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Project Summary

Project Name and Contact

Project Name:	Prairie shrubland for openland birds	Project Manager:	Greg Hoch
Organization Name:	MN Prairie Chicken Society	Title:	Bd member
Organization Type:	Non-Profit	Phone:	218-443-0476
Mailing Address 1:	26624 N tower Rd	Email:	gahoch@umn.edu
Mailing Address 2:			
City:	Detroit Lakes		
State:	MN		
Zip Code:	56501		

Project Location Summary

Primary County:	Norman	Secondary Land
Nearest City:	Syre	Ownerships:
Project Site Name:	Syre Prairie Complex	
Primary Land Ownership:	State	

Project Activity Summary

Primary Activity:	Enhancement	Primary Habitat Type:	Prairie
Additional Activities:		Additional Habitats:	
Total Project Sites:	1		
Total Project Acres:	100		

Project Funding Summary

Total Grant Amount	\$100,000
Requested:	
Total Match Amount	\$24,000
Pledged:	
Additional Funding:	
Total Project Cost:	\$124,000
Estimated Project	2014-05-30
Completion Date:	

Summary

This project will manage aspen and other woody species at the Neal/Cupido/Syre WMA and Twin Valley Prairie SNA complex, hereafter Syre Complex, in Norman County. This is one of our largest grassland blocks in northwest Minnesota. As such, it is a key habitat block for grassland species such as prairie chickens, upland sandpipers, and numerous grassland songbirds. However, because the area is so wet, there are also significant amounts of brood habitat for American woodcock, a species traditionally thought of as an early successional woodland species. Much of this aspen habitat has become overmature, creating poor habitat for species such as woodcock and deer. The tall trees also discourage grassland nesting birds. The goal of this project is not to eliminate woody cover on the WMAs but return them to a younger successional stage. The shorter aspen trees will provide cover for woodcock, browse for deer and moose, and will create improved grassland habitat in adjacent areas.

Problem Statement

Greater than 99% of Minnesota’s prairies have been lost since settlement (Samson and Knopf 1994). Many of the remaining acres of native prairie, as well as restored grasslands have decreased in quality and their ability to produce wildlife in recent decades. One of the leading causes of this decreasing in nesting habitat quality is the presence of tall trees on the landscape. These trees cause some species to avoid available nesting habitat close to the trees. Trees also provide perches and dens for predators. Data show that nesting success can cut in half up to 600 meters away from trees. This is an area of over 270 acres where nest success is abnormally low. To make the best nesting habitat for grassland birds; gamebirds, waterfowl, and songbirds, we need to remove all tall trees from their nesting habitat. The Syre complex also provides a young forest habitat type, specifically aspen, for species such as American woodcock. Woodcock populations have declined dramatically in recent decades. The number one reason for this decline is many of our forests have become overmature. Woodcock generally prefer forests less than fifteen years since the last disturbance, such as fire or cutting/logging. The Syre complex is a popular area for both woodcock banding in the spring as well as woodcock hunting in the fall. Although the area is somewhat outside the forested range of the woodcock, there are significant numbers of woodcock nesting at the site. In many efforts, the goal of tree management on the prairies is to completely eradicate the trees from the site and the larger landscape. In this case, we want to maintain a woody component on the landscape. However, we would like that component to be both young and short. This should directly improve habitat for some species (deer, woodcock), and indirectly improve adjacent habitat for grassland nesting species such as prairie chickens and grassland songbirds.

