

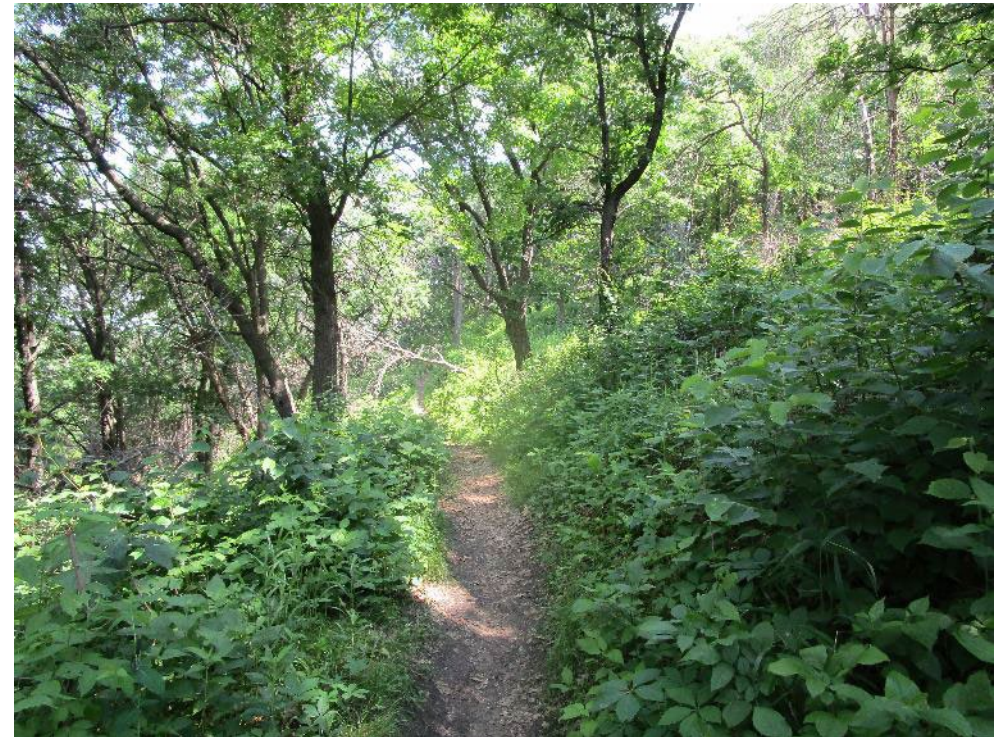


CPL Program Modifications for ML 2026 Program

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Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program (CPL)

- Clean Water, Land and Legacy Constitutional Amendment
- Legislation requires a conservation partners program to encourage and support local conservation efforts.
 - To provide matching grants for restoration, protection, and enhancement of wetlands, prairies, forest and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife
 - Funding comes from sales tax



ML 2026 CPL Program Organization

- **Metro Grants**

- **\$11.1 Million**

- Larger grants: \$5000-\$500,000
- Up to two grant cycles
- Private Land Allowed (under permanent conservation easement)
- Acquisitions Allowed
- Open-ended habitat projects

- **Metro Expedited Conservation Projects (ECP)**

- **\$2 Million**

- Smaller grants: \$5000-\$75,000
- Up to five grant cycles
- Private Land Allowed (under permanent conservation easement)
- No acquisitions
- Limited to list of specific activities

Metro Cycle(s)

- Grant requests \$5,000- \$500,000
- Total project cost cannot exceed \$1 Million
- Metro projects must occur within the 7-county metro area (Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott & Washington) or within the city limits of Duluth, St. Cloud or Rochester



Expedited Conservation Projects (ECP)

- Restoration or Enhancement projects only
- \$5000-\$75,000
- Quick evaluation and award period
 - Awards announced every other month
 - 5 Rounds/Year
- Only certain projects covered.
 - Projects determined by habitat type.
- Must occur within the 7-county metro area (Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott & Washington) or within the city limits of Duluth, St. Cloud or Rochester



What Will Not be Changing

- Application evaluation criteria
- Review and award processes
- OGM guidelines and reporting requirements
- High standards for habitat projects
- Currently open CPL projects

Changes to Grantee Outreach

- Statewide Partnership Maintenance:
 - Encouraging partnerships between out-state and metro organizations.
- Current Metro Partner Coordination:
 - Know who will and will not be applying and discuss potential projects.
 - Capacity is limiting factor
- New Partner Outreach:
 - Reach out to new grantees to introduce them to the CPL program.

