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EACH YEAR THE MINNESOTA LAND TRUST RECOGNIZES THOSE WHO HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION. THIS YEAR WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING AWARDS:

2013 Landowner of the Year



This year's recipient represents a model of citizen activism resulting in outstanding land protection. The Ten Mile Lake Association is a group of landowners who are active in protecting and improving the natural environment of Ten Mile Lake, located near Hackensack in North Central Minnesota.

The Ten Mile Lake Association completed a project that protected over 2,000 feet of shoreline in June, adding to 3,000 shoreline feet that was protected by the association in 2008.

The association actively fundraises for future conservation efforts, provides resources to assist landowners with shoreline improvement, and conducts other outreach efforts with the goal of protecting and enhancing the quality of Ten Mile Lake.

2013 Partner of the Year

It's hard to imagine a more appropriate recipient of this year's partnership honor than the Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation (LLAWF), led by Executive Director Paula West. Since 1995, this organization has been dedicated to the protection and preservation of the natural assets within the Leech Lake watershed. Among other sources, the Foundation has received funding by the Minnesota Environment and Natural



"The Leech Lake Watershed is part of the heart and soul of our Minnesota heritage," observed Central Lakes Project Manager John Brosnan. "The Minnesota Land Trust is proud to be in partnership with this exceptional organization."

Resources Trust Fund, as recommended by the Legislative Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) that accelerated conservation work in its original focus area, Cass County.

Because of the success of that program, the scope of the Foundation's work has expanded to include Cass, Crow Wing and Aitkin Counties with funding from the Outdoor Heritage Fund as recommended by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC).

All three easements profiled in this publication stem from the work of the LLAWF. Land Trust Executive Director Kris Larson is thrilled to see the results of this partnership: "We expect to announce a number of new easements in the coming months that will be a significant win for conservation in the Central Lakes Area."



2013 Volunteer of the Year

We're pleased to recognize Hank Scheinost for his volunteer efforts on behalf of the Land Trust. A certified volunteer monitor since 2003, Hank was an active member of the Crow Wing Chapter, part of the early organizational structure of the Land Trust.



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