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Section I: Application Type

Lake Management Planning Grant

Check one:

- Large-scale planning grant
 Small-scale planning grant

Check one:

- Lake education
 Organizational development
 Other study or assessment, or multiple-purpose project

Lake Management Protection Grant

Check one:

- Wetland restoration
 Ordinance development
 Lake improvement
 Lake classification
 Land or easement acquisition

Legislative District Numbers	
Senate	Assembly
District 29	District 87

To determine your legislative district, go to <http://165.189.139.210/WAML/>
Type in complete address, next screen shows information.

Section II: Applicant Information

Applicant Namekagon River Partnership (NRP)		Type of Eligible Applicant	
Lake Name Namekagon Watershed	Size in Acres 600+ mi²	<input type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> Tribe
Project County/Township/Section/Range Bayfield, Douglas, Sawyer, Washburn Cos.	Authorized Representative Named by Resolution Frank B. Pratt	<input type="checkbox"/> City	<input type="checkbox"/> Sanitary District
Authorized Representative Title President, NRP	Project Contact Name Same	<input type="checkbox"/> Village	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake District
Address 10783 Minnie Avenue	Project Contact Title	<input type="checkbox"/> Town	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake Association
City Hayward	State WI	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Governmental Unit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non Profit Conservation Organization
Daytime Phone (area code) 1-715-599-0537(c)	Evening Phone (area code) 1-715-934-2411(H)	<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts (Planning)	
E-mail Address fpratt32@gmail.com	E-mail Address		

Mail Check to: (if different from applicant)

Name and Title Scott Peterson, Treasurer	Address 8590 East Flowage Lane
Organization NRP	City Gordon
	State WI
	ZIP Code 54838

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Application Type	Date Received 1-29-14	Date Reviewed (LC)	Lake Coordinator Approval / Date
Waterbody ID#	Adequate Public Access <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Environmental Grants Specialist Approval / Date	
Eligible Project <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Eligible Applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Project Priority Rank	
Prior Grant Award(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Fiscal Year(s)	Amount Received To Date \$	Project Awarded <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Section III: Project Information

Project Title: Namekagon River Partnership Watershed Education Proposed Ending Date: June 31, 2015

Other Management Units Around Lake	Letter of Support	Other Management Units Around Lake	Letter of Support
1. WDNR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4. CNHM - MOU	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. NPS - MOU	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5. Lenroot	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. CWRLT + MOU	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6. Sawyer Co.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Section IV: Lake Access

Number of Public Vehicle Trailer Parking Spaces Available at Public Access Sites: Abundant, too numerous + extensive to name

Number of Public Access Sites on Lake Including Boat Launches and Walk-ins: "

Section V: Cost Estimate and Grant Request

Section V must be completed or application will be returned. Details in support of Section V are welcome.	Project Costs		
	Column 1 Cash Costs	Column 2 Donated Value	DNR Use Only
1. Salaries, wages and employee benefits	750	7800	
2. Consulting services			
3. Purchased services--printing and mailing	1000		
4. Other purchased services (specify):			
5. Plant material			
6. Supplies (specify)	1250		
7. Depreciation on equipment			
8. Hourly equipment use charges			
9. State Lab of Hygiene (SLOH) Costs			
10. Non-SLOH Lab Costs			
11. Land or easement acquisition value			
12. Associated acquisition costs			
13. Other (specify)			
14. Subtotals (sum each column)	3000	7800	
15. Total Project Cost Estimate (sum of column 1 plus sum of column 2)			
16. State Share Requested (calculate based on State share listed below)	3000		

Subject to the following maximum grant amounts:

- Large-scale lake planning projects--up to \$25,000 - 67% State share
- Small-scale lake planning projects--up to \$3,000 - 67% State share
- Lake classification and regulation or ordinance development projects--up to \$50,000 - 75% State share
- Lake protection projects (other than lake classification and regulation or ordinance development projects)--up to \$200,000 - 75% State share

Use of Federal funding as match: (check box below if applicable)

We are using or planning to apply for Federal funds to be used as match.

If known, indicate source of funding:

Section VI: Attachments (check all that are included)

A. For all applicants:

- 1. Authorizing resolution
- 2. Letters of support
- 3. Map of project location and boundaries *← larger lakes included this watershed map*
- 4. Lake map with public access sites identified (per Section IV of this application and page 33 of the guidelines) *Table*
- 5. Itemized breakdown of expenses
- NA* 6. For projects that entail sending samples to the State Laboratory of Hygiene (SLOH) only: a completed SLOH Projected Cost Form
- 7. Project scope/description:
 - a. Description of project area
 - b. Description of problem to be addressed by project
 - c. Discussion of project goals and objectives
 - d. Description of methods and activities
 - e. Description of project products or deliverables
 - f. Description of data to be collected, if applicable
 - g. Description of existing and proposed partnerships
 - h. Discussion of role of project in planning and/or management of lakes/watershed
 - i. Timetable for implementation of key activities
 - j. Plan for sharing project results
 - k. Other information in support of project not described above *Misc. additional support/justification*

B. For applicants that are Lake Management Organizations (LMOs) or Non-profit Conservation Organizations (NCOs):

- 1. For first time applicant LMOs only: A completed Form 8700-226 (Lake Association Organizational Application)
- 2. For first time applicant NCOs only: Copy of IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter and copies of your Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws
- 3. List of national and/or statewide organizations with which you are affiliated
- 4. List of board members' names, including municipality and county of residence. Designate officers
- 5. Documentation of current financial status
- 6. For land or easement acquisition projects: Detailed description of your organization's land management experience
- 7. Brochures, newsletters, annual reports or other information about your organization

