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Project Summary

Project Name and Contact

Project Name:	Center Creek WMA Carlson Addition	Project Manager:	Doug Hartke
Organization Name:	Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc.	Title:	Grant Coordinator
Organization Type:	Non-Profit	Phone:	507-236-1700
Mailing Address 1:	PO Box 212	Email:	dhartke@frontiernet.net
Mailing Address 2:			
City:	Sherburn		
State:	MN		
Zip Code:	56171		

Project Location Summary

Primary County:	Martin	Secondary Land
Nearest City:	Granada	Ownerships:
Project Site Name:	Carlson Addition	
Primary Land Ownership:	State	

Project Activity Summary

Primary Activity:	Acquisition	Primary Habitat Type:	Wetland
Additional Activities:		Additional Habitats:	Prairie
Total Project Sites:	1		
Total Project Acres:	40		

Project Funding Summary

Total Grant Amount Requested:	\$110,812
Total Match Amount Pledged:	\$21,688
Additional Funding:	
Total Project Cost:	\$132,500
Estimated Project Completion Date:	2012-06-30

Summary

The Fox Lake Conservation League is partnering with the Martin County Conservation Club, Inc. to acquire this second parcel to serve as a nucleus for the Center Creek WMA. This area holds high quality native plant populations that will serve a wide range of both game and non-game species. This parcel holds upland and wetland native prairie habitats. Rare plants are found on this parcel as well as in adjacent areas.

Problem Statement

This land is on the market now. This parcel is landlocked by at least one half mile or more in every direction. Most of the surrounding land is high quality wildlife habitat. A one half mile access is included in the legal description. All of this makes this parcel highly attractive for a private hunting area. It is right in the heart of the Center Creek WMA that is in the first stages of establishment.

Project Objectives

The primary objective of this project is the acquisition of this valuable parcel. The project will result in the protection of highly diverse wetland and prairie habitat. The project will result in an increase in public hunting land in an area where demand far exceeds what is available.

Methods

The applicant (FLCL) is working in conjunction with the Martin County Conservation Club and the Martin Soil and Water Conservation District to acquire this parcel. This parcel has been identified as a high priority addition to the new Center Creek WMA.

Project Timeline

Time Frame	Goal
by 6/30/12	Purchase and turn over property to DNR

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.

Local priorities, DNR plans and strategies, and the Minnesota Statewide Conservation Plan are used to prioritize sites for protection or land use changes. Considerations include, proximity to existing permanently protected habitat, proximity to user populations and recreational need.

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

This area will require routine maintenance to maintain the conservation cover and quality of the habitat.

Habitat Development #	Acres	Cost/Acre	Total	Funding Source
Prairie Grassland	10	250	2500	Grant
Forest / Woody Cover				
Wetland				

Facility Development	Cost	Funding Source
Boundary Survey	5000	Grant
Access Roads and Trails	1000	Grant
User Facilities, Access, Parking Lots	1000	Grant
Posting / Fencing		
Wood Routed Sign		
Well Sealing / Site Clean-up		

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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.

Landowners within this watershed have participated in and have been supportive of converting marginal lands to wetlands and habitat and they continue to support additional projects. Many of the landowners support the Martin County Conservation Club and are highly supportive of this acquisition. At least one adjacent landowner is planning to add his property to the new WMA within the next year.

2. Describe the degree of collaboration for this project.

The Martin County Conservation Club, Fox Lake Conservation League, Friends of the Windom Wetland Management District and Martin County Pheasants Forever have pledged match funds for this project. The Martin SWCD and Rural Advantage support the project that will result in the protection of native habitat. Both will provide educational efforts regarding the native plant communities and the care and maintenance of these habitats that are found on this valuable land.

3. Describe any urgency associated with this project.

The project site is a landlocked 40 with a one half mile long access included in the parcel legal description. It is at least one half mile from any public road in all directions. It is almost entirely surrounded with high quality wildlife habitat, and is highly attractive for a private hunting area. This parcel is currently available for sale and is not expected to be on the market for long.

