



NORTHWOODS LAND TRUST

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Winter 2007

Over 2,000 acres now protected by the Northwoods Land Trust!

The Northwoods Land Trust (NWLTL) has reached another major milestone in their land conservation efforts with private landowners. According to Executive Director Bryan Pierce, as of the close of 2006, **2,130 acres** of natural shorelands, woodlands and wetlands have now been protected in perpetuity.

Through a total of 23 land protection agreements, or conservation easements, granted to date, the land trust has provided enhanced protection to over **six miles of lake shorelands** and over **two miles of additional river shorelines**.

“We’ve worked with private landowners to voluntarily conserve natural shorelands on 21 different lakes and seven rivers and streams,” Pierce said. “These projects have included protection of all or parts of **eleven, mostly undeveloped wild lakes**. These small wild lakes have seen increasing development pressures recently as fewer and fewer lots are available on the larger, more developed lakes.”

In 2006 we added five additional conservation easements granted to the land trust. These projects were located in Vilas, Oneida and Iron counties in five different towns.

Highlights of these conservation efforts included protecting over a half mile of natural shorelines on two trout streams – Radtke Creek in Oneida County and the Deerskin River in Vilas County. Two projects helped to conserve two-thirds of a mile of Wisconsin River shorelines in Oneida County.

Conservation easements were granted on Sunset Lake in Vilas County by Diana Anderson of Eagle River, on the Wisconsin River and Radtke Creek in Oneida County by Beverly Engstrom of Rhinelander, on the Wisconsin River also in Oneida County by Richard Eggleston and Anita Clark of Madison, on the Deerskin River in Vilas County by Robert Martini and Kathleen Vick-Martini, and on Boot Lake in Iron County by Charles and Carol James, Mequon.

Another major milestone in 2006 included the first outright donation from an anonymous donor of conservation land to the Northwoods Land Trust (see p.2 article on the Thunder Lake Wildlife Conservation Area).

To date, private landowners have now contributed development rights worth well over **\$5 million**. These are the values of the development interests in the properties that have been extinguished through the conservation easements.

These development values are considered charitable contributions to the land trust, and can be applied as charitable deductions for federal and state income taxes, or to reduce the value of an estate for estate tax purposes. The landowners must get IRS-certified appraisals of the full fair-market values of their property before and after the conservation easement is granted in order to establish those charitable deduction values. (See p.3 note on enhanced income tax benefits for 2006-2007.)

“Our sincerest thanks go to each of these landowners for their outstanding commitment to conservation,” said Pierce. “They have truly left a lasting legacy of wild lands and waters for future generations.”



Rich Eggleston & Anita Clark protected over one-third mile of scenic Wisconsin River shoreline in Oneida County.

mission:

The Northwoods Land Trust (NWLTL) promotes conservation by private landowners of natural shorelands, woodlands, wetlands and other natural resources, as public benefits for present and future generations. The Northwoods Land Trust covers areas of Vilas, Oneida, Forest, Florence, Iron and Price Counties.

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Northwoods Land Trust

Purpose:

- To provide education and utilize voluntary conservation options with private landowners.
- To preserve natural shorelands on lakes, rivers and other waterways for protection of water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, erosion control, and natural scenic beauty.
- To conserve private woodlands and encourage landowners to manage their forest lands in an ecologically sustainable manner.
- To accept perpetual stewardship for secure conservation agreements with private landowners, such as easements, land donations and property acquisitions.
- To annually monitor NWLT land protection agreements.
- To seek support through donations, grants, endowments memberships and volunteers.
- To leverage our conservation efforts through partnering with other organizations and agencies.

Newsletter Editor: Bryan Pierce



Thunder Lake Wildlife Conservation Area is NWLT's first land donation

“The Northwoods Land Trust Board of Directors is very excited to announce that we have accepted a donation of over 144 acres of valuable wildlife habitat in Oneida County,” said Executive Director Bryan Pierce. “A donor who prefers to remain anonymous gave the gift of property in December to ensure lasting protection of the land and over one-half mile of undeveloped lake shoreline.”

The property is located in the town of Three Lakes and borders the Department of Natural Resources' 3,100-acre Thunder Marsh Wildlife Area. The land donation includes a small “island” of upland forest habitat along with a large expanse of tamarack-spruce swamp. According to Pierce, NWLT intends to keep this site conserved as natural habitat for fish and wildlife and as a valuable buffer for the state lands.

Thunder Lake is a 1,845-acre drainage lake with a maximum depth of 9 feet. The lake does have a dam which helps to regulate water levels. Panfish are common, while northern pike, walleyes and largemouth bass are also present. The lake has a boat ramp for public access.

