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Ramsey County Parks & Recreation department/ Creating Pig's Eye Island Habitat

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

CONSERVATION PARTNERS LEGACY GRANT PROGRAM GRANT CONTRACT

Ramsey County Parks & Recreation department/ Creating Pig's Eye Island Habitat

This grant contract is between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Natural Resources, ("State") and Ramsey County Parks & Recreation department, 2015 Van Dyke St, Maplewood, MN 55109 ("Grantee").

Recitals

- 1. Under Minnesota Laws 2021, First Special Session, Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 2, Subd. 5(q), and Minnesota Statute § 84.026 the State is empowered to enter into this grant.
- 2. The State is in need of habitat work on public lands to improve habitat for fish, game, and wildlife and to improve public recreational opportunities.
- 3. The Grantee represents that it is duly qualified and agrees to perform all services described in this grant contract to the satisfaction of the State. Pursuant to Minn.Stat.§16B.98, Subd. 1, the Grantee agrees to minimize administrative costs as a condition of this grant.

Grant Contract

1 Term of Grant Contract

- 1.1 Effective date: The date the State obtains all required signatures under Minn. Stat.§16B.98, Subd. 5. Per, Minn.Stat.§16B.98 Subd. 7, no payments will be made to the Grantee until this grant contract is fully executed. The Grantee must not begin work under this grant contract until this contract is fully executed and the Grantee has been notified by the State's Authorized Representative to begin the work.
- 1.2 Expiration date: June 30, 2025, or until all obligations have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever occurs first.
- 1.3 *Survival of Terms*. The following clauses survive the expiration or cancellation of this grant contract: 2.4. Signage; 11. Liability; 13. State Audits; 14. Government Data Practices and Intellectual Property Rights; 15. Data Compatibility and Availability Requirements; 16. Publicity and Endorsement; 17. Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue; 23. Data Disclosure; and 24. Use of Funds for Match or Reimbursement.

2 Duties

Grantee's Duties

The Grantee, who is not a state employee, will:

- 2.1 Comply with required grants management policies and procedures set forth through Minn.Stat.§16B.97, Subd. 4 (a) (1).
- 2.2 Perform each of the duties outlined in Attachment A, Work Plan, which is attached and incorporated into this grant contract. Any changes to the Work Plan must have prior written approval from the State's Authorized Representative.
- 2.3 Apply for and receive all necessary approvals and permits to complete the project and comply with all applicable local, state and federal laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations. This includes all legal restrictions and requirements contained in Minnesota Laws 2021, First Special Session, Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 2, Subd. 5(q), and MN Statute 97A.056.
- 2.4 Meet all grant program requirements, as described in the *Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program (CPL)*FY2021 Request for Proposal, which is incorporated into this grant contract by reference. The Request for Proposal (RFP) may be located at https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/fish_wildlife/cpl/fy22-rfp.pdf.
- 2.5 Erect signage in accordance with Minnesota Laws 2009, Chapter 172, Article 5, Section 10, and MN Statute 97A.056. Signs have been designed and created and will be ordered and mailed to Grantee towards the end of the grant period. Grantee is not responsible for the cost of signs but is responsible for placing signs according to MN Laws.
- 2.6 Submit a progress report based on expenditures made and work performed during the previous year, in a form prescribed by the State, by December 31 of each year during the term of this grant contract. A final report must

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be submitted prior to or with the request for final payment.

- 2.7 To provide match as pledged in the approved Work Plan in non-state cash or in-kind services for the costs incurred for the completion of the Project.
- 2.8 Follow all Invasive Species regulations, policies and procedures of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to prevent or limit the introduction, establishment, and spread of invasive species (see section 4.2). This requirement applies to all activities performed on all lands under this grant contract and is not limited to lands under DNR control or public waters.

State's Duties

- 2.9 To provide Grantee up to \$314,460 for the costs incurred for the completion of the Project.
- 2.10 For grants over \$50,000, the State's Authorized Representative(s) or other designated State Representative will conduct at least one monitoring visit per grant period. For grants over \$250,000, these visits will be on an annual basis. A monitoring visit may be in person or by telephone.

3 Time

The Grantee must comply with all the time requirements described in this grant contract. In the performance of this grant contract, time is of the essence.

4 Project Requirements

- 4.1 **Vegetation Requirements.** All projects funded in whole or in part by this grant use only seed mixes or plant lists approved by the Land Manager of the project site. Approval by land manager should be kept on file by grantee for auditing purposes.
- 4.2 *Invasive Species Prevention*. The DNR requires active steps to prevent or limit the introduction, establishment, and spread of invasive species during all activities performed on all lands under this grant contract. The grantee and/or hired contractor shall prevent invasive species from entering into or spreading within a project site by cleaning equipment prior to arriving at the project site.

If the equipment, vehicles, gear, or clothing arrives at the project site with soil, aggregate material, mulch, vegetation (including seeds) or animals, it shall be cleaned by grantee/contractor furnished tool or equipment (brush/broom, compressed air or pressure washer) at the staging area. The grantee/contractor shall dispose of material cleaned from equipment and clothing at a location determined by the land manager. If the material cannot be disposed of onsite, secure material prior to transport (sealed container, covered truck, or wrap with tarp) and legally dispose of offsite.

The grantee/contractor shall ensure that all equipment and clothing used for work in infested waters has been adequately decontaminated for invasive species (ex. zebra mussels) prior to being used in non-infested waters. All equipment and clothing including but not limited to waders, tracked vehicles, barges, boats, turbidity curtain, sheet pile, and pumps that comes in contact with any infested waters must be thoroughly decontaminated.

