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Project Summary

Project Name and Contact

Project Name:	Sieg Slough	Project Manager:	Brad Nylin
Organization Name:	Minnesota Waterfowl Association	Title:	Executive Director
Organization Type:	Non-Profit	Phone:	952-767-0320
Mailing Address 1:	901 First Street N	Email:	brad.nylin@mnwaterfowl.com
Mailing Address 2:			
City:	Hopkins		
State:	MN		
Zip Code:	55343		

Project Location Summary

Primary County:	Watonwan	Secondary Land
Nearest City:	Fairmont	Ownerships:
Project Site Name:	Sieg WMA	
Primary Land Ownership:	State	

Project Activity Summary

Primary Activity:	Acquisition	Primary Habitat Type:	Fish, Game or Wildlife Habitat
Additional Activities:	Restoration	Additional Habitats:	Wetland
Total Project Sites:	1		
Total Project Acres:	65		

Project Funding Summary

Total Grant Amount	\$168,750
Requested:	
Total Match Amount	\$29,250
Pledged:	
Additional Funding:	
Total Project Cost:	\$198,000
Estimated Project Completion Date:	2011-09-30

Summary

The Minnesota Waterfowl Association will be purchasing the Sieg Slough in Watonwan County. MWA will work with the DNR Lands and Minerals to follow the required steps to obtain a proper appraisal for the property. Following the appraisal and subsequent acquisition of the property, MWA will then donate it to the DNR to become the Sieg WMA. The property consists of 65 acres, of which 12 are CRP, 18 acres are cropland and 36 acres of lake. This property will provide public access and control over the outlet channel for a future control structure site.

Problem Statement

The purpose of this project is to potentially manage as waterfowl migration lake. This tract will provide public access for hunting and bird watching. The lake is in fair condition now, but goes thru poorer conditions with high water, which brings in rough fish. Just buffering the shoreline will be extremely beneficial.

Project Objectives

Need to talk to area manager for details The objectives are to: acquire 65 acres and transfer them to the MnDNR for a wildlife management area; secure a site for a possible water control structure; seed 18 acres of the property to a native grass/flower mix; and develop a public access for carry-on boats to Sieg Slough.

Methods

Need to talk to area manager for details MWA will secure an appraisal of the property and make offer to the landowners. If offer is accepted MWA will acquire the property. Once acquired MWA will purchase seed as specified by the Area Wildlife Mgr and meeting grant specs. The DNR will seed the 18 acres directly onto bean stubble. If necessary, the cropland may be farmed one additional year to bring it into beans to facilitate a better planting substrate. MWA will contract with a private vendor to construct a road/trail into a site suitable for a parking area and carry-in boat launch. Both the trail and parking area will be graveled under this contract. MWA will followed the approved process to transfer the property to the DNR. DNR will post the boundary.

Project Timeline

Time Frame	Goal
Spring 2011	Appraisal and offer
June 2011	Turn over to DNR
Fall 2011	Road in and landing constructed

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.

For this project site, the land owner contacted our local chapter in Fairmont. Thru the chapter and working with the local area manager it was decided that this would be a terrific new WMA. This is how we came up with this site.

Describe the long-term management work required of the agency receiving this land. Estimate the additional cost to the agency for this work.

The long term management of this project would fall to the DNR. Once the site is finished, the only thing that would need to be done would be monitoring and maintaining the site for weed control.

Habitat Development #	Acres	Cost/Acre	Total	Funding Source
Prairie Grassland	18	250	4500	Grant and DNR
Forest / Woody Cover				
Wetland				

Facility Development	Cost	Funding Source
Boundary Survey	1000	tdb
Posting / Fencing	500	DNR
Access Roads and Trails	1500	Grant
User Facilities, Access, Parking Lots	1500	Grant
Wood Routed Sign		
Well Sealing / Site Clean-up		

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
Road in, boat access	DNR	Grant
Prairie / Flower mix Planting	DNR	Grant
Weed Control	DNR	Grant
Posting & Boundary signs	DNR	Grant

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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.

