project Sites: Total Project Acres: 160 **Project Funding Summary Total Grant Amount** \$170,600 Requested: **Total Match Amount** \$25,600 Pledged: Additional Funding: Total Project Cost: \$196,200 **Estimated Project** 2014-06-30 Completion Date: Summary Fee acquisition, restoration and enhancement of a 160 acre parcel including approximately 114 acres of native prairie and 46 acres of former CRP acres in the Aspen Parklands Subsection. The Nature Conservancy proposes to restore the former CRP lands using seed collected at the adjacent and restore a fire regime to the tract to encourage regeneration of prairie species. WMA's allowing for greater ease in land management, expanding acres open to public use and increases the amount of protected prairie habitat in the area for future generations. **Problem Statement** Less than 1% of the native prairie that once blanketed broad bands of western and southern

Minnesota remains. Protection of what is left, by creating blocks sufficient to sustain diverse native plant and animal life communities, has been identified as a priority by The Nature Conservancy through its ecoregional planning process. Additionally MN DNR has identified prairie protection, restoration and enhancement as a goal as spelled out in its State Wildlife Action Plan and in the MN DNR Northwest Regional Natural Resources Draft Plan. 64% of the Tallgrass Aspen Parkland Province is in agricultural use with most of that use occuring in the southern half of the region where this project is located. Historically, much of the remaining native prairie was considered marginal farmland and economically unsuitable for conversion. More recently the economic return for conversion has improved resulting in marginal land being put into production. Development would adversely affect plant and animal life by further diminishing the habitat they need to survive and negatively affecting water quality in the creek running through the Thorson WMA. In addition, conversion could negatively affect management of the adjacent Tympanuchus and Thorson WMA's. The property consists of approximately 114 acres of overgrazed native prairie which is in need of fire mananagement to bring the native plants back and 46 acres of CRP land planted with a limited variety of cool season grasses.

Project Objectives

Our goal is long term protection along with restoration and managment of 160 acres of native prairie, to create a physical linkage between Tympanuchus and Thorson WMAs and to provide public access for outdoor recreation.

Methods

The Nature Conservancy will manage this property as an addition to our Pembina Beach Ridges Portfolio Site. As such, the Conservancy will provide ongoing management to ensure that the property's conservation values and wildlife habitat are well managed. These management practices can include such things as controlled burns, conservation grazing with local producers, control of invasive species and mechanical treatments to improve habitat for wildlife. These practices have been used on the adjacent WMAs and would be considered complementary to the stated habitat goals in the management plans for the Aspen Parklands subsection. Approximately 46 acres of the non-native cover will be restored to native vegetation using seeds harvested at the adjacent and prescribed fire will be used to bring back native growth on the native prairie portion of the property. Conservation Corps of Minnesota workers will be contracted to do the work to the extent they have the equipment and technical expertise to do so, otherwise a private contractor will be used. Work to be completed include prescribed fire, preparation and planting of restoration area, installing signs including a welcome sign with appropriate CPL funding acknowledgement, gate, fencing and removal of materials from the farm dump and weed control. The property will be open to public hunting and fishing during open seasons unless otherwise provided by state law. It will also be open to other forms of non-motorized public recreation throughout the year.

Project Timeline

Time Frame Goal

complete acquisition April 2011 prairie restoration July 2012 prescribed fire #1 fall 2011

presribed fire #2 June 30, 2014 erect fence & sign, post summer 2011

lines

farm dump removal summer 2011

For all lands acquired in fee title or permanent conservation easement, provide a description of the selection process used to identify parcels to be acquired.

The following criteria are used to identify parcels: native prairie occurs on all or most of the tract, located withn TNC core area boundary or in critical corridors between core areas, situated adjacent to or near existing protected lands, property contains habitat diversity or hosts unique species (or is capable of such with proper management), is suitable for public recreation and has no buildings on

it.

Identify short and long term maintenance and management work required to sustain this project and source(s) of funding

Work needed	Who is responsible	Funding source
prairie restoration	TNC	CPL grant
prescribed fire	TNC	CPL grant
fencing, boundary posting and sign installation	TNC	CPL grant
weed control	TNC	CPL grant
farm dump removal	TNC	CPL grant

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Resources and other partners to conserve valuable wildlife habitat in the Tallgrass Aspen Parklands Province/Aspen Parklands subsection.