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

Besides its value as a public hunting area, this site has a diverse range of wet to mesic prairie plant populations. It holds the largest population of Riddle's Goldenrod in the area and areas adjacent to the parcel hold populations of Rattlesnake Master, Wood Lily, Small White Ladyslipper and many other species that are becoming quite rare in this area.

5. Discuss the habitat benefits resulting from your project.

Existing native wetland and prairie habitat will be protected from conversion to non habitat uses. The site will add to the diversity of adjacent areas of habitat that are protected from conversion. There are species of native plants that are found on this parcel that are not found on other parcels within the general area. Other parcels that are part of the contiguous habitat associated with this parcel have some native prairie remnants. The parcel includes great habitat for waterfowl and upland game and nongame species. Shorebirds and waders can be seen in and around wetlands. Meadowlarks, Bobolinks, Dickcissel and many other species can be found in the upland areas.

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

The hydrology and character of the land make it most suitable for wildlife habitat. Economically and environmentally, this project area will best serve the community by keeping conservation cover on the upland which is sandy and highly wind and water erodible. The wetlands are prone to sedimentation that would result from attempts to farm the area.

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

An adjacent parcel is enrolled in a perpetual RIM easement, Another parcel has been purchased and is in the process of being acquired by the MN DNR for the Center Creek

WMA. Another parcel is enrolled in CRP and other acres of private land are in pasture and native habitat. Most of the parcels hold high quality native plant populations. Center Creek WMA will be open to the public for hunting and trapping and private lands are available upon permission from the landowners.

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

This grant and pledged matching funds will fully fund this project. The cash match is provided by: Martin County Conservation Club, Inc., Fox Lake Conservation League, Friends of the Windom Wetland Management District, Martin County Pheasants Forever. These four organizations have each pledged \$5,422 for a total of \$21,688.00 in cash match for this high priority acquisition 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.

CPL Grant funds will allow the purchase of a parcel that is out of reach by the organization. Grant funds will supplement existing funds to allow the project to be completed. This project is not expected to impact the organization's budget except that matching funds will be provided to accomplish the project. The organization's goal is to utilize its funding to acquire and improve habitat.

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

Once the land has been acquired by the DNR and added to the Center Creek WMA, it is expected to be open to the public for all all hunting, trapping and fishing seasons.

11. Describe the sustainability of your project.

As a part of the Center Creek WMA, the project site would be expected to provide habitat and recreation opportunities for as long as WMAs exist. With routine maintenance this project should serve the public and provide habitat for future generations to come.

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

Native prairie vegetation is the predominant cover on the site, in both upland and wetland areas. Native vegetation will need to be re-established on about 10 acres that were in agricultural production. The parcel and adjacent areas will serve as a seed source for this habitat restoration work.

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

The budget reflects a reasonable price for the acquisition of this high quality habitat. With the species diversity present on this site, even at current agricultural land prices, this parcel is still a bargain. Acquiring it now, before any the existing cover is destroyed by attempts to crop it, helps to make the project cost effective, saving dollars needed to restore part of the site, with only a few enhancements needed.

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 Fox Lake Conservation League has provided the groundwork for several land acquisitions, funding appraisals to facilitate timely acquisitions. The League has even purchased tracts to ensure high quality habitat in priority areas did not slip away before acquisition funds could be secured. The League has partnered with the MN DNR, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Martin SWCD and many organizations to improve habitat and acquire habitat. The League has secured grants and successfully completed the work on several grant projects.

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

It supports the Martin County Water Plan goals and objectives relating to protecting and improving surface and ground water quality, ground water recharge and mitigating surface water quantity issues. It addresses water plan issues relating the establishment of wildlife habitat utilizing local ecotype native plant materials to benefit water quality and reduce sediment delivery to surface waters. Working with agencies to restore wetlands is a water plan action item.

