



LAND PROTECTION APPLICATION

Application Deadline: March 15, 2023

The Minnesota Land Trust is seeking willing private landowners to protect important wildlife habitat with permanent conservation easements.

TO APPLY:

The proposed conservation easement area should be:

- Within the program area (see program area map)
- At least 40 acres
- Have less than 20% area in row crops

Please submit:

- This Land Protection Application, also available online at: mnland.org/sauk
- Current property tax statements
- Map or sketch of your property identifying the proposed conservation easement area

Complete online application at mnland.org/sauk or mail/email materials to:

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 2356 University Avenue West, Suite 240
 St. Paul, MN 55114
Lhall@mnland.org

Cost Information

- Applications will be prioritized based on a competitive bid method which weights the land's ecological value and the landowner's desired compensation.
- The Land Trust seeks landowner donations of conservation easement value, which may be eligible for federal income tax deductions.
- Conservation easements are typically appraised at 20% to 60% of the county-assessed land value. The Land Trust cannot pay above full appraised conservation easement value.

Are you willing to donate all or some of the value of the conservation easement?	<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
What is your proposed payment per acre?	<input type="checkbox"/> Per acre payment of \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Percentage of conservation easement value of _____%

The information in this application is an accurate description of the proposed conservation easement. All owners of the property are in agreement with this submitted application and I have the authority to submit this application on behalf of the legal owners of the property.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



Contact Information

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

Property Address		
County		
Acreage	Total Owned	
	To be Protected	
Parcel or Tax ID Numbers <i>These can usually be found on a recent property tax bill.</i>		
Nearby Protected Lands <i>Includes federal, state, county, city lands, other nearby conservation easements, etc.</i>		
Other Location Notes		

Land Cover & Description

Vegetation and Habitat Types <i>Please describe the habitat on the property to be protected. 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>	



<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

<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>	