



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

2027 Request for Proposal

General Information

Proposal ID: 2027-075

Proposal Title: A Comprehensive Approach to Advancing Forever Green Agriculture

Project Manager Information

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Project Basic Information

Project Summary: The Forever Green Initiative will fund research, farmer adoption, and commercialization projects focused on protecting water, the climate, wildlife, and other natural resources by developing and deploying new over-wintering crops.

ENRTF Funds Requested: \$5,000,000

Proposed Project Completion: June 30, 2032

LCCMR Funding Category: Water (B)

Project Location

What is the best scale for describing where your work will take place?

Statewide

What is the best scale to describe the area impacted by your work?

Statewide

When will the work impact occur?

In the Future

Narrative

Describe the opportunity or problem your proposal seeks to address. Include any relevant background information.

Approximately 17 million acres of Minnesota cropland are only used to grow summer-annual crops during the warm months and have no living cover on the soil for the other 6-8 months of the year. As a result, the soil is highly vulnerable to erosion and the loss of nutrients to surface water or groundwater, putting aquatic life and public health at risk. As climate change drives more extreme rainfall events, these harms are likely to intensify. The lack of living plant cover also limits shelter and forage resources for wildlife, including pollinators, contributes to the loss of soil carbon to the atmosphere, and can intensify flooding during heavy rain.

To protect and enhance Minnesota's natural resources, and build climate resiliency, we must move our agricultural system toward year-round vegetative cover on cropland (i.e., "continuous living cover," or CLC). This is an untapped win-win opportunity: by adding over-wintering crops that cover the soil during those vulnerable 6-8 months, farmers can increase their productivity and deliver significant environmental benefits. A recent analysis estimated that widespread adoption of CLC agriculture in Minnesota could reduce nitrogen loss by 23% and soil erosion by 35%, while increasing on-farm net returns by 20%.

What is your proposed solution to the problem or opportunity discussed above? Introduce us to the work you are seeking funding to do. You will be asked to expand on this proposed solution in Activities & Milestones.

The Forever Green Initiative has developed a portfolio of over 15 CLC crops. Some are winter-hardy annual "cash cover crops" such as winter barley and the winter oilseeds, camelina and pennycress, which can be used to make low-carbon biofuels. Others are perennials like intermediate wheatgrass (Kernza®) and hybrid hazelnuts.

This project will advance FGI's comprehensive approach to develop and deploy CLC systems, including: 1) breeding novel crops, 2) determining how to manage them for maximum agronomic and environmental benefits, 3) identifying promising end uses, 4) supporting farmer adoption, 5) developing robust markets and supply chains, and 6) building public awareness.

The majority of the funding will be used to support R&D projects that will advance FGI crops toward commercial readiness, with a focus on the most promising crops. In addition, we will support a field agronomist to provide additional technical assistance to farmer partners. We will also expand a program to help small and medium-sized Minnesota businesses develop products with FGI crops, which is essential for building market demand. Finally, our dissemination activities will increase public awareness. Together, these efforts will enable widespread deployment of CLC agriculture on the landscape and maximize benefits for Minnesota's natural resources.

What are the specific project outcomes as they relate to the public purpose of protection, conservation, preservation, and enhancement of the state's natural resources?

This project will help protect water resources, increase climate resiliency, improve wildlife habitat, enable low-carbon biofuel production, and enhance other natural resources by advancing the development and deployment of CLC agriculture. Specific research outcomes could include, e.g.: improved crop varieties, including new varieties of winter oilseeds for low-carbon biofuels; improved management practices that maximize environmental benefits; and advances in end-use science that enable new markets. Expanding technical assistance for farmers will increase farmer adoption of CLC crops (more farmers, acres). Supporting small and medium-sized Minnesota businesses to develop new CLC products will increase market demand and enable widespread adoption.