Project Objectives

There are approximately 190 acres of aspen on the complex, along with many acres of young cottonwood and hybrid poplar seedlings. We hope to treat approximately 100 acres of the aspen clones under this grant over a two year period. The DNR is currently working with commercial wood products companies in the area to bid on a harvest for the largest/oldest patch of aspen. Additionally, the MPCS currently has HE grant dollars to remove additional acres of aspen on the complex. In the next round of HE grants, the MPCS will request funds for contract burns on the site to follow up the mechanical work. We expect to see two benefits. First, we expect to see a higher density of wildlife within the treated aspen clones. These species include deer and moose, woodcock, rufous-sided towhees, and other early successional songbird species. We will be able to measure this effect by the number of woodcock broods located in the area and the number of young woodcock banded in subsequent years. Second, we should see an increase in the number and size of prairie chicken booming grounds on and adjacent to the WMA complex. The overall benefit will be a greater diversity and density of both prairie and young forest birds. Both of these groups have been in long-term decline over the past several decades.

Methods

The grant dollars will be pass-through dollars with all funds going directly to contractors in the area. In the past year, there have been several new pieces of equipment developed for woody removal work. These include the bio-baler, a turbo-saw, and sickle-bar mower. There are also new chemicals such as Garlon 4. Due to the wet conditions at the site, most of the work will be done in the winter once the ground has frozen. We will inspect the area with the contractors to determine what method will be best for removing trees from each area. We will remove 50% of the aspen in each of the two years. This will lower the profile of the aspen as well as stimulate new growth. This will also allow herbaceous vegetation to grow within the clone. This herbaceous vegetation will allow fire to carry through the aspen clones. For the long-term maintenance of this site we will rely on fire. Prescribed fires will be conducted by DNR offices or by contractors hired through future CPL grants or HE grants. We will tree approximately 100 acres of the 190+ acres of aspen on the site with this grant. However, we know that nesting success is halved within 600 meters of tall trees (Snyder 1984). For every patch of tall aspen removed, we are improving grassland bird nesting habitat over a circle 1200 meters in diameter. This is roughly 270 acres of improved nesting habitat.

Project Timeline

Time Frame	Goal
June 2014	Remove trees

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

Work needed

prescribed fire

Who is responsible

DNR-Detroit Lakes

Funding source

**DNR or HE grant thru
MPCS**

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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 will increase the habitat available and carrying capacity for a number of game and non-game species. This should benefit both the wildlife and consumptive and non-consumptive outdoor recreation.

2. Describe the degree of collaboration for this project.

This grant is a stand-alone grant submitted by the MN Prairie Chicken Society. While we treat prairie chickens as our focal species, our goal is to use work done in the name of prairie chickens to positively impact all grassland dependent birds, plants, and other wildlife. There will be members of the DNR, USFWS, and TNC who participate in this grant project. We will use the collective expertise of all these agencies to determine which clones to mow to create the maximum wildlife benefit.

3. Describe any urgency associated with this project.

The trees on this site continue to expand both outward and upward every year. Each year we delay work up there the cost will increase. At the same time, wildlife species will decline. We, the DNR and MPCS, have already invested in this area through the HE grant program. However, the HE grant will only be able to treat a relatively small percentage of the overall acreage in the complex. If we don't follow-up past treatments, we will need to start over from the beginning and earlier efforts will be wasted.

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

There are two groups of species that will benefit from this work. First, early successional forest species such as American woodcock, rufous-sided towhees, and golden-winged warblers will benefit as the aspen clones regenerate over the next 5-10 years. Deer and moose will also benefit from the improved browse. Second, because there will be no tall trees on the horizon the area will be more amenable to grassland dependent species such as prairie chickens and grassland sparrows.

5. Discuss the habitat benefits resulting from your project.

The prairie is the most endangered ecosystem in Minnesota. Any action taken, especially on native prairie, will benefit both the state and the wildlife that use those habitats. In addition to the prairies, there are a number of wetlands and wet meadows in this area that provide habitat for waterfowl and species such as snipe. This work will positively affect a number of young forest, grassland, and wetland dependent species.