Changes to Pre Award Match

- Previous Years:
 - Costs incurred *within 18-months of application submission* for the following categories
 - Engineering and Design
 - Biological Surveys
- ML 2026 and Beyond:
 - Costs incurred *within 36-months of application submission* for the following category:
 - Engineering and Design

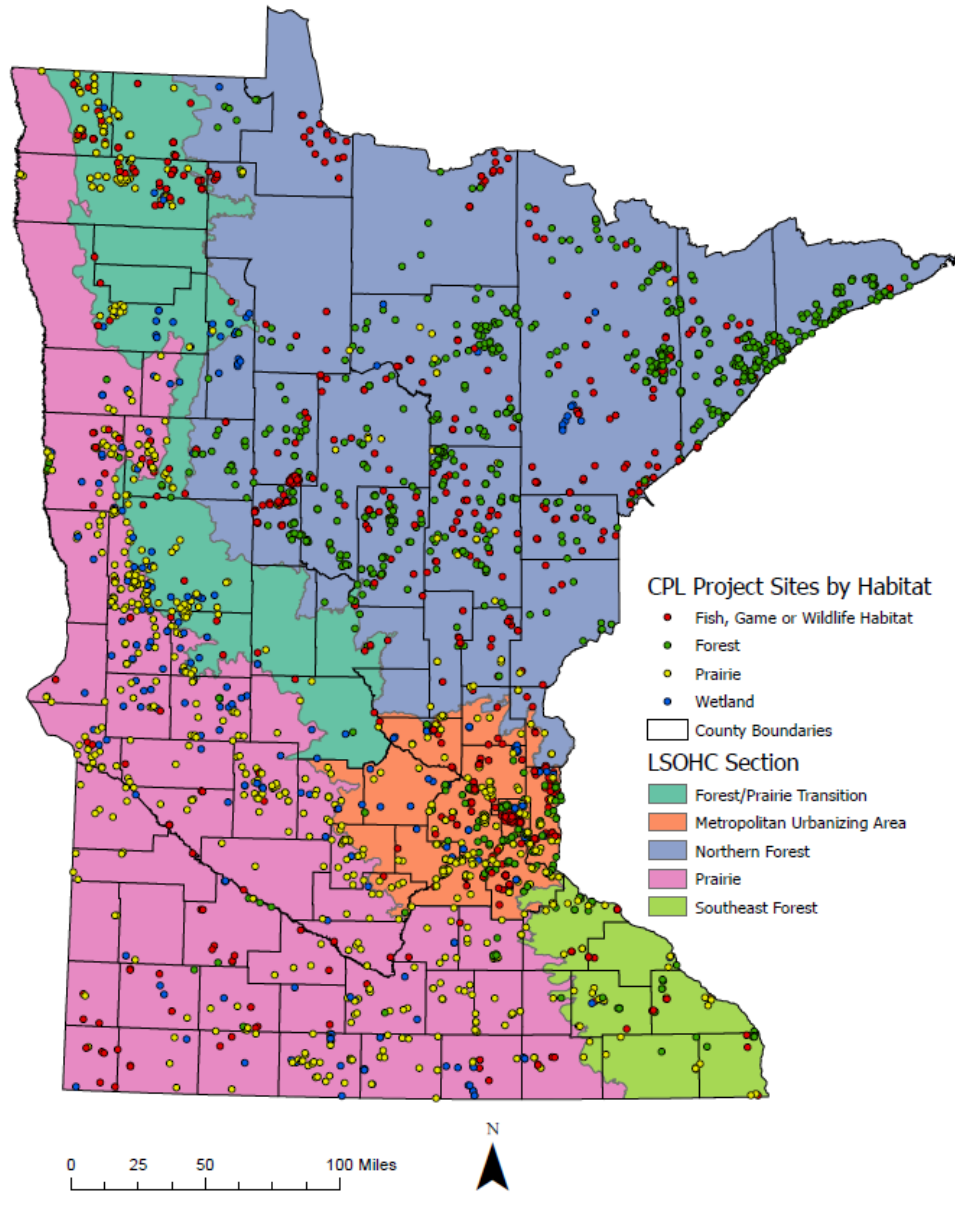
Changes to Match

- Match remains at 10%
- Starting in ML 2026, the following budget items will now be allowed as match:
 - Biological surveys conducted on project sites.
 - Planning expenses for educational or volunteer events taking place on project sites.
 - Capital expenses valued at or below \$10,000.
 - A maximum of \$10,000 of capital expenses will be allowed as grant match.

Changes to Reimbursable Expenses

- Travel Expenses:
 - Allowable expenses to be increased from 1% to 3% of total grant award.
- Personnel Costs:
 - Allowable expenses to be increased from 10% to 15% of total grant award.
- Interpretive Signs
- Hand Tools and PPE

Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program Project Locations



CPL projects 2010-2026

- Over 1100 projects funded from 2010-2026
- Through more than 290 government and non-profit organizations
- *Your help is essential!*

Thank You!

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