Activities and Milestones

Activity 1: Selecting sub-projects

Activity Budget: \$28,735

Activity Description:

Research and development (R&D) sub-projects will be selected through a competitive process administered by the FGI R&D Program Manager and the Project Manager (FGI Co-Director Hunter). To ensure the most efficient use of funds, we will convene several rounds of collaborative meetings with researchers and key partners to review each FGI crop's development status, understand barriers to crop development, and come to consensus on research priorities. We will then solicit research plans from qualified UMN researchers to address those needs. The FGI Executive Committee will review research plans to ensure strategic alignment, and external technical experts will ensure that they meet high scientific standards. Between the Executive Committee and external experts, all potential sub-projects will be evaluated on: (1) alignment with FGI's strategy for protecting natural resources, (2) technical and scientific merit, (3) qualifications of the research team, and (4) timeliness and necessity of the project. Funding decisions will be made by considering the results across these factors. The process will be overseen by the Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Programs in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural Resources Sciences.

Activity Milestones:

Description	Approximate Completion Date
Research priorities defined through collaborative crop-specific meetings	August 31, 2027
Research plans due to FGI	October 31, 2027
External technical review and FGI Executive Committee strategic review of plans	November 30, 2027
Final funding decisions communicated	December 31, 2027

Activity 2: Awarding and administering R&D sub-projects

Activity Budget: \$4,094,089

Activity Description:

Each sub-project recommended for funding will be added as an activity in an amended work plan for LCCMR review and approval. The Project Manager (Co-Director Hunter) and the R&D Program Manager will assist sub-project teams to ensure that all materials are complete for all new sub-projects before submitting the work plan amendment request. When the work plan is amended, funds will be shifted from the budget line "to be awarded to sub-projects" to the budget line "awarded to sub-projects" in Professional and Technical Contracts. Detailed updates for this activity will be limited to when sub-projects are added or funds are returned for redistribution. The Project Manager and R&D Program Manager will ensure timely project updates; submission of the final report and findings; proper acknowledgment of LCCMR funding in all publications; and return of an appropriate share of royalties from any LCCMR-funded research to the ENRTF (e.g., royalties from the sales of seed of crop varieties developed with LCCMR support).

Activity Milestones:

Description	Approximate Completion Date
Submit work plan revision with new subprojects	December 31, 2027
Deploy funds	January 31, 2028
Provide ongoing grant support and ensure timely submission of project updates	June 30, 2032
Submit final report and findings	June 30, 2032

Activity 3: Expand support for Minnesota farmer adoption of new continuous living cover crops

Activity Budget: \$220,577

Activity Description:

Forever Green developed and implements a farmer adoption program, the Economic and Environmental Clusters of Opportunity (EECO) program, which offers a unique combination of financial and technical assistance and other services designed to support adoption of CLC crops. EECO is funded by the Clean Water Fund and private philanthropic dollars. EECO currently employs one full-time field agronomist and we are currently hiring an Associate Agronomist with 1 year of funding secured. This activity will extend the Associate Agronomist role for two additional years to help increase farmer adoption. The Associate Agronomist will support enrolled growers in the 2027-2028 season with individual field visits and calls to advise management decisions, as well as by hosting monthly technical assistance (TA) calls and regional field days; disseminating CLC market opportunities; and developing TA materials and grower guides. The Associate Agronomist will recruit growers for the 2028-2029 EECO field season and provide the support detailed above. This will require traveling to visit approximately 40 growers across Minnesota per year for two years. The primary outcomes from this activity will include: 1) increased number of Minnesota farmers adopting CLC crops, 2) increased Minnesota CLC acres, and 3) additional TA events and resources.