- 4.3 **Project Sites.** All restoration and enhancement projects funded with this grant must be on land permanently protected by a conservation easement or public ownership or in public waters as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision 15.
- 4.4. **Restoration and Management Plan.** Hereinafter known as R&M Plan.
 - (a) For all restorations, prepare and retain an ecological restoration and management plan that, to the degree practicable, is consistent with current conservation science and ecological goals for the restoration site. Consideration should be given to soil, geology, topography, and other relevant factors that would provide the best chance for long-term success and durability of the restoration. The plan shall include the proposed timetable for implementing the restoration, including, but not limited to, site preparation, establishment of diverse plant species, maintenance, and additional enhancement to establish the restoration; identify long-term maintenance and management needs of the restoration and how the maintenance, management, and enhancement will be financed; and use the current conservation science to achieve the best restoration.

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- (b) The R&M plan shall be prepared on a form provided by the State's Authorized Representative.
- 4.5 *Timely written contact of Conservation Corps Minnesota*. All grantees must give consideration to and make timely written contact with the Conservation Corps Minnesota or its successor for consideration of possible use of their services to contract for restoration and enhancement services. A copy of the written contact must be filed with the State's Authorized Representative within 10 days of grant execution.
- 4.6 **Pollinator Best Management Practices.** Habitat restorations and enhancements conducted on DNR lands and prairie restorations on state lands or on any lands using state funds are subject to pollinator best management practices and habitat restoration guidelines pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 84.973. Practices and guidelines ensure an appropriate diversity of native species to provide habitat for pollinators through the growing season. Current specific practices and guidelines to be followed for contract and grant work can be found here: http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/natural resources/npc/bmp contract language.pdf.
- 4.7 **Prescribed Burning on State Lands**. For prescribed burns on state lands, contractors must meet the equipment and personnel requirements (including training and experience) called for in the prescribed burn plan provided by the State. Requirements can be found at https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/wildfire/rxfire/prescribed-burn-handbook.pdf.
- 4.8 *Revenues*. Any revenues generated during the grant period from activities on land acquired, restored, or enhanced with CPL funding must be disclosed to CPL staff and used for habitat purposes to be agreed upon.

5 Additional Restrictions

CPL funded projects may not be used as future mitigation for any loss or destruction of habitat.

6 Consideration and Payment

- 6.1 *Consideration*. The State will pay for all services performed by the Grantee under this grant contract as follows:
 - (a) *Compensation.* The Grantee will be paid according to the breakdown of costs contained in Attachment A, which is attached and incorporated into this grant contract. Partial payments are allowed. Grantees may vary by 10% between budget categories without prior approval from the State's Authorized Representative. Reasonable amounts may be advanced to accommodate cash flow needs or to match federal share. The advances must be approved in the Work Plan.
 - (b) *Travel Expenses*. Payment for travel and subsistence expenses actually and necessarily incurred by the Grantee as a result of this grant contract will not exceed \$; provided that the Grantee will be reimbursed for travel and subsistence expenses in the same manner and in no greater amount than provided in the current "Commissioner's Plan" promulgated by the Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB). The Grantee will not be reimbursed for travel and subsistence expenses incurred outside Minnesota unless it has received the State's prior written approval for out of state travel. Minnesota will be considered the home state for determining whether travel is out of state.
 - (c) **Total Obligation.** The total obligation of the State for all compensation and reimbursements to the Grantee under this grant contract will not exceed \$314,460.

6.2 Payment

(a) *Invoices*. The State will promptly pay the Grantee after the Grantee presents an itemized invoice for the services actually performed and the State's Authorized Representative accepts the invoiced services. Invoices must be submitted, on or before 4 pm local time, July 25, 2025. Invoices must include copies of appropriate documentation to prove the work has been completed. Invoices must be submitted in a timely manner and in the manner described in the CPL Payment Manual, which is incorporated into this grant contract by reference and can be found at:

http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/assistance/grants/habitat/lessard_sams/grantee/payment_manual.pdf

- (b) **Hold Back.** No less than 5% of the amount of the grant must be held back from payment until the grant recipient has completed a grant accomplishment report by the deadline in the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the State and LSOHC.
- (c) Direct Expenditures. Grant and match funds may only be used for the eligible direct expenditures as

described in the approved Work Plan. Indirect costs and institutional overhead costs are ineligible.

- (d) **Match Requirements Met**. All match requirements must have been fulfilled by the Grantee prior to final payment by the State.
- (e) *Federal Funds*. No Federal funds will be used.
- 6.3 Work assigned to the State. The Grantee may provide portions of the proceeds of this contract to the State. Work done by the State must be so specified in the Work Plan. A letter shall be sent to the State's Authorized Representative and include: the specific area of the Work Plan authorizing the work; the portion of the proceeds to be used by the State; the name, title, address, phone number and e-mail address for the State's representative assigned to accomplish the work; the expected completion date of the work; and a brief description of the nature of the work sufficient as the basis for judgment of whether or not the work was accomplished. If the work authorized by the Grantee is acquisition of land or an interest in land, the amount made available to the State shall include the Grantee's proportionate cost of professional services to complete the acquisition. The Grantee's proportion shall be determined by the ratio of its contribution to the acquisition price as a portion of the whole acquisition price. The Grantee's proceeds available under Clause 8, Payment Procedures, of this contract shall be reduced by the amount provided for State use.

