



WASHINGTON COUNTY HABITAT PROTECTION APPLICATION

Funds to protect high quality wildlife habitat in Washington County have been made available through grants provided through Minnesota’s Outdoor Heritage Fund. Please contact Lydia Fermanich at lfermanich@mnland.org or 651-240-7889 with questions.

Completed applications will be prioritized based on a competitive bid method which considers the ecological value and the amount a landowner would like to receive in compensation.

To apply:

- 1. Edit, save and email the PDF application form with required documentation to lfermanich@mnland.org.
2. Print, complete, and mail the PDF application with required documentation to: Lydia Fermanich, Minnesota Land Trust, 2356 University Ave W Ste 240, St. Paul, MN 55114

Optional Documentation to Assist with Evaluating Your Application

- Current property tax statements
- Map or sketch of your property identifying the proposed conservation easement area

Contact Information

First Name: Last Name:

Street Address:

City: State: Zip Code:

Cell Phone Number: Home Phone Number:

Email Address: Alternative Email:

Relationship to Land/Property Owner(s)

- I am the land/property owner
I am a family member of the land/property owner(s)
Other:

Please select your preferred method of contact.

- Phone Text Email

## Property Information

To determine if your property meets the minimum program qualifications, we require either the parcel ID number or address associated with the property to be protected.

Address of Property to Be Protected: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel or Tax ID Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel identification number (PIN) is included on property tax statements, valuation notices, and proposed tax statements for a property. This information can also be located on county websites.

Total Property Acreage: \_\_\_\_\_ Acreage to Be Protected: \_\_\_\_\_

What of the following features are located on the prospective protected property?

- Wetland
- Waterway (e.g., river, stream)
- Woodland
- Grassland or prairie
- Retiring farmland for native habitat restoration
- None of these

Are there any rare or protected wildlife or plant species on the prospective protected property?

- Yes
- No
- I am not sure

If yes, please list known rare or protected species on the prospective protected property below:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate all current land uses of the prospective protected property

- Full time residence
- Forest management
- Hunting with or without food plots
- Haying
- Crop Production
- Grazing livestock or horses
- Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
- None of these
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Is the landowner willing to restore agricultural land to native habitat?**

- Yes
- No
- Maybe
- Not applicable

**Please indicate what types of structures are on the prospective protected property**

- No structures are present on property
- Permanent buildings
- Temporary structures (ex: hunting blinds)
- Utilities (ex: powerline poles)
- Roads
- Trails
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide any known historical uses or relevant history of the property (e.g., past agricultural operations) in the space below:**

**Please briefly describe the planned future uses of the property (e.g., future land management or building plans) or ownership plans (e.g., sale or transfer) in the space below:**

Please include any specific questions you have or other information you'd like the program manager to know, such as timeline constraints to completing a conservation easement in the space below:

### Cost Information

The Land Trust seeks landowner donations of conservation easement value, which may be eligible for federal income tax deductions. The financial value of a conservation easement is determined based on appraisal. 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 easements?**

- Yes – I am willing and able to donate
- Partial – I am willing to consider a partial donation of \_\_\_\_\_%
- No – I am not willing or able to donate
- Unsure – I need to learn more

**What is your proposed payment per acre? Please check one.**

- Per acre payment: \$\_\_\_\_\_/acre
- Percentage of conservation easement value: \_\_\_\_\_%
- No payment. I would like to donate the full value
- Unsure – I need to learn more

**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: \_\_\_\_\_