Activity Milestones:

Description	Approximate Completion Date
Support enrolled 2027-2028 EECO growers with field visits, calls, field days, guides, and market opportunities	July 31, 2028
Report on Associate Agronomist year 1 activities, including total EECO growers and acres	August 31, 2028
Growers recruited for the 2028-2029 EECO season	September 30, 2028
Support enrolled 2028-2029 EECO growers with field visits, calls, field days, guides, and market opportunities	July 31, 2029
Report on Associate Agronomist year 2 activities, including total EECO growers and acres	August 31, 2029

Activity 4: Building markets for Forever Green crops by supporting small and medium-sized Minnesota businesses to develop new products

Activity Budget: \$611,268

Activity Description:

Forever Green launched the Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise (SME) market development program in 2025 with support from a private philanthropy. New markets for CLC crops are needed to create demand and support CLC adoption at scale. SMEs are powerful drivers of regional innovation systems, yet they often lack funding and capacity for new product development. We will expand the SME Program for two years to help Minnesota SMEs develop new CLC products, supply chain solutions, and services. Each year, we will recruit six qualified SMEs, complete 6-18 consulting projects (1-3 per business), and hold peer-to-peer learning events. Participating SMEs will receive a stipend to support product development costs. To complete consulting projects for these additional SMEs, we will hire a dedicated SME Program Specialist. We will also develop an inventory of FGI crop ingredients to be used for new product development by SME program participants and other industry partners. This mid-sized processing step is frequently a missing link between idea and reality when building markets for new CLC crops. We will procure FGI crop ingredients from existing suppliers when possible and contract custom processing when necessary. We will also work with technical consultants to ensure ingredient quality and safety.

Activity Milestones:

Description	Approximate Completion Date
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Initiate round 1 sample provision, conduct primary processing with pilot labs and processors	July 31, 2027
SME Program Specialist hired	August 31, 2027
Release SME program year 1 application, review applications, select participants	September 30, 2027
Supply round 1 samples to market partners	January 31, 2028
Release SME program year 2 application, review applications, select participants	June 30, 2028
Initiate round 2 sample provision, conduct primary processing with pilot labs and processors	July 31, 2028
Complete year 1 SME program activities; complete report on market development outcomes	September 30, 2028
Supply round 2 samples to market partners	January 31, 2029
Complete year 2 SME program activities; complete report on market development outcome	June 30, 2029

Activity 5: Dissemination of information and engagement opportunities in support of R&D projects and farmer adoption and market development efforts.

Activity Budget: \$45,331

Activity Description:

Forever Green is developing a professional communications program that includes a newsletter, social media, and an updated website, among other channels. FGI's Director of Partnerships and Outreach and Outreach Specialist will leverage these resources to ensure widespread dissemination of project activities and findings. We will promote the R&D project selection process in ways that expand participation and awareness among key stakeholders. We will share opportunities for technical and financial assistance through EECO with grower audiences around the state and collaborate with the Associate Agronomist to develop and share grower guides and other technical materials. We will also promote the SME Program and share the outcomes of the companies' product and market development efforts, increasing awareness among consumers and the wider food and agriculture industry. Finally, we will share the overarching story of our work in accessible ways to communicate the positive impact of CLC agriculture on Minnesota's natural resources. We will follow the attribution guidelines to acknowledge the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) through the use of the trust fund logo or attribution language on project print and electronic media, publications, signage and other communications and outreach.

Activity Milestones:

Description	Approximate Completion Date
Promote research plan development process in Activity 1	August 31, 2027
Promote SME-1 Program in Activity 4	September 30, 2027
Communicate Selected Projects in Activity 1	December 31, 2027
Support production of TA materials and grower guides in Activity 3	June 30, 2028
Promote SME-2 Program in Activity 4	June 30, 2028
Publish EECO 2027-2028 highlights in Activity 3	August 31, 2028
Promote EECO 2028-2029 program in Activity 3	September 30, 2028
Communicate final results of SME-1 program in Activity 4	October 31, 2028
Support production of TA materials and grower guides in Activity 3	July 31, 2029
Communicate final results of SME-2 program in Activity 4	July 31, 2029
Publish EECO 2028-2029 highlights in Activity 3	August 31, 2029
Communicate research findings in Activity 2	June 30, 2032

Project Partners and Collaborators

Name	Organization	Role	Receiving Funds
TBD	TBD	We anticipate partnering with numerous people and organizations through this grant, such as state and federal agencies, research institutes, non-profits, and Minnesota-based farmers and food and agricultural businesses. Formal partners will be identified through the development of R&D and market development projects.	No

Dissemination

Describe your plans for dissemination, presentation, documentation, or sharing of data, results, samples, physical collections, and other products and how they will follow ENRTF Acknowledgement Requirements and Guidelines.

