**Project Manager Qualifications & Organization Description**

Dr. Francesca J. Cuthbert received her PhD in Ecology at the University of Minnesota and is currently a Professor in the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Biology, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. She is also a Scientific Investigator at the University of Michigan Biological Station during the summer. For the past 30 years her research has focused on avian biology and conservation. Most of her research involves working closely with federal and state agency biologists to facilitate conservation and management in the Great Lakes Region. She has advised > than 50 MS and PhD students and published >100 peer-reviewed research papers. Dr. Cuthbert is a past President of the Waterbird Society, Member of the Waterbird Conservation Council of the Americas and a Fellow in the American Ornithological Society.

Dr. Cuthbert will serve as project coordinator, working with collaborators at Cedar Creek, and the Three Rivers Parks District to conduct the proposed research. Dr. West has 12 years of experience surveying and identifying birds in a field setting. Dr. Wells has 10 years of experience surveying and identifying birds, as well as 5 years of experience surveying, working with, and identifying insects. Drs. Wells and West will co-lead the field portion and data analysis of this project. Drs. Wells and West will co-lead the writing and dissemination of the recovery plan for robust insect and bird communities on oak savanna. Dr. Potter (Cedar Creek) will help coordinate field logistics and development of project protocols, as well as assist in writing and dissemination of the recovery plan for robust insect and bird communities on oak savanna. Mr. Moriarty has been the senior manager of Wildlife at Three Rivers Park District for the last 6 years and is in charge of prairie, wetland, and savanna restorations and management. John manages wildlife surveys for nongame and game species at Three Rivers and will help coordinate field logistics and development of project protocols, as well as assist in writing and dissemination of the recovery plan for robust insect and bird communities on oak savanna.

**University of Minnesota**

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