



Critical Shorelines

Project Goals and Timeline

- Permanently protect 1,200 acres of critical shoreline and high quality wildlife habitat by June 2016
- Target areas to protect that complete gaps in existing public ownership. Contain the highest quality habitat, and provide greatest leverage for the state.

An iconic, special landscape

Perhaps nothing is more emblematic of Minnesota's landscape than the lakes and rivers of the state's northern Arrowhead region.

The natural shoreline around these celebrated waters comprises one of the most biologically important systems in the state for fish, game, and wildlife as outlined in the State's Aquatic Management Area Acquisition Plan, the Long Range Duck Recovery Plan and the Minnesota's Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy.



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Some things should be forever.

The Minnesota Land Trust is working with local landowners to protect natural and scenic assets of these critical shorelines forever.

Through the use of voluntary conservation easements, the Land Trust is crafting permanent protection of shorelines as well as adjacent wetland and forest areas in the Arrowhead while meeting the particular needs of individual landowners.

With your help, the Minnesota Land Trust can preserve these iconic places for future generations.

New threat to the landscape

While remoteness and inaccessibility originally protected this region from human expansion,

public infrastructure and demand have escalated the intensity of residential development.

An expanding Minnesota population and recovering economy increase the likelihood of potential



development of these vital habitat areas.

Altering this landscape impacts the ecological benefits provided by shoreline areas of this place—and more importantly to the many plant and animal communities that thrive here.

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