Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program
Best Practices for Applicants

- Highlight the goal(s) of your project clearly and concisely.

  - Your goals should be found easily in your application, and not buried in the middle of text.

- If you plan to seed an area or plant an area directly with seeds and shrubs, provide a list of seeds and plant species to be used.

  - Seed mixes and plant lists can be uploaded as an additional attachment.

  - For prairie and savanna projects, seed mixes are recommended over forb and grass plugs.

  - Native seed and plant providers for your region can be found here.

- Highlight the direct benefits that your project will provide to specific species of wildlife.

  - MN DNR Rare Species Guide

  - MN DNR Wildlife Information

- If your project has a high cost per acre, clearly justify why that is in your application.

- Make your budget as detailed as possible, highlighting specifically how funds will be used in each category.

- Follow the Minnesota DNR's guidance for invasive species removal methodology.

  - Terrestrial Invasive Plant Information

  - Aquatic Invasive Plant Information

- Reach out to DNR subject experts to discuss your project and collect feedback.

  - If you need assistance connecting with a specific subject expert, please reach out to the CPL program at lscplgrants.dnr@state.mn.us

  - Area Fisheries Managers

  - Area Foresters

  - Area Wildlife Managers

  - Regional Ecologists

  - Regional Prairie Specialists