



# Lumberjack Grant Application

**PROJECT TITLE: Headwaters Cedar Community Forest (HCCF)**

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***Mission Statement:** Lumberjack Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc., a multi-county, nonprofit in Northeastern WI, strives to enhance area natural resources, promote a higher standard of living and improve the quality of life for area citizens by fostering partnerships between public and private sectors and strategically investing in area natural resources.*

**SUMMARY:** Review the Lumberjack Mission Statement above. How does your project align with Lumberjack’s mission? Be specific. The more alignment points, the better your project is viewed.

Answer: Northwoods Alliance is a 501c3 partner organization to Partners in Forestry Cooperative and the two organizations share office space and several board members. Northwoods Alliance (NWA) Community Forest is a project with a very strong fit to the Lumber Jack mission. Engaging the Community around the enhancement of natural resources is the heart of the Community Forest model, and the very spirit NWA embraces in their efforts. With this proposal we seek support of this program while mentioning two projects, however priority is Headwaters Cedar.

Improve quality of life: The Northwoods Alliance Community Forest (NWA-CF) program invests in forest resources, habitat and water protection while opening the lands to non-motorized public uses. The diverse forest types will offer incredible educational opportunities around sustainable forest management and resource conservation. The local economy is based on tourism and forest products and the Community Forest model supports both. Many people have lost connection to natural resources as the northern forests suffer intensive forest fragmentation. Connecting people to natural resource sustainability is the very spirit of the Community Forest model. Community Forests grant conservation agency directly to the community members as interested folks become stakeholders in the future of the forest.

Public-private partnership: The Headwaters Cedar Community Forest (HCCF) is an inholding within the Northern Highland State Forest, with strong support from WDNR Forestry and a diverse list of other organizations, a partnership is intact including public and private interests. The USFS Community Forest Program grant to a local non-profit for HCCF showcases the public-private partnership. And proudly, the grant supports the local community by retaining local control. The Upper WI River Bird Habitat (UWRBH) links the Upper Wisconsin River Legacy Forest to state and county forest lands, and provides better access than now exists to the habitat of two SNAs and can

provide excellent access to a public owned Forest parcel that has no road frontage. IT is the only logical management access to an adjoining Vilas County Forest parcel. The national forest is only ¾ mile east.

Conservation that works by: Engaging the public in management of a working forest. Protecting resources and habitat. Promoting sustainable management by offering a venue for education and recreation. By recognizing economic, social and intrinsic benefits along with environmental.

**OBJECTIVES:** What problems, concerns or opportunities will this project address? You will be asked to show how your objectives were met when you present your follow-up presentation to the Council.

Answer: Forest fragmentation is presenting a serious threat to the region's environment through conversion of intact forest habitat to other uses. While HCCF is only 200 acres, and UWRBH only 191 acres; this is a small but significant mitigation to a much larger problem. The community forest will directly address the issue head on. Using the old adage: 'Think globally and act locally' engaging people in sustainable forest management and conservation is a major step in the right direction. In 2021, 23 species in the USA were removed from the Endangered Species list, because they are now extirpated. To those who know the connection of nature to sustain humanity, this is shocking. We refuse to accept this fact as normal and feel compelled to act. The NWA-CF is a positive local action. Many residents and visitors to the area have lost connection to the natural resources, as their favorite hunting places become posted and developed, logging contractors become builders and the aesthetic value of the Northwoods to the tourism industry becomes degraded. Even on only 191 & 200 acres, these Vilas County projects confront the problem on a larger scale by engaging the community and showcasing not only the problem but also solutions. Since 2014 the UW Center for Cooperatives has supported the conservation educational efforts of Northwoods Alliance Inc.- Partners in Forestry Coop. The HCCF, with its resource diversity, lends itself as an ideal location for sustainable forestry and natural resource education and additionally the UWRBH will be a boost to birding enthusiasts, while protecting T&E in the pine barrens.

These projects are within the very heart of the ecologically significant region known as the Border Lakes, located in northern Wisconsin along the border with the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The Border Lakes region is heavily forested, and over 100 glacial-origin lakes are connected by a network of pristine, freshwater streams and wetlands which support abundant and diverse wildlife. According to the Wisconsin Wildlife Action Plan and Wisconsin Land Legacy report, this area is globally significant, and is the best opportunity in Wisconsin to conserve closed canopy forests and the habitats it provides.

The HCCF Project is our priority, and an incredible opportunity to advance the conservation of several very important and unique natural features. This project protects a very scenic 200-acre property where visitors can experience white cedar developing into old growth, incredible biodiversity of species and forest structure, wetland habitat filtering headwater streams, vernal pools, documented rare flora and fauna including rare orchids and two protected birds. A HCCF will enhance the integrity of other protected lands in the Border Lakes, as it is surrounded by the Northern Highland State Forest, and in close proximity to State Natural Areas, Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, Nature Conservancy Tenderfoot Reserve, and the University of Notre Dame Environmental Research Center, with the Ottawa National Forest only two miles north. This proposed HCCF features headwaters feeder streams of the Ontonagon River, which subsequently flows into Lake Superior. However, HCCF is located at a juncture of a subcontinental watershed divide; water to the immediate south west flows to the Manitowish (Flambeau-Chippewa) River, south east flow to the Wisconsin River (both Mississippi tributaries), and further east water flows to Lake Michigan via the Brule-Menomonee River. The HCCF is located in an EPA-USFS priority area of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, titled: Habitat Connectivity Pilot Area of

Western Lake Superior, a fact that likely played well in obtaining the increasingly competitive USFS Community Forest Program grant.