7. Indicate if your project is adjacent to protected lands, describing those lands (ownership, public access, etc.)

Thorson WMA follows the north-south beach ridges of glacial Lake Agassiz. Much of the grassland is native prairie and is an important wildlife corridor between other nearby grasslands. The mosaic of grassland, brush, timber and marsh provides habitat for the full array of prairie wildlife. Hunting options include: deer, small game, and doves. Wildlife viewing options include: wetland wildlife, and prairie wildlife. Tympanuchus WMA is 840 acres of remnant tall grass prairie with minor amounts of brush and trees. The terrain is generally flat except for the low glacial Lake Agassiz beach ridges. Recreation opportunities include hunting options include deer and small game. Wildlife viewing options include wetland wildlife and prairie wildlife.

- 8. Discuss if there is full funding secured for this project and the sources of funding. The CPL grant will be used for acquisition and management expenses to establish the project. The Conservancy will provide a stewardship endowment to insure proper ongoing management of the property. Typically, The Conservancy funds its ongoing management and stewardship of lands in large part through income from a stewardship endowment. This is a pooled fund for all of The Conservancy's properties in Minnesota. At the time of each acquisition, the Conservancy adds a percentage of the appraised value of the property to the endowment. An annual draw of 5% of the corpus provides income for land management needs while ensuring the stability and modest long-term growth of the corpus (to allow for inflation). Included under Additional Budget Items is funding to help meet the legislative and LSOHC goals of ensuring adequate resources for ongoing property management beyond the term of this grant period.
- 9. Discuss if CPL Grant funds will supplement or supplant existing funding. Discuss how these CPL funds will impact your organization's current budget.

 This proposal supplements existing efforts by The Nature Conservancy,MNDNR and other partners to conserve valuable wildlife habitat in the Aspen Parkland Subsection. Potential funding for this acquisition is complementary and additive to existing efforts to protect land. As a result,CPL funding for this project will provide a direct increase in total protected land in the area. It will not supplant existing funding sources.
- 10. Describe public access at project site for hunting and fishing, identifying all open seasons.

The property will be open to public hunting and fishing during open seasons unless otherwise provided by state law. It will also be open to other forms of non-motorized public recreation thoughout the year.

11. Describe the sustainability of your project.

The Nature Conservancy has a long track record of owning and managing conservation lands in Minnesota. TNC currently owns and manages 70,302 acres in Minnesota. Long term protection will be insured by the stewardship endowment which will generate income for ongoing management.

12. Discuss use of native vegetation (if applicable).

The Conservancy will use native seed harvested from the adjacent Tympanuchus WMA for the seed source for restoration of the former CRP field. The seed mix is estimated to have at least 25 species or more.

13. Discuss your budget and why it is cost effective.

The budget includes all items needed for the first years of start up and management activities. The cost is typical for similar projects and the cost of the land is supported by an appraisal which valued it using a comparable sale analysis. On the ground work will be done by the Minnesota Conservation Corps, if they have the equipment and expertise for the job, or will be sent out for competitive bid.

14. Describe your organization's ability to successfully complete this work, including experience in the area of interest and ability to successfully implement the

proposed project. Include descriptions of your most recent grant experience and if the expected outcomes were achieved.

The Nature Conservancy has a long track record of acquiring and managing conservation lands in Minnesota and of managing public grants. TNC currently owns and manages 70,302 acres in Minnesota. The Conservancy has the appropriate systems and departments in place to capably manage government funds. The Conservancy is subject annually to the federal A-133 audit and is deemed a low-risk recipient.

15. Discuss how your project supports landscape level plans. Use additional sources for information if needed or available.

This project falls within The Nature Conservancy's Pembina Beach Ridges Lanscape which was identified in TNC's Northern Tallgrass Prairie Ecoregional plan as a Portfolio site. It conforms with the goal in the MN DNR Northwest Regional Natural Resources Plan draft to establish a mosaic of prairies, fens, wetland and woodlands in relatively large blocks of over 2000 acres. It also helps create a more continuous wildlife corridor along the Agassiz Beach Ridges.

16. Discuss how your project supports species plans. Use additional sources for information if needed or available.

This acquisition supports protection of numerous Species in Greatest Conservation Need as well as guilds of concern. Species specific plan goals supported by this project, include among others: Duck Plan – supports goals of creating wetland/grassland complexes A Vision for Wildlife and Its Use – supports prairie/grassland goals