C. Wetland Restoration Projects:

- 1. Deed, easement, or land control agreement
- 2. Preliminary engineering plans
- 3. Water regulatory permits
- 4. Map of project location and boundaries

N/A

D. Ordinance Development Projects:

- 1. Inventory of applicable existing ordinances
- 2. Description of resources each jurisdiction allocates to enforcement
- 3. Preliminary surveys

N/A

E. Lake Improvement Projects:

- 1. Engineering and design plans
- 2. Water regulatory permits
- 3. Map of project location and boundaries

N/A

Section VI: Attachments, continued

F. Land or easement acquisition projects:

- 1. DNR Form 1800-1 (Environmental Hazards Assessment Form)
- 2. Legal description of the property
- 3. Project location boundary map
- 4. Property or easement appraisal (if not previously submitted to the Department)
- 5. If escrow closing, the title insurance commitment
- 6. Evidence of compliance with Uniform Relocation Act requirements, if applicable
- 7. Agricultural Impact Statement, if applicable
- 8. Status of acquisition negotiations, including expected time frame for closing
- 9. A land management plan
 - a. Full description of property and conditions
 - b. Description of current and proposed uses of property and adjoining properties
 - c. Management requirements for property
 - d. If roads, piers or grading are proposed, a topographic survey with feature locations, and design cross sections

N/A

Section VII: Certification

I certify that information in this application and all its attachments are true and correct and in conformity with applicable Wis. Statutes.

Print/Type Name of Authorized Representative <i>Frank B. Pratt</i>	Title of Authorized Representative <i>NRP President</i>
Signature of Authorized Representative <i>Frank B. Pratt</i>	Date Signed <i>Jan. 29, 2014</i>

Lake Planning Grant

RESOLUTION OF Namekagon River Partnership, Inc.

County of Sawyer

WHEREAS, the Namekagon River Watershed is an important resource used by the public for recreation and enjoyment of natural beauty; and

WHEREAS, a study and examination of the watershed will lead to better understanding and will promote the public health, comfort, convenience, necessity and public welfare; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the need for responsible and holistic long-range planning to better manage the watershed, and its use; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the need to provide information or education on the use of watershed ecosystems, on the quality of water, and on the quality of natural watershed ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, we are qualified to carry out the responsibilities of the planning project; and

WHEREAS, we understand the importance of a continuing management program for the Namekagon River Watershed and intend to proceed on that course.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Namekagon River Partnership, Inc. requests grant funding and assistance available from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources under the "Lake Management Planning Grant Program" and hereby authorizes the President to act on behalf of Namekagon River Partnership, Inc. to:

- submit an application to the State of Wisconsin for financial aid for lake planning purposes;
- sign documents;
- take necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete an approved lake planning grant; and
- submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within six months of project completion date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Namekagon River Partnership, Inc. will meet the obligations of the planning project including timely publication of the results and meet the financial obligations under the lake planning grant including the prompt payment of our 33% commitment to project costs.

Adopted this day 8th of JANUARY, 2014

By a vote of: 5 in favor 0 against - abstain

BY: David Arnold 1/8/14 Secretary/Clerk of Namekagon River Partnership, Inc.