Likewise, the UWRBH project hosts T&E on globally significant pine barrens, sits on the Wisconsin River Headwaters landscape in a designated Important Bird Area called the Upper Wisconsin Wetland Pines. The same habitat as Spruce Grouse Swamp and Haymeadow Creek State Natural Areas while fronting two blacktop roads for incredible access. The project connects other protected lands and protects the headwaters of the WI River.

Additionally, opening these projects to public use, will provide excellent opportunity for non-motorized recreation and access to these unique ecosystems, and the ideal locations also makes for a favorite destination for residents and visitors.

**Objectives of HCCF & UWRBH:**

- Protect habitat with rare flora & fauna
- Protect the beginning of two different watersheds
- Open 391-acres to traditional forest uses and natural resource-based education
- Maintain the integrity of the state forest and other protected lands
- Engage the community by granting conservation agency to those participating
- Continue to be an equal opportunity provider, recognizing not all people own land
- Utilize federal conservation funds to benefit Vilas County while keeping local control

**FORMULATION & EVALUATION:** Why is this project the best way to address the issues described above? How will the outcome be evaluated? Be specific – outcomes that can be measured are viewed more favorably.

Answer: In 2020 Northwoods Alliance completed its first true community forest with the Wildcat Falls Community Forest in the upper peninsula west of Watersmeet. We are very proud to manage a forest in the federal Community Forestry registry. The level of good will around the project has been very gratifying, proving this form of conservation is effective. The community forest has become a destination. A recent outing at Wildcat Falls by the Northwoods Native Plant Society was well attended and education of botany and geology brought sincere interest from two dozen attendees. This is only a small example of the incredible warmth the Community Forest spirit brings to communities; by bridging economic, social, cultural and political divides which are otherwise increasingly driving a wedge between area residents.

Protecting these as Community Forests, experiencing people of diverse interests benefitting from the project while protecting rare flora, fauna and clean water is a stark evaluation. An elder from the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa commented when viewing HCCF photos “There is medicine in those woods and it needs to be protected for the health of future generations”.

Whether the tribal elder’s comment was meant figuratively, literally or both, we must, as a community, protect these special habitats for future generations. The landscape is changing around us, furthering the climate and extinction crises. Collectively, we must act. The perpetual conservation of these parcels will offer numerous benefits to the region now and into the future.

A Headwaters Cedar Community Forest will recognize flora, fauna & people:

- Open 200-acres to non-motorized public use
- Protect 50 acres old age cedar, and pockets of hemlock, yellow birch as legacy trees
- Provide clean water to a Lake Superior tributary
- Shield a critical wildlife area with rare species
- Foster respect for other protected lands
- Maintain ecological harmony in the Border Lakes

- Engage the wider community as beneficiaries of a USFS grant
- Keep control and decisions local

The Upper WI River Bird Habitat has similar objectives on different habitat with mostly young forest, and on a neighboring watershed but similar public benefits.

The evaluation can be easiest made by comparing to the likely outcome if we fail to protect these parcels. Frankly, within five years these parcels are most likely doomed to fragmentation, parcelization and further conversion to non-forest uses. The conversion to non-forest uses trend in Vilas County has been rampant for decades and further accelerated the past few years. Forested parcels are purchased, parceled, improperly managed and developed, inviting further destruction of forest lands. Both these projects are in prime locations fronting on county roads and certain to suffer this fate.

Maintaining these ecologically endowed properties, opening them to public uses and education, and guiding sustainable management of the resources is the crux of the evaluation when compared to the alternative.

**ASSISTANCE NEEDED:** Why is assistance needed from Lumberjack? Who within your organization will run the project? Describe the assistance you are receiving from other partners. Include Letters of Support as outlined in Lumberjack’s Granting Policy.

Answer: Project Team and Partners

Lumber Jack RC&D has a history with us through Partners in Forestry and is a very logical partner in this community effort. Our collective missions align very well, and the community would benefit from the RC&D experience, expertise, advice and collaboration to the list below.

Partner organizations supporting the HCCF proposal will assist its completion.

The Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa has pledged its natural resource team to assist in biotic inventory and writing the management plan. The Town of Land O Lakes, in their encouraging support letter, thanked us for educating the public on natural resources and providing places for their experiences. The Upper Peninsula Environmental Coalition granted \$10,000 to the HCCF project and offered help in formulating a plan and collecting inventory. Partners in Forestry Coop is a long-time partner of NWA, their forest involvement is paramount to Community Forests. Wisconsin Green Fire has supplied their wildlife biologist to assist. The Land O Lakes Fish & Game Club has pledged help with trail development. Northwoods Native Plant Society volunteers have conducted site evaluation and will continue to assess native flora. Northwoods Land Trust and Keweenaw Land Trust have offered technical assistance. The University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives annual award in April 2022 included ‘Advancing Headwaters Cedar Community Forest’ and extending forest conservation outreach as two of three priorities. WDNR Division of Forestry helped with baseline information and forwarded the application to the USFS with strong support. In addition, support letters are on file from, The Nature Conservancy of Wisconsin and Sustainable Resource Institute. Collectively the partners envision that the Headwaters Cedar Community Forest will help bridge a divide over State involvement in forest land management, as this project will prioritize community involvement and investment.

