

Outdoor Heritage Fund Grant Application

The purpose of the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund is to provide funding to state agencies, tribal governments, political subdivisions, and nonprofit organizations to:

Directive A. Provide access to private and public lands for sportsmen, including projects that create fish and wildlife habitat and provide access for sportsmen;

Directive B. Improve, maintain, and restore water quality, soil conditions, plant diversity, animal systems and to support other practices of stewardship to enhance farming and ranching;

Directive C. Develop, enhance, conserve, and restore wildlife and fish habitat on private and public lands; and

Directive D. Conserve natural areas for recreation through the establishment and development of parks and other recreation areas.

Exemptions

Outdoor Heritage Fund grants may not be used to finance the following:

- A. Litigation;
- B. Lobbying activities;
- C. Any activity that would interfere, disrupt, or prevent activities associated with surface coal mining operations; sand, gravel, or scoria extraction activities; oil and gas operations; or other energy facility or infrastructure development;
- D. The acquisition of land or to encumber any land for a term longer than twenty years; or
- E. Projects outside this state or projects that are beyond the scope of defined activities that fulfill the purposes of Chapter 54-17.8 of the North Dakota Century Code.

Application Deadline

Applications for the first grant round cycle are due on **December 2, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. CST.** All information, including attachments, must be submitted by that date. See instructions below for submission information.

Instructions

It is our intent to have this form available on line. However, until that on-line form is available we are asking that you submit your application as a Word document. Please download this Word document (available on the Industrial Commission/Outdoor Heritage Fund Program website at <http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm>) to your computer and provide the information as requested. You are not limited to the spacing provided except in those instances where there is a limit on the number of words. After completing the application, save it and attach it to an e-mail and send it to outdoorheritage@nd.gov .Then submit the Word document as noted in the following paragraph.

Attachments in support of your application may be sent by mail to North Dakota Industrial Commission, ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund Program, State Capitol – Fourteenth Floor, 600 East Boulevard Ave. Dept. 405, Bismarck, ND 58505 or by e-mail to outdoorheritage@nd.gov . The application and all attachments must be received or postmarked by the application deadline. You will be sent a confirmation by e-mail of receipt of your application.

Project Name*LSC 20,000 trees by 2020

Abstract/Executive Summary. An Executive Summary of the project stating its objectives, expected results, duration, total project costs and participants.* (no more than 500 words)

Our project is to restore Habitat for Upland Game, Waterfowl and Deer on approximately 1420 acres of private land and have it open to public use in Dickey and Sargent County. This project is being spearheaded by Ludden Sportsmen Club (LSC), an organization of 250 plus members that is a strong supporter of youth hunting and fishing in North Dakota. This project goal is to have 20,000 new live trees growing to enhance wildlife by 2020, which will reward hunting and fishing opportunities open for public access for many years in the future. Along with the trees we will plant and take care of Food Plots within the protection of these trees that will create an environment for wildlife to flourish. We have the following plans for 4 different locations as describe below and have attached maps of projects.

Ludden Project on NE1/4-12-129-60

This project will consist of 12 Acres (5800) of new shrubs/trees with additional 10 acres of Food Plot. This 160 acre parcel presently has 28 acres of CRP until at least 2022, has 8 acres trees that are established with a 4 acre food plot. It also has a new 5 acre trees plant in 2013 and the balance will be left as natural grass and cattails. This quarter is in PLOTS and open to public access, but we may look into seeing if we can open it to youth only hunting with adult supervision. This parcel of land is within a half mile of Dakota Lake Refuge and will be a substantial food and nesting area for wildlife from this refuge.

Rifle Range Project on NW1/4-30-130-58

This parcel will get 2 new plantings of trees and shrubs; one 5 acre plot (2420 trees) will be located in NW corner of the 150 acre parcel. This will provide wind protection for the Rifle Range that is located here that is open to the public. The other one will be a 3 Acre Plot (1450 trees) on the east center edge of ¼ and will be on the backside of the natural hills that run thru the center of this ¼ and will border the irrigated cropland to the East. The balance of this ¼ is Virgin sod and in Grassland Easement and will only be grazed to sustain good grass growth. This ¼ is also owned by LSC and enrolled in PLOTS.

