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Project Summary

Project Name and Contact

Project Name:	Burr Oak Lake WPA Grassland Enhancement Project	Project Manager:	Brad Nylin
		Title:	Project Leader
Organization Name:	Minnesota Waterfowl Association	Phone:	952-767-0320
		Email:	brad.nylin@mnwaterfowl.com
Organization Type:	Non-Profit		
Mailing Address 1:	901 First Street N.		
Mailing Address 2:			
City:	Hopkins		
State:	MN		
Zip Code:	55343		

Project Location Summary

Primary County:	Kandiyohi	Secondary Land
Nearest City:	Willmar	Ownerships:
Project Site Name:	Burr Oak Lake Waterfowl Production Area	
Primary Land Ownership:	Federal	

Project Activity Summary

Primary Activity:	Enhancement	Primary Habitat Type:	Prairie
Additional Activities:	Restoration	Additional Habitats:	Fish, Game or Wildlife Habitat
Total Project Sites:	1		
Total Project Acres:	132		

Project Funding Summary

Total Grant Amount	\$30,548
Requested:	
Total Match Amount	\$14,578
Pledged:	
Additional Funding:	
Total Project Cost:	\$45,126
Estimated Project	2013-10-01
Completion Date:	

Summary

This proposal will result in enhancing 70 acres of poor quality grassland on the Burr Oak WPA that has been invaded by woody vegetation by destroying the existing vegetation and reseeding a high diversity of native grasses and wildflowers. An additional 62 acres of adjacent grassland will be improved by removing invading woody vegetation that degrades the quality of the grassland and serves as seed sources for reinfestation.

Problem Statement

The project site is the 330 acre Burr Oak Waterfowl Production Area (WPA) owned by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and managed by the Litchfield Wetland Management District. The Burr Oak

WPA has a diverse complex of habitats including native prairie, wetlands, oak woodlands and formerly farmed land. It is adjacent to the 120 acre Kandi Wildlife Management Area and combined they represent 450 acres of perpetually protected land managed specifically for wildlife. The majority of the seeded grasslands on the WPA were being over taken by invasive woody vegetation such as boxelder, Siberian elm, green ash, buckthorn, and red cedar. A significant amount of research has shown that native grassland dependant migrant birds have experienced a greater population decline than any other group of birds due to loss and deterioration of habitat. This research also shows that nesting success of ground nesting birds such as ducks and pheasants is lower in grasslands invaded by woody vegetation. The woody vegetation on the WPA created inhospitable habitat for native migratory grassland dependant birds and nesting waterfowl. In 2008 the Fish and Wildlife Service removed the woody vegetation and the remaining grassland was primarily poor quality smooth brome, Kentucky bluegrass, Canada thistle and other exotic cool season grasses. The land was broken up and farmed in 2009 and 2010 to create a seed bed for planting a diverse mix of native species.

Project Objectives

The objectives of this project are to enhance the grassland bird habitat and nesting success of ground nesting birds on the WPA. This WPA has an excellent wetland complex and has adjacent lands that are owned and protected by the MNDNR. The area has excellent potential as a high quality grassland/wetland complex benefitting grassland and wetland dependant wildlife. Less than one half of one percent of Minnesota's original tallgrass prairie remains and much of that is in a degraded state. As a result of this, Minnesota's grassland dependant wildlife have also suffered large population declines. Many of the native grassland dependant birds require grasslands that have a diverse mix of plants. Invertebrate, bird and mammal diversity is directly related to the plant diversity of grasslands. The objectives of this project are to significantly improve the quality of the grassland on the WPA by removing invading woody vegetation and improving diversity which will also improve the diversity of the wildlife using the WPA. Improved quality of grassland habitat will also improve the nesting and reproductive success of the bird species using the WPA. A minimum of 50 and possibly more than 70 species of grasses and forbs will be seeded.

