



Project 3-1 Lake Superior Tributary Riparian Acquisition and Management Team

Background: Provide public access for anglers to strategic areas along Lake Superior tributary streams, protection of riparian areas where easements are procured, enhanced management of present riparian areas if required, increase understanding of riparian area BMPs for both public and private landowners.

Problem Statement: Need to increase angler access and protect riparian areas.

Goals: Both the public and fish managers have consistently listed additional acquisition of fishing access and riparian protection and management along North Shore streams as one of the highest priorities for resource conservation in the Lake Superior watershed. This proposal would establish two temporary (Rule 10) positions and set aside funding to acquire and manage riparian easements on streams tributary to Lake Superior.

Specifically the two person team would:

1. Prioritize new areas where easements are needed for fishing access and management,
2. Contact landowners in these areas to explain and promote the easement program,
3. Determine most appropriate program to acquire fishing access and easements,
4. Implement acquisition process with willing landowners,
5. Assess and recommend potential management activities (tree planting, rip-rap, re-vegetation, leave pristine, etc) on present easements. In addition this team would work with both public and private landowners to educate and implement BMPs for riparian areas along streams.

Priority: High

Task Duration: 2-5 years

Potential Mechanism: L-SOHF, GLRI, Trout Stamp

Potential Partnering Organization(s): DNR, MN Land Trust, Angling Groups

Estimated Cost: \$ 660,000 over 2 years

Comments: More detailed project description available. Turned into other funding sources as well.

Special Considerations:

Accomplishments: MN DNR received a \$200,000 grant from the National Fish Habitat Initiative Great Lakes Basin Partnership in 2010 which will be spent over the next 2 years.

Measure(s) of Success: Miles of stream recruited to the easement/access program.

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*Vision Statement: Maintain, protect, and restore healthy cold water ecosystems with relatively stable flows
and a diversity of habitat for fish and wildlife to enhance our quality of life.*

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