There is a long list of personnel who will be directly engaged with these projects. They represent a range of natural resource affiliations and backgrounds. Our active team includes the following:

Expertise in forest management-education: John Schwarzmans MS in Forestry and VP of NWA.

Expertise in aquatic resources: Casey Clark MS Marine Biology and NWA President, Rachel Hovel PHD Aquatic Ecology, Andre Virdan, Al Warren, Rick Plonsky.

Expertise in wildlife: Ron Eckstein, Wildlife Biologist and representative for WI Green Fire.

Expertise in youth outreach and education: Maggie Scheffer and Robin Indermuehle.

Expertise in wildlife interactions, predators, and habitat: Nancy Warren NWA secretary.  
Expertise in native plants: Alex Graef, Rod Sharka, Steve Garske, Quita Sheehan, Native Plant Society.  
Expertise as landowner liaison and conservation: Joe Hovel is President of Partners in Forestry.  
Expertise in HCCF, volunteer caretaker: Lance Powalisz, current landowner.  
Expertise in conservation real estate: Richard Steffes (had 40-year career with WDNR).

Assistance is needed from Lumberjack to help assure the funding goal and we welcome the Lumberjack input and expertise in long term management. The USFS grant achieved in recent months is for approximately 46% of the appraisal value and associated closing costs.

**PROJECT OUTLINE & TIMETABLE:** List the project steps and expected completion dates. Could there be any possible roadblocks? If so, list them here.

Answer: Timetable: This timetable targets HCCF as this is the high priority project and has strong momentum currently. We recognize the UWRBH may take longer, and has a more patient owner.  
*Fall 2021: negotiations with landowner, search title, collect data, achieve partners support.*  
*Jan. 2022: Submit Community Forest application to WDNR for review. (ask of \$210,000)*  
*Submit application to UPEC and begin **serious fundraising outreach.***  
*February: WDNR sends application to USFS with strong support.*  
*Submit request to UWCC including HCCF in priorities.*  
*March: Received award from UPEC and a UP based foundation.*  
*April: Received award from UWCC with 'Advancing HCCF' one of three priorities.*  
*June: USFS inquired as to ready status, delayed HCCF from initial announcement.*  
*July: Received \$25,000 from the Weeden Foundation to conserve Border Lakes Bird Habitat.*  
*Wrote request to KN-Stewardship Program (long shot - JFC opposition to conservation in the north)*  
*USFS again inquires of ready status. Asks if we can get HCCF completed with \$200,000 (\$10,000 less than our request)*  
*August: Formal \$200,000 award from USFS. Fill forms, complete civil rights interviews with USFS.*  
*Hire appraiser*  
Sept.-Dec.: Complete appraisals. Continue fundraising, outreach and engage community for support. Obtain formal purchase agreement with land owner. Launch UWRBH project to public.  
Jan.-June 2023: Continue fundraising, acquire final title work and schedule closing on HCCF.  
July: Complete closing of HCCF and paper work.  
August-September: Complete HCCF management plan. Send thank you letters and press releases.  
Possible roadblocks. A stalling of fundraising is a concern. Fundraising is never easy and in this time of inflation and poor investment performance it is more difficult than normal. However, so far, we are close to our predicted timing for fund accumulation and we continue to request support such as through this application. Ideally the K-N Stewardship Program would be a match for the federal grant. However political opposition to land conservation makes that a heavy lift.  
Currently the momentum remains strong and we humbly request your support and partnership in creating Community Forests!

**BUDGET:** Complete the attached Budget Form. Remember the 50% match value requirement with 15% of the match being cash. List each match donor in the 'Match' column and submit a corresponding Letter of Support with specific value of in-kind/services or cash for the project for which funds are being asked.  
Note: This form is available in excel online at: <https://lumberjackrcd.org/projects>

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**Headwaters Cedar Community Forest (HCCF)  
Landscape - 201 Acres  
Vilas County - Town of Land O' Lakes  
Locator Map  
Scale 1:55,000**