We have a willing land owner ready to sell, we have a local MWA chapter that has been working with in the local area when this came up, from the local area manager. At this point, there is a lot of interest in this becoming a WMA and open to public hunting.

2. Describe the degree of collaboration for this project.

The only collaboration on this project is with our Chapter, the Chain of Lakes Chapter and the DNR, at this time.

3. Describe any urgency associated with this project.

The urgency is that we have a willing land owner now. If this doesn't happen now, we can't predict what will happen in the future.

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

There are multiple benefits within this project. First, we would be acquiring and creating a new WMA, which would offer additional hunting opportunities, with access to the entire wetland, second we would be converting 18 acres of cropland to prairie for nesting cover, as well as control over the outlet for future management plans.

5. Discuss the habitat benefits resulting from your project.

Currently there are 18 acres of cropland, that will be converted to prairie, 12 acres of CRP and 35 acres of lake. This will benefit the site tremendously by creating habitat and nesting cover for waterfowl and other wetland birds.

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

It is sound cons. Science to preserve and restore natural habitats. Seeding will be completed following proven techniques and the Area Manager will be overseeing the project to ensure all public land management guidelines are followed.

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

This project is within 5 miles of the Perch Creek WMA, as well as Willow Creek, and the Lewisville WMA.

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

There is sufficient funding to cover all project costs. The match does follow the guidelines, and there is a letter of commitment from the DNR for this project.

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 CPL Grant will supplement existing funding to be able to purchase this property. The CPL funds shouldn't effect our current budget, as the project will be matched by our local chapter, the Chain of Lakes Chapter.

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

There will be a public access constructed at this site with a road leading into the parking area. The project will be called the Sieg WMA, and will be open for the entire hunting season to all species as well as open to fishing.

11. Describe the sustainability of your project.

This land will be protected in perpetuity as a WMA and will be managed by the DNR.

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

There are 18 acres of cropland that will be converted to prairie. We will use only ecotypes native to MN, and will use only local ecotypes if possible. We will work with the Area Manager and supplier to get the seed mix correct. We don't currently have a source identified.

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

The budget is complete and accurate for the location and project scope. We have worked with the Area Manager on doing this budget and we all feel that it is accurate with \$5,000 more match than is required.

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.

We have several CPL Grants awarded to us last year, they are all at various levels of completion. We have also been very active in grants in the past, and feel that the MWA State Office has the capacity to continue to manage grants into the future. Some of our partners are USFWS, NRCS, MN DNR, Pheasants Forever.

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

We have worked with the local Area Manager to ensure that this project is compliant with the landscape plans.

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

This project conforms to approved practices in Minnesota's Long-Range Duck Recovery Plan and a Vision for Wildlife and Its Use-Goals and Outcomes 2006-2112. The species that would likely receive the greatest benefit would be wetland dependant species especially waterfowl and wading birds.

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 twenty-one Species in Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) are known to occur in this subsection and 34 of them are directly linked to non-forested wetland habitat. This proposal is to restore non-forested wetland habitat which will not only directly benefit species dependant on this habitat but due to the proximity of the wetland to Pelican Lake, many of the species dependant on shallow lake habitat will benefit also.

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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:

Randy Markl

Phone:

507-831-2900

Organization:

MN DNR

Email:

Randy.Markl@state.mn.us

Title:

Area Manager

Site Information

Land Ownership:

State

Acres:

65

Site Name(s):