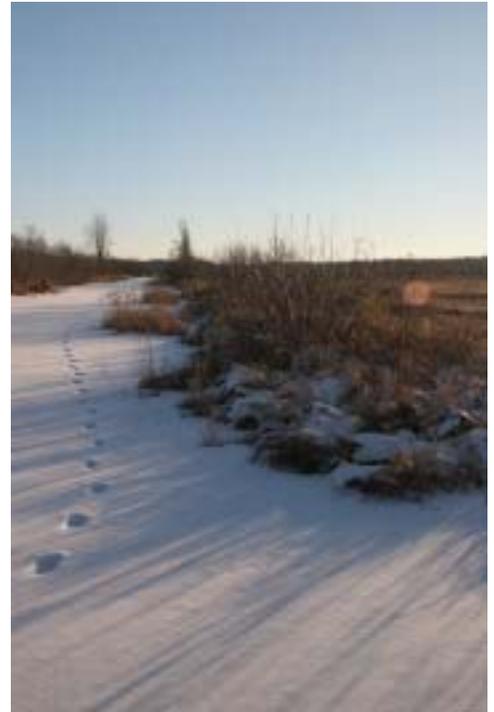
The WDNR Wild Lakes Program identified lakes that warrant additional protection based on their high ecological significance, outstanding natural scenic beauty or special recreational values. Thunder Lake was recognized as a “wild lake” with special significance for waterfowl habitat.

“The land trust's Thunder Lake Wildlife Conservation Area is open to public walk-in access through the state wildlife area,” said Pierce. “The area will be open for birding, hiking, and other non-motorized outdoor activities.”

“We will be conducting ecological assessments with volunteers this year,” he said. “Since they've been observed nearby, we believe this property may provide valuable habitat for uncommon bird species like boreal chickadees, gray jays (Whiskey Jacks), black-backed woodpeckers and spruce grouse.”

The Thunder Lake area includes a significant expanse of natural wildlife habitat. The Thunder Marsh site was identified by the WDNR in their 2006 Land Legacy Report as one of 229 “Legacy Places” in Wisconsin that are critical to meet Wisconsin's future conservation and recreation needs. The tract encompasses a large area of open wetlands, lakes and forested wetlands that connect the Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest to the west with the Nicolet National Forest to the east.

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NWLT's first land donation protects about 144.5 acres in Oneida County. The land is adjacent to the DNR's Thunder Marsh Wildlife Area.

You Can Help!

The Northwoods Land Trust is a non-profit, tax exempt conservation organization. Your gifts of cash, stocks, bonds or other financial support are fully tax deductible as charitable contributions under federal law. Donations of property or conservation easements may also provide tax benefits while promoting the conservation of our northwoods.

Thunder Lake Wildlife Conservation Area - continued from p. 2



An "island" of upland habitat is surrounded by tamarack-spruce swamp and open bog - valuable habitats for many boreal species of plants and wildlife, including gray jays, boreal chickadees, black-backed woodpeckers and spruce grouse.

"We are pleased that our new land donation complements and helps to protect this important wildlife area for future generations," Pierce commented.

While this is NWLT's first land donation, others have also contemplated land gifts both for protection of significant natural habitats and as ways to support the land trust's conservation efforts. "We have had people approach us with two different types of lands to donate," Pierce said.

The first are lands that have significant conservation values that the Northwoods Land Trust would keep and protect as natural habitats, he explained.

The second are "trade lands" that may already be developed or are not suited as natural areas, but that are valuable assets that the land trust can sell to provide resources for more

critical land protection sites. "We make certain up front in writing with the landowner what their goals are for the property, but both types are extremely valuable contributions," said Pierce.

People donate land to a land trust for a variety of reasons. They may be elderly or have a disability where they cannot physically get out to and manage the property, but they want to see it protected and cared for. Some property owners do not have any direct heirs and they want to make sure their land remains conserved. Some people may own substantial real estate and other assets and want to reduce their potential estate tax burden. In other cases, highly appreciated property might generate large capital gains taxes if sold.

The tax benefits to the owner of donating land to the land trust can be significant. The full fair-market value of the property as established by an IRS-approved appraisal can be claimed for income tax deductions if contributed by the landowner up front, and land donated through bequests can directly reduce the value of an estate subject to estate taxes.

"While the number of landowners interested in donating land to the Northwoods Land Trust will never be large, we truly appreciate and celebrate their incredible vision and generosity," said Pierce. "There is no finer legacy anyone can leave to future generations than a legacy of land forever conserved."



Income Tax Benefits are Extended for 2006-7 Conservation Easement Donations

On a temporary basis for any conservation easements donated during 2006 or 2007, the federal government has approved extended income tax benefits. Previously, the appraised contribution value of a conservation easement could be utilized as a charitable deduction up to 30% of adjusted gross income in any one year, with any remaining values carried out to a maximum of five additional years.