Our dissemination efforts were described in detail in Activity 5: Forever Green is developing a professional communications program that includes a newsletter, social media, and an updated website, among other channels. FGI's Director of Partnerships and Outreach and Outreach Specialist will leverage these resources to ensure widespread dissemination of project activities and findings. We will promote the R&D project selection process in ways that expand participation and awareness among key stakeholders. We will share opportunities for technical and financial assistance through EECO with grower audiences around the state and collaborate with the Associate Agronomist to develop and share grower guides and other technical materials. We will also promote the SME Program and share the outcomes of the companies' product and market development efforts, increasing awareness among consumers and the wider food and agriculture industry. Finally, we will share the overarching story of our work in accessible ways to communicate the positive impact of CLC agriculture on Minnesota's natural resources. We will follow the attribution guidelines to acknowledge the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) through the use of the trust fund logo or attribution language on project print and electronic media, publications, signage and other communications and outreach.

Long-Term Implementation and Funding

Describe how the results will be implemented and how any ongoing effort will be funded. If not already addressed as part of the project, how will findings, results, and products developed be implemented after project completion? If additional work is needed, how will this work be funded?

Implementation is built into the FGI model (steps 4 and 5, above) and will proceed through partnerships with conservation organizations, farmers, supply chain businesses, end-users, and local and state government entities, supported by broad dissemination of results through communications and outreach. Introducing and scaling up new crops is a long-term effort. FGI has been supported by a wide range of funding sources over many years, including large federal grants, private companies, philanthropies, and various state programs. We will continue to pursue funding from diverse sources to advance our research and drive on-the-ground implementation.

Other ENRTF Appropriations Awarded in the Last Six Years

Name	Appropriation	Amount Awarded
Accelerating Perennial Crop Production to Prevent Nitrate Leaching	M.L. 2019, First Special Session, Chp. 4, Art. 2, Sec. 2, Subd. 04k	\$440,000
Long-Term Nitrate Mitigation By Maintaining Profitable Kernza Production	M.L. 2021, First Special Session, Chp. 6, Art. 6, Sec. 2, Subd. 04i	\$485,000
Sweetening the Crop: Perennial Flax for Ecosystem Benefits	M.L. 2022, , Chp. 94, Art. , Sec. 2, Subd. 03l	\$490,000

Scaling a Market-Driven Water-Quality Solution for Row-Crop Farming	M.L. 2022, , Chp. 94, Art. , Sec. 2, Subd. 04n	\$476,000
Forever Green Agriculture Initiative	M.L. 2022, , Chp. 94, Art. , Sec. 2, Subd. 10i	\$763,000
Conserving Natural Resources by Advancing Forever Green Agriculture	M.L. 2025, First Special Session, Chp. 1, Art. 2, Sec. 2, Subd. 03aa	\$2,146,000

Project Manager and Organization Qualifications

Project Manager Name: Mitchell Hunter

Job Title: Co-Director, Forever Green Initiative; Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Agronomy and Plant Genetics

Provide description of the project manager’s qualifications to manage the proposed project.

Dr. Mitchell Hunter is an agronomist and agroecologist by training and the Co-Director of the Forever Green Initiative (FGI) at the University of Minnesota. FGI is a comprehensive innovation platform that is developing winter-hardy annual and perennial crops that protect water quality, soil health, wildlife habitat and other natural resources while driving new economic opportunities for growers, industry, and communities across Minnesota.

