**COVID & Land Stewardship Project**

**Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19**

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. The Land Stewardship Project (“LSP”) has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 at its events; however, LSP **cannot guarantee that you will not become infected with COVID-19**. Further, attendance and participation in an event could increase your risk of contracting COVID-19.

**READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING – INITIAL EACH PARAGRAPH**

In consideration for being permitted to visit LSP’s offices or attend a LSP event, I acknowledge, accept and agree to the following:

\_\_\_\_ INITIALS By signing this agreement, **I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by participation or attendance; and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death**. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at LSP may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, LSP’s employees, volunteers, and program participants and their families.

\_\_\_\_ INITIALS **I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I may experience or incur in connection with my participation and attendance at LSP.** I, on behalf of my heirs, assigns, spouse, partner, personal representatives and next of kin, hereby waive, release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless LSP, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from any suits, liabilities, claims, actions, loss, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of LSP, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation or attendance at LSP.

\_\_\_\_ INITIALS I agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless LSP from any loss, liability, cost, claim, and/or damages arising from use of the property or participation or attendance, including reasonable attorney’s fees.

\_\_\_\_ INITIALS I represent that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or illness I may suffer or cause, or else I agree to bear the costs of such injury or illness myself. I further represent that I have no medical or physical condition which could interfere with my ability to use and enjoy the property and activities, or else I am willing to assume – and bear the costs of — all risks that may be created, directly or indirectly, by any such condition.

\_\_\_\_ INITIALS In the event that I file a lawsuit, I agree to do so in the state where LSP is located, and I further agree that the substantive law of that state shall apply. I agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

\_\_\_\_ INITIALS **By signing this document, I agree that if I am exposed or infected by COVID-19, then I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against the parties being released on the basis of any claim for negligence.**

\_\_\_\_ INITIALS **I have had sufficient time to read this entire document and, should I choose to do so, consult with legal counsel prior to signing.** Also, I understand that use of the property and participation in the activities and attendance might not be made available to me or that the cost to engage in these activities would be significantly greater if I were to choose not to sign this release and agree that the opportunity to participate at the stated cost in return for the execution of this release is a reasonable bargain. **I have read and understood this document and I agree to be bound by its terms.**

\_\_\_\_ INITIALS If I have signed a separate general waiver of liability connected to my participation and attendance at LSP, I agree that the terms of that waiver are wholly incorporated into this document and that the terms of this document are incorporated into the separate general waiver.

**\_\_\_\_** INITIALS ***I agree that I will practice safe social distancing and clean hygiene during my participation at LSP.***

In accordance with Minnesota law, nothing in this Release and Waiver of Liability should be construed as releasing, discharging, or waiving any claims I may have for conduct that constitutes greater than ordinary negligence on the part of LSP or any other Releasee.

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

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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