The new tax benefits allow a charitable deduction of up to 50% of adjust gross income in any one year, and the remaining value extended out up to 15 additional years!

Depending on the financial circumstances of the donor, this could be a significant benefit for maximizing the return from the charitable deduction. We encourage prospective easement donors to check with their financial advisors soon to calculate the benefits.



Extended federal income tax benefits are available for conservation easement donations in 2006 and 2007. Diana Anderson's 12.6-acre Sunset Lake property in Vilas County was protected in December 2006.

For Sale to Conservation Buyer

** 196-acres on the Montreal River

Otter Lodge is a hunting camp on 3/4 mile of the Montreal River where Layman's Creek flows in from Wisconsin along the Wisconsin-Michigan border. Both are listed as trout streams.

The 196 acres of northern hardwood forest in the southwest corner of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan includes huge old-growth specimens of white pine, white cedar, hemlock and yellow birch. Large tracts of public, corporate and private lands surround the property.

The one-bedroom log cabin sits next to a one-acre spring fed pond and a five-acre flowage lake. In addition to the 22'x24' cabin, there is a 30'x50' pole barn for storage and a 10'x10' screen house.

This private retreat is located about 10 miles southeast of Ironwood, Michigan. No conservation easement has

been granted on the property, but the owners are looking for a conservation-minded buyer who would protect the property for the future. Contact Bob or Merrill Horswill at (715) 604-2001 or email nirvanas3@yahoo.com.



For Sale to Conservation Buyer

** 173-acres with frontage on Papoose Lake



About 600 feet of sandy frontage on highly-desirable Papoose Lake, along with 173-acres of northern hardwood forest backlands, are available for sale to a conservation-minded buyer. The property includes rolling hills of maple, aspen and birch in the town of Winchester, Vilas County.

Papoose Lake is a 428-acre seepage lake with an estimated maximum depth of 65 feet. The lake supports populations of muskellunge, northern pike, walleyed pike, largemouth and smallmouth bass, and panfish.

The forested property is adjacent to a small parcel of state land along the lake shoreline, is contiguous with a large tract of industrial forest land, and is located close to other Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest lands. There are no buildings on the site.

For more information or to arrange a visit to the property, contact Tom Preston at (715) 686-2072 or email tp@centurytel.net.

For Sale to Conservation Buyer

** 21-acres on Harmony Lake.

Located just north of Eagle River in Vilas County, this property has a perpetual NWLT conservation easement on it. The land features about 1,500 feet of natural shoreline frontage on this private lake. Harmony Lake is an 88-acre, clear-water, "wild lake." A seepage lake, it has good fishing for largemouth bass and panfish. The frontage is sandy, with tall red pines lining the banks.

There are no buildings on the property, however the conservation easement allows for a 30,000 square foot building zone to be established.

The easement allows for construction of one single-family residence with a maximum total footprint for all structures (including garage, decks, etc.) of 2,500 square feet. Forestry is allowed, and 18 acres of the property are currently enrolled in the Managed Forest Law program through 2027.

This property is listed with Ray Weber Realty. Please contact Diane Cirks at (715) 891-5816 or dcirks@nnet.net for more information or to arrange a property visit.



NWLT Annual Report of Contributions Received in 2006

Our sincerest Thank You to all of our continuing members and contributors, and welcome to our new members and supporters!

Conservation Land Donor

144.5 acres Anonymous

Conservation Easement Donors

50 acres Beverly Engstrom
 12.6 acres Diana Anderson
 16.37 acres Richard Eggleston & Anita Clark
 31 acre Robert Martini & Kathleen Vick-Martini
 39 acres Charles & Carol James (easement transfer)

Foundation & Government Grants

\$42,118 DNR Lake Protection Grant Program
 \$5,000 John C. Bock Foundation
 \$3,000 Norcross Wildlife Foundation
 \$1,000 Audubon Land Fund for Wisconsin
 \$250 Wausau Paper Foundation, Inc.

Contributions from Organizations

\$5,000 + Gathering Waters Conservancy
 N&M Transfer Co.
 \$500-1,000 First National Bank of Eagle River
 River Valley State Bank
 American Welding Society
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 Snipe Lake Association
 Eagle River Animal Hospital

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A conservation easement on Boot Lake in Iron County was originally granted to Gathering Waters Conservancy by Charles & Carol James. This easement has now been transferred to the Northwoods Land Trust.

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The NWLT Board of Directors celebrated the signing of conservation easements with Bob Martini and Diana Anderson on December 15, 2006.