6.4 Contracting and Bidding Requirements.

- (a) **Municipalities.** Per Minn. Stat.§471.345, grantees that are municipalities as defined in Subd. 1 must do the following if contracting funds from this grant contract for any supplies, materials, equipment or the rental thereof, or the construction, alteration, repair or maintenance of real or personal property.
- i. If the amount of the contract is estimated to exceed \$175,000, a formal notice and bidding process must be conducted in which sealed bids shall be solicited by public notice. Municipalities may, as a best value alternative, award a contract for construction, alteration, repair, or maintenance work to the vendor or contractor offering the best value under a request for proposals as described in Minn. Stat.§16C.28, Subd. 1, paragraph (a), clause (2).
- ii. If the amount of the contract is estimated to cost between \$25,000 and \$174,999, the contract may be made either upon sealed bids or by direct negotiation, by obtaining two or more quotations for the purchase or sale when possible, and without advertising for bids or otherwise complying with the requirements of competitive bidding. All quotations obtained shall be kept on file for a period of at least one year after receipt thereof. Municipalities may, as a best value alternative, award a contract for construction, alteration, repair, or maintenance work to the vendor or contractor offering the best value under a request for proposals as described in Minn. Stat.§16C.28, Subd. 1, paragraph (a), clause (2) and paragraph (c).
- iii. If the amount of the contract is estimated to be \$25,000 or less, the contract may be made either upon quotation or in the open market, in the discretion of the governing body. If the contract is made upon quotation it shall be based, so far as practicable, on at least two quotations which shall be kept on file for a period of at least one year after their receipt. Alternatively, municipalities may award a contract for construction, alteration, repair, or maintenance work to the vendor or contractor offering the best value under a request for proposals as described in Minn. Stat.§16C.28, Subd. 1, paragraph (a), clause (2).

(b) Nonprofit Organizations.

- i. Any services and/or materials that are expected to cost \$100,000 or more must undergo a formal notice and bidding process.
- ii. Services and/or materials that are expected to cost between \$25,000 and \$99,999 must be competitively awarded based on a minimum of three verbal quotes or bids.
- iii. Services and/or materials that are expected to cost between \$10,000 and \$24,999 must be competitively awarded based on a minimum of two verbal quotes or bids or awarded to a targeted vendor.
- iv. The grantee must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that targeted vendors from businesses with active certifications through these entities are used when possible:

- State Department of Administration's Certified Targeted Group, Economically Disadvantaged and Veteran-Owned Vendor List
- Metropolitan Council's Targeted Vendor list: Minnesota Unified Certification Program
- Small Business Certification Program through Hennepin County, Ramsey County, and City of St. Paul: Central Certification Program
- v. The grantee must maintain written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the actions of its employees engaged in the selection, award and administration of contracts.
- (c) **Support documentation.** Documentation of the bidding process utilized to contract services must be included in the grantee's financial records, including support documentation justifying a single/sole source bid, if applicable, for both municipalities and nongovernmental organizations.
- (d) **Prevailing wage**. For any project that includes construction work of \$25,000 or more, prevailing wage rules apply per; Minn. Stat. §§177.41 through 177.44 consequently, the bid request must state the project is subject to *prevailing wage*. These rules require that the wages of laborers and workers should be comparable to wages paid for similar work in the community as a whole. A prevailing wage form should accompany these bid submittals. Additional information on prevailing wage requirements is available on the Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI) website at https://www.dli.mn.gov/business/employment-practices/prevailing-wage-information. Questions about the application of prevailing wage rates should be directed to DOLI at 651-284-5091. The Grant recipient is solely responsible for payment of all required prevailing wage rates.
- **(e)** The grantee must not contract with vendors who are suspended or debarred in MN: http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/debarredreport.asp.

7 Conditions of Payment

All services provided by the Grantee under this grant contract must be performed to the State's satisfaction, as determined at the sole discretion of the State's Authorized Representative and in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations. The Grantee will not receive payment for work found by the State to be unsatisfactory or performed in violation of federal, state, or local law.

8 Payment Procedures

8.1 **Documentation Requirements**. To obtain the payment approved for work under this grant contract, the grantee must follow all payment procedures documented within the CPL Payment Manual.

9 Authorized Representative

The State's Authorized Representatives:

Kathy Varble
CPL Program Coordinator
500 Lafayette Road Box #20
St. Paul, MN 55155
651-259-5216
kathy.varble@state.mn.us

or successor(s) have the responsibility to monitor the Grantee's performance and the authority to accept the services provided under this grant contract. If the services are satisfactory, the State's Authorized Representative will certify acceptance on each invoice submitted for payment.

The Grantee's Authorized Representative(s) are:

Project Manager	Fiscal Contact
Michael Goodnature	Joua Yang

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Natural Resources Manager	Accountant
2015 Van Dyke St	2015 Van Dyke St
Maplewood, MN 55109	Maplewood, MN 55109
mike.goodnature@co.ramsey.mn.us	Nkaujntsuab.Yang@co.ramsey.mn.us
651-266-0373	651-266-0320

If the Grantee's Authorized Representative(s) changes at any time during this grant contract, the Grantee must immediately notify the State.

10 Assignment, Amendments, Waiver, and Grant Contract Complete

- 10.1 **Assignment.** The Grantee may neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this grant contract without the prior consent of the State, approved by the same parties who executed and approved this grant contract, or their successors in office.
- 10.2 **Amendments.** Any amendment to this grant contract must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved the original grant contract, or their successors in office.
- 10.3 *Waiver*. If the State fails to enforce any provision of this grant contract, that failure does not waive the provision or the State's right to enforce it.
- 10.4 *Grant Contract Complete.* This grant contract contains all negotiations and agreements between the State and the Grantee. No other understanding regarding this grant contract, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party.