Methods

Invading woody vegetation was removed from the grasslands in 2008. The poor quality grassland was tilled in the fall of 2008 and planted to corn in 2009 followed by soybeans in 2010. The farming activity in 2008 and 2009 has created an exceptional seed bed by removing stumps and rocks, leveling the rough ground and killing the exotic grasses. However, the roundup ready farming did not remove all the resprouting woody vegetation and Canada Thistle. Therefore, the planned seeding methods of planting the cropland to a diverse stand of native grasses and forbs in the spring of 2011 has been amended to plant only grass in 2011 to allow for effective use of herbicides to bring the Canada Thistle and woody resprouts under control. The grassland and weed control activities will be monitored to make sure that the invasives are controlled prior to interseeding with native forbs and wildflowers. The need to control Canada thistle and woody resprouts after cropping was not originally anticipated and the need to accomplish this has significantly increased the cost and time frame for restoration. Due to the expense of the native ecotype seed purchased and collected from native prairies in Kandiyohi County coupled with the significant expense already incurred to prepare the seed bed it is imperative to control the thistle and woody resprouts to assure success of the project. The plan is to seed the native grasses in the spring of 2011. The forb seeding will be delayed to allow control of Canada thistle and resprouting woody vegetation with herbicide in the grassland. The new grass seeding will be mowed once or twice in the summer of 2011 to control annual weeds and prevent seeding of Canada thistle. The grassland will be treated with herbicide in the fall of 2011 to control the invasives. The seeding will be monitored in the spring of 2012 to determine if further invasive control is needed. If additional weed control is needed the grassland will be sprayed again in 2012. The grassland will then be burned or hayed by a cooperator in 2013 and will then be interseeded with native forbs and wildflowers. Additionally, the Minnesota Conservation Corps (MCC) will remove woody vegetation from 62 acres of adjacent grassland in 2011 to remove potential seed sources of woody vegetation and improve the adjacent grasslands.

Project Timeline

Time Frame

Goal

Spring 2011	Seed native grasses.
Summer 2011	Mow seeding to control annual weeds and prevent seeding of Canada thistle.
Summer 2011	MCC to remove woody vegetation on 62 acres of grass.
Fall 2011	Treat Canada thistle and trees in grass seeding with herbicide.
Summer 2012	Monitor seeding and mow if necessary.
Spring 2013	Burn or hay grass to set up for interseeding.
Spring 2013	Interseed native forbs and wildflowers.
Summer 2013	Hay seeding to control weeds and remove cover for forb establishment.

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
Purchase grass and forb seed.	Minnesota Waterfowl Association	Grant funds.
Seed grass and forbs.	USFWS	USFWS
Remove trees on 62 acres.	MCC	Grant funds
Treat seeding with herbicide.	USFWS	USFWS and grant funds.
Mowing for weed control.	USFWS	USFWS
Haying	Livestock Producer	N/A
Occasional burning for maintenance	USFWS	USFWS

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Answer each of the following questions in 1000 characters or less; descriptions/definitions are available in the [Criteria and Scoring Table](#).

1. Describe the local support for this project.

This project is located on a WPA that receives a great amount of public use and this project has been supported by the hunters that use it. The adjacent landowner is the cooperater farming the land and has assisted in removal of rocks and trees. The local Minnesota Waterfowl Chapter is a partner in this project. No opposition has been noted.

2. Describe the degree of collaboration for this project.

The USFWS has been and will continue to be responsible for management of the WPA. Several volunteers including the local Boy Scout troop has participated in hand harvesting native prairie to assist in reseeding the site. The local landowner has been active in this effort as the cooperating farmer. The local chapter of MWA is contributing financially to this project.

3. Describe any urgency associated with this project.

The primary urgency to support this project involves the quality of habitat that will result from that support. The land will eventually be seeded. However, the diversity of the seeding and resulting habitat quality will suffer without additional financial support. No critical habitats are threatened and no listed species will be lost but the number of listed species that could benefit will be less without additional financial support.

4. Discuss if there are multiple benefits resulting from your project, identifying those species, habitats, etc.

The primary benefits of these project is to provide a highly diverse grassland habitat. This diversity will result in great diversity of insects and pollinators which will intern results in a greater diversity of species up the food chain. Of particular importance are grassland dependant neotropical migrant birds who's populations are in critical decline.

5. Discuss the habitat benefits resulting from your project.

The habitat that occurred on the project site was a poor stand of exotic grasses that were heavily invaded by woody vegetation. This provided poor habitat for grassland dependant species and ground nesting birds. The resulting habitat will be a diverse mix of native ecotype grasses and wildflowers.

6. Describe how your project is consistent with sound conservation science.

Sound conservation science calls for the restoration of native habitats. Less than one half of one percent of Minnesota's tallgrass prairie remains. Over 99% of the original prairie has been converted to agricultural production and much of what is left is in poor condition. While we can never truly restore native prairie, we can restore many of the ecological functions provided by native grasslands by planting highly diverse local ecotype vegetation. This project proposes to restore high quality and high diversity native grassland and forbs to gain the greatest benefits for species dependant on the prairie ecosystem.