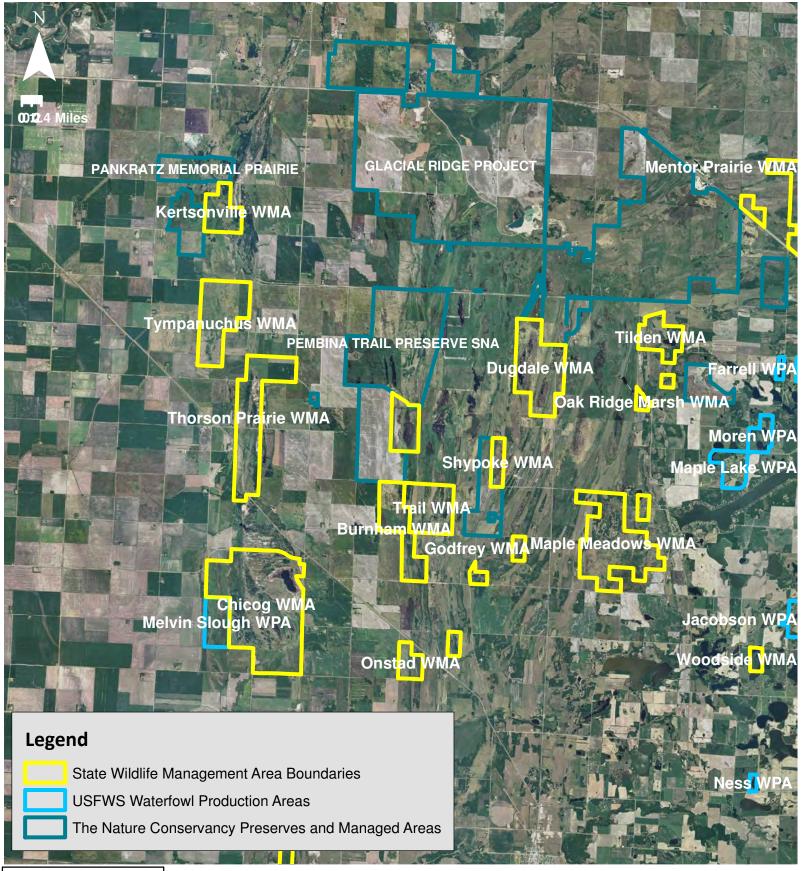
17. Discuss how your project conforms to the Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan.

Minnesota's Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan lists "Protect priority land habitats" as the top objective under the Critical Land Protection strategic area. The plan recommends "Focus protection on critical lands the SCPP has identified by township." Statewide habitat assessment maps in that plan support this area of Polk County as among the top terrestrial habitat priorities in Minnesota. The plan goes on to recommend restoration of "ecoregion-appropriate, landscape-scale complexes of habitat centered on concentrations of existing remnant habitats." Further in the report, the plan recommends "Prioritization for acquisition, protection, and restoration of the natural resource base that supports outdoor recreation should focus on large, contiguous land areas...."

18. Discuss how your project conforms to the State Wildlife Action Plan (if applicable).

This property falls within the Aspen Parklands subsection of the Tallgrass Aspen Parklands Province in the State Wildlife Action Plan. A goal is to "Stabilize and increase SGCN populations by maintaining, enhancing and protecting the Key Habitats." Strategies for accomplishing this goal for native prairie habitats include: managing invasive species, using prescribed fire, encouraging prairie restoration efforts and providing technical assistance and protection opportunitites to interested individuals and organizations.

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Pembina Beach Ridges #1
The Nature Conservancy
Polk County

LSOHC Forest/ Prairie Transition Planning Section



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Pembina Beach 0 Grant Ridges #1 Totals Total: Grant: Match: \$0 **Equipment/Tools/Supplies** Item Purpose Amount Grant/Match In-kind/Cash sign preserve sign \$1,500 Grant Totals Grant: \$1,500 Match: \$0 Total: \$1,500 **Additional Budget Items** Amount Grant/Match In-kind/Cash Description acquisition/closing TI, record fee, close fees Grant costs environmental gov data base search Grant assessment endow. for ongoing mngmt Match Cash stewardship endowment Total: Totals

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Project Review and Approval

A Project Review and Approval Form must be completed by each Land Manager named within the Site Info tab and Land Managers only need to complete one form for all sites they manage. Submitting this form fulfills the following requirements:

- Provides the results of the Natural Heritage Database Review,
- Allows for technical review of the project by the Land Manager, and
- Verifies that the public agency approves the work to be done (or acquisition) on land they manage.

You, as the applicant, are responsible for meeting with the Land Manager and receiving a completed Project Review and Approval Form. This form must contain an original signature from the Land Manager and you must upload it below as a PDF.

Each project will require at least one Project Review and Approval form. You may attach up to 4 forms on this page, but if you need more room you may attach up to three more on the "Additional Info" tab. If your project is working under 3 Land Managers, you must receive and submit a form from each manager.

No late Project Review and Approval Forms will be accepted. Applications lacking any necessary approval forms will be deemed incomplete and not considered for funding.

Answer the following questions, then attach the form(s)

Yes Natural Heritage elements were found within my project site(s):

Name the site(s) and their associated Land Managers:

Pembina Beach Ridges Portfolio Site Land Manager - Jason Ekstein

Name the elements found:

Discuss any interaction or impact to these elements and the recommended mitigation / avoidance measures you will take within your project to protect these elements:

This is a project to protect, restore and enhance the property. TNC's activities will benefit, not harm, the occurrences on the property.