Small Scale Lake Grant: NRP Watershed Education Project-

Addendum to Lake Management Grant Application, Form 8700-283, page 3

Section VI, For all applicants

A1. Authorizing Resolution-Attached separately

A2.Support Letters- Attached separately

A3. Map of project location and boundaries- See Figure A-3, below

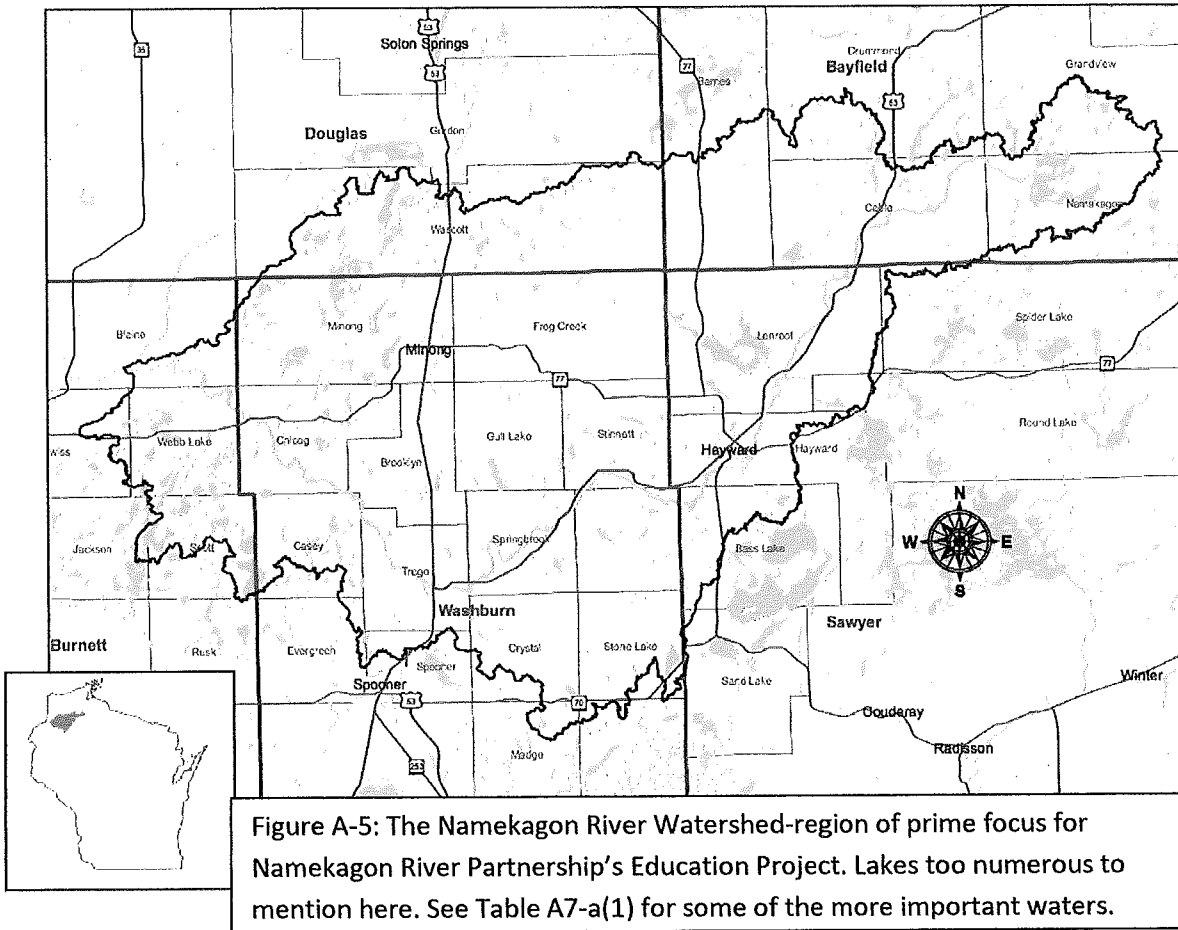
A-6: Itemized break-down of expenses. See Table A-6 below

Table A-6: NRP Education Project expenses, 2014-15, by sub-project, and category. These figures do not include value of labor which will be voluntary, service-in-kind.

Sub-Project	Materials	Support	Printing
Design-A-Fish 3 (DAF3)	\$250		
Design-A-Watershed (DAW)	\$250		
Watershed Lunch (WL)			\$1000
Watershed People (WP)		\$1500	
TOTAL(S)	\$500	\$1500	\$1000

RE-IMBURSABLE: \$3000.

A-6 State Hygiene Lab- N/A



A-7a Description of project area. See Tables, A-7a(1) and (2) below. The 600+ square mile watershed contains these notable lake resources, and is apportioned by land type and ownership something like this.

Table A-7a(1): NRP Education Project- Primary water resources targeted.

Water(s)	Size/length	Designation	Primary Partners (Education Project)
Namekagon River	95 miles	Fed. Wild, ORW, cold, cool, and warm reaches	NPS, WDNR, TU, Counties, USFS, CNHM. School Districts
Cold-water tribs	~100 miles	Trout water, ORW	County Forest Private riparians, Land Trusts, USFWS(APHIS), WDNR, USFS, TU, CNHM, School Districts
Totogatic River	76 miles	State Wild, ORW. Cool/warm	WDNR, Counties, Nelson Lake Assn(s), Towns of Lenroot, Minong, and Cable
Lake Namekagon	3227 acres	Two-story, ORW	USFS, Bayfield Co., Lake Assoc., Musky Inc., WENWWi.

		Cool/warm	
Lake Namekagon	3227 acres	Two-story, ORW	USFS, Bayfield Co., Lake Assoc., Musky Inc., WENWWi.
Nelson Lake	2716 acres	Warm-water, ORW	WDNR, 2 Lake Associations, Sawyer County, WENWWi
Minong Flowage	1587 acres	Warmwater	WDNR, Douglas Co., Lake Assoc.
Trego Flowage	450 acres	Warmwater	NPS, Lake District
Totogatic Lake	420 acres	Warmwater, ORW, Wild Rice	WDNR, GLIFWC
Lake Hayward	247 acres	Warmwater Fishing Pier	WDNR, City, Lake Assoc., NPS, NFWFHOF, Xcel Energy, site of Free Fishing Weekend
Totogatic Flowage	537 acres	Warmwater	WDNR
Shues Pond	1 acre	Community Fishing Pond	City Hayward, site of Family Fishing Days
Upper Couderay River* sub-watershed	Over 10,000 acres of large drainage lakes 18 miles Couderay River	Multiple, mostly ORW, 4 Two-story	COLA*, LCO Tribe, Sawyer Co., WDNR, CWRLT *Adjacent watershed – “Watershed Lunch” partner
Other waters	Numerous	Multiple	As opportunity arises, secondary priority. Extensive public access on nearly all.

Our existing and extending Lake Grant will target a GIS project to obtain precise and accurate, and up-to-date mapping data, which we will in turn, share with our publics and partners as part of this Education Project. Things like private ownership, percent agriculture type, percent forest type, impervious versus pervious surfaces, by slope and soil type, are all of critical importance to managing, protecting, and promoting the watershed.

Table A-7a(2) NRP Education Project- Land use/Ownership within Sawyer County portion of Namekagon watershed.

