

**Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund
2010 Request for Proposals (RFP)**

LCCMR ID: 110-C

Project Title:

Shoreland Performance Incentive Standard

LCCMR 2010 Funding Priority:

C. Habitat Restoration, Enhancement, and Acquisition

Total Project Budget: \$ \$75,000

Proposed Project Time Period for the Funding Requested: 1 year, 2010 - 2011

Other Non-State Funds: \$ \$0

Summary:

The Shoreland Performance Incentive Program is a response to address water quality degradation and shoreland habitat fragmentation impacts associated with the development of riparian lands.

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Location:

Region: NE

County Name: Aitkin

City / Township:

_____ Knowledge Base	_____ Broad App.	_____ Innovation
_____ Leverage	_____ Outcomes	
_____ Partnerships	_____ Urgency	_____ TOTAL

MAIN PROPOSAL.

PROJECT TITLE: Shoreland Performance Incentive Program

I. PROJECT STATEMENT

The Native Buffer Shoreland Performance Incentive Program is a response to address water quality degradation and shoreland habitat fragmentation impacts associated with the development of riparian lands.

Since 2003 the Aitkin County Board of Adjustment in cooperation with private landowners and area lake associations implemented a shoreland performance standards program in conjunction with granting land use permits. These performance standards consist of recorded deed restrictions requiring installation of new native vegetative riparian buffers, maintaining existing native vegetative buffers; prohibiting mowing and vegetation removal in the shore impact zone.

Six years later we seek funding to perform an inventory and analysis of the Shoreland Performance Standards Program to determine its efficacy within the local watershed district of attaining its two primary goals. The two initial goals were to mitigate the impacts of new development on water quality and to promote incentives to landowners who participate in restoration of degraded riparian landscapes.

Result 1: (Staff Inventory) _____ **Budget:** \$ 75,000 _____

Hire additional field staff or offer summer internship.

Deliverable

1. Advertise, interview and hire personnel with the appropriate training, education, and/or experience.

Completion Date

May-2010

Result 2: (Project Inventory) _____ **Budget:** \$ 0 _____

Inventory 5 years of land use permits that required vegetative deed restrictions.

Deliverable

1. Consolidate records of every land use permit issued requiring vegetative deed restrictions.

Completion Date

July-2010

Result 3: (Project Field Assessment) _____ **Budget:** \$ 0 _____

Inventory 5 years of land use permits that required vegetative deed restrictions.

Deliverable

1. Follow up on every land use permit issued that required vegetative deed restrictions and field document & inspect: if the work was done, to what quality and if it was maintained.

Completion Date

Sept-2010

Result 4: (Public Survey) _____ **Budget: \$0** _____

Composite survey of program targeted participants

Deliverable

**Completion
Date**

1. Survey each property owner about their experience with the shoreland performance program to gauge the overall effectiveness of the program and its ability to reach the targeted participants and determine if the program should be continued, restructured or abandoned.

May-2011

III. PROJECT STRATEGY

A. Project Team/Partners

Aitkin County Environmental Services and Soil Conservation District will carry out the primary activities of the field work, inventory and analysis. The Big Sandy, Farm Island, Cedar, Dam and Long Lake Associations as partners in the organization of the public survey assessment portion of the project.

B. Timeline Requirements

One year is required to carry out the entire project as indicated above.

C. Long-Term Strategy

Initially this is a short term high impact project to gauge the effectiveness of the Shoreland Performance Program and determine if the program should be continued, restructured or abandoned.

Project Budget

Shoreland Performance Incentive Program

IV. TOTAL PROJECT REQUEST BUDGET (1 year)

BUDGET ITEM	AMOUNT
Personnel: One year full time staff position or internship. 50% salary, 20% for benefits and 30% transportation.	\$ 75,000
	\$ -
	\$ -
Contracts: <i>In this column, list out proposed contracts. Be clear about whom the contract is to be made with and what services will be provided. If a specific contractor is not yet determined, specify the type of contractor sought. List out by contract types/categories - one line per type/category.</i>	NA
Equipment/Tools/Supplies: Provided	\$ -
Acquisition (Fee Title or Permanent Easements): Private and Fee Title.	
Travel: In state and inter county travel associated with lake association meetings and field inspections.	\$ -
Additional Budget Items:	na
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET REQUEST TO LCCMR	\$ 75,000

V. OTHER FUNDS

SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNT	Status
Other Non-State \$ Being Applied to Project During Project Period:	na	<i>Indicate: Secured or Pending</i>
Other State \$ Being Applied to Project During Project Period:	na	<i>Indicate: Secured or Pending</i>
In-kind Services During Project Period:	na	
Remaining \$ from Current Trust Fund Appropriation (if applicable): .	na	<i>Indicate: Unspent? Not Legally Obligated? Other?</i>
Funding History: Prior 2009 Big Sandy Lake Watershed Management Grant has ended.	\$ -	

Organization: Aitkin County Environmental Services

Project Manager: Peter Gansen Assistant Planning & Zoning Administrator, qualifications
Bachelor of Landscape Architecture