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

It provides habitat for a broad range of remnant local ecotype native species that are in decline locally. It supports the Farm Service Agency/Natural Resources Conservation Service Local Work group initiative to provide habitat for the Blanding's Turtle which has recently been documented in Martin County. This parcel and the surrounding wetland complex holds habitat that should provide habitat for the Blanding's Turtle and many other species of game and non-game species found in the area.

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

It will maintain restore and expand critical land habitat, critical habitat at the land/water interface and critical in-water habitat. It will provide outdoor recreation in an area where there is a shortage of quality public hunting land. It will help promote a healthy rural economy, as visitors to the site support local businesses.

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

The project site was reviewed in conjunction with the Minnesota Biological Survey and it has been used as a local ecotype seed source for local restoration projects. It holds habitat that is important for the recovery of rare and declining species. Acquisition of this site will result in prairie enhancement and "tomorrow's habitat for the rare and the wild". The site is close to a public school which can use it as a field trip destination.

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Organization's Fiscal Contact Information

Name:	Jim Miller	Street Address 1:	P O Box 212
Title:	Treasurer	Street Address 2:	
Email:	mwt@frontiernet.net	City:	Sherburn
Phone:	507-236-3442	State:	MN
		Zip Code:	56171

Budget Subtotals

Budget Item	Grant	Match	Total		
Personnel					
Contracts					
Fee Acquisition with PILT	\$98,312	\$21,688	\$120,000		
Fee Acquisition without PILT					
Easement Acquisition					
Easement Stewardship				In-kind Total	Cash Total
Travel (in-state)				\$0	\$21,688
Professional Services					
DNR Land Acquisition Cost	\$3,000		\$3,000		
Equipment/Tools/Supplies					
Additional Budget Items	\$9,500		\$9,500		
Total:	\$110,812	\$21,688	\$132,500		

Details

Fee Acquisition with PILT

Parcel Name	Parcel Purchase Price	Amount	Grant/Match	In-kind/Cash
Carlson	120000	\$98,312	Grant	
Carlson	120000	\$21,688	Match	Cash
Totals	Grant: \$98,312 Match: \$21,688	Total: \$120,000		

DNR Land Acquisition Cost

Parcel name, est. cost	Description of additional costs	Amount	Grant/Match	In-kind/Cash
Carlson	Land Acquisition Cost	\$3,000	Grant	
Totals	Grant: \$3,000 Match: \$0	Total: \$3,000		

Additional Budget Items

Item	Description	Amount	Grant/Match	In-kind/Cash
Facility Development	Prairie Grassland	\$2,500	Grant	
Facility Development	Boundary Survey	\$5,000	Grant	
Facility Development	Improve Public Access	\$1,000	Grant	
Facility Development	Improve Parking Area	\$1,000	Grant	
Totals	Grant: \$9,500 Match: \$0	Total: \$9,500		

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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 Wildlife Manager

Site Information

Land Ownership:

State

Acres:

40

Site Name(s):

Carlson

Click here to [View Site Map](#)

Activity:

Acquisition



Habitat:

Wetland

Land donation to create Center Creek WMA
Martin County Conservation Club

Land currently in RIM

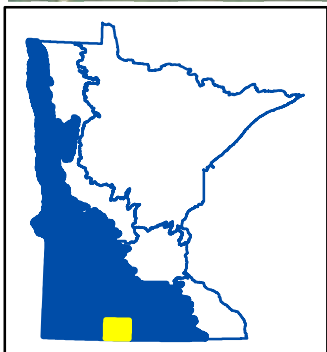
Legend

-  FY2011 CPL Project Site
-  State Wildlife Management Area Boundaries

0 0.03 0.06 0.12 Miles



**CPL FY11-043
Center Creek WMA Carlson Addition
Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc.
Martin County
LSOHC Prairie Planning Section**



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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:

Center Creek Wildlife Management Area, Carlson Addition Randy Markl, Area Wildlife Manager

Name the elements found:

[REDACTED]

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

The acquisition and protection of native habitat is a major part of what makes this project a high priority. This project is not expected to have a negative impact on the identified elements. The project is intended to help protect the identified natural features.