11 Liability and Insurance

- 11.1 *Liability*. The Grantee must indemnify, save, and hold the State, its agents, and employees harmless from any claims or causes of action, including attorney's fees incurred by the State, arising from the performance of this grant contract by the Grantee or the Grantee's agents or employees. This clause will not be construed to bar any legal remedies the Grantee may have for the State's failure to fulfill its obligations under this grant contract.
- 11.2 **General Insurance Requirements.** The Grantee shall not commence work under the contract until proof of insurance or compliance with insurance requirements has been met. Grantee must meet the insurance requirements applicable to grantee's project, as described in the FY2021 *Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program Request for Proposal,* which is incorporated into this grant contract by reference.
- 11.3 *Worker's Compensation.* The Grantee certifies that it is in compliance with Minn. Stat. §176.181, Subd. 2, pertaining to workers' compensation insurance coverage. The Grantee's employees and agents will not be considered State employees. Any claims that may arise under the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Act on behalf of these employees and any claims made by any third party as a consequence of any act or omission on the part of these employees are in no way the State's obligation or responsibility.

12 In the Event of a Lawsuit

- 12.1 An appropriation or portion of an appropriation from a legacy fund is canceled to the extent that a court determines that the appropriation unconstitutionally substitutes for a traditional source of funding.
- 12.2 Any grant contract or similar contract that awards money from a legacy fund must contain the information in paragraph 11.1, Liability.

13 State Audits

Under Minn. Stat. § 16B.98, Subd.8, the Grantee's books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices of the Grantee or other party relevant to this grant contract or transaction are subject to examination by the State and/or the State Auditor or Legislative Auditor, as appropriate, for a minimum of six years from the end of this grant contract, receipt and approval of all final reports, or the required period of time to satisfy all

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state and program retention requirements, whichever is later.

14 Government Data Practices and Intellectual Property Rights

14.1 **Government Data Practices**. The Grantee and State must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Ch. 13, as it applies to all data provided by the State under this grant contract, and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the Grantee under this grant contract. The civil remedies of Minn. Stat. §13.08 apply to the release of the data referred to in this clause by either the Grantee or the State. If the Grantee receives a request to release the data referred to in this Clause, the Grantee must immediately notify the State. The State will give the Grantee instructions concerning the release of the data to the requesting party before the data is released. The Grantee's response to the request shall comply with applicable law.

14.2 Intellectual Property Rights.

(a) Intellectual Property Rights. All rights, title, and interest to all intellectual property rights, including all copyrights, patents, trade secrets, trademarks, and service marks in the works and documents funded through the State of Minnesota Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program, shall be jointly owned by the Grantee and the State. Works shall mean all inventions, improvements, or discoveries (whether or not patentable), databases, computer programs, reports, notes, studies, photographs, negatives, designs, drawings, specifications, materials, tapes or disks, conceived, reduced to practice, created, or originated by the Grantee, its employees and subcontractors, either individually or jointly with others, in the performance of this contract. Documents shall mean the originals of any databases, computer programs, reports, notes, studies, photographs, negatives, designs, drawings, specifications, materials, tapes, disks, or other materials, whether intangible or electronic forms, prepared by the Grantee, its employees, or subcontractors, in the performance of this contract. The ownership interests of the State and the Grantee in the works and documents shall equal the ratio of each party's contributions to the total costs described in the Budget of this contract. The party's ownership interest in the works and documents shall not be reduced by any royalties or revenues received from the sale of the products or the licensing or other activities arising from the use of the works and documents. Each party hereto shall, at the request of the other, execute all papers and perform all other acts necessary to transfer or record the appropriate ownership interests in the works and documents.

(b) Obligations

- 1. **Notification**: Whenever any invention, improvement, or discovery (whether or not patentable) is made or conceived for the first time, or actually or constructively reduced to practice by the Grantee, including its employees and subcontractors, in the performance of this contract, the Grantee shall immediately give the State's Authorized Representative written notice thereof, and shall promptly furnish the Authorized Representative with complete information and/or disclosure thereon. All decisions regarding the filing of patent, copyright, trademark or service mark applications and/or registrations shall be the joint decision of the Grantee and the State, and costs for such applications shall be divided as agreed by the parties at the time of the filing decisions. In the event the parties cannot agree on said filing decisions, the filing decision will be made by the State.
- 2. **Representation:** The Grantee shall perform all acts, and take all steps, necessary to ensure that all intellectual property rights in the Works and Documents are the sole property of the Grantee and the State as agreed herein, and that no Grantee employee, agent, or contractor retains any interest in and to the Works and Documents. The Grantee represents and warrants that the Works and Documents do not and shall not infringe upon any intellectual property rights of others. The Grantee shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State, at the Grantee's expense, from any action or claim brought against the State to the extent that it is based on a claim that all or part of the Works and Documents infringe upon the intellectual property rights of others. The Grantee shall be responsible for payment of any and all such claims, demands, obligations, liabilities, costs, and damages including, but not limited to,

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attorney fees. If such a claim or action arises, or in the Grantee's or the State's opinion is likely to arise, the Grantee shall, at the State's discretion, either procure for the State the right or license to use the intellectual property rights at issue or replace or modify the allegedly infringing Works and Documents necessary and appropriate to obviate the claim. This remedy shall be in addition to, and not exclusive of, other remedies provided by law.

(c) Uses of the Works and Documents.