Sieg WMA

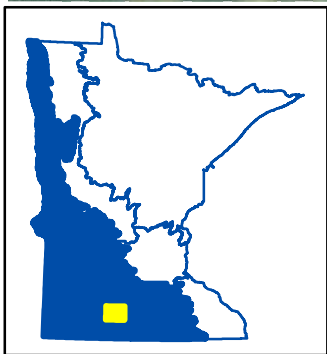
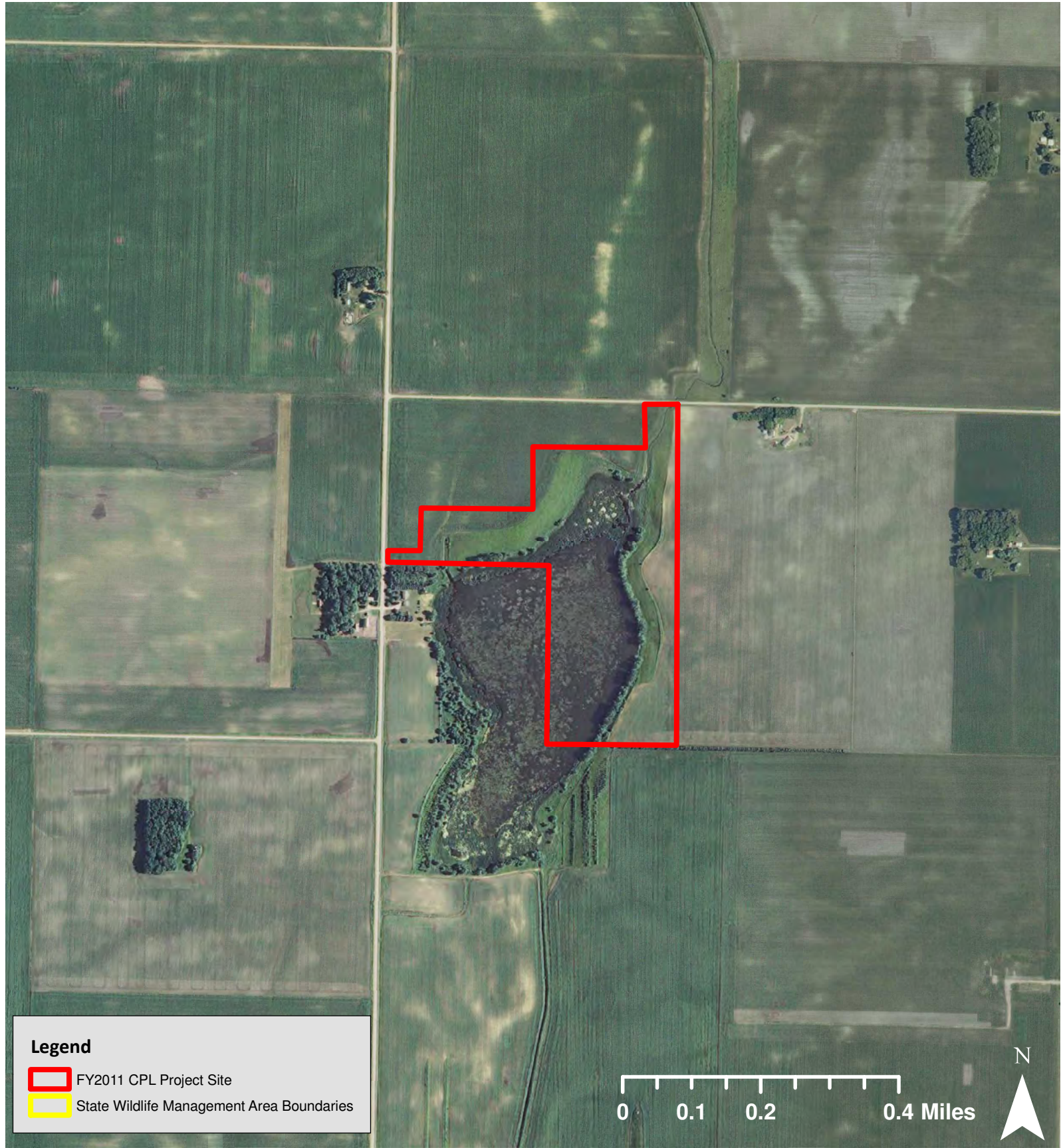
Click here to [View Site Map](#)

Activity:

Acquisition

Habitat:

**Fish, Game or Wildlife
Habitat**



CPL FY11-074
Sieg Slough
Minnesota Waterfowl Association
Watsonwan County
LSOHC Prairie Planning Section