Dr. Hunter has extensive experience administering complex grants. He has been the principal investigator (PI) or Co-PI on over 15 state, federal, and philanthropic grants, including two from LCCMR (one completed, one ongoing). Dr. Hunter expects a high standard of quality from his project teams and focuses on strong management of project budgets, timelines, and reporting.

Dr. Hunter and his Co-Director, Dr. Nick Jordan, oversee strategy and drive implementation of FGI’s three pillars of activity: research and development (R&D); commercialization, adoption, and scaling; and partnerships and outreach. Dr. Hunter has primary responsibility for FGI’s R&D program, including overseeing the three most recent iterations of the FGI Grant Program, which collectively awarded over 50 research grants. He works with each of the 15+ FGI crop development teams to ensure that they are coordinated, resourced, and focused on the most impactful research strategies. He also interfaces closely with FGI’s farmer adoption, market development, partnership development, and communications teams.

Dr. Hunter’s research aims to develop novel cropping systems that result in enhanced water quality, climate resilience, and soil health. His current research program is focused on advancing management systems for winter camelina and pennycress. He has authored over 30 research papers and reports.

Organization: U of MN - College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences

Organization Description:

The University of Minnesota College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences (CFANS) is one of seventeen colleges and professional schools at the University of Minnesota. The college houses the departments of Agronomy and Plant Genetics; Soil, Water and Climate; Food Science and Nutrition; and others whose research capabilities are central to the Forever Green Initiative.

Budget Summary

Category / Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Purpose	Gen. Ineligible	% Benefits	# FTE	Classified Staff?	\$ Amount
Personnel								
R&D Program Manager		Support R&D program operations including research plan development, submission process, securing reviewers, scheduling review panels, award letters, post-award administration, and reporting			32.3%	1		\$103,735
SME Program Specialist		Support implementation of the SME program including application, selection process, subcontracting, hosting peer to peer events, and conducting consulting projects			32.3%	2		\$178,078
Associate Agronomist		Support EECO program expansion, advise CLC acres in MN, host field days, attend grower-focused events, develop technical assistance materials			32.3%	2		\$185,201
Director of Partnerships and Outreach		Strategic guidance and execution capacity on dissemination of R&D, farmer adoption, and market development activities through communications and outreach efforts.			36.6%	0.1		\$15,251
Communications and Outreach Specialist		Provide execution capacity on dissemination of R&D, farmer adoption, and market development activities through communications and outreach efforts.			32.3%	0.4		\$30,080
							Sub Total	\$512,345
Contracts and Services								
To be awarded to U of MN sub-projects	Subaward	Budget reserve for awarding to subprojects upon approval by LCCMR				50		\$4,019,089
Total amount awarded to subprojects	Subaward	This is the cumulative budget, spent, and balance for all sub-projects combined. Detailed budgets for subprojects will be managed and submitted in an Excel workbook via the attachments page under "Optional Attachments/ Support Letter or Other" with the file name as the date of submission (for example, YYYY-MM-DD Budget Update).				0.01		-
SME program speaker fees	Service Contract	Speaker fees for SME Peer-to-Peer Events: 2 years, 2 events per year, 2 speakers per event, \$375 per speaker, 3% inflation from year 1 to year 2				-		\$3,045