Metric	County	Municipal	WDNR	NPS	Private	Water	Total
Square Miles	40.7	0.5	5.4	2.1	79.4	2.1	135
% Total	30%	0.4%	4%	1.6%	59%	5%	100%

(Calculated from Sawyer County Plat book.) Much of the education project will occur in Sawyer County which accounts for about 22 % of the total watershed area. This Table is only an index of the whole watershed: denser population and more private land ownership in Sawyer County, may over-states private ownership to some small degree. However, the bottom line is

that there are many individual land-owners, plus lake property owners who have a stake in the entire watershed. All need to be educated with the watershed message. The Riverway corridor, itself, accounts for less than 2% of the whole watershed. "Lakes", per se- about 5%.

7A-7 (b) Description of problem addressed by project: Lake groups act as individual waters and not as parts of an integrated watershed. Individual land-owners are not well versed on the important function of watershed, or their stake and roles in determining watershed health and future. Many individuals do not properly understand key principles of watershed or aquatic ecology, or how it relates to their own well-being, the quality of their recreation, or the future quality of their children's lives.

7A-7 (c) Goals/Objectives

Goal: Develop the "the Human-Watershed"-Foster greater watershed stewardship through a net-worked and informed public.

Objective 1: Educate individuals on aquatic ecology, and especially- watershed structure and function.

Objective 2: Integrate individual lake groups, and non-riparian individuals into whole-watershed protection and management.

7A-7(d): Description and Activities (by sub-projects)-

Design-A-Fish 3 (DAF3): Preparation of soft plastic swim baits, tailored and colored to match the hatch of resident river fish. Other angler education/aquatic education activities.

Design-A-Watershed (DAW): Build and utilize a hands-on watershed model to illustrate the relationship between rainfall, slope, soil type, human development, forest, agriculture, pervious/impervious surfaces, on surface run-off, groundwater infiltration, water quantity, and water quality.

Watershed Lunch (WL): Develop watershed message place-mats for local restaurants.

Watershed People (WP): Direct contact of private landowners, especially those immediately riparian to critical cold-water tributaries, and especially relative to conservation easements. Direct partnering with lake groups on watershed issues. Support other meetings and conferences with a watershed education focus. These would include an annual, spring, Wild River Fish Expo, and annual spring water education workshop, summer annual meeting, and an annual fall watershed research round-up. Included in this sub-category is development of a logo.

7A-7(e) Products and deliverables (Objective standards)

Table A7-e Objective standards for NRP Education Project, 2013-14. Objectives are new/additional to current, as in 3 "new" MOUs, etc..

Product	Target Objective	Priority	Comment
Lake Assns.	3 MOU partnerships	Lake Namekagon, Nelson, Trego	Watershed People Watershed Lunch
Mentors	Certify 10 new	Teachers	Watershed People- WDNR Certification training
Students	Educate 200	Youth, families, watershed land- owners	Design-a- Fish 3 Design-a-Watershed Fish Expo, other lure- making, River Rats
Landowners	Contact 100 (new) 10 new members 3 conservation easements	Lakes, cold-water tribs.	Watershed Lunch Watershed People
Partners	Enlist 10 new	See partner table- future	All projects
Watershed Model	Design, build, use	Critical to watershed lessons	Design-a-Watershed "Hands-On"!
Swim Baits	Produce 4 molds, and 200 swim baits	"Match the hatch" Adaptation, Predator- Prey	Design-a-Fish Evolving program Integrated with Art
Logo	Official, usable by July 1, 2015	For use in media, correspondence, t- shirts, fund-raising	Watershed People (WP). Symbol or icon that people can readily identify with.

7A-7(f) Data- None will be directly collected as part of this specific, Education Project. However, the Education project will use and disseminate information gathered by our on-going GIS mapping project, and is in response to public in-put at previous Visioning sessions, which identified education/communication/watershed as targeted objectives.

7A-7(g) Partnerships- Table 7A-7(g) documents that NRP is indeed true to its "partnership" designation. We are already partnering with multiple entities and will continue to grow those partnerships and develop new ones as part of this Education Project. See Table A-7(g)

Table A-7g NRP partners, present, and future.

MOU Partner	Existing Partner	Future Enlistment targets
CWRLT	WDNR*	SCOPE

A-7-i Timetable- This project is for FY 2014-2015. I anticipate follow-up projects in the future.

A-7-j Plan for sharing project results – “Sharing” is an intrinsic part of the project, and occurs automatically as part of the partnering/net-working/teaching process inherent in “education”. Specifically, watershed facts will be shared with COLA and with diners at area restaurants via the watershed placemats. If design-a-fish 3 and design-a-watershed turn out as planned, I will share the new designs and curricula with Teresa Stabo for potential inclusion in up-dated WDNR angler and aquatic-education materials at the statewide level. (In the same way that past education projects in this region have served as templates for many state and even Federal education curricula. Two that come to mind would be design-a-fish 1,2; make-a-spinner, and “River Rats”/ “Adopt-A-Stream” which began as pilots in the Namekagon watershed-See below , 7-A-k(2)

7-A-k. Other, Misc./Ad hoc

7-A-k (1) Acronyms and terms

APHIS- Animal Damage Control, USFWS

CHARAC- Hayward Area Regional Arts Council

CNHM- Cable Natural History Museum

City- When used stand -alone means city of Hayward, the largest municipal entity in the watershed. A major partner for Family Fishing Days at Shues Pond, and handi-capped accessible fishing pier on Lake Hayward.

COLA- Couderay Lakes Association

CWRLT- Couderay Waters Regional Land Trust

DAF3- Design a Fish 3 education sub-project

DAW- Design a Watershed education sub-project

GLIFWC- Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Commission. The watershed lies entirely in the Ceded Territory. Lake Namekagon is a major Treaty spear-fishery, and PacwaWong is traditional wild rice habitat.