Project Review and Approval Forms

Uploaded Form 1

CPL Project Review and Approval Form

REVIEWER INFORMATION:

Land manager/ easement holder name:	Randy Markl
Agency:	MN DNR
Title:	Area Wildlife Manager
Phone:	507-822-3595
Email:	randy.markl@state.mn.us

PROJECT INFORMATION:


Project Name:	Center Creek WMA Carlson Addition
Contact Person:	Doug Hartke
Organization:	Fox Lake Conservation League
Email:	dhartke@frontiernet.net

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:

 Areas with high quality native plant populations will be protected by this project. Any work done within the parcel will take the native plant communities into consideration so impacts can be avoided.

- 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	10	\$250.00	\$2,500.00	Grant	Cost
Forest/ Woody Cover					Choose
Wetland					Choose
Totals	10	\$250.00	2500		

Facility Development	Cost	Funding Source	Applicant is responsible for:
Boundary Survey	\$5,000.00	Grant	Both cost and work
Posting/ Fencing			Choose
Wood Routed Sign			Choose
Access Roads and Trails	\$1,000.00	Grant	Both cost and work
User Facilities, Access, Parking Lots	\$1,000.00	Grant	Both cost and work
Well Sealing/ Site Clean-up			Choose
Total	7000		

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 x226
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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: _____

9/10/10

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 Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc. has had 2 major acquisition projects since 2005. We purchased a \$600K Pierce Lake WPA property and resold to the USFWS in 2005 and just recently completed a \$700K Four Corners WMA property purchase that the DNR just finalized the purchase of. We are a 501 C (3) and have charitable gaming license which provides matching dollars to support these past and for future projects. In 2009 donations from our Charitable Gaming was over \$50,000.00. Our board consists of 15 members. We work closely with all conservation groups in Martin County area meeting with most groups at least twice annually. We call ourselves the Martin County Alliance.

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

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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.

Board members that have conflict will abstain from voting.

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

Rich Perrine and Doug Hartke will be the primary members working on this grant. Pres. Tim Eisenmenger and Treasurer Jim Miller will also be involved. Tim will help with the land purchase and work with the DNR and Jim will pay any invoices.

List your organization's Board of Directors with affiliations:

Board Members Doug Hartke, Jim Miller, Lance Vath, Jake Krohn, Tom Wilson, Dave Ringeisen, Dave Swanson, Harold Nowak, Tim Stahl, David Dale, Jim Claussen, Ryan Sokolofsky, Robert Smith, Tim Eisenmenger



FOX LAKE CONSERVATION LEAGUE INC.
SHERBURN - WELCOME
BOX 212, SHERBURN, MN 56171

CONSERVATION LEAGUE

September 14, 2010

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program

Reference: Grant Match for Center Creek WMA, Carlson Addition

To Whom It May Concern:

The Fox Lake Conservation League is willing to provide \$5422 match dollars to support the acquisition of 40 acres to the Center Creek WMA. The funds are available immediately and are from non government sources.

We look forward to working with the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program.

If you need anything else please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Nathan Amborn
Secretary, FLCL
PO Box 212
Sherburn, MN 56171
507-238-3505 office
namborn@bankmidwest.com



1243 Lake Avenue, Suite 222
Fairmont, Minnesota 56031-1974
507-238-5449
<http://www.ruraladvantage.org>

September 10, 2010

Doug Hartke
Fox Lake Conservation League
Sherburn, MN 56176

Dear Mr. Hartke:

On behalf of the Rural Advantage Board of Directors I would like to express our support for the proposal titled "Center Creek WMA – Carlson Addition" that is being submitted to the Conservation Partners Legacy Grants program.