SME Program Catering	Service Contract	Food and catering for SME Peer-to-Peer program events: 2 years, 2 events per year, \$750 per event, 12 people per event (6 SME participants, 3 FGI staff, and 3 speakers; 3% inflation from year 1 to year 2)				-		\$3,045
SME Program external space rental	Service Contract	Space rental for SME Program Peer-to-Peer events: one event per year at an off-site venue: 2 years, 1 event per year, \$2500 per event, 3% inflation in year 2				-		\$5,075
SME Program participant project budgets	Subaward	Subcontracts to SME Program Participants (\$25,000 each x 6 participants x 2 years) for more significant product and market development on co-developed projects				0.01		\$300,000
CLC Product Sample Technical Consulting	Service Contract	Technical consulting services to pay for product quality tests, specialized processing, consultation on quality control processes, and food safety testing. 200 hours @ \$250/hour.				-		\$50,000
							Sub Total	\$4,380,254
Equipment, Tools, and Supplies								
	Tools and Supplies	Forever Green crop sample inventory: \$8,750: Purchasing ingredients from existing suppliers (7 items X 25 items X \$50 each = \$8,750); \$49,500: Creating ingredients from raw materials (15 items with \$1300 of raw material to reach minimum quantities and \$2000 processing costs)	Sample ingredients for market development projects such as seed, grain, flour, oil, meal, etc.					\$58,250
							Sub Total	\$58,250
Capital Equipment								
							Sub Total	-
Acquisitions and Stewardship								
							Sub Total	-
Travel In Minnesota								

	Miles/ Meals/ Lodging	SME Program Specialist travel: Site Travel: 2 years, 6 trips per year at average 500 miles/trip and \$0.725/mile reimbursement ($2*6*500*0.725 = \$4350$)	SME Program Specialist in-state travel to SME Program participants' sites					\$4,350
	Conference Registration Miles/ Meals/ Lodging	SME Program Specialist travel: Conference Travel: 2 years, one MN conference related to SME Program recruitment at 500 round trip miles ($2*500*\$0.725 = \725); Total is \$5,075)	SME Program Specialist in-state travel to one conference per year for SME program recruitment					\$725
	Miles/ Meals/ Lodging	SME Program participant travel: 2 years, 12 person-trips per year (6 participants in MN, 2 trips each), average 500 round trip miles/participant* $\$0.725/\text{mile} = 2*12*500*\$0.725=\$8700$)	Travel stipends for Minnesota SME Program participants to travel to Peer-to-Peer Program events in MN.					\$8,700
	Miles/ Meals/ Lodging	Associate Agronomist Travel: 2 years, 30 day-trips per year @ 400 miles round trip x 0.725 mileage + 10 overnight trips per year @ 600 miles round-trip x 0.725 mileage + \$250 hotel + \$128 per diem. Includes 3% inflation increase in year 2	Travel to visit 40 EECO growers across MN to provide technical assistance per year for two years.					\$35,376
							Sub Total	\$49,151
	Travel Outside Minnesota							
							Sub Total	-
	Printing and Publication							
							Sub Total	-
	Other Expenses							
							Sub Total	-
							Grand Total	\$5,000,000

Classified Staff or Generally Ineligible Expenses

Category/Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Justification Ineligible Expense or Classified Staff Request
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Non ENRTF Funds

Category	Specific Source	Use	Status	Amount
State				
In-Kind	AGREETT Funding for Project Manager (Dr. Hunter); HF 2446 Conference Committee Report - 94th Legislature (2025 - 2026)	Leadership and oversight of the project. These funds are not considered cost-share/matching commitment.	Secured	\$10,000
In-Kind	AGREETT Funding for FGI Director of Commercialization, Adoption, and Scaling; HF 2446 Conference Committee Report - 94th Legislature (2025 - 2026)	Leadership and oversight of the EECO Program and SME Program. These funds are not considered cost-share/matching commitment.	Secured	\$7,500
In-Kind	Clean Water Council funding for EECO farmer adoption program for the two-year term of the Associate Agronomist activities funded in this grant	Base EECO program expenses, including farmer payments, staff time, and other program costs. These funds are not considered cost-share/matching commitment.	Secured	\$597,000
In-Kind	Clean Water Council funding for the Forever Green Initiative in FY28-29	We are listing these funds with a value of \$1000 for transparency, even though we do not request a specific amount from the Clean Water Council and do not know how much we might receive. In the previous biennium, we were allocated \$5,000,000, of which \$4,574,000 was deployed to support R&D projects and the EECO program. We are grateful to receive this support and hope to again in the coming biennium. Despite this generous funding, our R&D program is highly oversubscribed and funding remains a major limitation on our ability to develop commercially viable CLC crops. In addition, we are pushing the boundaries of our ability to provide technical assistance to all interested farmers.	Potential	\$1,000
Cash	Waived University of Minnesota Overhead	Funds that would be collected if the 0.55% UMN indirect cost rate were applied	Secured	\$2,750,000
			State Sub Total	\$3,365,500
Non-State				
In-Kind	Builders Vision Philanthropy funding for FGI's SME Program for the two-year term of the SME Program activities funded in this grant	Salary for existing FGI staff who are running the base SME program, who will oversee and collaborate with the SME Program Specialist to be hired through this project	Pending	\$92,000
			Non State Sub Total	\$92,000
			Funds Total	\$3,457,500