The State and Grantee shall jointly have the right to make, have made, reproduce, modify, distribute, perform, and otherwise use the works, including Documents produced under this Contract, for noncommercial research, scholarly work, government purposes, and other noncommercial purposes without payment or accounting to the other party. No commercial development, manufacture, marketing, reproduction, distribution, sales or licensing of the Works, including Documents, shall be authorized without a future written contract between the parties.

(d) **Possession of Documents**.

The Documents may remain in the possession of the Grantee. The State may inspect any of the Documents at any reasonable time. The Grantee shall provide a copy of the Documents to the State without cost upon the request of the State.

15 Data Compatibility and Availability Requirements

- 15.1 Data Compatibility. Data collected by the Projects funded under this contract that have value for planning and management of natural resources, emergency preparedness, and infrastructure investments shall conform to the enterprise information architecture developed by the Office of Enterprise Technology (or its successor). Spatial data must conform to geographic information system guidelines and standards outlined in that architecture and adopted by the Minnesota Geographic Data Clearinghouse at the Land Management Information Center. A description of these data that adheres to the Office of Enterprise Technology (or its successor) geographic metadata standards shall be submitted to the Land Management Information Center to be made available online through the clearinghouse and the data must be accessible and free to the public unless made private under the Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13.
- 15.2 **Data Availability.** To the extent practicable, summary data and results of projects funded by this grant program should be readily accessible on the Grantee's website and identified as a Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council and Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program project.

16 Publicity, Advertising and Endorsement

- 16.1 **Publicity**. Any publicity regarding the subject matter of this grant contract must identify the State and L-SOHC as the sponsoring agency. A copy of any publicity shall be furnished to the State's Authorized Representative upon its release. For purposes of this provision, publicity includes notices, informational pamphlets, press releases, research, reports, signs, and similar public notices prepared by or for the Grantee individually or jointly with others, or any subcontractors, with respect to the program, publications, or services provided resulting from this grant contract.
- 16.2 **Endorsement**. The Grantee must not claim that the State endorses its products or services.

17 Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue

Minnesota law, without regard to its choice-of-law provisions, governs this grant contract. Venue for all legal proceedings out of this grant contract, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

18 Accessibility and Safety

- 18.1 Accessibility. Structural and nonstructural facilities and programs must meet all state and federal accessibility laws, regulations, and guidelines, including the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). Accessibility guidelines and standards can be found at http://www.access-board.gov.
- 18.2 *Safety*. All programs must adhere to federal safety regulations, which can be found on the Occupational Health and Safety Administration's website at www.osha.gov/law-regs.html.

19 Subgrantees/ Vendor Services

If any subgrants or contracts for any portion of the work covered under this grant contract are made to another

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entity, the contract with the subgrantee or contractor will contain all appropriate provisions of this grant contract. It is recommended that all Subgrantees/Contractors carry the same insurance as the Grantee. Subgrantee or Vendor services must follow requirements listed in the *Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program (CPL) Request for Proposal*, located at https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/fish_wildlife/cpl/rfp.pdf as applicable.

20 Purchase of Recycled or Recyclable Materials

The purchase of recycled, repairable, and durable materials must be in compliance with Minn. Stat. § 16C.0725. The purchase and use of paper stock and printing must be in compliance with Minn. Stat. 16C.073.

21 Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions

- 21.1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this contract, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- 21.2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this contract.

22 Termination

- 22.1 **Termination by the State.** The State may immediately terminate this grant contract with or without cause, upon 30 days' written notice to the Grantee. Upon termination, the Grantee will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed.
- 22.2 **Termination for Cause**. The State may immediately terminate this grant contract if the State finds that there has been a failure to comply with the provisions of this grant contract, that reasonable progress has not been made or that the purposes for which the funds were granted have not been or will not be fulfilled. The State may take action to protect the interests of the State of Minnesota, including the refusal to disburse additional funds and requiring the return of all or part of the funds already disbursed.

23 Data Disclosure

Under Minn. Stat. § 270C.65, Subd. 3, and other applicable law, the Grantee consents to disclosure of its social security number, federal employer tax identification number, and/or Minnesota tax identification number, already provided to the State, to federal and state tax agencies and state personnel involved in the payment of state obligations. These identification numbers may be used in the enforcement of federal and state tax laws which could result in action requiring the Grantee to file state tax returns and pay delinquent state tax liabilities.

24 Use of Funds for Match or Reimbursement

Grant funds cannot be used by the Grantee as match or for reimbursement for any other grant or program without prior written authorization from the State's Authorized Representative.

- (a) The Grantee must submit a written request for authorization no less than 10 business days prior to applying for the new funds or program to the State's Authorized Representative. This request must include the following information: CPL project name, CPL grant contract number, the amount of CPL grant funds to be used, location where CPL grant funds were or will be used, activity the grant funded, and current landowner. The project name, location where the new funds will be used, activity to be funded, funding source of the new grant or program, and a brief description of the grant or program being applied for must also be included.
- (b) If the new grant or program will add any encumbrances to the land where grant funds were or will be spent, these encumbrances must be approved in writing by the State's Authorized Representative and the current landowner.

25 Conflict of Interest

Under the Minnesota Department of Administration's Office of Grants Management Conflict of Interest Policy for State Grant Making (available at http://mn.gov/admin/images/grants_policy_08-01.pdf) and other applicable laws, Grantees must disclose actual, potential, perceived, and organizational conflicts of interest.

3. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

1. STATE ENCUMBRANCE

Date:

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3. STATE AGENCY

Individual certifies that funds have been encumbered as required by Minn. Stat. '§ 16A.15 and 16C.05.