LCO- Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Chippewa tribe, especially the Tribal Conservation Department and student science interns at LCO Community College.

NFWFHOF- National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame

NPS- National Park Service

NRP- Namekagon River Partnership

ORW- Outstanding Resource Water, WDNR lake classification

SADOZ- Sons and Daughters of Zebedee (Hayward Wesleyan Church)

SCOPE- Sawyer County Organization Promoting Education

TU- Trout Unlimited (Wild Rivers Chapter, Ashland)

USFWS-United States Fish and Wildlife Service

WDNR- Wisconsin Dept. Natural Resources

WP- Watershed People education sub-project

WL- Watershed Lunch education sub-project

Cold-water fishery: includes trout, salmon, cisco, sculpin and/or other cold-water fish (< 70F). A two-story lake is a warm-water lake which has cold-water habitat/fish in mid-water zone. In streams and rivers also termed a "trout stream". Namekagon river reach above Hayward, and most tributary streams.

Cool-water fishery: Intergrade between cold-and warm (70-74 F), best suited for species like walleye and northern pike. Namekagon River reach Hayward-Trego.

Warm-water fishery: Best suited for true warm-water species like largemouth bass (> 74 F). Namekagon river below Trego and most lakes in watershed.

Two-story fishery: Lakes with both warm-water and cold water fish habitat. Cool-water streams are by definition this category. Lake Namekagon sustains warm-water fish, plus cisco. So it is a two-story fishery. As is Phipps, PacWaWong, and Hayward because trout over-winter in these impoundments.

7-A-k(2) Special Historical Significance of Namekagon Watershed and Aquatic Education in the watershed. The following items should elevate the Namekagon watershed to the highest priority:

- *Namekagon designated Federal Wild River, 1968- One of the first
- *Totogatic designated State Wild River, 2011- Important sub-watershed of Namekagon
- * Many, many important lakes in direct watershed, including numerous big, unique, ORW of marque recreational significance. Public access is abundant and extensive.
- * Entire watershed in Ceded Territory
- * Within 3 hours driving distance of Twin Cities
- * Much of the current state and even national aquatic education curriculum began in this watershed, and has been in place for almost thirty years.

* \$3000 leveraged to human watershed via 2-3 match in voluntary service in kind, and an evolving network of partnerships is a bargain, with a huge cost-benefit.

* Climate change is real and education is the key to adaptation- Cold-water resource of Namekagon is at extreme risk.

7-A-k(3) A Statement of NRP Watershed Education Focus

Note to reviewer: Feed-back from some of our publics, especially trout fishermen had indicated a frustration with lack of progress on fisheries issues. In response to those concerns, I wrote this article for the NRP web-page. It basically says that fisheries issues do count- but NRP has chosen to highlight watershed and watershed education in the early stages of our development. I offer it as proof of our mission priorities:

Watershed Moment (excerpted from NRP web-page, Jan. 2014)

"Recent public feed-back indicates some frustration with Namekagon fisheries issues. Your comments indicate impatience with lack of follow-up on the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and installation of big woody cover (BWC), support for continuation of the Leonard School Gauge (LSG), and frustration with National Park Service (NPS). Having spent nearly 40 years in state service in fisheries, I can personally relate to much of this sentiment. I was a coauthor of the FMP and have been advocating for BWC since 1983. So, I have earned the right to ask for continued patience in the fisheries arena.

The FMP is not dead. BWC will be installed in the river. We have signed agreements with NPS and also the Wild Rivers Chapter of Trout Unlimited. So, the fishery is not being neglected. As it stands now, the Namekagon is one of the best wild, inland, free-flowing brown trout fisheries on the planet. NRP intends to keep it that way.

The Park Service is not an impediment to progress. They are the lead agency. They have incredibly talented and dedicated personnel. Park Service's current efforts in aquatic education are absolutely cutting edge. (Special kudos to Jeff Butler and Branda Twaits). But they are broke. They do not have the resources to get the job done without a lot of help from outside groups like NRP. There are also some issues with institutional will and interpretation of the Wild River legislation. In particular, whether that legislation really allows for active management of a naturalized exotic like brown trout, as a surrogate species for the native brook trout. (As recommended in the FMP, and strongly supported by yours truly)

Most of us believe that brown trout management is justified by the reality of Climate Change. The Namekagon is too warm for brook trout now and likely to get even warmer. The only real hope for a continued cold-water fishery in the upper Namekagon lies with brown trout. (With proper watershed management we should strive to support brook trout in the tributaries). This will eventually become obvious to all parties. At that time, interpretation of the law may change, or the law itself might have to be changed. But we can wait on that. The integrity of the entire watershed must be protected, now.

Less than 2% of the watershed lies within the immediate riparian zone controlled by NPS. But the entire watershed is absolutely critical to the water quantity and the water quality in the river. What happens to

the raindrop which lands many miles from the river, ultimately determines the rivers fate as a fishery. Watershed = groundwater = cold water = cold-water fishery. For these reasons NRP has chosen watershed as our premiere focus. It makes no sense to add wood to the river channel, or to debate brook versus brown trout, unless the entire watershed is first secured and protected. "Watershed first...the rest shall follow". Reforestation, conservation easements, groundwater conservancy , beaver control, partnering with Land Trusts....whatever it takes, even (and often), not even in the river itself.