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

As a general rule, large blocks of habitat with low edge:interior ratios make the best habitat. As such the USFWS has mapped grassland bird conservation areas (GBCA) across the prairie pothole region (PPR). The best grasslands are mapped as Type 1 GBCAs. These are defined as 640 acres of grass at least one mile wide. The Syre complex is the second largest Type 1 GBCA in the Red River Valley after the Glacial Ridge complex, and is one of the largest Type 1 GBCAs in the state. As such, it provides important habitat by itself. More importantly, the Syre complex is part of a larger corridor of complexes and this area provides a vital link between the Glacial Ridge and Agassiz Dunes complexes in the north, and the Felton and Bluestem Prairie complexes to the south. Enhancing the habitat at this site improves the site but also improves the habitat over the entire landscape that the complex fits into.

7. Indicate if your project is adjacent to protected lands, describing those lands

(ownership, public access, etc.)

Work will be done on WMAs

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

Funding sources for the overall work on this site include HE grants from the most recent funding cycle. For match, we are using WRP dollars from adjacent lands. These dollars have been secured for work at a property adjacent to the WMAs.

9. Discuss if CPL Grant funds will supplement or supplant existing funding. Discuss how these CPL funds will impact your organization's current budget.

CPL grant dollars will supplement but not replace HE grant dollars being spent on the site through the MPCS. This grant will not affect the MPCS budget. All grant dollars will be passed through our organization to local contractors.

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

This work will be done on DNR owned Wildlife Management Areas. The areas are open for all hunting seasons.

11. Describe the sustainability of your project.

Once we have an initial mechanical treatment of the site, we would hope to use fire for the long-term maintenance of the site. We realize that there will be extensive suckering from the aspen roots. However, if we can regularly apply fire to the site in the future we should be able to prevent it from reaching its current height.

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

NA

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

One hundred percent of the grant dollars will go to contract work. The contractors we will probably work with have a long history of this type of work with the USFWS and DNR offices in Detroit Lakes. They understand the bid process, invoices, and exactly what the biological staff in each office wants them to do and how to do it. Because of this history, things go smoothly and there is minimum supervision needed in the field. Together, this makes for a smooth and efficient operation. It is much more cost-effective for agencies to hire contractors than to spend their own time and purchase equipment. Last, it is cost effective because all grant dollars will go directly to small businesses in Minnesota, stimulating the rural economy in the area the work is done.

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 grant writer/administrator successfully wrote four CPL grants last year through the MPCS, DL Friends, and MWA. MPCS recently submitted our final report for our first CPL grant. I have also written five DNR Heritage Enhancement (HE) grants in the last five years. Working with the DL Friends group, I have been funded for the last four rounds of the LCCMR Habitat Corridors Partnership (HCP) program. I have also successfully written two NAWCA (North American Wetland Conservation Act) grants in the past two years. Work covered under these grants included tree removal, wetland restoration, fire management, and seeding. We achieved the goals for all the grants we have completed. Several of these grants are still open and we are working to complete them. All of these grants involve working through DNR or USFWS offices to have contractors work on WPAs or WMAs. Through these activities we have a list of contractors we have worked with the past for specific types of jobs.

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

This work supports several landscape level plans. First, the DNR, USFWS, and TNC have been meeting monthly for the past year to develop a Comprehensive Plan for grassland and prairie management. One of our first goals was to identify the last remaining large patches of native prairie and prairie complexes from MCBS data. The Syre complex is one of the largest tracts identified and plays a crucial role both by itself as habitat and as a linkage between other areas with large tracts of native prairie. The USFWS HAPET office in Fergus Falls has also developed several landscape habitat

models. One of the variables in the models is tree cover. Although this is a large block of grassland, it scores low on several models due to the tree cover. By removing these trees or lowering their profile, the models will show this area as being much more beneficial to several grassland dependent species.