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Budget Information

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	\$750	\$29,250	\$30,000		
Fee Acquisition with PILT	\$165,000		\$165,000		
Fee Acquisition without PILT					
Easement Acquisition					
Easement Stewardship				In-kind Total	Cash Total
Travel (in-state)				\$0	\$29,250
Professional Services					
DNR Land Acquisition Cost	\$3,000		\$3,000		
Equipment/Tools/Supplies					
Additional Budget Items					
Total:	\$168,750	\$29,250	\$198,000		

Details

Contracts

Contractor Name	Contracted Work	Amount	Grant/Match	In-kind/Cash
TDB	Attorney's Fee	\$750	Grant	
TBD	Appraisal,	\$3,000	Match	Cash
TDB	Surveying	\$10,000	Match	Cash
TDB	Road & Landing	\$5,000	Match	Cash
TDB	Drafting deeds, abstract	\$1,250	Match	Cash
TDB	Nesting cover	\$10,000	Match	Cash
Totals	Grant: \$750 Match: \$29,250	Total: \$30,000		

Fee Acquisition with PILT

Parcel Name	Parcel Purchase Price	Amount	Grant/Match	In-kind/Cash
AI Gurgers	165000	\$165,000	Grant	
Totals	Grant: \$165,000 Match: \$0	Total: \$165,000		

DNR Land Acquisition Cost

Parcel name, est. cost	Description of additional costs	Amount	Grant/Match	In-kind/Cash
AI Gurgers	DNR LAM internal cost	\$3,000	Grant	
Totals	Grant: \$3,000 Match: \$0	Total: \$3,000		

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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

CPL Project Review and Approval Form

REVIEWER INFORMATION:

Land manager/ easement holder name:

Agency:	MnDNR
Title:	Area Wildlife Manager
Phone:	507-831-2900
Email:	randy.markl@state.mn.us

PROJECT INFORMATION:

Project Name:	Sieg Slough
Contact Person:	Brad Nylin
Organization:	Minnesota Waterfowl Association
Email:	brad.nylin@mnwaterfowl.com

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:

- ☐ 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	18	\$250.00	\$4,500.00	Grant and DNR	Cost
Forest/ Woody Cover					Choose
Wetland					Choose
Totals	18		4500		

Facility Development	Cost	Funding Source	Applicant is responsible for:
Boundary Survey	\$1,000.00	Grant	Both cost and work
Posting/ Fencing	\$500.00	DNR	Choose
Wood Routed Sign			Choose
Access Roads and Trails	\$1,500.00	Grant	Both cost and work
User Facilities, Access, Parking Lots	\$1,500.00	Grant	Both cost and work
Well Sealing/ Site Clean-up			Choose
Total	\$4,500.00		

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: Randy Markl	Phone: 507-831-2900
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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: Randy Markl Date: 9/14/10

Comments:

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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	Technical Review Committee Scoring Comments	Amtount Requested	Score	Technical Review Committee Final Rank	Comments	Regional Comments	Meets Regional Plan?	Rank	Region	Division Director's Comments
74	Minnesota Waterfowl Association	Sieg Slough	Looks to be top of watershed.	\$165,750	155	new public access		Maybe a M due to control structure and access. Another Island for management	Y	L	4	Gains control of the outlet, potential to restore basin. Fairly large basin too.

MWA_74_Sieg Slough

															11)Public Access for Hunting and Fishing	12)Sustainability	13)Use of Native Plant Materials	14)Budget and Cost Effectiveness	
		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								
		8.00	8.00	7.00	9.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	6.00	9.00	8.00	9.00	9.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
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		3.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	2.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	9.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	8.00
AVERAGES		6.00	8.00	7.67	8.33	7.67	7.67	8.33	5.00	8.33	8.33	9.67	8.67	9.00	8.33				
TOTAL SCORE		155.33																	

15)Capacity to Successfully Complete Work	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
9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
9.00	6.00	8.00	8.00	9.00
10.00	10.00	8.00	10.00	10.00
9.33	8.33	8.33	9.00	9.33