### Wetland Mitigation Proposal

### Draft Prospectus

Submit this document to the [Corps of Engineers](http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx) and Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) [Local Government Unit (LGU)](http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/partners/directories/WCA_Dir.pdf) to begin the mitigation proposal review process. This document allows early review based on limited, easily obtained information so you can identify project opportunities, issues, and potential problems before investing significant time and resources. This document can be prepared without help from professional consultants; however, review quality and recommendations made will be commensurate with the level of information provided. Findings and recommendations provided do not constitute final mitigation plan approval or guarantee success.

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| **PROJECT NAME** | **Project Type** |
| **Click to enter text.** | [ ] Wetland Bank [ ] In Lieu Fee [ ] Project Specific (PRM)  |

**SPONSOR INFORMATION Agent Information**

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| Sponsor’s Full Name | Authorized Agent’s Name and Title (if applicable) |
| **Click to enter text.** | **Click to enter text.** |
| Company | Company |
|   | **Click to enter text.** |
| Street Address | Street Address |
| **Click to enter text.** | **Click to enter text.** |
| City | State | Zip Code | City | State | Zip Code |
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| Phone (Primary) | Phone (Secondary) | Phone (Other) | Phone (Primary) | Phone (Secondary) | Phone (Other) |
| **Click to enter text.** |  |  | **Click to enter text.** |   |  |
| E-mail Address | E-mail Address |
| **Click to enter text.** | **Click to enter text.** |
| Sponsor’s Relationship to Property |
| [ ] Fee Title Owner [ ] Contract for Deed [ ] Contract or agreement with fee owner [ ] Other: **(describe)** |

**STATEMENT OF AUTHORIZATION (required if agent is authorized to represent, and sign for, sponsor)**

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| I hereby authorize, to act on my behalf as my agent in the processing of this document and to furnish, upon request, supplemental information in support of this document.  |
| Signature of Sponsor |  | Date |  |

**PROJECT LOCATION (Include a Site Location Map)**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| County | Est. Easement Size (acres) | [Watershed Name/No. or HUC 8](http://maps.bwsr.state.mn.us/banking/) | [Bank Service Area](http://maps.bwsr.state.mn.us/banking/) |
| **Choose an item.** | **Click to enter text.** | **Choose an item.** | **Choose an item.** |
| Latitude: | Longitude: | Section No. | Township No. | Range No. |
| °N   | °W  | **Click to enter text.** | **Click to enter text.** | **Click to enter text.** |

[ ]  Check this box if you are only requesting review under WCA.

[ ]  Check this box if this is a Minnesota *Agricultural* Wetland Bank proposal.

**List of Figures**

[ ]  **Site Location Map**

[ ]  **Recent Aerial Photo of Site Showing Property and Planned Project Boundaries**

[ ]  [**Soil Survey**](https://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/WebSoilSurvey.aspx) **Map** (Include legend and identification of hydric soils)

[ ]  **Maps/photos of any existing drainage features** (ditches, tile, lift stations, etc.)

[ ]  **Map of Site Topography** (best available information from [LiDAR](http://arcgis.dnr.state.mn.us/maps/mntopo/), USGS maps, or surveys)

[ ]  **Aerial photos from the past 20 years showing land use and/or cropping history** (when applicable)

[ ]  **Prior wetland delineations or determinations** (if any have been completed for the project area)

*Note: For all mapping products, be sure to show scale and orientation, site boundaries, and other relevant features. Attach additional information as needed.*

**DRAFT PROSPECTUS QUESTIONNAIRE**

1. [ ] Yes [ ]  No *Are there any existing permanent conservation easements within or adjacent to the project area (RIM, WRP, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Land Trust, etc.)? If yes, please describe.*

**Click to enter text.**

1. [ ] Yes [ ]  No *Is some or all of the project area currently enrolled in CRP or another state or federal short term conservation program (EQIP, WHIP, CSP, other)? If yes, please identify the program and briefly describe the activities completed under the program, including contract start and expiration dates. Attach a copy of the contract if available.*

**Click to enter text.**

1. [ ] Yes [ ]  No *To the best of your knowledge, are there natural gas, crude oil, refined petroleum pipelines, other utilities, other easements or restrictions located on or within 200 feet of the project, or airports located within 5 miles of the project? If yes, please check all that apply:*

[ ] Natural Gas [ ] Crude Oil/Refined Petroleum [ ] Electric [ ] Telephone [ ] Fiber Optic [ ]  Wind [ ] Airport (within 5 miles) [ ] Other **(Click to describe)**

1. [ ]  Yes [ ]  No *Are there any existing wells within the planned project area? If yes, are they:*

[ ]  Active [ ]  Inactive – Sealed [ ]  Inactive – Not sealed

1. [ ]  Yes [ ]  No *To the best of your knowledge, has the project area, or an area within 200 feet of the project area, been used as a storage or disposal area for hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants, including agricultural chemicals or fertilizer, or been used as a private or public dumpsite? If yes, please explain.*

**Click to enter text.**

1. **LAND USE INFORMATION**
	1. *Briefly describe the current and past land-use history of the project area (e.g. row crops, pasture, forestry/logging, residential, etc.).*

**Click to enter text.**

1. *For agricultural sites with cropping history, approximately how many of the last 20 years has the project area, or portions of the project area, been seeded for crop production? When possible, be specific and identify the corresponding areas on an aerial photo or map.*

**Click to enter text.**

1. **WETLAND INFORMATION**
2. *Check all applicable boxes below that best describe the activities that have drained or altered wetlands within the project area and identify on attached map or aerial photo.*

 [ ]  Private Ditch [ ]  Public Ditch [ ]  Private Tile [ ]  Public Tile [ ]  Lift Station

 [ ]  Wetland Filling [ ]  Cropping/Tillage [ ]  None [ ]  Other **(Click to describe)**

1. *Describe any known private drainage easements or agreements that exist for the property.*

**Click to enter text.**

1. *Describe what activities would be implemented on the site to improve wetland functions (e.g. breaking tile lines, plugging ditches, removing lift stations, converting cropland to wetland, removal of sediment, etc.). Identify locations on attached aerial photo where applicable.*

**Click to enter text.**

1. *Describe any concerns or problems that may exist in implementing any of the above restoration activities.*

**Click to enter text.**

1. **PROJECT OBJECTIVES:**

*Describe any specific project objectives for the site (e.g. wildlife habitat, water quality improvement, water retention, etc.).*

**Click to enter text.**

**SIGNATURE**

By signature below I acknowledge the following:

1. I am authorizing the review of my Draft Prospectus by the appropriate regulatory authorities as part of establishing a compensatory wetland mitigation project.
2. I am familiar with the information contained in this document and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all information is true, complete, and accurate.
3. I understand that this document is not a government approval request subject to MN section 15.99 decision time limits. Submittal of this document will result in findings and recommendations that can be used to assemble a Prospectus document if I choose to pursue one.
4. I understand that findings or recommendations received do not constitute a formal decision, nor do they imply future approval of a wetland mitigation plan.
5. I understand that Draft Prospectus review may require regulatory agency staff to inspect my project site, that agency staff will contact me in advance to schedule a site visit, and I agree (or am authorized) to allow agency staff reasonable access to the property when prior notification is given.

**Sponsor’s Signature (Authorized Agent) Date**