

THE TEN MILE LAKE EASEMENT PROTECTS BALD EAGLE HABITAT.



A SHARED VISION FOR TEN MILE LAKE IS REALIZED

The Ten Mile Lake Association has donated a conservation easement protecting over 2,000 feet of undeveloped shoreline on a very popular recreation and fishing lake that is home to bald eagles, sandhill cranes, nesting trumpeter swans and red-necked grebes. The Cass County project adds to an existing Minnesota Land Trust conservation easement on Ten Mile Lake.

It is part of the Leech Lake Area Watershed, where population is predicted to increase 60% by 2030, according to Minnesota State Demographers.

Funding for the acquisition of this conservation easement has been provided by the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources. Specifically, this conservation easement was funded through the "Conserving Sensitive and Priority Shorelands in Cass County" program and is part of the initial funding that supported the work of the Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation.



Gifts that will stand the test of time.

Sensitive Central Lakes Shoreline Protected from Development

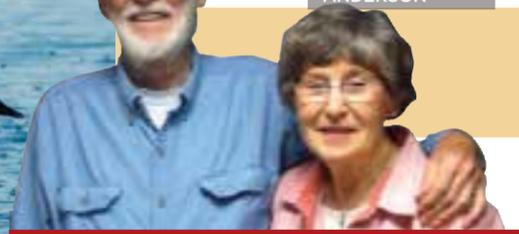
THE GENEROSITY AND CIVIC MINDEDNESS OF LANDOWNERS IS INSPIRATIONAL. MINNESOTANS FREQUENTLY PUT ASIDE THE POTENTIAL FOR SIGNIFICANT MONETARY GAIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE CONSERVATION ASSETS OF THEIR LAND INTO PERPETUITY.

LANDOWNERS' GIFTS OF CONSERVATION EASEMENTS BENEFIT ALL OF US. BY KEEPING LAND UNDEVELOPED, NATURAL SHORELINE IS PRESERVED. THIS MAINTAINS HABITAT FOR FISH, AMPHIBIANS, WATERFOWL AND OTHER CREATURES, AND OFTEN HAS A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON WATER QUALITY.

THE GENEROSITY OF THESE LANDOWNERS INSPIRES US TO LOOK FOR WAYS THAT WE TOO CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE NATURAL ASSETS WE ENJOY IN MINNESOTA. WE HOPE YOU ARE INSPIRED AS WELL.



LANDOWNERS LEN AND BETHEL ANDERSON



WILDLIFE HABITAT PROTECTED ON TURTLE LAKE

Len and Bethel Anderson's gift of a conservation easement on their Turtle Lake property is the capstone of a life of conservation awareness and activism. Their 47-acre property is a combination of forest, grassland and wetland that supports a wide variety waterfowl and other wildlife.

The Andersons have observed and documented trumpeter swans, ring-necked duck, fisher, pine marten and otter. In fact, Len describes the behavior of the swans as they defend their young from hungry eagles. He has observed the swans protectively spreading their wings to shield their vulnerable signets as they swim across the lake.

The Andersons have been forward thinking in their stewardship of fields that long ago were tended with a horse-drawn tractor. Many similar fields nearby have been converted to gravel pits, leaving the land forever changed. Instead, the Andersons chose to allow their fields to naturalize into an abundance of milkweed that typically supports clouds of monarch butterflies.

"We know we can't predict the future of mankind and the world. But we feel better knowing we have done our best to keep our property as a wildlife habitat."

- Martha Davidge



LANDOWNERS GEOFF AND MARTHA DAVIDGE, WITH MLT PROJECT MANAGER JOHN BROSNAN AND LLAWF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PAULA WEST.



LOWER WHITEFISH LAKE EASEMENT FORMS LARGER COMPLEX OF PROTECTED LAND

Over 1,300 feet of undeveloped shoreline on Lower Whitefish Lake will remain undeveloped, thanks to the generosity of landowners Martha and Geoff Davidge who have donated a conservation easement protecting their land in perpetuity. In addition to the undeveloped shoreline, the property includes a large pond and wetland area with nesting habitat for diving ducks along with high-quality habitat for wildlife species such

as black bear, muskrat, otter, bald eagle, sharp-tail grouse and the common loon.

Protecting this particular piece of property is especially important as it is nearly adjacent to the Minnesota DNR's 110-acre Uppgaard Wildlife Management Area. Its protection helps create a more effective complex for wildlife habitat in an increasingly developed and popular resort area.



OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUNDING SUPPORTS LAND PROTECTION

ACQUISITION COSTS FOR THE TURTLE LAKE AND LOWER WHITEFISH LAKE EASEMENTS WERE BOTH FUNDED IN PART BY MINNESOTA'S OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LESSARD-SAMS OUTDOOR HERITAGE COUNCIL (LSOHC), THROUGH THE PROTECTING SENSITIVE SHORELANDS IN NORTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA PROGRAM. THE PURPOSE OF THIS GRANT IS TO PROTECT SENSITIVE SHORELANDS IN NORTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA THROUGH THE ACQUISITION OF PERMANENT CONSERVATION EASEMENTS.