By:	Ву:
Date:	with delegated authority
Purchase Order Number:	Name: Dave Olfelt
	Title: Director, Division of Fish and Wildlife
Contract #:	Date:
The Grantee certifies that the appropriate person(s) have executed the grant contract on behalf of the	
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DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION PARTNERS LEGACY GRANT

Revision: 20191104 Data Date: December 6, 2021

PROJECT CONTACT

Project Name: Creating Pig's Eye Island Habitat **Organization Name:** Ramsey County Parks & Recreation

department

Organization Type: Government
Mailing Address 1: 2015 Van Dyke St

City, State ZIP Code: Maplewood, MN 55109

Project Manager: Michael Goodnature **Title:** Natural Resources Manager

Phone: 651-266-0373

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

Sites / Location

County Name: Ramsey

Project Site Name: Pig's Eye Lake Park

Total Project Sites: 1
Total Project Acres: 26

<u>Habitat</u>

Primary Type: Wetland Additional Types: (N/A)

Land Ownership

Primary Land Ownership: County Additional Land Ownerships: (N/A)

Activities

Primary Activity: Enhancement Additional Activities: (N/A)

PROJECT FUNDING SUMMARY

Grant Type: Metro

Grant Request Level: Over \$25,000

Total Grant Amount Requested: \$314,460
Total Match Amount Pledged: \$34,940
Additional Funding Amount: \$0

Total Project Cost: \$349,400

PROJECT SUMMARY

Prior to the lock and dam system along the Mississippi River, Pigs Eye lake, located south of St. Paul, MN, was a flourishing backwaters wetland complex of emerging aquatic vegetation. The lock and dam system rose the river water creating deeper water in Pigs Eye lake that overtime altered the ecosystem, collecting sediment and reducing the amount of water quality and vegetation available for wildlife habitat. The Ramsey County Parks & Recreation department, US Army Corp of Engineers and the Outdoor Heritage Fund have partnered to provide funding for the construction of 6 islands, totaling 25.6 acres, which will be strategically constructed in Pigs Eye lake to reestablish some of the habitat that was lost and protect adjacent shoreline. Three of the islands will also be constructed in a horseshoe shape, to better control wind fetch and to create approximately 17.6 acres of shallow water wetland complexes with emerging vegetation along the islands. See attached map for island positions and land cover description. Funding has been secured for the building of the islands, which will take place between June 2022 and June 2024, however, funding to establish quality vegetation on these islands is lacking. The purpose of this project is to enhance these islands by establishing native vegetative cover for stabilization and to improve terrestrial and aquatic habitat throughout Pigs Eye Lake while improving water quality. It is not often that parkland is created, and this is a rare opportunity to help fund the establishment of native vegetation on land that does not need to be first cleared of invasive species. If funding is awarded, the majority of the project will be overseen by the US Army Corp of Engineers, who has over 30 years of island construction and habitat establishing experience along the Mississippi River, in coordination with the Ramsey County Parks & Recreation department.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

Pigs Eye Lake is a 640-acre, shallow backwater of the Mississippi River with a maximum depth of 4 feet. Pigs Eye Lake is one of the few large backwaters in the twin cities metro, and currently provides low quality habitat for wildlife, including fish, as the

PROBLEM STATEMENT (Continued)

lake is currently degraded and windswept and the absence of any emerging vegetated land. The shallow depth and mucky lake bottom leads to wind-generated waves that cause a significant adverse effect on water quality and substrate stability. The waves continuously erode the valuable vegetation on the edges of the lake, which is owned and operated by the Ramsey County Parks and Recreation department as natural park land. This erosion has led to an estimated loss of 111 acres of wetland shoreline habitat since 1951. These conditions have created a negative feedback loop with no foreseeable improvements without intervention. Another 37.5 acres of biologically significant marsh and bottomland forest is at risk over the next 50 years, and new vegetation is unable to establish under the current conditions. The floodplain park land in this river reach is narrow and highly urbanized and warrants protection as a refuge for many animals and birds in the area. The objective of this project is to establish quality vegetation on these islands, which will create enhanced habitat for waterfowl, fish, reptiles, amphibians and provide much needed sanctuary for wildlife moving through this corridor within the heart of the Mississippi Flyway. Establishing these islands will also prevent further erosion to the natural shoreline surrounding the lake. This project will also result in improved substrate for spawning, shelter, and food resources for fish and other aquatic animals.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

This project is in the 1130-acre Pig's Eye lake park owned and operated by the Ramsey County Parks & Recreation department. This park consists of the entire 640-acre pig's eye lake and surrounding 490 acres of floodplain forest wetland mix, mostly on the west side of the lake. Within the protected park and just south of the island project, is the Pigs Eye Island Heron Rookery Scientific and Natural Area, and the shoreline areas the project would protect have been identified by the Minnesota Biological Survey as areas with biodiversity significance and include 'Silver Maple Floodplain', 'Northern Bulrush-Spikerush Marsh' and 'Black Ash - Yellow Birch - Red Maple - Basswood Swamp (East central)'. The expected results of this project include establishment of native grasses, such as switch grass, Virginia wild rye, prairie cord grass, willow plantings and cover crop on 25.6 acres of newly constructed islands. The benefits include habitat creation and protection of existing habitat. The willow plantings will provide natural erosion protection to over 19,000 feet of new shoreline, while the upland grasses will provide refuge to birds and animals. Instead of armoring the islands with materials that provide little habitat benefit, such as rip rap, these nature-based features will reduce erosion, water turbidity and improve aquatic vegetation habitat. These plantings will also ensure the longevity of the artificial islands and maximize the long-term benefits they provide to the Pig's Eye Lake ecosystem, particularly migratory waterfowl. Constructing islands in the middle of a waterway is expensive, therefore, a bidding process was completed to find the most cost-effective contract to install the native vegetation on the constructed islands. It was determined that using vegetation plantings as stabilization features is a cost-effective and nature-based way to control erosion and reduce the need for rock and hardened structures. Once this project is completed and native grasses are established, further analysis of the islands will be completed by local biologists and park staff to determine incorporating more native forbs and grasses to further enhance the islands. This further enhancement may be a phase 2 CPL request.