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

This project will positively impact the habitat for a number of wildlife species. Many of these species are listed under the Prairie Pothole Joint Venture plan. This work will contribute to the efforts of both the DNR's Waterfowl Plan as well as the national North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP). The published literature has numerous examples of the detrimental effects of tall woody cover for both gamebird and waterfowl production. Specific to this grant, the North American Grouse Partnership (NAGP) has developed national plans for all species of grassland grouse. Grouse species that could use this habitat include both prairie chickens and sharp-tailed grouse. Additionally, there are national plans for species that would use the young aspen stands. This includes the Young Forest Initiative (YFI), the golden-winged warbler working group, the Woodcock Conservation Plan, and the Great Lakes Woodcock Initiative.

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

The Statewide Conservation Plan states that one goal is to "Restore ecoregion appropriate, landscape-scale complexes of habitat...with a broader goal of developing/maintaining conservation corridors." This project does both, it removes inappropriate prairie vegetation, trees, restores native grasses and wildflowers. Second, all of these project sites are within the corridor along the eastern edge of the Red River Valley. WPAs and WMAs along this area form a natural N-S corridor for species as they migrate in the spring and fall. This N-S orientation will also allow species to respond to climate change predictions by moving their ranges latitudinally. The Syre complex provides a vital link between the prairie complexes of Polk and Clay Counties.

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

This project will primarily focus on the Red River Valley subsection of the Prairie Parkland Province. The Syre complex is one of the largest blocks of native habitat in the subsection. The work on this project will directly benefit at least 26 SGCN bird species and will indirectly benefit other birds as well as SGCN plant, mammal, and reptile species. The scientific literature has shown a direct negative impact of trees to several of the SGCN species listed in the Action Plan. By removing trees, we will benefit these species at the landscape level.

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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:	Tom Kucera	Phone:	218-846-8376
Organization:	DNR	Email:	tom.kucera@state.mn.us
Title:	Assistant Area Wildlife Manager		

