

Old-Growth Forest Initiative

Protect Your Mature or Old-Growth Forest

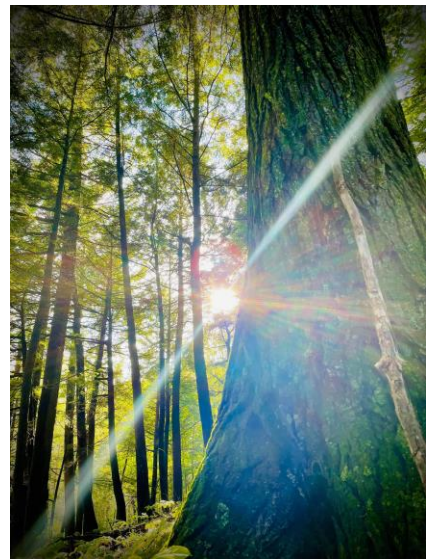
To the extent possible, the Northwoods Land Trust (NWLTL) will work to identify privately-owned tracts of mature, second-growth forests and old-growth forests on the landscape through discussions with private landowners and other methods like the review of aerial imagery.

NWLTL is most interested in preserving parcels that are located within the boundaries of, or are contiguous with, public lands that include old-growth forest. Priority sites are those adjacent to, or providing environmental corridors between, other protected old-growth sites. The size of property, continuity with public/conserved lands and habitat linkages are considered especially critical for conserving all of the conservation values of old-growth forest.

NWLTL encourages private landowners to come forward to seek information about protecting their mature and old-growth forest habitats. NWLTL staff can provide technical assistance and conduct on-site visits with landowners who express an interest in considering voluntary conservation options for their remnant old-growth forest tracts. Such options include the donation of conservation easements or land, and purchase of conservation easements or land as NWLTL's financial resources allow.

These conservation strategies allow for adaptive forest management as our climate changes, bringing with it more invasive species, natural disasters and other factors influence the long-term ability to sustain forested sites as old-growth.

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The Northwoods Land Trust's (NWLTL) [Old-Growth Forest Initiative](#) identifies and protects old-growth forest habitat in the northwoods of Wisconsin in partnership with landowners and other organizations and provides educational materials to encourage private landowners to manage for old-growth forest habitat and protect some of these last remaining relics.