METHODS

The designated islands will be planted with a native and stabilizing seed mix and willows. Seeding and planting will be installed by a contractor with a minimum of 5 years of experience with the establishment of vegetative plant communities. Seed mix varies depending on time of year, Apr 1 Aug 1: 100-pounds PLS per acre of oats, 10-pounds PLS per acre of Virginia wild rye, 2-pounds PLS per acre of Prairie Cord Grass, and 1-pound PLS per acre of Switchgrass; after Aug 15: 90-pounds PLC per acre of winter wheat, 10-pounds PLS per acre of Virginia wild rye, 2-pounds PLS per acre of Prairie Cord Grass, and 1-pound PLS per acre of Switchgrass. Seed will be inspected upon arrival at the job site for conformity to species and quality and will then be installed by the drill seeding method. Willow plant cuttings will come from within 10 miles of the project area. Plant cuttings will be prepared from live willow saplings obtained from approved sources as close to the site as possible. Plant cuttings will be planted with dibbles, star drills, steel bars, or other devices to create a starter hole and to avoid damaging the bark or buds of the cuttings. Each plant cutting will be installed with 2/3 of the willow plant cutting in the ground and at least two buds above the soil surface. The minimum willow survival rate required at the end of the project is 60%, if not met, the contractor will be required to re-establish the willow cuttings. Construction methods have been developed based on adaptive management and incorporating lessons learned from over 30 years of experience constructing habitat restoration projects on the Mississippi River overseen by the US Army Corp of Engineers.

EXPERIENCE / ABILITIES

The Corps of Engineers has completed more than 50 habitat restoration projects on the Upper Mississippi River, enhancing over 100,000 acres of fish and wildlife habitat. Many of these projects include similar island construction and native plantings which have successfully reduced wind-generated waves and provide long-lasting habitat. Long-term research and monitoring programs have documented that these projects created the conditions necessary for the reestablishment of aquatic plant beds which in turn have benefited a wide spectrum of fish and wildlife, including migratory waterfowl. For reference, the following webpage

EXPERIENCE / ABILITIES (Continued)

documents many successful similar projects constructed by the Corps:

(https://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental-Stewardship/Upper-Mississippi-River-Restoration/Habitat-Restoration/Find-an-HREP-Project/). Ramsey County Parks & Recreation department owns and manages over 7000 acres of parks and open space and is a natural resource-based park system, with a goal to connect people to nature while persevering and enhancing the resources. The Ramsey County Parks & Recreation department has a long-standing history of successfully completing numerous State, local and Federal grant funded projects that have enhanced and restored sites like the proposed project. One example of this is the CPL Battle Creek Corridor project. This project started in 2018 and was completed in June 2021. This project included 100 acres of woodlands restored back to oak fores

PROJECT TIMELINE

Time Frame	Goal
spring 2023	drill seed native grasses for islands 1 - 3
summer/fall 2023	cut and place willows for islands 1 -3
spring 2024	drill seed native grasses for islands 4 - 6
summer/fall 2024	cut and place willows for islands 4 - 6
2024	ensure establishment, maintain weeds
2025	ensure establishment, maintain weeds
2022-2023	island building 1-3
2023- 2024	island building 4-6

Estimated Project Completion Date: 2025-06-30

PROJECT INFORMATION

1. Describe the degree of collaboration and local support for this project.

Collaboration for the project included public review of project report, public meetings, and multi-year collaboration with local, state, and federal agencies. The project leverages funding and support from Corps restoration and navigation programs, Ramsey County and the Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The Friends of the Mississippi River and University of Minnesota have expressed interest in collaboration and study of native vegetation plantings following this initial project. Project planning included press releases; direct notification to all Tribal communities with known interests in the Pigs Eye Lake area; direct notification to local citizen groups; publication of the report in the Minnesota EQB Monitor; postings to the Corps and Ramsey County websites and social media accounts; direct notification, meetings, and working groups with local agencies; virtual community meetings for the Pigs Eye Lake Master Plan Amendment; and presentations to local interest groups.

2. Describe any urgency associated with this project.

Island construction will begin in 2022. The funds for vegetation establishment and willow plantings are critical to ensuring the constructed project has adequate erosion protection and provides the expected habitat benefits. If the project is left without this essential piece, the islands will be subject to runoff and wave forces and sediment is likely to be mobilized, reducing the quality of the habitat.

3. Discuss if there is full funding secured for this project, the sources of that funding and if CPL Grant funds will supplement or supplant existing funding.

The Corps of Engineers has already secured internal funding for the project to the amount that is sufficient for the 10% match. CPL Grant funds will supplement the existing funds that are already secured.

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

There is no hunting allowed on this site as it is located with the municipal boundaries of the City of St. Paul, MN. Fishing is allowed within the park.

