

Letter of Inquiry

Letter of Inquiry Deadline: May 31, 2017

This letter of inquiry is intended to allow landowners to indicate their interest in applying for public funds made available from the Environment and Natural Resource Trust Fund. Applications submitted 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 Board of Water & Soil Resources.

**Please complete, sign, and return this inquiry:
Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation, P.O. Box 455, Hackensack, MN 56452.
or by email at llawf@tds.net
Inquiries need to be received no later than May 31, 2017.**

Landowner Name(s): _____

Designated Contact Person (if different than above): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Lake (NA if none) _____

Parcel ID Number(s) (from your tax statement): _____

Current Tax Value for each Parcel (land value) (s): _____

This program considers both shoreland and forested parcels. Please check the box that best describes your parcel.

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

If you apply to this program, you will be asked to affirm that you have read, understand, and agree to each of the following statements:

- 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 since public funds are being used.
- I understand that the MN Board of Soil & Water is not legally committed to the easement until both parties agree to and sign a final document.
- I understand that a habitat value score will be determined based on 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.

Please provide the following parcel information: (see contacts at the bottom of this page if you need assistance)

_____ Total acres owned
_____ Total acres proposed to be protected by a conservation easement
_____ Total Feet of Shoreline
 Yes No Wetlands on the property?
 Yes No Forest land on the property?
 Yes No Home site on the property
_____ Total number of buildings on the property.

Check the appropriate box:

Yes No Does the property border public land?
 Yes No Does the property border an adjoining conservation easement?
 Yes No Is there a current forest management plan for this property?
 Yes No Does the property have or border a stream inlet or outlet?

Compensation Rate

I understand that, if selected, compensation will be based on tax value of land that will be placed in the easement. 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
 Less than full compensation
 Donated Easement

Signature _____

The information above is an accurate description of the property and represents full agreement of all owners of the property submitting this inquiry.

Name of landowner(s) or designated contact: _____

Need Assistance in filling this out or have questions?? Contact:

Cass County: Kelly Condiff, Email: kelly.condiff@co.cass.mn.us Phone: 218-547-7246

Crow Wing County: Sheila Boldt Email: sheila.boldt@crowwingswcd.org Phone: 218-828-6197

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