Riverdale Project on NE ¼ of 11 and NW ¼ of 12-130-59

This parcel will have another 4 acre tree plot (1950 trees) with additional food plots to be added next to establish 15 acres of trees and food plots. These plots will supply food and cover for wildlife that lives in the balance of 320 acres that is a large wetland. This half section has numerous duck ponds established in it was in CRP till 2013 and is hopeful to get back in with a new farm program. This half section is owned by LSC and is PLOTS.

You may submit your application at any time prior to the application deadline. Early submission is appreciated and encouraged to allow adequate time to review your application and ensure that all required information has been included. Incomplete applications may not be considered for funding. Any item noted with an * is required.

Oral Presentation. Please note that you will be given an opportunity to make a ten-minute Oral Presentation at a meeting of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board tentatively scheduled for the week of January 13, 2014. These presentations are strongly encouraged.

Open Record. Please note that your application and any attachments will be open records as defined by law and will be posted on the Industrial Commission/Outdoor Heritage Fund website.

Name of Organization *Ludden Sportsmen Club

Federal Tax ID# *45-0372031

Contact Person/Title *Bill Schmitz/President

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City *Oakes

State *North Dakota

Zip Code *58474

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Web Site Address (Optional)

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List names of co-applicants if this is a joint proposal

MAJOR Directive: (select the Directive that best describes your grant request)*

Choose only one response

Directive A. Provide access to private and public lands for sportsmen, including projects that create fish and wildlife habitat and provide access for sportsmen;

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Additional Directive: (select the directives that also apply to the grant application purpose)*

Choose all that apply

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Type of organization: (select the category that describes your organization)*

State Agency

Political Subdivision

Tribal Entity

Tax-exempt, nonprofit corporation, as described in United States Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. § 501 (c))

Brummund Tract All of section 24 and W/2-25-131-61

This 800 plus acre tract is privately owned, is in CRP and Plots and the owners are striving to get this land a wildlife refuge that will be open to public hunting. There will be numerous plantings of shrubs around border and interior that will total 20 acres (9700 trees) and we will also be looking at planting a 50 acre Sweet Clover patch and a 50 acre alfalfa patch to enhance the CRP due to CRP contract will not allow food plots. This land is also stocked with fish and will have future boat landing access.

Amount of Grant request \$ *130,000

Total Project Costs \$*181,000

(Note that in-kind and indirect costs can be used for matching funds)

Amount of Matching Funds \$51,000

If applicable

Please indicate if the matching funds will be in-kind, indirect or cash.

Source(s) of Matching Funds

If applicable

Ludden Sportsmen Club

NRCS

Game and Fish Dept.

Certifications *

X I certify that this application has been made with the support of the governing body and chief executive of my organization.

X I certify that if awarded grant funding none of the funding will be used for any of the exemptions noted on Page 1 of this application.

Narrative

Organization Information – Briefly summarize your organization’s history, mission, current programs and activities. *

Include an overview of your organizational structure, including board, staff and volunteer involvement. (no more than 300 words)

This project is being spearheaded by Ludden Sportsmen Club (LSC), an Organization of 250 plus members that is a strong support of youth hunting and fishing. The Ludden

Sportsmen Club was founded in 1951 with a mission goal of maintaining and strengthens the heritage of hunting and fishing for our youth in state of North Dakota.

Current Programs in effect now

Sponsor of Dickey County 4-H youth shooting program

Sponsor of Marshall County sharp shooters

Own and Maintain LSC Trap Range

Own and Maintain LSC Rifle Range

Own and maintain LSC Pistol Range

Sponsor of Annual Youth Fishing Derby

Purpose of Grant – Describe the proposed project identifying how the project will meet the specific directive(s) of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Program *

Our project goal is to have over 20,000 new and vital trees growing on these 4 parcels of ground in 2020. This has been the strategy of the board of making more land which has viable hunting opportunities that is open for public Hunting and Fishing. Along with this in recent years the club has elected to quit taking grazing fees from above land and make land more sustainable hunting opportunities for the public. We plan to start in 2014 with this project and depending on funds available and if we can hire it done professionally or we will need to fall back to volunteers which we fill will be much slower and will be more vulnerable to less of survival rate on the trees.

Identify project goals, strategies and benefits and your timetable for implementation. Include information about the need for the project and whether there is urgency for funding. Please indicate if this is a new project or if it is replacing funding that is no longer available to your organization. Identify any innovative features or processes of your project.