Total Project Cost: \$8,457,500

This amount accurately reflects total project cost?

Yes

Attachments

Required Attachments

Visual Component

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Alternate Text for Visual Component

A 42-page document providing an overview of the Forever Green Initiative, including the challenge we are addressing, our logic model, an overview of our proposed solution, and detailed information on 17 of our crops and crop groups....

Supplemental Attachments

Capital Project Questionnaire, Budget Supplements, Support Letter, Photos, Media, Other

Title	File
Authorization Letter - FGI Hunter	bc10941d-f46.pdf
Land Stewardship Project - Letter of Support	37e63a7e-8b7.pdf
Sustainable Farming Association - Letter of Support	613f3cbc-a6c.pdf
Minnesota Farmers Union - Letter of Support	93ac99ae-6e4.pdf
Lake Pepin Legacy Alliance - Letter of Support	05cad3f2-7ef.pdf
Green Lands Blue Waters - Letter of Support	949c85ff-07e.pdf
Great River Greening - Letter of Support	b8c9766a-91b.pdf
Friends of the Mississippi River - Letter of Support	78580c02-e1f.pdf
Environmental Initiative - Letter of Support	5bc94d42-0e3.pdf
Clean River Partners - Letter of Support	559e86a3-767.pdf

Administrative Use

Does your project include restoration or acquisition of land rights?

No

Do you understand that travel expenses are only approved if they follow the "Commissioner's Plan" promulgated by the Commissioner of Management of Budget or, for University of Minnesota projects, the University of Minnesota plan?

Yes, I understand the UMN Policy on travel applies.

Does your project have potential for royalties, copyrights, patents, sale of products and assets, or revenue generation?

Yes

Do you understand and acknowledge IP and revenue-return and sharing requirements in 116P.10?

Yes

Do you wish to request reinvestment of any revenues into your project instead of returning revenue to the ENRTF?

No

Does your project include original, hypothesis-driven research?

Yes

Does the organization have a fiscal agent for this project?

No

Does your project include the pre-design, design, construction, or renovation of a building, trail, campground, or other fixed capital asset costing \$10,000 or more or large-scale stream or wetland restoration?

No

Do you propose using an appropriation from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund to conduct a project that provides children's services (as defined in Minnesota Statutes section 299C.61 Subd.7 as "the provision of care, treatment, education, training, instruction, or recreation to children")?

No

Provide the name(s) and organization(s) of additional individuals assisting in the completion of this proposal:

Colin Cureton, University of Minnesota (UMN) Forever Green Initiative (FGI); Ann Kirby, UMN FGI; Claire Price, UMN FGI; Katharine Chute, UMN FGI; Sue Kilber, UMN; Kelsey Grachek, UMN

Do you understand that a named service contract does not constitute a funder-designated subrecipient or approval of a sole-source contract? In other words, a service contract entity is only approved if it has been selected according to the contracting rules identified in state law and policy for organizations that receive ENRTF funds through direct appropriations, or in the DNR's reimbursement manual for non-state organizations. These rules may include competitive bidding and prevailing wage requirements

Yes, I understand