Site Information

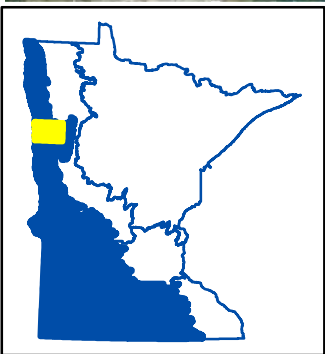
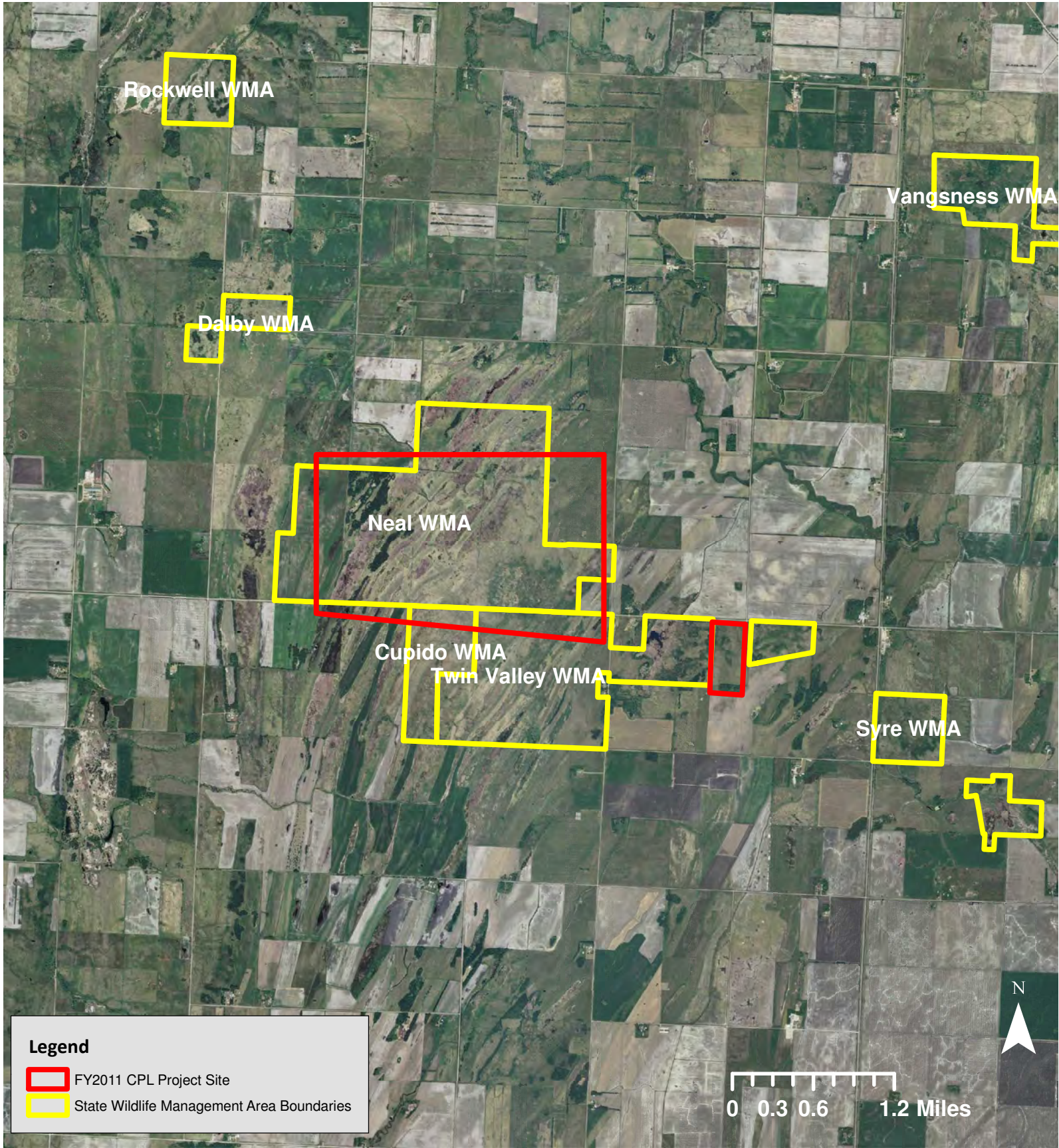
Land Ownership:	State	Acres:	100
Site Name(s):	Syre WMA complex- Twin Valley, Cupido and Neil WMAs	Click here to View Site Map	
Activity:	Enhancement		
Habitat:	Prairie		

Land Manager

Name:	John Voz	Phone:	218-846-7360
Organization:	NRCS/ DU	Email:	john.voz@mn.usda.gov
Title:	Wetland Restoration Specialist		

Site Information

Land Ownership:	Private	Acres:	12
Site Name(s):	Home Lake WRP	Click here to View Site Map	
Activity:	Enhancement		
Habitat:	Prairie		



CPL FY11-076

Prairie shrubland for openland birds

MN Prairie Chicken Society

Norman County

LSOHC Prairie Planning Section



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Budget Information

Organization's Fiscal Contact Information

Name:	Earl Johnson	Street Address 1:	25170 Almquist Rd
Title:	Treasurer	Street Address 2:	
Email:	moccwood.setter@gmail.com	City:	Detroit Lakes
Phone:	218-849-2863	State:	MN
		Zip Code:	56501

Budget Subtotals

Budget Item	Grant	Match	Total		
Personnel					
Contracts	\$100,000	\$24,000	\$124,000		
Fee Acquisition with PILT					
Fee Acquisition without PILT					
Easement Acquisition					
Easement Stewardship				In-kind Total	Cash Total
Travel (in-state)				\$0	\$24,000
Professional Services					
DNR Land Acquisition Cost					
Equipment/Tools/Supplies					
Additional Budget Items					
Total:	\$100,000	\$24,000	\$124,000		

Details

Contracts

Contractor Name	Contracted Work	Amount	Grant/Match	In-kind/Cash
TBD -	tree removal	\$100,000	Grant	
USDA - WRP contractor	tree removal on adjacent land	\$24,000	Match	Cash
Totals	Grant: \$100,000 Match: \$24,000	Total: \$124,000		

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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)

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

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

Syre WMA complex, Home Lake WRP site. (Kucera, Voz)

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:

Due to the wet conditions, all work will have to be done in the winter with frozen soil. This should avoid any direct negative impacts with plants, migratory birds, or invertebrates.