Management of Project – Provide a description of how the you will manage and oversee the project to ensure it is carried out on schedule and in a manner that best ensures its objectives will be met.*We will plan on having a committee which will have several members of our board along with members of the LSC club. There are several members that have planted and did this on their own land and have been very successful with this and have seen great wildlife and hunting opportunity on their own private land. We plan to go over all new plantings the following year and hand plant trees where there has been a failure.

Include a brief background and work experience for those managing the project.

Evaluation – Describe your plan to document progress and results. *

We plan to track how many trees that we need to replant each year and track and see how we can get a better survival rate for these trees. We also are looking into a signup sheet at each parcel for the number of hunters and success rate of these hunters and fishermen and how to both improve number of hunters and success rate improv as these trees develop more and more each year and the wildlife take advantage of cover and food. Of course the final goal is to get the final count of 20,000 live trees by 2020. How will you tell if the project is successful? Please be specific on the methods you will utilize to measure success. Note that regular reporting, final evaluation and expenditure reports will be required for every grant awarded.

Financial Information

ATTACHMENT: Project Budget – Using the standard project budget format that is available on the website at <http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm> , please include a detailed total project budget that specifically outlines all the funds you are requesting.*

The project budget should identify all matching funds, funding sources and indicate whether the matching funds are in the form of cash or in-kind services. As noted on the standard project budget format, certain values have been identified for in-kind services. Please utilize these values in identifying your matching funds. **NOTE: No indirect costs will be funded.**

X I certify that a project budget will be sent to the Commission*

Sustainability – Indicate how the project will be funded or sustained in future years. *

Include information on the sustainability of this project after all the funding from the Outdoor Heritage Fund has been expended and whether the sustainability will be in the form of ongoing management or additional funding from a different source.

The LSC will be obligating funds and volunteers to plant Food Plots and take care of trees in the future thru proceeds available in the Clubs budget and Fundraising.

Partial Funding – Indicate how the project will be affected if less funding is available than that requested. *If funding is not all available, we will proceed by not getting planting and plastic applied by professional service of the County Soil Conservation Service and look into doing this with borrowed equipment and use of volunteer help.

This we believe is do able but percent of survival of trees we feel would greater if done by conservation services.

Scoring of Grants

All applications will be scored by the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board after your ten-minute oral presentation. The ranking sheet(s) that will be used by the Board is available on the website at <http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm> .

Awarding of Grants

All decisions on requests will be reported to applicants no later than 30 days after Industrial Commission consideration. Applicants whose proposals have been approved will receive a contract outlining the terms and conditions of the grant. Please note the appropriate sample contract for your organization on the website at <http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm> that set forth the general provisions that will be included in any contract issued by the North Dakota Industrial Commission. Please indicate if you can meet all the provisions of the sample contract. If there are provisions in that contract that your organization is unable to meet, please indicate below what those provisions would be. *

Responsibility of Recipient

The recipient of any grant from the Industrial Commission must use the funds awarded for the specific purpose described in the grant application and in accordance with the contract. The recipient cannot use any of the funds for the purposes stated under Exemptions on the first page of this application.

If you have any questions about the application or have trouble submitting the application, please contact Karlene Fine at 701-328-3722 or kfine@nd.gov

Project Expense	OHF Request	LSC Match cash	LSC Match inkind	LSC Indirect	NRCS Hopeful	NDGF ?	Total
23,000 Trees/shrubs	\$26,000						\$26,000
Prep for Ground		\$2,000	\$4,000				\$6,000
Barrier for trees	\$42,000						\$42,000
Planting of trees	\$28,000	\$2,000	\$10,000				\$40,000
Applying Barrier	\$34,000	\$2,000	\$12,000				\$48,000
Food Plots Annually		\$1,000	\$2,000			\$3,000	\$6,000
Replant trees		\$3,000	\$10,000				\$13,000
Total	\$130,000	\$10,000	\$38,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$181,000

As of now this would be the hopeful plan, if Grant is not available or less than we will have to eliminate some of the Custom from the soil conservation service and we will have to get more volunteer which will extend the length of project We have bad timing for cost sharing due to lack of farm program and how much if any help would be available, if possible on your behalf if money was awarded if it could be granted into two allocations that if no funding comes available from NRCS or NDGF department, Then if this secondary Grant would be available this would work great.