As for the gage at Leonard's- we absolutely must keep it up and running. It will take a creative collaboration of local entities to do so, but NRP is committed to making it happen. And not just for 2014, but all the way down to our children's, children's , children. Support the gage with a financial contribution or with a letter to your Federal representatives. We cannot manage and protect a fragile river resource without real time data on temperature and flow- especially in the face of Climate Change.

See you all at the Wild River Fishing Expo, March 15, Hayward Wesleyan Church."- Frank Pratt, Pres.

A 7A-k (4) Additional Support for Watershed Education from Literature and the Arts

Mark 1:21: *"Follow me and become fishers of men"*

April Pulley-Sayre, 2000 : *"Trout are made of trees.."*

Moody Blues, 1971: *"..I'm frightened for our children, that the life we are living is in vain-that the sunshine we've been waiting for- may change to rain..."*

Rolling Stones, 1969: *"If I don't get some shelter, Ooooooh, I'm gonna fade away"*

Alfred Lord Tennyson, 1861: *"Men may come and men may go, but I (the river), go on forever"*

Support Letters and/or MOUs

1.Cable Natural History Museum-

PURPOSE

Memorandum of Understanding
between

Namekagon River Partnership, Inc. (NRP)
and

Cable Natural History Museum (CNHM)

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to formalize a multi-year relationship between the Namekagon River Partnership, Inc. and the Cable Natural History Museum. This MOU establishes the general framework for collaboration between the parties to study, protect, preserve, and celebrate the Namekagon River and its watershed, and to provide outreach education.

AGREEMENT

It is mutually agreed as follows:

A. A close working relationship between NRP and CNHM is mutually beneficial. Both NRP and CNHM will continue to be independent organizations.

B. CNHM will develop and provide informational materials and interpretive and educational programs that focus on developing an appreciation for the Namekagon River. CNHM will provide NRP with the Museum's calendar of events January, May and August of each year.

- C. CNHM and NPR will partner regarding educational programming when appropriate.
- D. NRP will provide a liaison to work with the CNHM educational staff as appropriate.
- E. CNHM will provide a liaison to work with the NRP Board of Directors as appropriate.
- F. The principle contact for this MOU are:

Namekagon River Partnership, Inc.

President - Board of Directors

P. O. Box 1349

Hayward, WI 54843

Cable Natural History Museum

Deb Malesevich, Museum Director

P. O. Box 416

Cable, WI 54821

G. This MOU may be canceled by either party 30 days after written notice.

This agreement will become effective upon signature of both parties. This agreement can be modified at any time to reflect changes agreed to by both parties.

Namekagon River Partnership, Inc.

By

Title _____ Date _____

2. Couderay Waters Regional Land Trust

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Namekagon River Partnership, Inc. (NRP)

And

Couderay Waters Regional Land Trust (CWRLT)

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to formalize a multi-year relationship between the Namekagon River Partnership, Inc. and Couderay Waters Regional Land Trust. This MOU establishes the general framework for collaboration between the parties to study, protect, preserve, and celebrate the Namekagon River and its watershed, and to provide outreach education.

AGREEMENT

It is mutually agreed as follows:

- A. A close working relationship between NRP and CWRLT is mutually beneficial. Both NRP and CWRLT will continue to be independent organizations.
- B. NRP and CWRLT will jointly develop an annual work plan in consultation with each other.
- C. NRP and CWRLT will research and develop fundraising strategies, collaborations and/or partnerships of mutual benefit.
- D. NRP will provide a liaison to work with the CWRLT Board of Directors as appropriate.
- E. CWRLT will provide a liaison to work with the NRP Board of Directors as appropriate.
- F. The principle contacts for this MOU are:
 - Namekagon River Partnership, Inc.

President – Board of Directors

PO Box 1349

Hayward, WI 54843

• Couderay Waters Regional Land Trust

President – Board of Directors
PO Box 13097
Hayward, WI 54843

G. This MOU may be canceled by either party thirty (30) days after written notice.

In Witness Whereof, the parties have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be executed as of the date of the last signature.

APPROVED

Namekagon River Partnership, Inc. Couderay Waters Regional Land Trust

By: _____ By: _____
Title: _____ Title: _____
Date: _____ Date _____

3. Trout Unlimited-Wild Rivers Chapter

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Namekagon River Partnership, Inc. (NRPJ

And

Trout Unlimited, Wild Rivers Chapter (TU)

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to formalize a multi-year relationship between the Namekagon River Partnership, Inc. and Trout Unlimited, Wild Rivers Chapter. This MOU establishes the general framework for collaboration between the parties to study, protect, preserve, and celebrate the Namekagon River, its watershed and its cold-water fishery, and to provide outreach education.

AGREEMENT

It is mutually agreed as follows:

A. A close working relationship between NRP and TU is mutually beneficial. Both NRP and TU will continue to be independent organizations.

B. NRP and TU will jointly develop an annual work plan in consultant with each other.

C. NRP and TU will research and develop fundraising strategies, collaborations and/or partnerships of mutual benefit.

D. NRP will provide a liaison to work with the TU Board of Directors as appropriate.

E. TU will provide a liaison to work with the NRP Board of Directors as appropriate.

F. The principle contacts for this MOU are:

• Namekagon River Partnership, Inc.

President - Board of Directors

PO Box 1349

Hayward, WI 54843

• Trout Unlimited, Wild Rivers Chapter

President - Board of Directors

G. This MOU may be canceled by either party 30 days after written notice.

In Witness Whereof, the parties have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be executed as of the date of the last signature.