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

Directly adjacent to the 330 acre Burr Oak WPA is the 120 acre Kandi WMA. There are several adjacent wetlands on private land that are perpetually protected by USFWS easements.

8. Discuss if there is full funding secured for this project and the sources of funding.

The Prairie Pothole Chapter of MWA will contribute \$1000 in cash. The USFWS will contribute \$1036 in cash and \$12,542 in in-kind services and a letter of commitment has been submitted. If this project proposal is approved, the funds will cover the

project. If this project is not approved it cannot be completed as proposed. The diversity of the seeding will not be as good.

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 project will supplement existing funding. This project will not effect our existing budget, as this will be paid for by our local chapter. Our chapters are in charge of how they spend their habitat funds.

10. Describe public access at project site for hunting and fishing, identifying all open seasons.

The Burr Oak WPA is open to hunting, fishing, and trapping according to State and federal regulations. The primary restriction to public use are the prohibition of the use of vehicles, toxic shot, and the uncontrolled use of dogs other than during the course of hunting.

11. Describe the sustainability of your project.

Once the existing exotic vegetation (Canada thistle and resprouting woody vegetation) is controlled and the seeding is established the sustainability of the habitat is excellent. The USFWS will use a variety of methods such as prescribed fire, haying and mechanical weed control to maintain the condition of the habitat.

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

Only local ecotype seed will be used unless it is not available. In cases where local ecotype seed is not available, ecotypes native only to Minnesota will be used. Much of the seed diversity will be supplied by seed that has been harvested from native prairies on WPAs in Kandiyohi County. However, the amounts of the hand harvested seed may not be sufficient and may need to be supplimented with purchased seed.

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

Cost estimates for the seed that has been collected by the FWS used as in-kind are based on 2010 prices. Bids will be requested for the purchased seed and the best value will be choosen. MCC rates are pre-established. This is a very cost effective project considering all the money that has already been spent by the FWS to prepare this site and future in-kind services provided by the FWS.

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 local Minnesota Waterfowl Association chapter has a long history of working with the Litchfield Wetland Management District office. They have worked together on a variety of projects with great success.

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

The project supports the Tommorrow's Habitat for the Wild and Rare: An Action Plan for Minnesota Wildlife and the Northern Tall Grass Prairie Ecoregion. The project improves reproductive habitat for pheasants as described in the Long Range Plan for the Ring-necked Pheasant in Minnesota. Enhanced grassland provides improved nesting habitat for migratory birds and habitat for wildlife per guidance in the Prairie Pothole Joint Venture plan (PPJV), Minnesota's Long-Range Duck Recovery Plan, and A vision for Wildlife.

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

This project follows several of the actions items identified in the Ring-necked pheasant in Minnesota Plan and Minnesota's Long-Range Duck Recovery Plan. The Long Range Plan for the Ring-necked Pheasant in Minnesota identifies a strategy of improving reproductive habitat by maintaining and improving 50,000 acres of reproductive habitats per year on WMAs and other lands.

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

The proposal meets all five Priority Conservation Actions identified for native prairie

habitats in the Minnesota River Prairie Subsection. The project enhances and improves our natural resources. Enhanced upland habitat quality will benefit threatened and endangered species, as well as resident wildlife. This project fulfills the Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plans' HR 1 (Protect priority land habitats) and HR 5 (Restore land, wetlands, and wetland-associated watersheds).

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

One hundred and sixteen Species in Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) are known to occur in this subsection and 49 of them are directly linked to Prairie. The project is located in the Green Lake Township in Kandiyohi County and has between 21-50 SGCN documented since 1990. The plan recommends activities such as those proposed in this plan to improve habitat for most species listed in this subsection.

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*you may group your project sites together as long as land ownership, activity and habitat information is the same for the land manager

Land Manager

Name:

Scott S. Glup

Phone:

320-693-2849

Organization:

**U. S. Fish and Wildlife
Service**

Email:

scott_glup@fws.gov

Title:

Project Leader

Site Information

Land Ownership:

Federal

Acres:

132

Site Name(s):

