

Main Request for Funding Form
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
Fiscal Year 2012

Program or Project Title: Klinder Conservation Easement

Funds Requested (\$000s)	Funding Request	OHF Out-Year Projections of Needs		
	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Outdoor Heritage Fund	\$ 150,000	0	0	0

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County Location: *Douglas*

Ecological Planning Regions: *[check all that apply – to]*

- Northern Forest
 Forest/Prairie Transition
 Southeast Forest
 Prairie
 Metro/Urban

Activity Type: *[check all that apply]*

- Protect
 Restore
 Enhance

Priority Resources addressed by activity: *[check all that apply]*

- Wetlands
 Forests
 Prairie
 Habitat

Project Abstract: Darrell Klinder a Landowner in Douglas County wishes to have a conservation easement recorded on his land to protect it from any future development.

Project Narrative

Design and scope of work:

The Parcel that Mr. Klinder wishes to have a conservation easement recorded on has been developed into a wildlife sanctuary by Mr. Klinder over the last 20 years. The parcel is approximately 77.2 acres in size. 52.2 acres of the parcel was previously enrolled in the Federal Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). During the time the land was enrolled in the CRP program, wetlands were restored and created, trees planted, and grass established. The remaining 25 acres consist of mature timber. Mr. Klinder wishes to preserve these acres perpetually with a conservation easement. As the land stands today it is not eligible for the MN Reinvest in MN (RIM) program. Mr. Klinder has approached the MN DNR to purchase the land for a possible wildlife management unit but has been unsuccessful. The 77.2 acres is fully developed for wildlife and Mr. Klinder would like to keep it this way and not ever see the land built on once he is gone and his children are gone. Douglas County is ranked as one of the fastest growing counties in MN for the next 30 years. By protecting this 77.2 acre with a conservation easement will ensure the property will never be developed. The habitat on 77.2 acre parcel is fully developed and no additional funds will be needed to enhance the property. Wildlife on this property includes whitetail deer, wild turkeys, ruffed grouse, and many different species of ducks, pheasants, and many different species of song birds. With the demand for development land in Douglas County this proposed easement will ensure that a 77.2 acre block of habitat will be preserved perpetually and no fragmentation of habitat will occur.

Planning

This easement proposal will address the LSOHC Statewide Priority Criteria # 3 (are able to leverage effort and/or other funds to supplement any OHF appropriation). The dollar amount per acre that Mr. Klinder is will to give an easement is well under the Current RIM Reserve payment rates for existing cropland. This property has already has trees planted, wetlands restored and created, and seeded, so no addition dollars will be needed for habitat improvement. This proposal will also address LSOHC Statewide Priority Criteria #1 (are ongoing successful, transparent and accountable programs addressing action and targets of one or more of the ecological sections). The proposal consists of securing a perpetual conservation easement within the Forest/Prairie Transition area. The Douglas SWCD has worked with the RIM Reserve Programs since its inception in 1987 and this easement will be very similar to this proposed easement. The Application also addresses the Forest/Prairie Transition Section Vision of the

LSOHC priority Actions #1 (Protect, enhance and restore wild rice wetlands, shallow lakes, Wetland/grassland complexes, aspen parklands, and shoreland that provide critical habitat for game and non-game wildlife) and #3 (Protect, enhance and restore migratory habitat for waterfowl and related species, so as to increase migratory and breeding success). The proposed conservation easement is on 77.2 acres of previously CRP land that has had wetlands restored and enhanced, Trees planted and grasses planted. The area provides critical habitat for both game and non-game species. With the previously drained wetlands restored and enhanced the area will also provide habitat for waterfowl.

Relationship to Other Constitutional Funds

This will be a standalone project with only Outdoor Heritage Funding.

Relationship to Current Organizational Budget

The Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District budget is comprised of income from Douglas County, Board of Water and Soil Resources, and income raised through services provided by the District. We do not receive any dollars for easement funding. If successful the LSOHC dollars would be supplement dollars for funding the Conservation easement and some technical dollars for securing the easement.

Sustainability and Maintenance

Once the easement is secured there will be no additional funds needed for this project. The easement that is recorded will be similar to a RIM Reserve easement that gives responsibility to the landowner for future maintenance. A conservation plan will be developed with the landowner on maintenance that will be needed to be in compliance with the recorded easement, (similar to a RIM Reserve Conservation Plan).

Types of Projects

Fee Acquisition Projects

Will local government approval be sought prior to acquisition?

Yes No, please explain not applicable

If no, please explain here:

Is the land you plan to acquire free of any other permanent protection?

Yes No, please explain not applicable

If no, please explain here:

Easement Acquisition Projects

Will the eased land be open for public use?

Yes No, please explain not applicable

If no, please explain here: The parcel does not have access from a public road, so this would prohibit the use for public.

Will the conservation easement be permanent?

Yes No, please explain not applicable

If no, please explain here:

Restoration and Enhancement Projects

Is the activity on permanently protected land and/or public waters?

Yes No, please explain not applicable

If no, please explain here:

Does the activity take place on an Aquatic Management Area (AMA), Scientific and Natural Area (SNA), Wildlife Management Area (WMA), or State Forests?

Yes, which ones No, please explain not applicable

If so, please indicate which ones:

Accomplishment Timeline

[Provide a timeline that tracks the program components with milestones and dates. The accomplishment timeline should align with the scope of work and budget.]