APPROVED

Namekagon River Partnership, Inc. Trout Unlimltd, Wild Rivers Chapter

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By: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____ Date:

4. US Forest Service

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between The
NAMEKAGON RIVER PARTNERSHIP, Inc.
And The
USDA, FOREST SERVICE
CHEQUAMEGON-NICOLET NATIONAL FOREST**

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) is hereby made and entered into by and between the Namekagon River Partnership, hereinafter referred to as "NRP," and the USDA, Forest Service, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, hereinafter referred to as the "U.S. Forest Service."

Background:

The U.S. Forest Service is charged with connecting people to the land. Through partnerships and collaboration the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest has been linking people to the land through conservation education, monitoring, recreation, and research for decades. The Northern Great Lake Visitor Center (NGLVC) is a prime example of how the U.S. Forest Service focuses and connects individuals to the land. The NGLVC is a newly designated Children's Forest site with an emphasis on developing the next generation of diverse hires for outdoor occupations. The U.S. Forest Service is also developing other sites for conservation education, monitoring, and research, such as Forest Lodge near Cable.

The Mission of the Namekagon River Partnership is: Dedicated to supporting, promoting, and providing activities that enhance stewardship, awareness, and enjoyment of the Namekagon River, and its watershed. NRP works cooperatively with local citizens and businesses, governmental agencies, and non-profit organizations that share its interests in conserving the fishery and the plant and animal habitat of the Namekagon River. A substantial purpose of being incorporated is to support the protection or improvement of the Namekagon River and its tributaries for the benefit of the general public.

Title: Memorandum of Understanding between the Namekagon River Partnership and the U.S. Forest Service, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this agreement is to document the cooperation between the parties to employ an effective and a coordinated effort to utilize each other's resources across jurisdictional boundaries with the objectives of connecting people to the land. The specific provisions outlining this cooperation between the NRP and U.S. Forest Service are described herein.

II. STATEMENT OF MUTAL BENEFIT AND INTERESTS:

The U.S. Forest Service protects, enhances, restores, and manages the resources on the 193 million acres that comprise the National Forests and Grasslands. The U.S. Forest Service is directly involved in strategic watershed at the landscape level. This agreement focuses on conservation education that links people to the land of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. Additionally, in carrying out its mission, the U.S. Forest Service is responsible for increasing the knowledge, awareness and appreciation of the Nation's natural resources for all the diverse publics that it serves. This agreement benefits the agency by cooperatively, sharing of resources while providing additional exposure and training to students, many of whom have the potential to follow a natural resource course of study. Collaboration has become essential to fulfilling the U.S. Forest Service mission of "Caring for the land and serving people". Established in December 2011, The Namekagon River Partnership is 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. This citizen-volunteer organization strives to learn about, share information, and help protect and celebrate the Namekagon River. NRP initiates projects that engage our area's youth, assess our river and tributary streams, and promote river and watershed-oriented citizen-volunteer activities. NRP aspires to be positive and proactive voices of the river, by doing so we will increase the visibility of the river, retell its history, and advance a science-based discussion.

In consideration of the above premises, the parties agree as follows:

III. THE NAMEKAGON RIVER PARTNERSHIP SHALL:

A. Engage large numbers of students in coordinated programs related to furthering the public's understanding of the outdoors and natural resource management through partnerships with local agencies, non-profit organizations, and schools in ways that motivate people to both appropriately use and enjoy public lands and waterways and to consider service and careers with public land agencies as well as other organizations employing people in the outdoors.

B. Consider entering into specific agreements and annual work plans with the U.S. Forest Service.

C. Work cooperatively with the U.S Forest Service to convey information and education to the public concerning the use of federal lands, the natural and cultural resources contained within their boundaries and resource management policies.

D. Assist the U.S. Forest Service in conveying agency concerns to the public and encourage the environmentally-responsible and safe use of agency-administered and nearby land or related waters.

E. Work cooperatively with the U.S. Forest Service to conduct scientific research studies and monitoring that advance our collective understanding of resource management and to disseminate information from such studies as appropriate.

F. Work cooperatively with the Forest Service to recruit public participation in agency projects and initiatives, and encourage public comments on pending management decisions.

G. Work cooperatively with the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest to establish, maintain and manage positive partnerships with Forest Lodge, the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, Blackwell Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center, the Chequamegon Bay Area Partnership, and other potential future partnerships that may be in our common interests.

H. Work cooperatively with the U.S. Forest Service in efforts to convey information to the public regarding use of federal lands by people with disabilities. Limited opportunity, and other non-traditional audiences and to actively engage such audiences in outdoor activities on the Chequamegon-Nicolet Forest.

IV. THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE SHALL:

A. Provide publically available information to the Namekagon River Partnership on conservation and management issues and program initiatives, pertaining to agency administered land and water.

B. Advise Namekagon River Partnership of opportunities regarding education programs concerning safety, employment and responsible environmental behavior.

C. Facilitate the expansion of opportunities for outdoor education service projects and educational activities and collaborate, where appropriate, with Namekagon River Partnership to develop relationships to existing programs and new agency and interagency initiatives related to the goals of this MOU.

D. Provide information to the Namekagon River Partnership about youth engagement, employment and education and other efforts to develop a diverse and skilled workforce for federal agencies and partners and to seek to expand and coordinate these efforts, where possible, with

Namekagon River Partnership's programs to engage youth in America's Great Outdoors.