**Burr Oak Waterfowl
Production Area**

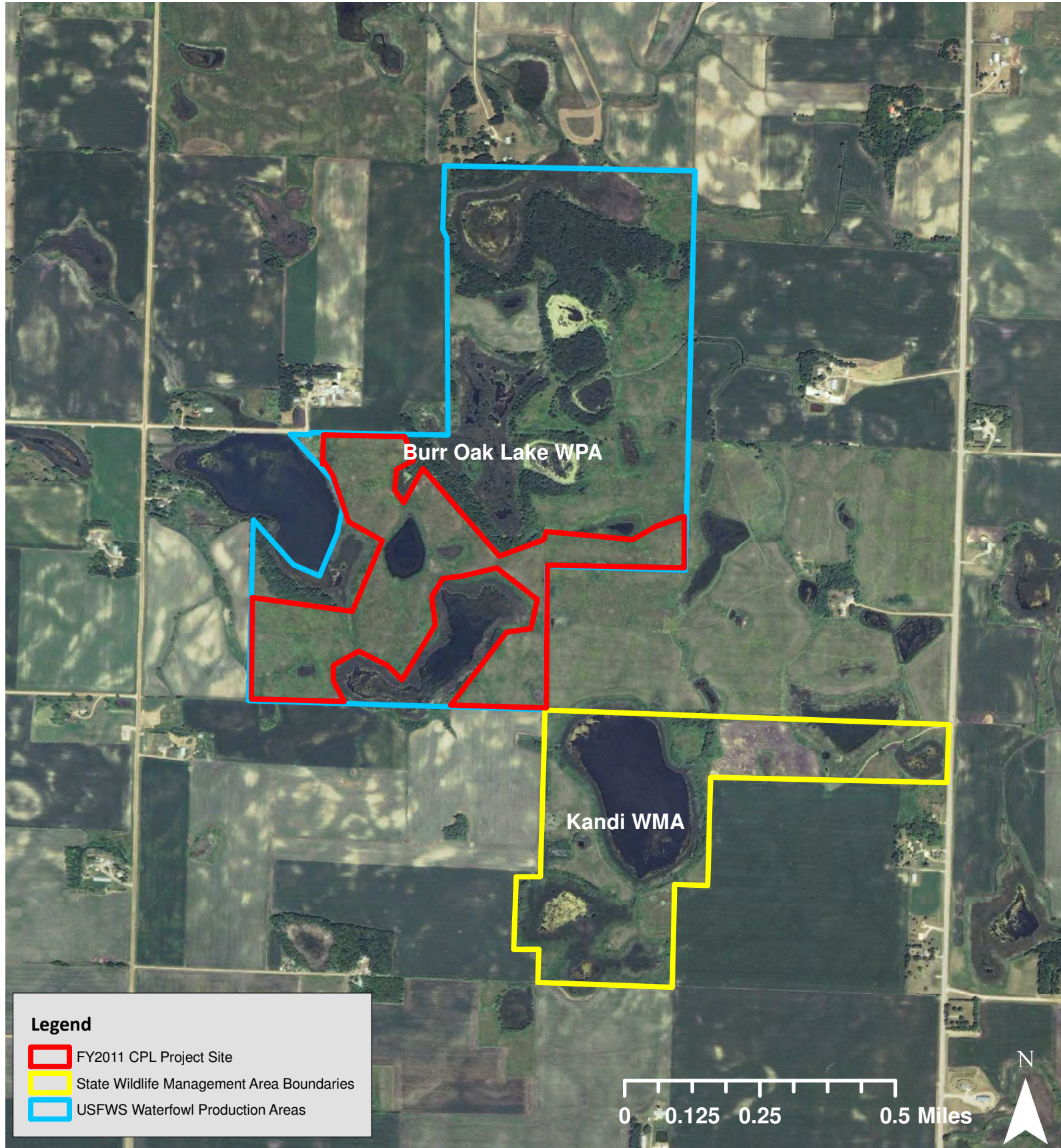
Click here to [View Site Map](#)

Activity:


Enhancement

Habitat:

Prairie



Legend

-  FY2011 CPL Project Site
-  State Wildlife Management Area Boundaries
-  USFWS Waterfowl Production Areas

0 0.125 0.25 0.5 Miles



CPL FY11-068
Burr Oak Lake WPA
Grassland Enhancement Project
Minnesota Waterfowl Association
Kandiyohi County
LSOHC Prairie Planning Section



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Organization's Fiscal Contact Information

Name:	Brad Nylin	Street Address 1:	901 First Street N.
Title:	Executive Director	Street Address 2:	
Email:	brad.nylin@mnwaterfowl.com	City:	Hopkins
Phone:	952-767-0320	State:	MN
		Zip Code:	55343