Clement

87th St SE

Yellow is shrub plan locations

50 acre plan Sweet Clover patch

Water stocked with Fish

Future Boat Landing

Co Road 3

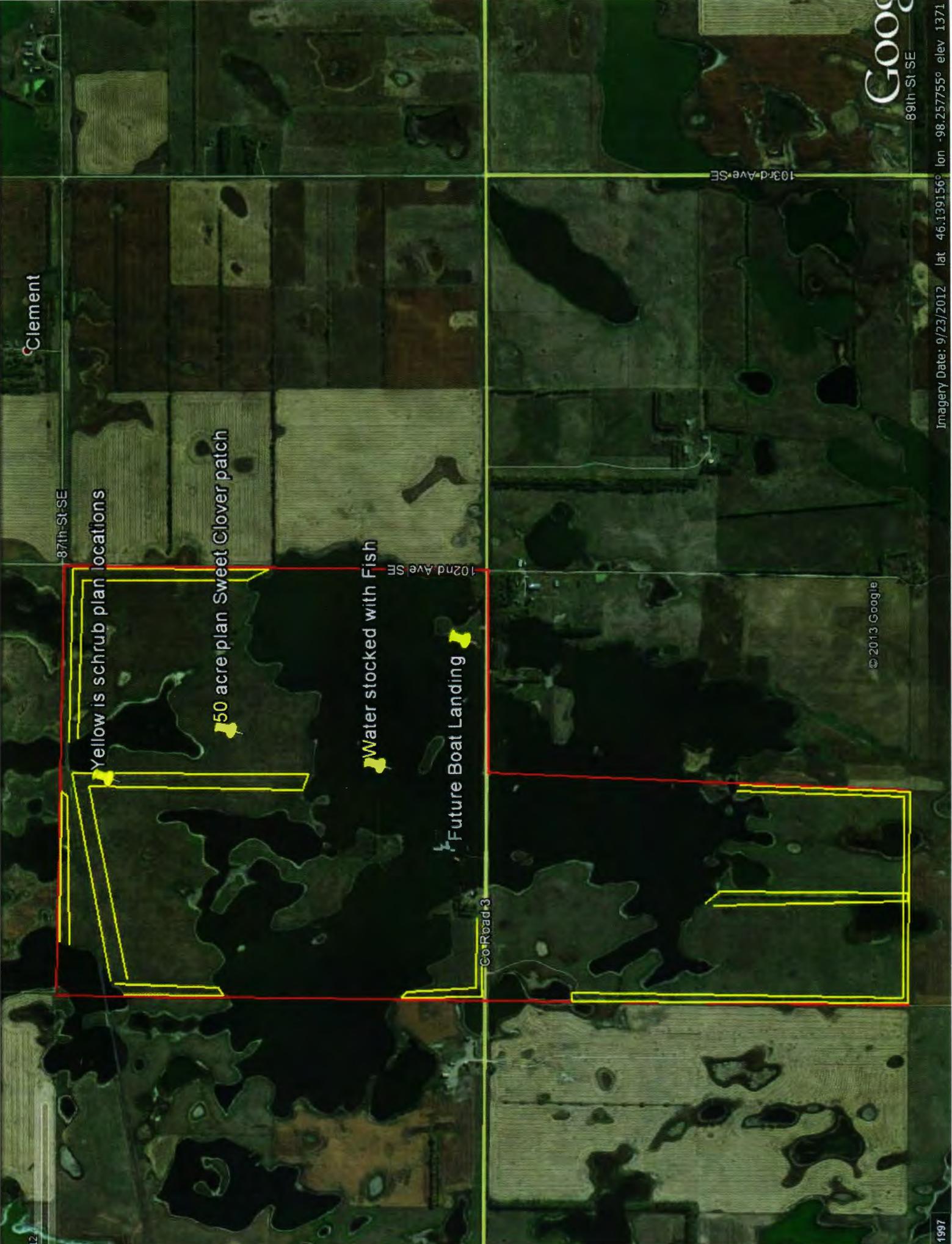
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Dakota Lake Refuge

Previous Existing Trees

4 acre Food Plot

28 acres of CRP contract thru 2023

Center St

New Shrub Planting Plan

New Food Plot

2013 Shrub Planting

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Brummond Tract



Oakes

Riverdale Tract



Rifle Range Tract



Ludden Tract

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Rifle Range

New Trees

Balance of 1/4 is Grassland Easement

New Trees

14th Ave SE

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Previous Trees

Balance of 2 Quarters is trying to get into CRP Again Expired 2013

Food Plot

New Food Plot

New Shrubs

Duck Mounds

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