Project Review and Approval Forms

[Uploaded Form 1](#)

[Uploaded Form 2](#)

CPL Project Review and Approval Form

REVIEWER INFORMATION:

Land manager/ easement holder name: Tom Kucera

Agency: DNR

Title: Asst Area Wildlife Manager

Phone: 218-846-8374

Email: tom.kucera@state.mn.us

PROJECT INFORMATION:

Project Name: Prairie Shrubland for
Grassland Birds

Contact Person: Greg Hoch

Organization: MPCS

Email: gahoch@umn.edu

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					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: Tom Kucera	Phone: 218-846-8374
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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: Thomas Kucera

Date: 9/15/2010

Comments:

CPL Project Review and Approval Form

REVIEWER INFORMATION:

Land manager/ easement holder name:

Agency:	NRCS / DU
Title:	Wetland Restoration Specialist
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Name:		Phone:	
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Name:

Date:

9/22/10

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.

The project will treat a total of 100 acres within the Syre Area WMA complex. However, those acres are scattered within several patches in the complex. It will be difficult to highlight all the areas we plan to treat unless we can provide shapefiles. Neil, Cupido, Twin Valley WMA's will be treated with the funding from this grant.

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

Uploaded Document 1

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?

No - Provide a brief description of how your organization would handle any conflicts of interest that may occur.

We would ask any member to remove themselves from the decision process and funding procedure.

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

Greg Hoch – grant writing and administration Earl Johnson – treasurer and area wildlife manager in charge of contractor oversight

List your organization's Board of Directors with affiliations:

Pres–Brian Winter TNC Sec-Ross Hier DNR Treas-Earl Johnson DNR Steve Bommersbach Doug Hedtke DNR
Greg Hoch USFWS Scott Kahan USFWS Rob Naplin DNR Dan Svedarsky U Minn Crookston Sara Vacek USFWS
John Voz NRCS/DU

Date: September 22, 2010

CPL Grant Reviewers

All Reinvest in Minnesota and USDA Wetlands Reserve Program private land easements in Minnesota are perpetual. The WRP is for a 30 year term and the RIM program takes it into perpetuity.

Sincerely,



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 Application Submission

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:

Greg Hoch

Organization / Agency:

MPCS

Title:

Bd Member

Date:

2010-09-15

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
76	MN Prairie Chicken Society	Prairie shrubland for openland birds	Prairie	Good to have flexibility in sites, good planning. Summer cutting good to try. Please share results of any new techniques with others! Nice to see cost/acre--but if have flexible sites, what will total acres be? Good to list impacted acres. Are there more stages? Match on project area, not actual site?	\$100,000	115					Low cost, good project. All agree with this one being funded.

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	6.00	6.00	5.00	5.00	9.00	7.00	7.00	10.00	1.00	6.00	6.00	7.00
	6.00	5.00	6.00	4.00	4.00	6.00	5.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	9.00	4.00	8.00	6.00	4.00
	4.00	4.00	5.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	5.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	9.00	4.00	8.00	7.00	8.00
	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	4.00	5.00	6.00	5.00	6.00	4.00	9.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	7.00
	7.00	8.00	7.00	1.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.00	8.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	7.00	7.00	8.00
AVERAGES	6.40	5.80	5.80	3.00	4.80	5.20	5.40	6.60	7.00	6.40	8.60	3.40	6.60	6.00	6.80
TOTAL SCORE	115.20														

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
6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
6.00	7.00	6.00	6.00
8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
6.80	7.00	6.80	6.80