Budget Subtotals

Budget Item	Grant	Match	Total		
Personnel					
Contracts	\$7,804	\$2,036	\$9,840		
Fee Acquisition with PILT					
Fee Acquisition without PILT					
Easement Acquisition					
Easement Stewardship				In-kind Total	Cash Total
Travel (in-state)				\$12,542	\$2,036
Professional Services					
DNR Land Acquisition Cost					
Equipment/Tools/Supplies	\$22,744	\$12,542	\$35,286		
Additional Budget Items					
Total:	\$30,548	\$14,578	\$45,126		

Details

Contracts

Contractor Name	Contracted Work	Amount	Grant/Match	In-kind/Cash
Minnesota Conservation Corps	Cut trees.	\$7,804	Grant	
Minnesota Conservation Corps	Cut trees.	\$2,036	Match	Cash
Totals	Grant: \$7,804 Match: \$2,036	Total: \$9,840		

Equipment/Tools/Supplies

Item	Purpose	Amount	Grant/Match	In-kind/Cash
Native grass and forb seed.	Establish diverse grassland.	\$20,000	Grant	
Herbicide	Control invasives	\$2,744	Grant	
Drill, mow, spray, seed.	Seeding, weed control.	\$12,542	Match	In-kind
Totals	Grant: \$22,744 Match: \$12,542	Total: \$35,286		

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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)

No **Natural Heritage** elements were found within my project site(s):

Project Review and Approval Forms

[Uploaded Form 1](#)

[Uploaded Form 2](#)

Please print on your organization's letterhead



**United States Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Wetland Management District
22274 816 Avenue
Litchfield, Minnesota 55355
(320)-693-2849**



**CONSERVATION PARTNERS LEGACY GRANT PROGRAM
PARTNER COMMITMENT LETTER**

What is the name of the project that you are contributing to, and who is the applicant?

Burr Oak Lake Grassland Enhancement Project
Minnesota Waterfowl Association

What is the name of your organization (private landowners use "Private Landowner")?

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Litchfield Wetland Management District

When will you make the contribution? 2011

What is the value of your contribution and how did you determine the value? Does the contribution have a non-state origin? The total of the contribution is \$12,542 for seeding grasses and forbs of in-kind services. This was determined using a rate of \$30 per acre to drill the seed for 70 acres = 2100, \$11.20 per acre to pack seeding for 70 acres = \$784 and \$8860 of local ecotype prairie plants seed that have been hand harvested from native prairies. These values were determined using the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program: In-kind rates for matching funds.

In-kind values for prairie plant seeds were determined as follows: In 2009 and 2010 our staff and a local Boy Scout troop collected native plant seeds from native prairie on WPAs in Kandiyohi County. This seed was cleaned and weighed. We received price quotes from three seed vendors and we used the lowest price to determine the value of the seed collected. For the Burr Oak WPA we determined we would seed at approximately one ounce per acre for each of the 18 species of seed collected.

The Fish and Wildlife Service is actually contributing much more in-kind services to this project than stated above, however, for purposes of this proposal there is no need to determine the values of all those services because the above figures are more than adequate to meet minimum requirements (1/3 of match amount, \$1018) of the grant program.

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Additionally, the Litchfield Wetland Management District at will provide \$1036 of cash to purchase grass seed. Our total contribution is \$1036 in cash and \$12,542 in in-kind services.

This work does have a non-state origin. The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service is a federal agency.

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: *Scott S. Glup*

Printed Name, Title, and Affiliation:

Scott S. Glup, Project Leader, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Date Signed: *9-15-2010*

CPL Project Review and Approval Form

REVIEWER INFORMATION:

Land manager/ easement holder name: Scott S. Glup

Agency: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Title: Project Leader

Phone: 320-693-2849

Email: scott_glup@fws.gov

PROJECT INFORMATION:

Project Name: Burr Oak Lake WPA Grassland Enhancement Project

Contact Person: Scott S. Glup

Organization: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Email: scott_glup@fws.gov

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 listed the features below and recommended the following minimization strategy:

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☐ 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 by Friday, August 27th 2010 to CPL Staff at LSCPLGrants.DNR@state.mn.us to complete the Natural Heritage 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.

☒ 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.

CPL Project Review and Approval Form

For Acquisitions Only:

- ☐ This project is for an acquisition to be transferred to a public agency by applicant:
- ☐ I have discussed any required Initial Development (facilities, habitat, etc.) work that is required before the transfer with the applicant.
 - ☐ I have discussed all applicable costs of those developments and what party is responsible for those costs.