E. Provide guidance and leadership for planning, implementation and monitoring of any project undertaken pursuant to this MOU.

V. IT IS MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT:

A. Each party shall be solely responsible for the acts and omissions of its employees, agents, and contractors in the performance of this agreement or any subsidiary agreement hereto. Accordingly, Namekagon River Partnership shall indemnify and hold the United States harmless against all liabilities, claims for damages, suits, losses, and expenses by reason of injury to any person or property arising out of or connected with any act or omission arising from activities in pursuance of this agreement.

B. The Namekagon River Partnership will obtain prior approval of all press releases, published advertisements, or other statements intended for the public that refer to this agreement or to the U.S. Forest Service, or the name or title of any employee of the Federal parties in connections with this agreement.

C. The use, reproduction, copying, or redistribution of the other Party's brands, trademarks, and logo is strictly prohibited without written permission from the other Party.

D. Each party's brands, trademarks, and logos may not be used in any manner that expresses or might imply the other Party's affiliation, sponsorship, endorsement, certification, or approval, other than as contemplated by this Agreement.

E. All activities pursuant to this MOU shall be in compliance with the requirements of *Executive Order 11246*, as amended; *Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964*, as amended, (78 Stat. 252; 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d et seq.); *Title V, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973*, as amended, (87 Stat 394; 29 U.S.C §794); the *Age Discrimination Act of 1975* (89 Stat. 728; U.S.C. §§ 6101 et seq.); and with all other federal laws and regulations prohibiting, discrimination on grounds of race, color, sexual orientation, national origin, disabilities, religion, age, or sex.

F. PRINCIPAL CONTACTS. Individuals listed below are authorized to act in their respective areas for matters related to this agreement.

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**Principal Cooperator Contacts:
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City, State, Zip: Ashland, WI, 54806
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Cooperator Administrative Contact

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Additional Letters of Support- M. Wolter/WDNR; D. Dums/Lenroot; D. Berge/Wild Rivers' Trout Unlimited; R. Engelstad/COLA; L. Heim/CWRLT; C. Mayberry/Sawyer County- separate attachments, which follow.

Articles of Incorporation and IRS exemption letter also follow as separate attachments.

Completed and signed , Form 8700-283, Lake Management Grant Application (pages 1-4), precedes this attachment.

Any additional questions regarding this application contact – Frank Pratt : 1-715-934-2411 (residence, land-line)/ 1-715-599-0537 (cell)/ fpratt32@gmail.com (email)

This application was hand- carried and delivered to Alex Smith at WDNR/Spooner on 1/28/2013.



16 January, 2014

To: Alex Smith, WDNR, Lake Grant Coordinator

From: Couderay Waters Regional Land Trust

Subject: Endorsement of Namekagon River Partnership's (NRP) Watershed Education Project

The Couderay Waters Regional Land Trust (CWRLT) enthusiastically endorses funding of the NRP Watershed Education project. We like the way that their project will directly contact landowners in the watershed, especially those on cold-water tributary streams and lakeshores.

It is our hope that informed and educated landowners will then be increasingly receptive to CWRLT conservation efforts to protect buffer zones, conserve ground-water, minimize run-off, and other best management practices. We believe that the future of our lakes (and really all water) is dependent on a healthy watershed, and land management should be finely integrated with water management.

Both groups share this watershed vision and have formalized that focus via an existing MOU. We are comfortable with our relationship, and have found NRP to be a group easy to work with.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Louise Heim'.

Louise Heim- President, CWRLT

25 January, 2014

To: Alex Smith, WDNR, Lake Grant Coordinator

From: Trout Unlimited, Wild Rivers Chapter

Subject: Endorsement of Namekagon River Partnership's (NRP) Watershed Education Project

We enthusiastically endorse funding of the NRP Watershed Education project. We like that their project will directly contact land-owners in the watershed, especially those on cold-water tributary streams and lakeshores. We have asked NRP to pay special attention to beaver control and forest type on cold-water tributaries, as recommended by the Fisheries Management Plan (NPS, 2004). We also like the upgrades in design-a-fish, the integrated hands on watershed model, and the watershed place-mat. When these tools are fully developed, TU will use them. Our experience with public education and outreach is that the direct, personal, hands-on approach is a powerful communication tool.

TU believes, that future of rivers and trout streams is dependent on a healthy watershed: Land management should be finely integrated with water management. Both groups share this watershed vision and have formalized that focus via an existing MOU.

Fund NRP's Watershed Education project, it is money well spent on things which really count.

Sincerely,

Dick Berge, President Wild Rivers Chapter

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January 25, 2014

To: Alex Smith/WDNR Spooner

Subject: Support for Namekagon River Partnership's Watershed Education Grant

I support the small scale lake grant being advanced by the Namekagon River Partnership . The NRP proposal integrates well with Lenroot's Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Lenroot looks forward to working with NRP to promote land and water stewardship in the Namekagon, Totogatic, and Nelson Lake watersheds.

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Dan Dums, Town Chairman, Lenroot

January 25, 2014

To: Alex Smith/WDNR Spooner

Subject: Support for Namekagon River Partnership's Watershed Education Grant

I support the Namekagon River Partnership's small scale lake grant for watershed education. It appears to integrate well with Sawyer County's progressive land and waters programs. We look forward to working with NRP on future stewardship issues in the Namekagon and Upper Couderay River watersheds.


Kris Mayberry, Sawyer County Clerk