**Legend**

**DOT\_ROADS**

- US Highway
- State Highway
- County Highway

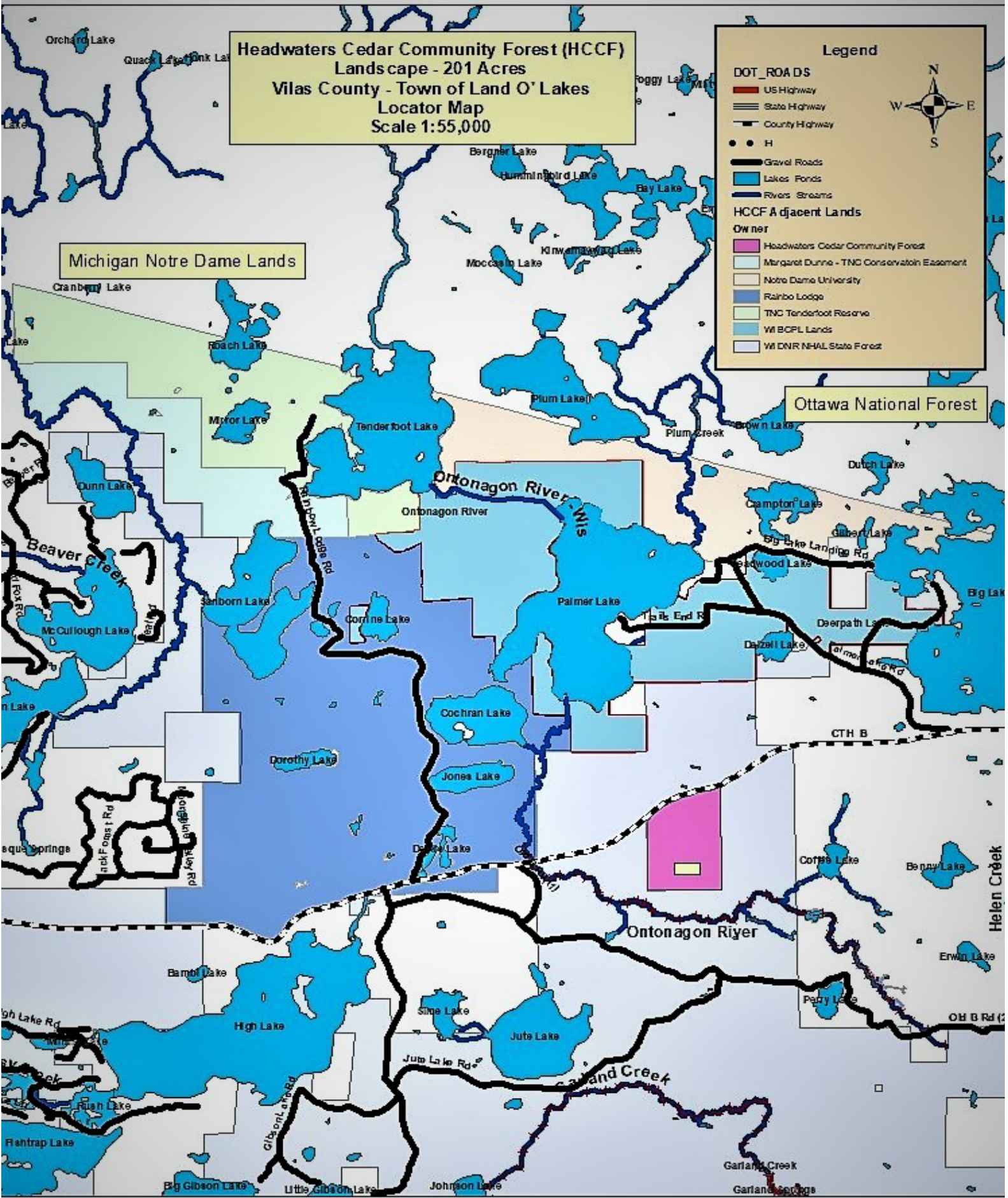
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- Gravel Roads
- Lakes, Ponds
- Rivers, Streams

**HCCF Adjacent Lands**

**Owner**

- Headwaters Cedar Community Forest
- Margaret Dunne - TNC Conservation Easement
- Notre Dame University
- Rainbo Lodge
- TNC Tenderfoot Reserve
- WI BCPL Lands
- WI DNR NHAL State Forest



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# LUMBERJACK BUDGET FORM



PrC Headwaters Cedar Community Forest

Starting Project Date

Ending Project Date **1**

1/1/2022

10/30/2023

Income (SPECIFY)	Cash	Match (Cash & In-Kind) <b>2,3</b>	Total
YOUR Request of Lumberjack RC&D	\$10,000		\$ 10,000.00
USFS Community Forest Program		\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
Weeden Foundation		\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Upper Peninsula Environmental Coalition		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
J&J Watermolen Foundation		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
John C Bock Foundation		\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Boulder Junction Community & We energies Fdns.		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Northwoods Alliance Inc. Land Conservation Initiative		\$90,000	\$ 90,000.00
Need to raise as of 11-3-22		\$60,000	\$ 60,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 413,000.00	\$ 423,000.00

Percent of Match=Match Total/Lumberjack Request **4130%**

LJ Percent of Total = YOUR LJ Request/Total Expenses **2%**

General Expenses (SPECIFY & include Match expenses)		
Acquisition Headwaters Cedar Community Forest	\$	410,000.00
Appraisal	\$	4,000.00
title, legal	\$	6,000.00
MFL CPW	\$	1,000.00
Community Forest Management Plan	\$	2,000.00
Expense Item	\$	-
Expense Item	\$	-
Expense Item	\$	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$	423,000.00
<b>NET <b>4</b></b>	\$	-