Rural Advantage, a Minnesota based nonprofit, has been a leader in supporting the preservation of a native habitats in Southern Minnesota. With our work around 3rd crops we have been supportive of developing and increasing the seed/plant base of local eco type plant species here in Martin County. Most of our efforts have been related to the role of 3rd crops as feedstock material, development of the Madelia Model concept and supporting the development of processes and technologies that supports the growth and emergence of a more sustainable agricultural cropping system. We are collaborators with University of Minnesota faculty and others involving several current and recent projects.

Rural Advantage staff will assist with the project by assisting with education and outreach activities related to the project that advances the development of additional local eco type plant species. Jill Sackett, University of Minnesota Extension Conservation Agronomist, can lead this piece of the project. She is housed in our office in Fairmont and works under a unique partnership between Rural Advantage and University of Minnesota Extension.

I look forward to working with the Fox Lake Conservation League and other partners on this project. If there are any questions please contact me at 507-238-5449 or linda@ruraladvantage.org.

Sincerely,

Linda Meschke, President

Martin County Pheasants Forever
Chapter #49
1317 N State Street
PO Box 901
Fairmont, MN 56031

September 15, 2010

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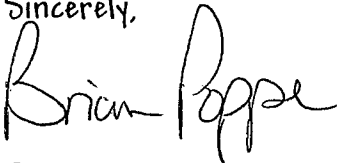
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We look forward to working with the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program.

If you need anything else please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Brian Poppe
President, Martin County Pheasants Forever
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PO Box 901
Fairmont, MN 56031
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September 15, 2010

RE: DNR Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Project Proposal

Matching funds for the Center Creek WMA Carlson Addition

Doug,

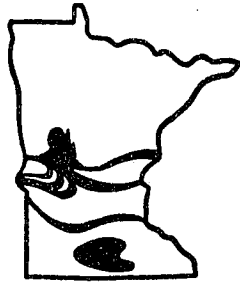
The Martin County Pheasants Forever Chapter has verbally pledged \$5,422.00 in matching funds for Center Creek WMA project. These funds are from locally generated initiatives and are from non-government sources. These funds are to become available upon the project being funded.

The pledge letter has not been received. Upon receipt of the letter it will be submitted to Leslie Tanahill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rich Perrine".

Rich Perrine



MINNESOTA SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

September 10, 2010

RE: DNR Conservation Partners Legacy Grant

Doug Hartke
Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc.
P O Box 212
Sherburn, MN 56171

Dear Mr. Hartke,

At the regular Martin Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board of Supervisors meeting on September 2nd, 2010, the Board pledged its enthusiastic support for the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant application that you have developed. The protection of areas having populations of local ecotype native plants is consistent with sound conservation planning and use of these marginal lands for outdoor recreation should result in an economic benefit to the area.

Your proposed acquisition project addresses action items identified in the Martin County Comprehensive Local Water Plan, addressing issues that are important to water quality management and habitat management.

The use of local ecotype native plants that will compete with invasive species should result in better quality wildlife habitat.

Martin SWCD will provide staff as needed to assist with the administration and implementation of your project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Smith".

Kathy Smith
District Manager

**Friends of Windom Wetland Management District
4963 County Road 17
Windom, MN 56101**

September 1, 2010

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
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To Whom It May Concern:

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We look forward to working with the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program.

If you need anything else please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Douglas Hartke
Treasurer, Friends of Windom Wetland Management District
PO Box 455
Sherburn, MN 56171
507 236 1700 cell phone
dhartke@frontiernet.net

September 14, 2010

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Sincerely,

Bruce R. Moore
President, Martin County Conservation Club, Inc.
1940 S. Prairie Ave.
Fairmont, MN. 56031
507 235 6945 (home)
507 399 9076 (cell)
brusuem@yahoo.com

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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:

Rich Perrine

Organization / Agency:

Martin SWCD

Title:

Technician

Date:

2010-09-16

Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program
 FY2011 Technical Review Comments and Scoring, Regional and Divisional Directors Comments

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