Project Review and Approval Forms

<u>Uploaded Form 1</u>

CPL Project Review and Approval Form

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Land mar	nager/ ease	ment holder name:	Jason Ekste	ein			
Agency:	The Natu	re Conservancy					
Title:	Restoration	on Ecologist					
Phone:	218-637-2	2146					
Email:	jekstein@	tnc.org					
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Organizat	ion:	The Nature Conserva	ancy				
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Forest/ Woody Cover					Choose			
Wetland					Choose			
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Access Roads and Trails					Choose			
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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	e: Jason I	ekstein		Phone:	218-637-2146			
By checking this box proposed project and h my original signature of Name:	ave provid	ed feedback	to the ap	plicant. I understand	ith the above applicant and discussed the I must provide this document as a PDF with Date: 9/14/10			

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Additional Information

List any additional details about your project here. Include your organization's history or charter to receive private contributions for local conservation or habitat projects. This is not required.

Supplemental Documents

If you / your project does not need to upload any of these documents, you may leave these upload boxes empty.

Upload additional information here, limited to Partner Commitment Letters, Letters of Support, Easement information, etc. You may email easement information only if it exceeds size limit while trying to submit the application; all other supporting documentation must be uploaded. Reference CPL Application # and name when emailing (provided upon application submission) or your email will be returned. Send emails to LSCPLGrants.DNR@state.mn.us

Financial Information Required for Non-Profit applicants requesting over \$25,000

990 Form or EZ990 Form 990 / EZ990

Audited Financials, unaudited financials as a second choice **Financials**

Does your organization have a Conflict of Interest Policy?

Yes - Upload Conflict of Interest Policy here: Conflict of Interest Policy

List key staff or members here that will be participating with this project:

Linda Bormann – lead negotiator, Sandi Edmunds-project support Michael Pressman-technical assistance Jason Ekstein-oversee restore/enhance activities Amy Short-grants administration or other similar staff as may be substituted by TNC.

List your organization's Board of Directors with affiliations:

On September 14, 2010 Jaimie Gangaware, DNR Conservation Grants Specialist confirmed that The Nature Conservancy list of Board of Directors and affiliations has already been emailed and is on file at the DNR.

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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 certify 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 certify this organization to have the financial capability to compete this project and that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

I certify that all of the information contained in the application is correct as of the time of the submission. If anything should change, I will contact CPL Grant Staff immediately to make corrections.

I certify that if funded I will give consideration to and make timely written contact to Minnesota Conservation Corps or its successor for consideration of possible use of their services to contract for restoration and enhancement services. I will provide CPL staff a copy of that written contact within 10 days after the execution of my grant, should I be awarded.

I certify that I am aware at least one Project Review and Approval form is required for every application and I must submit all completed forms by uploading them into this application. I have attached one form as necessary for each different Land Manager within my project.

I am aware that by typing my name in the box below, I am applying my signature to this online document.

Signature: Linda Bormann Organization / Agency: The Nature Conservancy

Title: Land Protection Date: 2010-09-16 Specialist

Proj ID	Organization Name	Project Name	Habitat	Technical Review Committee Scoring Comments \$800 per acre, no PILT, and open to publicno brainer.	Amount Request	Score	Regional Comments	Meets Region Plan?	Rank	Region	Division Director's Comments
41	The Nature Conservancy	Beach Ridges #1	Prairie	Nicely ties together other tracts, lots in area.	\$170,600	162					Agreedno brainer

Final Ranking Comments, Tech Review Committee

Admin costs for all RIM--is it actual or percent? Seems high compared to others. Partially fund admin costs? (Staff had confirmed these costs with applicants and this is their request.)

1st cut: anything below 99 is gone

2nd cut: Anything below 115 gone. That's 60% score--tough to fund things getting less than 50% of the total points.

3rd cut: Anything below 120 is gone. Not totally sold on the Renville - Frank and MPCS prairie shrubland apps.

4th cut: Moved Friends of Miss River up to being funded

5th cut: If dipping lower than recommended projects, look at MPCS--is small club; and Hennepin Co--environment education focus. Pretty even applications when considering outcomes, MPCS scores higher due to criteria.

Expansion of local native seed shouldn't be funded at all.

Bottom three no funding for sure.

TNC_41_Pembina
Beach Ridges

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TOTAL SCORE 161.60

16)Supports

Existing Landscape Level Plans	17)Supports Species Plans	18)Conforms to Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan	19)Conforms to State Wildlife Action Plan
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