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NWLT Board member Bob Martini and his wife, Kathleen Vick-Martini, granted a conservation easement on 31 acres of land in Vilas County. The easement protects about 840 feet of natural shoreline frontage on the Deerskin River, a Class I and II trout stream.

We want to be sure to acknowledge your gift. We did switch to a new database this year, so if we have made an error in our data input, please excuse us and let us know so we can correct it for future publications. Thank you to all!



Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund proposed for Reauthorization

The state Stewardship Program was created in 1989 for the purpose of acquiring land to expand recreational opportunities and protect environmentally sensitive areas. Initially authorized at \$250 million for a ten-year period, the program is funded through state bonds. With strong, bi-partisan support, the program was reauthorized in 1999 for another ten years as the Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship Program, with the bonding allotment set at \$46 million per year. The bonding authorization was increased from \$46 to \$60 million annually in 2001.

While the Stewardship Fund authorization is set to expire in 2010, Governor Doyle has proposed in his current budget bill to extend the reauthorization for the program now. The Governor has proposed an increase in the annual bonding authority to \$105 million in order to keep pace with sky-rocketing land prices.

Since the Stewardship Program began, the state has acquired land or conservation easements protecting over 475,000 acres. These have included state forest lands,

state parks, recreational trails such as the National Ice Age Trail, natural areas, wildlife and fisheries habitat, urban green spaces, geological and archaeological features, river and stream corridors, flowages, wild lakes and Great Lakes bluffs and shorelines. Among other projects in the northwoods, the Fund has helped to purchase the Willow, Rainbow, and Turtle-Flambeau Flowages.

Non-profit conservation organizations have also played an important role in land and easement acquisition. State Stewardship Funds are granted on a 50% matching basis to non-profit conservation organizations. Recent wild lake and old growth forest land purchases by The Nature Conservancy in Vilas County have leveraged Stewardship Fund grants with millions of dollars of private contributions.

The most recent project acquired working forest conservation easements on the 65,000-acre Wild Rivers Legacy Forest in northeast Wisconsin. These easements ensure that a permanent supply of timber will help to protect local jobs and keep our forest economy strong.

As the pace of development continues to escalate and the price of land soars, there is an ever-decreasing window of opportunity to protect important lands that local residents and tourists both enjoy. Within the last five years, about 90% of all the industrial forest lands in Wisconsin have changed owners, with much now up for sale to developers.

The Northwoods Land Trust is currently submitting a proposal to acquire conservation easements to permanently protect over 3,000 acres of wildlife habitat with funding assistance from the Stewardship Fund. This is land that would be open to public hunting, hiking, skiing and other non-motorized uses. Such opportunities for permanent land protection do not come around often, but when they do, Stewardship Fund grants are critical. We urge NWLT supporters to keep informed and active on this issue. Please call for more information - (715) 479-2490.



NWLT's proposed Stewardship Fund project would protect over 3,000 acres of wildlife habitat.



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Interests

- I have property I may wish to conserve, please send me the free landowner's guide.
- I am interested in becoming a volunteer to assist the NWLT.
- I am interested in the NWLT Council of Trustees.

Attorney Ed Mouw joins the NWLT Board of Directors

The Northwoods Land Trust is pleased to announce that Attorney Ed Mouw, Rhinelander, has joined the Board of Directors. Mouw, who has a general law practice but specializes in estate planning, real estate and business law, has done legal work in Rhinelander for the same firm (now Mouw, Krueger & Smith S.C.) since 1969.

“We are delighted that Ed has agreed to assist the land trust on our Board of Directors,” said NWLT President John Huppert. “His skills, interests and expertise will be great assets for our organization.”

“I grew up in the 1940s in Florence where I learned to hunt, fish and ski,” Mouw said. “I also learned to enjoy the quality of life in and the beauty of the Northwoods. I remember in particular sunsets on lakes surrounded by birches, white pines and maples; the leaves turning colors at the end of September; swimming in crystal clear lakes on warm summer days; wild strawberry, raspberry, blueberry and blackberry picking; and cold winter days and nights with lots of snow, and occasional northern lights.”

A Marine Corps veteran with his law degree from UW-Madison, Mouw has four children and five grandchildren. “My brother and I still own eight forties of forest lands in Florence County that our grandfather originally logged,” said Ed. “We have a strong connection to those lands and would like to see them preserved for future

generations of our family.”

Mouw explained his interest in helping the Northwoods Land Trust: “I am interested in preserving as much land in its natural state as is possible so future generations may enjoy the same beauty and hunting and fishing opportunities that I enjoyed. I believe I have an obligation to be a good steward of our natural resources.”

Welcome Ed to the Northwoods Land Trust Board! 



The Northwoods Land Trust welcomes Attorney Ed Mouw, Rhinelander, to the Board of Directors.



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