Complete the following cost tables (required work to bring to agency standards).

Habitat Development	# Acres	Cost/ Acre	Total	Funding Source	Applicant is responsible for:
Prairie Grassland					Choose
Forest/ Woody Cover					Choose
Wetland					Choose
Totals					

Facility Development	Cost	Funding Source	Applicant is responsible for:
Boundary Survey			Choose
Posting/ Fencing			Choose
Wood Routed Sign			Choose
Access Roads and Trails			Choose
User Facilities, Access, Parking Lots			Choose
Well Sealing/ Site Clean-up			Choose
Total			

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: Scott S. Glup	Phone: 320-693-2849
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☒ By checking this box and signing 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. I understand I must provide this document as a PDF with my original signature on it to the applicant to submit a complete application.

Name:

Scott S. Glup

Date:

9-15-2010

Comments: This is an excellent project to greatly improve the habitat quality and diversity of the Burr Oak Lake Waterfowl Production Area. We look forward to working with the Minnesota Waterfowl Association.

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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.

Minnesota Waterfowl Association is a 501C-3 organization dedicated to waterfowl. Our mission is: The Minnesota Waterfowl Association is dedicated to the preservation, protection and enhancement of Minnesota's wetlands, related waterfowl habitat, and our hunting heritage". The MWA was started in 1967 by people that were concerned about the declining waterfowl numbers in Minnesota. Since the MWA was started we have been involved with on the ground habitat projects all across the state, to try and make a difference on the landscape. MWA is dedicated to waterfowl conservation and will continue making a difference for the future.

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:

Brad Nylin - Executive Director Luci Patch - Bookkeeper/Administrator

List your organization's Board of Directors with affiliations:

John Wolf, President Mark McNamara, Vice President Greg Meyer, Vice President Justin Sommor, Vice President Robert Page, Treasurer David Larson, Secretary John Schroers, Past President

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Final Application Submission

This completes your CPL Grant Application. Please take the time to revisit the previous sections and make sure you have entered everything completely and correctly. Once you hit the submit button below, you will not be able to return to this application to make changes.

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:

Bradley D. Nylín

Organization / Agency:

Minnesota Waterfowl Association

Title:

Executive Director

Date:

2010-09-16

Proj ID	Organization Name	Project Name	Habitat	Technical Review Committee Scoring Comments	Amount Request	Score	Regional Comments	Meets Region Plan?	Rank	Region	Division Director's Comments
74	Minnesota Waterfowl Association	Burr Oak Lake WPA Grassland Enhancement Project	Prairie	Two-stage seeding--is it successful? Would it be better to farm another year and then proceed? Match good, cost/acre seems reasonable. Mgmt plan includes mowing after seeding--good, will release new seeding.	\$30,548	137	Good project	Y	H	4	Are specific wildlife benefits, not just invasives work. In this wetland/grassland habitat, the trees are detrimental.

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.

	1)Amount of Habitat	2)Local Support	3)Degree of Collaboration	4)Urgency	5)Multiple Benefits	6)Habitat Benefits	7)Sound Conservation Science	8)Adjacent to Protected Lands	9)Full Funding of Project	10)Supplants Existing Funding	11)Public Access for Hunting and Fishing	12)Sustainability	13)Use of Native Plant Materials	14)Budget and Cost Effectiveness	15)Capacity to Successfully Complete Work
	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	9.00	8.00	8.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	10.00	10.00
	7.00	4.00	7.00	2.00	6.00	5.00	5.00	9.00	7.00	6.00	9.00	7.00	7.00	6.00	6.00
	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	8.00	8.00	6.00	9.00	5.00	5.00	8.00	7.00
	6.00	5.00	6.00	5.00	6.00	7.00	6.00	9.00	7.00	5.00	10.00	5.00	7.00	6.00	6.00
	8.00	7.00	9.00	5.00	8.00	9.00	9.00	10.00	9.00	8.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	9.00
	5.00	5.00	6.00	3.00	6.00	7.00	6.00	7.00	8.00	7.00	10.00	5.00	7.00	7.00	8.00
AVERAGES	7.00	5.83	7.00	4.67	6.50	7.00	6.83	8.50	7.83	6.17	9.67	6.67	7.00	7.67	7.67
TOTAL SCORE	136.83														

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
10.00	9.00	8.00	9.00
8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
6.00	7.00	6.00	6.00
7.00	7.00	7.00	6.00
8.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
7.00	8.00	7.00	8.00
7.67	8.00	7.50	7.67