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

Native vegetation will be used for all permanent project plantings, including the willows as part of this proposal (Salix interior). Temporary cover crop seeding of annual plants and perennial native plants will be used on the islands to prevent erosion and condition soils prior to additional plantings that will be determined after this initial native planting phase is established. These plants will include oats (Avena sativa) or winter wheat (Triticum aestivum), and the native annual grasses Virginia wild rye

PROJECT INFORMATION (Continued)

(Elymus virginicus), prairie cord grass (Spartina pectinata), and switchgrass (Panicum virgatum).

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

The total budget for this project is \$349,400. Use and incorporation of vegetation plantings as stabilization features are a cost-effective and nature-based way to control erosion and reduce the need for rock and hardened structures.

7. Provide information on how your organization encourages a local conservation culture. This includes your organization's history of promoting conservation in the local area, visibility of work to the public and any activities and outreach your organization has completed in the local area.

It is the policy of the St. Paul District of the Corps of Engineers to apply principles of environmental stewardship to the natural and cultural resources located on more than 77,000 acres of Corps-administered Federal lands. The Corps uses multiple Congressionally-authorized programs to manage, enhance, and restore habitat. The Corps employs park ranger staff and develops educational displays and materials to educate visitors about these resources at recreation and project sites. The Ramsey County Parks & Recreation department provides formal education at Tamarack Nature Center, an environmental learning facility, and formal educational programs to civic, conservation, and scout groups. Parks provides extensive information on conservation and habitat restoration on our website and handout materials. Parks staff works with multiple agencies and nongovernmental organizations to conduct habitat restoration activities and outreach programs associated with restoration work.

BUDGET INFORMATION

Organization's Fiscal Contact Information

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Title: Accountant

Email: Nkaujntsuab.Yang@co.ramsey.mn.us

City, State ZIP Code: Maplewood, MN 55109

Phone: 651-266-0320

Budget Details

Contracts

Contractor Name	Contracted Work	Amount	Grant/Match	In-kind/Cash
LS Marine	Native materials and seed	\$88,860	Grant	(N/A)
LS Marine	Prep, install of native seed	\$123,800	Grant	(N/A)
LS Marine	Willow collection install	\$101,800	Grant	(N/A)
LS Marine	Native materials and seed	\$34,940	Match	Cash

Additional Funding

Additional Funding Amount: \$0

Budget Overview

Item Type	Grant	Match	Total
Personnel	-	-	_
Contracts	\$314,460	\$34,940	\$349,400
Fee Acquisition with PILT	-	_	_
Fee Acquisition without PILT	-	-	-
Easement Acquisition	-	_	_
Easement Stewardship	-	-	-
Travel (in-state)	-	_	_
Professional Services	-	-	-
DNR Land Acquisition Cost	-	_	_
Equipment/Tools/Supplies	-	-	-
Additional Budget Items	-	-	-
Totals:	\$314,460	\$34,940	\$349,400

SITE INFORMATION

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: Scott Yonke Phone: 651-266-0373

Organization: Ramsey County Parks & Recreation department Email: scott.yonke@co.ramsey.mn.us

Title: Planning Director

Site Information

Habitat: Wetland Activity: Enhancement Land Ownership: County

(1) Site Name: Pig's Eye Island Open to Public Hunting? No DOW Lake #: (N/A) Open to Public Fishing? Yes - all

Acres: 26

PLS Section: Township - 28, Range - 22W, Section - 15

NATURAL HERITAGE DATABASE REVIEW

Natural Heritage elements were found within my project site(s): Yes

Natural Heritage Sites and Managers: (N/A)

Natural Heritage Elements: (N/A)

Natural Heritage Mitigation: A number of NHI elements are found within one mile of the site. All were observed in the channel or floodplain forest adjacent to the site and none of the elements were found directly in the project site area. Regardless, the contractor and US Army Corp of Engineers will be made aware of their existence and sensitivity of these elements as not to disturb them during the construction and restoration project. NHI elements are listed below:

Haliaeetus leucocephalus Bald Eagle

Acris blanchardi Blanchard's Cricket Frog

Cycleptus elongatus Blue Sucker Ictiobus niger **Black Buffalo** Quadrula nodulata Wartvback Theliderma metanevra Monkeyface **Fawnsfoot** Truncilla donaciformis Reginaia ebenus Ebonyshell Obovaria olivaria Hickorynut Pleurobema sintoxia Round Pigtoe Arcidens confragosus Rock Pocketbook

ATTACHMENTS

Additional Documentation

Attach additional documentation as applicable using the appropriate cagtegories below. If you exceed the size limit while uploading, contact CPL Grant staff to discuss your options.

Supplemental Document

File Name	Description	
2021_Pigs_Eye_features_with_shoreline_and_lake_Map.p	Island Site Map	
PigsEye_PublicWatersWorkPermit.pdf	MN DNR hydro Water Work Permit	

FINAL APPLICATION SUBMISSION

FINAL APPLICATION SUBMISSION (Continued)

- P 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.
- P 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 complete this project and that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations.
- P I certify that all of the information contained in this application is correct as of the time of the submission. If anything should change, I will contact CPL Grant staff immediately to make corrections.
- P 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 Grant staff a copy of that written contact within 10 days after the execution of my grant, should I be awarded.
- P I certify that I am aware at least one Land Manager Review and Approval form is required for every application and at least one Public Waters Contact form is required for all public waters work. I am aware I must submit all completed forms by uploading them into this application. I have attached the required type and number of forms as necessary for this project.
- P I am aware that by typing my name in the box below, I am applying my signature to this online document.

Signature: Michael Goodnature Organization / Agency: Ramsey County Parks &

Recreation department

Title: Natural Resources Manager Date Signed: September 17, 2021

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