



ANOKA SAND PLAIN PROTECTION PROGRAM APPLICATION

The Minnesota Land Trust is seeking willing private landowners to participate in protecting important wildlife habitat in the Anoka Sand Plain through permanent conservation easements on their land. Please contact Kristina Geiger at kgeiger@mnland.org or (651) 917-6295 with questions.

Completed applications will be prioritized by based on a competitive bid method which considers the ecological value and the amount a landowner would like to receive in compensation. Payment to a landowner for a purchased conservation easement is made upon finalizing a conservation easement with the Land Trust.

To apply, please return to us:

- Anoka Sand Plain Protection Program Application (four pages)
- Current property tax statements
- Map or sketch of your property identifying the proposed conservation easement area

Please mail or email materials to:

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 Minnesota Land Trust
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 St. Paul, MN 55114
kgeiger@mnland.org

Application Deadline: November 15, 2020 and March 15, 2021*

*If you wish to apply and the deadline has passed, please contact the Land Trust as there may be more funding available.

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| Owner Name | |
| Date | |

Cost Information

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Are you willing to donate all or some of the value of the conservation easement?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>There are limited funds available to support compensation for conservation easements. Donating the value is not a requirement, but we are able to conserve more habitat across the region if landowners are able to donate some or all of the easement value.</i></p> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - I am willing and able to donate <input type="checkbox"/> No - I am not willing or able to donate <input type="checkbox"/> Partial - I am willing to consider a partial donation |
| <p style="text-align: center;">What is your proposed payment per acre?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>If not proposing to donate the full value of the easement, please share your payment per acre bid for compensation. We cannot pay more than the full appraised value of the conservation easement. Typically that will be 20% to 50% of the county-assessed value of the land.</i></p> | |



Please read each of the following statements.

About the Program

- A conservation easement will place permanent restrictions on the land to benefit long-term conservation. The landowner may sell or transfer the property to any person or entity, but these restrictions will travel with the land and permanently encumber the land.
- Once completed, some information pertaining to the conservation easement project will be available to the public since State funds are being used.
- For this application to be eligible, the property must meet the *Requirements to Apply* listed on page 3 of the attached Anoka Sand Plain Protection Program brochure.

Payments

- Payment for a conservation easement is contingent on funding from the sources listed in the program brochure and approval of the conservation easement by the Minnesota Land Trust's Board of Directors.
- The Land Trust cannot compensate landowners for more than the full appraised value of the conservation easement.
- Any payment received may have tax consequences. If the conservation easement or a portion of it is donated, the donation may be considered a charitable contribution for tax purposes.

Title & Legal Issues

- Good and marketable title to the land is required and any objectionable title defects must be corrected at the landowner's expense. Any outstanding mortgages or lines of credit will need to be subordinated to the conservation easement.
- Any payment received for a conservation easement may have tax consequences. If some or all of the value of the conservation easement is donated to the Land Trust, the donation may be considered a charitable contribution for tax purposes. Consult your attorney or tax accountant.
- The Land Trust will help guide landowners through the process of the conservation easement project, but it cannot provide any legal or tax advice. Landowners are encouraged to obtain legal advice. The cost of retaining an attorney or other advisors is the landowner's expense.

I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to each of the above statements and all associated information in the Anoka Sand Plain Protection Program brochure. I also certify that the information I provided above represents an accurate description of the property, and that all owners of the property are in agreement with this submitted application and bid. Finally, I certify that I have the authority to submit this bid on behalf of the owners of the property being put forward.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



Contact Information

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| Owner's Address | |
| Owner's Email | |
| Owner Phone Number(s) | |
| Additional contact information, if different from above. <i>Please identify relationship with the Owner, if applicable.</i> | |

Property Location

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| Property Address | | |
| County | | |
| Acreage | Total | |
| | To be Protected | |
| Parcel or Tax ID Numbers | | |
| Nearby Protected Lands <i>Includes federal and state lands, other nearby conservation easements, etc.</i> | | |
| Miscellaneous Location Notes | | |

Land Cover & Description

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| Vegetation and Habitat Types <i>Please describe the habitat on the property. For example: "80 acres of mixed oak forest, 5 acres cultivated fields, 20 acres of restored prairie."</i> | |
| Wildlife <i>What sorts of animals live on or visit your property? Have any unusual or rare species been seen by you or others?</i> | |



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| <p style="text-align: center;">Water Features</p> <p><i>Are there wetlands? Is there shoreline on a lake, river, pond, or stream? If so, approximately how much?</i></p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Existing Improvements</p> <p><i>Please describe relevant buildings, roads, utilities, and other similar improvements.</i></p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Current Land Uses</p> <p><i>Please describe current land uses such as full-time residential, gardening, grazing, CRP, farming, hunting, forestry, etc. Please describe any use by the general public such as public trails.</i></p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">History</p> <p><i>Please provide any known historical uses or relevant history of your property</i></p> | |

Project Goals

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Why are you interested in working with the Land Trust?</p> <p><i>Please briefly describe your reasons for pursuing a conservation easement.</i></p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Future Objectives</p> <p><i>Please briefly describe your planned future uses of the property (e.g., future land management or building plans) or ownership plans (e.g., sale or transfer).</i></p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Timeline Constraints</p> <p><i>Are there any potential deadlines or time constraints for completion of this project?</i></p> | |