Activity	Milestone	Date
<i>Legal and title work for easement</i>	Title insurance, survey, legal services	September 2011
<i>Easement drafting, conservation plan drafting</i>	Legal description, Conservation plan completion	October 2011
<i>Signing and recording easement</i>	Issue final title policy, recording, final conservation plan	December 2011

Attachments: *[Attach these documents to the web application form.]*

- A. Budget**
- B. Proposed Outcome Tables 1-5**
- C. Map**
- D. Parcel List**

Attachment A. Budget Spreadsheet

[Link Here to definitions of the budget items below.](#)

Total Amount of Request \$ 150,000 *From page 1 on the funding form.*

Personnel

Position breakdown here	FTE	Over # of years	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Cash Leverage	Cash Leverage Source	Total
<i>SWCD Manager</i>	0.17	1.5	\$ 11,000			\$ 11,000
<i>position 3</i>						\$ -
<i>position 4</i>						\$ -
<i>position 5</i>						\$ -
<i>position 6</i>						\$ -
<i>position 7</i>						\$ -
Total	0.17		\$ 11,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,000

Budget and Cash Leverage *(All your LSOHC Request Funds must be direct to and necessary for program outcomes.)*

Please describe how you intend to spend the requested funds.

Budget Item	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Cash Leverage	Cash Leverage Source	Total
Personnel - auto entered from above	\$ 11,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,000
Contracts				\$ -
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT <i>(breakout in table 6 & 7)</i>				\$ -
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT <i>(breakout in table 6 & 7)</i>				\$ -
Easement Acquisition	\$ 125,000	\$ 44,917	<i>Lanowner donation</i>	\$ 169,917
Easement Stewardship				\$ -
Travel (in-state)				\$ -
Professional Services	\$ 14,000			\$ 14,000
DNR Land Acquisition Costs				\$ -
Other				\$ -
Capital Equipment				\$ -
Other Equipment/Tools				\$ -
Supplies/Materials				\$ -
	\$ 150,000	\$ 44,917	\$ -	\$ 194,917

Attachment B. Proposed Outcome Tables

Only enter data in the outlined cells

Table 1 and Table 3 column totals should be the same AND Table 2 and Table 4 column totals should be the same

If your project has lakes or shoreline miles instead of land acres, convert miles to acres for Tables 1 and 3 using the following conversion:

Lakeshore = 6 acres per lakeshore mile / Stream & River Shore = 12 acres per linear mile, if both sides

Table 1. Acres by Resource Type

Describe the scope of the project in acres (use conversion above if needed)

	Wetlands	Prairies	Forest	Habitats	Total
Restore					0
Protect	11.6	32	33.6		77.2
Enhance					0
Total	11.6	32	33.6		0

Total Acres (sum of Total column)

77.2 *These two cells should*

Total Acres (sum of Total row)

77.2 *be the same figure.*

Table 2. Total Requested Funding by Resource Type

	Wetlands	Prairies	Forest	Habitats	Total
Restore					\$ -
Protect	\$ 22,538	\$ 62,177	\$ 65,285		\$ 150,000
Enhance					\$ -
Total	\$ 22,538	\$ 62,177	\$ 65,285	\$ -	

Total Dollars (sum of Total column)

\$ 150,000 *These two cells should*

Total Dollars (sum of Total row)

\$ 150,000 *be the same figure.*

Check to make sure this amount is the same

as the Funding Request Amount on page 1 of Main Funding Form.

Table 3. Acres within each Ecological Section

	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	Northern Forest	Total
Restore						0
Protect		77.2				77.2
Enhance						0
Total	0	77.2	0	0	0	

Total Acres (sum of Total column)

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Total Acres from Table 1.

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Table 4. Total Requested Funding within each Ecological Section

	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	Northern Forest	Total
Restore						\$ -
Protect		\$ 150,000				\$ 150,000
Enhance						\$ -
Total	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

Total Dollars (sum of Total column)

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Table 5. Target Lake/Stream/River Miles

miles of Lakes / Streams / Rivers Shoreline

Table 6. Acquisition by PILT Status (enter information in acres)

	Wetlands	Prairies	Forests	Habitats	Total
Acquired in Fee with State PILT Liability					0
Acquired in Fee without State PILT Liability					0
Permanent Easement NO State PILT Liability	11.6	32	33.6		77.2

Table 7. Estimated Value of Acquisition by PILT Status (enter information in dollars)

	Wetlands	Prairies	Forests	Habitats	Total
Acquired in Fee with State PILT Liability					\$ -
Acquired in Fee without State PILT Liability					\$ -
Permanent Easement NO State PILT Liability	\$ 29,290	\$ 80,800	\$ 84,827		\$ 194,917

Attachment D. Parcel List

Program Title

Parcel Name	County	Township	Range	Direction	Section	TRDS	# of acres	Budgetary Estimate (includes administrative, restoration or other related costs and do not include matching money contributed or earned by the transaction)	Description	Activity R=Restore P=Protect E=Enhance	Any existing protection? (yes/no)	Open to hunting and fishing? (yes/no)
<i>Klinder Conservation Easement</i>	<i>Douglas</i>	<i>129N.</i>	<i>36W</i>		<i>4</i>	<i>060035000 & 60033000</i>	<i>77.2</i>	<i>\$150,000</i>	<i>SE1/4ofSW1/4&SW1/4ofSE1/4</i> perpetual consevation ease	<i>P</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>