- 1** Lumberjack Project funds are available for one year from the date of the approval notice
- 2** Match Value must equal at least 50% of the Lumberjack Request and 15% must be in cash  
Volunteer Services=\$15/hour & Professional Services=current hourly wage
- 3** A Letter of Support is required for all match partners listed above and must include a description and value of service.
- 4** Explain a **NET** balance other than Zero (\$0.00) in the box below:





## John C. Bock Foundation

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September 9, 2022

The Northwoods Alliance Incorporated  
Attn: Joe Hovel, Director  
6063 Baker Lake Rd.  
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Dear Mr. Hovel:

I am pleased to inform you that the Trustees of the John C. Bock Foundation (the “Foundation”), have approved a grant in the amount of \$15,000 (the “Grant”) to The Northwoods Alliance Incorporated (the “Grantee”). The Grant is intended to support the protection of a 200-acre property where visitors experience developing old growth, a biodiversity of species and forest structure, wetland habitat filtering headwater streams, vernal pools, documented rare flora and fauna, and two protected birds (the “Project”). The Grant funds, and income earned thereon (collectively, the “Grant Funds”), are to be used in accordance with the proposal dated May 31, 2022 (the “Approved Proposal”).

Payment of the Grant will be made after receipt by the Foundation of a copy of this letter (this “Agreement”) countersigned by an authorized officer of the Grantee. To facilitate your receipt of the Grant, please indicate on the countersigned copy of this Agreement the name of the person in your organization to whom the check should be sent.

The Grant is subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Use of Grant Funds. The Foundation encourages, whenever feasible, the deposit of Grant Funds in an interest-bearing account. The Grant Funds may be expended only for charitable, religious, scientific, literary, or educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations thereunder (collectively, the “Code”). This Grant is made only for such purposes. The Grant Funds shall be used to support the Project, and it is understood that the Grant Funds will be used for such purpose in accordance with the Approved Proposal. It also is understood that no

substantial variances will be made from the Approved Proposal without the Foundation's prior approval in writing.

2. Return of Unused Funds. Any Grant Funds not expended or committed for the purposes of the Grant by September 30, 2023, shall be returned to the Foundation.

3. Required Reports. A written report, signed by an appropriate officer of the Grantee (the "Report"), must be furnished to the Foundation no later than **March 31, 2023**. The Report must include (1) a short narrative of the activities financed by the grant, including a description of the progress made by the Grantee toward achieving the purposes of the Grant, and (2) a financial statement showing all Grant Funds received and expended as well as the purposes of such expenditures. The Report does not guarantee that future grants will be awarded, however, as the Foundation reviews grant proposals independently each year. Failure to submit the Report required hereunder may result in (a) termination of the Grant, and (b) loss of any future funding by the Foundation to the Grantee.

4. Evaluation and Monitoring. The Foundation may monitor and conduct an evaluation of operations under the Grant, which may include a visit from Foundation Trustees or other personnel to observe the Grantee's use of the Grant Funds, discuss such use with Grantee personnel, and review financial and other records and materials relating to the activities financed by the Grant.

5. Publicity. The Foundation may include basic information about the Grant in its public reports and may also refer to the Grant in a press release. If there are special considerations concerning the public announcement of the Grant, or if you would like to coordinate a public announcement of the Grant with the Foundation's announcement, we encourage you to contact Martin Childs IV to discuss your concerns.

6. Tax Status. By countersigning this Agreement, the Grantee confirms that (a) it has been determined by the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") to be an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, (b) it has been determined by the IRS to be a public charity described in Section 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) of the Code, and (c) these determinations have not been revoked or modified and continue in full force and effect. If either of these determinations is revoked or modified, the Grantee shall notify the Foundation immediately. No payment shall be required to be made at any time after the Grantee ceases to be an organization that is described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code and is further classified as a public charity described in Section 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) of the Code.

7. Compliance with U.S. Law. By countersigning this Agreement, the Grantee agrees that it will comply with all applicable U.S. laws.

8. Termination. Failure to comply with any term of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, the reporting requirements set forth herein, may result in termination of the Grant and require the return of all Grant Funds to the Foundation, each within the sole discretion of the Foundation. The Foundation reserves the right to terminate this Agreement if, in its sole discretion,

the Foundation determines that the Grantee has made any misrepresentations, has in any way misappropriated Grant Funds, or has failed to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The Foundation shall be entitled to a return of any misappropriated Grant Funds up to and including the full amount of the Grant.

9. Entire Agreement and Amendment. This Agreement sets forth all terms of the Grant and replaces all prior understandings and agreements, oral or written, with respect to the Grant. Any modification or amendment of this Agreement must be in writing and signed by each of the Grantee and the Foundation.

10. Headings. The headings in this Agreement are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered part of, or affect the interpretation of, this Agreement.

11. Governing Law and Venue. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the internal laws, and not the laws of conflicts, of the State of Wisconsin, and any claims or causes of action shall be adjudicated exclusively in the courts of the State of Wisconsin.

If this Agreement correctly sets forth your understanding of the terms of the Grant, please indicate your agreement to such terms by having this Agreement countersigned by an authorized officer of your organization and returned to the Foundation to the attention of Martin Childs.

