

CLEAN WATER CRITICAL HABITAT PROGRAM

Landowner Application

Application Deadline: July 31, 2018

This application is intended to allow landowners to voluntarily compete for public funds made available through a grant provided by the Outdoor Heritage Fund. Applications will be prioritized based on a competitive application process which considers the habitat value and the amount a landowner is willing to accept for compensation. Successful applications will be paid upon finalizing a conservation easement with the Minnesota Land Trust.

Please complete, sign, and return this application along with a copy of the tax statement for the parcel(s) to:
Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation, P.O. Box 124, Walker, MN 56484
or by email at karen@leechlakewatershed.org .
Applications must be received no later than 4pm on Tuesday, July 31, 2018.

Landowner Name(s): _____

Designated Contact Person (if different than above): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Lake (if in watershed give name of closest lake) _____

Parcel ID # (from your tax statement): _____

This program desires both shoreland and forested parcels. Please check the box or boxes that best describe your parcel.

- Primarily shoreland parcel with lake frontage.
- Primarily forested parcel.

Please indicate that you have read, understand, and agree to each of the following statements by placing your initials to the left. Leaving any blank will be considered an incomplete application and will not be accepted.

_____ I understand that a conservation easement will place permanent restrictions on the land to benefit long-term conservation. I understand that I may sell or transfer my property to any person or entity, but that these restrictions will permanently encumber the land.

_____ I understand that certain information regarding completed conservation easements will be considered public information, as public funds are being used.

_____ I understand that the Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation and the Minnesota Land Trust are not legally committed to the easement until both parties agree to and sign a final document. The Minnesota Land Trust may withdraw at any time for any reason prior to signing the final document without legal recourse by the applicants.

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_____ I understand that a habitat value score will be determined using program criteria and the technical committee will utilize the latest scientific information about the property and from information I provide in this application. I understand that some information is partially subjective and that I will accept the score as determined.

_____ I understand that the Leech Lake Area Watershed and or the Minnesota Land Trust may not compensate landowners for more than the appraised value of the conservation easement. I also understand that I will have the option to take less than full value. I acknowledge that the appraisal will meet Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources standards and not charitable IRS standards.

_____ I understand that the Leech Lake Area Watershed and the Minnesota Land Trust will help guide landowners through the conservation easement process but they cannot provide legal or tax advice. The cost of retaining an attorney or other advisor will be at the expense of the landowner.

_____ I understand that any payment we receive for a conservation easement may have tax consequences. Any value given up by the landowner that is not compensated for may be considered a charitable donation. The landowner will need to obtain an appraisal meeting IRS standards at their own expense to meet charitable donation standards.

Parcel Information: **Assistance from the Project Representative is available upon request with any aspect of the information requested.**

_____ Total acres

_____ Total acres to be protected by a conservation easement

_____ Total feet of shoreline _____ Feet of sensitive shoreline

_____ Percent of tract that is wetland. Identify the types of wetlands: _____

_____ Percent of tract that is forested

_____ Percentage of tract that could be developed

_____ Total number of existing home sites on the property

_____ Total number of additional home sites to be retained for future building

Check the appropriate box:

Yes No Does the tract border public land?

Yes No Does the tract border an adjoining conservation easement?

Yes No Is there a current forest management plan for this tract?

Yes No Does the tract border a tullibee refuge lake or is it in a tullibee lake watershed?

Yes No Does the tract have or border a stream inlet or outlet?

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Compensation Rate:

I understand that if my property is selected, an appraisal will be conducted and a final determination regarding compensation will be provided. I am not legally committed to a conservation easement, but given my current knowledge I anticipate requesting the following compensation for the Conservation Easement:

- Full compensation
- Fifty percent compensation
- Other percentage _____
- Donate Easement

Signature: _____

The information above is an accurate description of the property and represents full agreement of all owners of the property being proposed for this conservation easement.

Name of landowner(s) or designated contact: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____