

**Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund
2009 Phase 1 Request for Proposals (RFP)**

LCCMR ID: B14.01

Project Title: HCP - Project Coordination, Mapping & Data Management (1a)

Total Project Budget: \$ \$100,000

Proposed Project Time Period for the Funding Requested: July 2009 - June 2010 (1 yr)

Other Non-State Funds: \$ 0

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Summary: This proposal provides for partner coordination and the timely and accurate reporting of all Habitat Conservation Partnership accomplishments and expenditures during the project period.

Main Proposal: 0808-1-048-proposal-1a main proposal.doc

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MAIN PROPOSAL

PROJECT TITLE: Project Coordination, Mapping & Data Management (1a)

Pheasants Forever, Inc.

Minnesota's Habitat Conservation Partnership Phase VI

www.mnhabitatcorridors.org

I. PROJECT STATEMENT:

The mission of the Habitat Conservation Partnership is to restore, enhance and conserve habitat for the purpose of sustaining fish, wildlife and plant communities for all generations. Minnesota's Habitat Conservation Partnership (Partnership), formerly the Habitat Corridors Partnership, was formed in 2000 to provide a framework for statewide land conservation in partnership with the Environmental Trust Fund. The work of the Partnership has three main objectives: 1) **Partnership**: working together to accelerate existing programs and identify new opportunities that build upon our existing investments in habitat. 2) **Focus**: The Phase VI proposal will work in nine project areas identified in the overall proposal. All work proposed will occur within the identified project areas. These areas were identified as focus areas where resource conservation priorities and opportunity overlap 3) **Leverage**: the objective of this partnership is to bring more resources to bear on Minnesota's conservation need by identifying non-state contributions to accelerate habitat conservation by maximizing the results from limited funding through the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund.

Duties for the project coordinator include under this proposal include: coordination of partners, projects and cultivation of partnerships; managing project data and contracting/coordinating mapping services; soliciting, compiling partner information and providing periodic reports to LCCMR and partners using the online reporting system; scheduling, coordinating, assisting with and chairing meetings; providing meeting minutes; coordinating public relations outreach to media; serve as primary contact for LCCMR; facilitating executive committee and full committee meetings and coordinating subcommittee meetings, manage administration and contract mapping for the Habitat Conservation Partnership. In the Phase VI proposal, the duties would expand to tie the work of HCP to the strategic plan and mapping efforts of the statewide conservation and preservation plan developed by the LCCMR.

II. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT RESULTS

Result 1: Project Coordination & Mapping

Budget: \$100,000

PF staff will coordinate the Habitat Corridors Partnership and sub-contract mapping/data management services for the partnership as described above. We plan to contract the mapping/data management piece with Community GIS Services of Duluth, Minnesota. This company has been with the partnership since inception and has worked with the partnership to develop an online reporting system to produce accomplishment reports that include expenditures, accomplishments and mapping products that provide accurate and concise work plan reporting.

Deliverable**Completion Date**

Provide project coordination and contract mapping services for the Habitat Conservation Partnership as outlined by the partnership. 06/30/09

III. PROJECT STRATEGY AND TIMELINE**A. Project Partners**

This proposal is part of the Habitat Conservation Partnership Phase VI Proposal. Please see the main proposal for a complete list of partners involved. We plan to continue working/contracting with partner Community GIS Services of Duluth, Minnesota who have been with the project since inception. Community GIS Services delivers mapping and data management for the partnership.

B. Project Impact: This work plan provides for the timely and accurate reporting of all Habitat Conservation Partnership accomplishments and expenditures during the project period.

C. Time We propose a twelve month grant beginning July 1, 2009 and ending on June 30, 2010.

D. Long-Term Strategy

This unique Partnership exists as a result of the desire of LCCMR to encourage conservation partners to work together as a statewide collaboration to focus resources and bring additional funds to Minnesota's wildlife habitat resources. We are 18 formal partner agencies and organizations recognized for an ability to achieve the mission of restoring, enhancing and conserving habitat for the purpose of sustaining fish, wildlife and native plant communities for all generations.