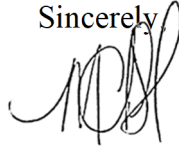
The countersigned Agreement and future summaries should be submitted to:

Quarles & Brady LLP  
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c/o Martin Childs IV  
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Chicago, IL 60654  
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This Agreement may be executed and delivered in one or more counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be deemed to be an original and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute one and the same agreement. To the extent signed and delivered by means of a facsimile machine or other means of electronic transmission, this Agreement shall be treated in all manner and respects and for all purposes as an original and shall have the same binding legal effect as if it were the original signed version thereof delivered in person.

Thank you for your submission. We wish you success.

Sincerely



Martin Childs IV,  
on behalf of the Trustees of the  
JOHN C. BOCK FOUNDATION

**ACCEPTED AND AGREED:**

Grantee: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment check should be mailed to the attention of:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Fiscal Year 2022 Community Forest Program Funded Projects

Final Rank	State	Project Name	Acres	Entity Type	Funding
1	AK	Potter Marsh Watershed Community Forest	303	Local Gov't	\$600,000
2	NH	Shelburne Valley Community Forest	2,717	Non-Profit	\$600,000
3	MT	Mount Dean Stone Community Forest	1,040	Non-Profit	\$600,000
4	NY	Lanford Woods Community Forest	519	Non-Profit	\$326,000
5	CA	Pomo Community Forest	21	Tribal Gov't	\$358,000
6	WA	South Conboy Lake Property - Mt. Adams Community Forest	800	Non-Profit	\$600,000
7	NH	Wilson Community Forest	40	Local Gov't	\$600,000
8	NC	Little Pisgah Labs Community Forest	225	Non-Profit	\$475,000
9	ME	Penobscot Community Forest	206	Non-Profit	\$326,000
10	WA	North Kitsap Divide Community Forest	459	Non-Profit	\$591,000
11	ME	Kezar Corridor Community Forest	1,310	Non-Profit	\$200,000
12	WI	Headwaters Cedar Community Forest	200	Non-Profit	\$200,000
<b>Total Acreage</b>			<b>7,840</b>		
Project Subtotal					\$5,476,000
Technical Assistance Funds					\$24,000
<b>Total Funding</b>					<b>\$5,500,000</b>

# **Community Forest Program**

## **Fiscal Year 2022 Project Descriptions**

### **Potter Marsh Community Forest, Anchorage, Alaska**

In Anchorage, Alaska, more than 300 acres of intact coastal forest, salmon streams, trails and animal habitat will be protected within minutes of downtown Anchorage. The project supports recreation and traditional uses (including food and raw materials for craftspeople) for metropolitan Anchorage residents. Recreation on the project will support ongoing community efforts to address public health by giving access to a new trail network in a safe and accessible location for exercise.

### **Shelburne Valley Community Forest, Coos County, New Hampshire**

This 2,717-acre project connects the community to surrounding public lands, including a State Forest, the FY22 funded Forest Legacy/Androscoggin Corridor project and the White Mountain National Forest, and buffers 2.6 miles of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. Ongoing sustainable management of the forest will support forestry jobs in a rural community as well as increase tourism opportunities. The project also preserves current recreational uses which include hunting, biking, walking, and access to the Androscoggin River for paddlers and anglers. Accessible, outdoor recreation areas are a low cost and extremely effective way to provide health benefits.

### **Mount Dean Stone Community Forest, Missoula, Montana**

This project is 1,040 acres and provides valuable connection to other conserved and public lands in the area. Missoula is rapidly growing and developing, and this project will provide outdoor recreation opportunities to residents, contribute to the recreation economy in the region, and be used for fire prevention and educational opportunities. With the participation and guidance of Summit Independent Living, a local nonprofit that builds awareness and advocates for change on behalf of people who live with disabilities, project partners have installed wheelchair-accessible trails adjacent to the Mt. Dean Stone Community Forest and are improving trailhead infrastructure to provide universal access to existing roadbeds for people of all abilities.

### **Lanford Woods Community Forest, Rensselaer County, New York**

This 519-acre project located within a two-to-three-hour drive from New York City and Boston is desirable for second home development. The project protects hunting and recreation areas at risk of loss to development. The project contributes to a larger landscape conservation initiative and will be acquired by a nonprofit that has a strong track record having previously developed the Dorothy's Equal Access Trail at the Poestenkill Community Forest (funded 2014) and the Homestead Trail at the Albert Family Community Forest (Funded 2016), which were featured in the March 2021 Upstate Alliance for the Creative Economy's list of 10 Can't Miss Walking Trails in Rensselaer County. These trails were envisioned, planned, and implemented by the community forests and their volunteers.

### **Pomo Community Forest, Potter Valley Tribe, California**

The Pomo Community Forest will bring 21 acres of ancestral tribal lands back to the Potter Valley Tribe near Fort Bragg, California. It is also within the former boundary of the Mendocino Indian Reservation established in 1856. This reservation was discontinued and opened for

settlement in 1869, leaving local tribes without lands. This acquisition by the Tribe will allow for traditional practices and land management while increasing public access to outdoor recreation in the area. The property is adjacent to the California Coastal Trail, which is planned to be an interconnected public trail system that will span over 1,230 miles from Oregon to Mexico.

#### **South Conboy Lake/Mount Adams Community Forest, Klickitat County, Washington**

Adds 800 acres of working forest land to the Mount Adams Community Forest in rural Klickitat County, providing important forest sector jobs in an area of the state with high unemployment. Mount Adams Resource Stewards established a stewardship crew that has grown to sustain 10 seasonal jobs for local residents. This new acquisition is expected to increase local economic impacts of the community forest. This project also restores long standing public access to community members for hunting, fishing, wild mushroom harvesting and firewood gathering. Expansion of the Mount Adams Community Forest helps to maintain a viable working forest land base.

#### **Wilson Community Forest, Town of Stoddard, New Hampshire**

Creates a 40-acre community forest in the small rural community of Stoddard for recreation including hiking, fishing and birding, outdoor experiential learning, and an outdoor gathering space for the community. Though Highland Lake is a major attraction and attractive recreational resource, there is very limited public access for people living in nearby communities. Most of shoreline is in private hands. The project secures public access to 4,000 feet of lake frontage, which will be publicly accessible. The forest will be owned by the town and managed for the benefit of the surrounding communities.

#### **Little Pisgah Labs Community Forest, Buncombe County, North Carolina**

This 224-acre community forest will provide a unique outdoor learning environment for the 13<sup>th</sup> largest public school system in North Carolina. Located just footsteps from a planned Career Technical and Education Campus, the campus will integrate classroom science curriculum with the forest's environmental resources. The forest also provides public access for hiking and paddling and conserves important headwater seeps and springs for the Rocky Broad River which flows through Chimney Rock State Park and into the popular tourist destination of Lake Lure.

#### **Penobscot Community Forest, Penobscot, Maine**

This community-driven effort will preserve public access for Tribes and residents that have historically used the property for hiking, hunting, and berrying. Located in the Wallamatogus Mountains, these high elevation forests are important for wildlife adaption in the face of climate change and offer panoramic views of Penobscot Bay. The 206-acre project will be owned by the Blue Hill Heritage Trust.

#### **North Kitsap Divide Community Forest, Kitsap County, Washington**

Creates opportunities for a new model of sustainable forestry and community employment in the rapidly developing urban growth area (greater Seattle area) of Kitsap County where over 220 jobs are directly tied to the timber industry. Permanent conservation of the 459-acre forest protects water quality for important tribal and commercial shellfish harvesting in Port Gamble and Mill Bays and secures public access for recreation, including the future Sound to Olympics Trail, a regionally significant trail.

**Kezar Corridor Community Forest, Maine**

This project will permanently protect over 1,300 acres of forests in western Maine that conserve wetlands, riparian areas, and the entire shoreline of a pond. An extensive motorized vehicle trail system on the project will provide easy access to a summit view and pond for those with mobility issues. Reducing barriers to engagement with the natural world for all is a key component of the applicant's mission.

**Headwaters Cedar Community Forest, Wisconsin**

Protects 200 acres with a diversity of forest types, wetlands, and rare plants in northern Wisconsin. With multiple public access points and half mile of road frontage along a county highway, the forest is easily accessible to the residents of the rural community. The project has strong local support including from the Lac Du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. As a community forest, community involvement, outreach, and investment will be prioritized.



J&J Watermolen grant 2022

Good morning Joe,

We are pleased to let you know that the James D and Jane P Watermolen Foundation Inc has approved \$10,000 to be used for the Headwaters Cedar Community Forest.

We will be getting the check out to you within a week or so.

Thank you for your work on this great project.

Jane Watermolen

Vice president/Secretary

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**From:** JANE WATERMOLEN <[jimjanewatermolen@msn.com](mailto:jimjanewatermolen@msn.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 1, 2022 8:27:07 AM

**To:** [nwa@nnex.net](mailto:nwa@nnex.net) <[nwa@nnex.net](mailto:nwa@nnex.net)>

**Subject:** Re: Northwoods Alliance

Thanks for checking in Joe.

We have submitted your request for funding to our Board of Directors for approval and should have an answer for you by sometime next week. This is definitely a worthwhile project.

Jane

Weeden Foundation 2022

Dear Mr. Hovel,

I am pleased to inform you that at their meeting, the Board of Directors of the Weeden Foundation voted to award Northwoods Alliance, Inc. a one-year grant of \$25,000.00 for the project as outlined in a proposal received by the Foundation.

The Foundation will make payment as follows: one installment of \$25,000.00 sent upon receipt of the signed grant agreement.

In order to receive your funds, you are required to:

1. [Log in](#) with your username ([logcabin@nnex.net](mailto:logcabin@nnex.net)) and password.
2. Once logged in you will be on the Applicant Dashboard.
3. Below your application, you will see that it reads Grant Agreement - Summer 2022 . Click on the blue "Edit" link to the right to access the form. You can save the form as often as you need but remember to submit by the due date (08/05/2022 11:45 PM EDT).