The coordination, reporting and long term data management for this partnership documents the long term impact of a sustained effort to connect fragmented habitats, build upon existing investments in habitat, and demonstrate how the efforts of many can change habitat for the better on a landscape scale.

Project Budget

Project Coordination, Mapping and Data Management - Pheasants Forever, Inc. (1a)

IV. TOTAL PROJECT REQUEST BUDGET

<u>BUDGET ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>% FTE</u>
Personnel:		
Project Coordinator 0.4 FTE; Grant Coordinator 0.1 FTE & Grant Assistant 0.1 FTE	\$ 45,000	60%
	\$ -	
Contracts:	\$ -	
Community GIS Services - Mapping, Data Management	\$ 55,000	
	\$ -	
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET REQUEST TO LCCMR	\$ 100,000	

V. OTHER FUNDS

<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>Status</u>
		<i>ETF funds appropriated in Habitat Conservation Partnership Phases IV (2007) & V (2008) will be spent prior to July 1, 2009</i>
Remaining \$ From Previous Trust Fund Appropriation: Phase IV (2007) & V (2008) Habitat Conservation Partnership	\$ 170,000	
Other Non-State \$ Being Leveraged During Project Period:	\$ -	NA
Other State \$ Being Spent During Project Period:	\$ -	NA
In-kind Services During Project Period:	\$ -	
Past Spending:	\$ 175,000	Not reported Phase III (2005)

Organization Description

Pheasants Forever is a non-profit 501(c)3 conservation organization dedicated to improving pheasant and other wildlife populations through habitat restoration and development, changes in land management policies and public awareness and education. Pheasants Forever was incorporated in 1982 here in Minnesota and was established out of concern for the decline in pheasant populations. Today, Pheasants Forever has over 115,000 members and 650 chapters nationwide doing grassroots conservation. In Minnesota, Pheasants Forever has 22,000 members and 73 chapters. Since inception, Pheasants Forever in Minnesota has spent over \$16,000,000 on conservation resulting in the development of over 40,000 acres of nesting cover, 62,000 acres of food plots, 9,000 acres of wetlands, and 17,000 acres of land acquisition. PF in Minnesota has also planted 3.2 million trees.

Project Manager Qualifications

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B.A. Biology - Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter Minnesota, 1993

M.S. Wildlife Science - South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD, 1997



The project manager experience includes coordinating the 18-partner Habitat Conservation (formerly corridors) Partnership since 2002. Also, the project manager administered or is currently administering the following grants:

1. LCMR Prairie Heritage Fund -Phase 1 \$500,000
2. LCMR Prairie Heritage Fund - Phase 2 \$500,000
3. LCMR Prairie Heritage Fund - Phase 3 \$800,000 (Habitat Corridors Partnership)
4. LCMR Critical Lands Conservation Initiative - \$430,000 (Habitat Corridors Partnership)
5. NAWCA Prairie Wetlands Conservation Initiative - Phase I \$ 785,500
6. NAWCA Prairie Wetlands Conservation Initiative - Phase II \$1,000,000
7. NAWCA Centennial Pothole Venture - Phase I \$1,000,000
8. NAWCA Northern Tallgrass Prairie Wetland Conservation Initiative Phase III \$1,000,000
9. NAWCA Border Prairie Wetlands - \$1,000,000
10. NAWCA Shell Rock River Watershed Project - \$50,000
11. NAWCA Mud Lake WMA Project - \$50,000
12. DNR WMA Enhancement Grants - \$115,000
13. NFWF Minnesota Buffer Enrollment Program - \$50,000
14. NFWF CP23a and CREP Incentive Program - \$150,000

The project manager also has participated in the Prairie Pothole Joint Venture Management Board, MN Wetland Restoration Strategy Committee, WMA Citizen Advisory Committee, Pheasant Stamp Oversight Committee, Budget Oversight Committee (DNR), Farmland Wildlife Committee, Farm Bill Assistance Partnership, Non-toxic Shot Advisory Committee, State Technical Committee (USDA).