Your award information can be viewed by logging into our online grant system, and viewing the decision details, as located underneath your request on your dashboard.

**Note:** Funds will be released within two weeks of your signed grant agreement submission. **Received 7-12-22**

If you have any questions, please contact me at [mekennedy@weedenfoundation.org](mailto:mekennedy@weedenfoundation.org).

Sincerely,

Peggy Kennedy

Foundation Administrator

Weeden Foundation **Applicant Information**

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**Organization: Northwoods Alliance, Inc.**

Form Name: Grant Agreement - Summer 2022

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Project Name: Headwaters Cedar Community Forest



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February 26, 2022

Joe Hovel  
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Dear Joe,

Congratulations! Your application is one of several successful projects to be funded by a 2022 Upper Peninsula Environmental Coalition Community Conservation Grant. The award is for \$10,000.

What's not to like in this application! An inholding in a state forest in the Wisconsin and Michigan borderland will become a Community Forest, accessible to the public. The conservation values of this proposed CF are carefully mapped out in timber stands and wildlife and plant habitats. Forty-nine acres of white cedar lend the tract its name; also important are seed-origin white pine, mature aspen, orchids, and mountain maple. Overall, this is an exemplary application, well deserving of full UPEC support.

**Before we can disburse your grant, you must complete our Grant Acceptance Form at <https://www.upenvironment.org/grant-acceptance-form>.** If everything on the form is in order, we will disburse your grant on or before the date you indicate therein. Otherwise, we will contact you to resolve any questions.

On March 11 UPEC will hold its Annual General Membership Meeting, virtually, in connection with our 2022 Celebrate the U.P. event. The 2022 UPEC Grant winners will be announced at this meeting. We would like each of the grantees to participate, virtually, through a two-minute video that highlights one image as well as a brief description of your project. Can you pull that off? You could either make this presentation "live" or else pre-record it and send it to UPEC Vice President Evan Zimmermann ([evan.zimmermann@gmail.com](mailto:evan.zimmermann@gmail.com)). Details of the event are at <https://upenvironment.org/2022-celebrate-the-up>.

By year's end we would also appreciate a brief report describing how the UPEC funds were used, and how the project is progressing.

Best of luck, on behalf of the UPEC Board,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon L. Saari".

Jon Saari  
for the Community Conservation Grants committee



October 17, 2022

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Conover, WI 54519

Dear Joe:

The Boulder Junction Community Foundation recognized the work and efforts your committee has put forth to help conserve and maintain the beauty of the Northwoods through sustainable forestry and we commend you. We love the idea of this area someday becoming a natural area open to the public in which anyone can enjoy. At its October 17, 2022 meeting, the Foundation approved a grant to Northwoods Alliance, Inc of \$1000 contingent on acquiring the property within 24 months – a requirement per our grant by-laws.

When your acquisition is confirmed, please notify us and we will send the \$1000 grant.

The Boulder Junction Community Foundation represents a significant financial commitment by many individuals in the Boulder Junction area toward the community's enrichment.

We enjoy partnering with you to enhance Boulder Junction and the surrounding area.

Sincerely,

John Altschwager, President

Boulder Junction Community Foundation

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To: Northwoods Alliance, Incorporated 9/2/2022

We Energies Foundation, Inc.

INVOICE NUMBER	DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	DISCOUNT	NET AMOUNT
	9/1/2022	Headwaters Cedar Community Forest	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
		<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>

Northwoods Alliance Inc.  
6063 Baker Lake Rd  
Conover WI 54519



Dear Board,

By unanimous approval of the board of directors in Dec. 2021, I was given full reign of the fundraising with regard for the Headwaters Cedar Community Forest project, assuming constant communication with John, Casey and Rick– the four of us comprising the HCCF committee- and with transparency and updates, to the board at major steps.

The funds raised so far for HCCF have been extremely transparent in regards to continual communication with the board. As of the end of calendar year 2022, our account at the Incredible bank has ~ \$237,000, which is liquid in a single money market account. This includes all funds for HCCF as well as all of our other programs and education efforts.

Specifically, for HCCF and Border Lakes conservation in our Community Forest program we have raised and on hand in the above account: \$62,000 to date.

\$200,000 USFS and \$1000 Boulder Junction Community Fdn. are approved to be issued at closing. All other funds mentioned are liquid in the mentioned account.

When we started this HCCF fundraising in late 2021 we had ~ \$80,000 on hand, in this account. (This discussion does not include the Wildcat Falls Community Forest endowment held by the Community Foundation of the UP)

Discretionary funds which you are asked to allow for HCCF if needed Include the below.

**I am simply asking for your approval as board members to verify with Lumberjack RC&D for their grant which I am submitting on behalf of NWA, that**

1: The fund balance includes ~ \$90,000 which can be used for HCCF. This is over and above the \$62,000 specific to HCCF through the Weeden, UPEC, Watermolen, Bock and WE grants.

2: That we remain in the fundraising efforts to procure any viable grants, public or private, as well as continue the local fundraising outreach for HCCF and further community projects. We have made great progress on this and will continue to completion.

Respectfully,

Joe in presence of John, Joe Koehler, Mary.