



# NORTHWOODS LAND TRUST

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## NWLT announces first Registry Program property

The Northwoods Land Trust is very pleased to announce that we have received our first request to sign up for our Conservation Area Registry Program. The property owner contacted the land trust with a view toward long term conservation of about two hundred acres of forested land along a beautiful stream in the Land O' Lakes area.

### What is a Registry Program?

Land trusts offer a land Registry Program as a unique, flexible option to help private landowners consider how best to conserve their properties. The Registry Program is strictly a voluntary agreement between the land trust and the individual landowner. The agreement is nonbinding and may be cancelled at any time by the landowner.

Registering a property with the Northwoods Land Trust is a simple "handshake" agreement that recognizes landowners who are interested in conserving and becoming better stewards of their land.

### What does the landowner do?

The landowner simply agrees to cooperate with the land trust in protecting, managing or conserving the property to the best of their abilities and notifying the land trust of any threats that might affect the conservation values of the property. The owner may also notify the land trust in advance of any intent to sell or transfer the property.

### What does the Land Trust Do?

The land trust in turn agrees to provide the landowner with technical assistance in setting up long term plans for maintaining or enhancing their property. The program enables a landowner to begin to establish a working relationship with the land trust board members, volunteers and staff, with the opportunity to pursue additional land conservation options in the future.

### How does a landowner sign up?

It is very easy to sign up for the program. Property owners can simply call the Northwoods Land Trust and let us know they are interested in the Registry Program.



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*The Northwoods Land Trust's first Conservation Area Registry Program property looks to protect a beautiful section of stream in the Land O' Lakes area.*

### PURPOSE:

*The Northwoods Land Trust (NWLT) 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, Forest and Oneida Counties and the surrounding region.*

## Northwoods Land Trust Goals:

- To provide education on voluntary conservation options for private landowners.
- To utilize voluntary conservation options to conserve and protect natural resources in the northwoods region.
- To promote conservation by private landowners of natural shorelands on lakes, rivers and other waterways for protection of water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, erosion control, and natural scenic beauty.
- To promote conservation of private woodlands and encourage private landowners to manage their forest lands in an ecologically sustainable manner.
- To serve as a legal entity to accept perpetual stewardship for secure conservation agreements with private landowners, such as easements, land donations and property acquisitions.
- To implement a systematic and site-specific monitoring program to ensure compliance with NWLT agreements and protection of NWLT-owned lands.
- To seek support in the form of donations, grants, endowments and memberships.

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## Registry Program *(continued from page 1)*

### What happens first?

The NWLT will arrange a site visit at the landowner's convenience. The site visit will include a discussion of the landowner's interests and goals for the property, as well as a tour of the land.

The NWLT representative will record basic information about the land including significant or high quality natural forest communities, shorelands or wetlands. They will document any sensitive plant or wildlife species observed, any scenic or open space values of particular importance to the property, and any wildlife habitat or other conservation values that are featured on the property.

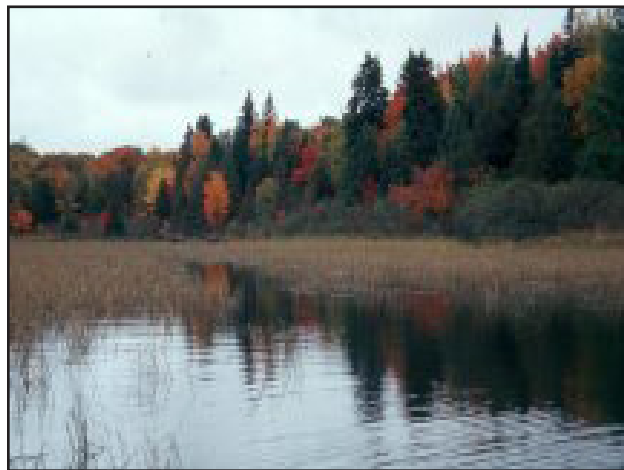
### What does the landowner receive?

The landowner will receive a summary of the conservation values that are documented and some recommendations on how to best steward those values for the future. For some areas that have been previously disturbed, there may be recommendations for how to restore sites to a more natural condition.

Maps of the site will be provided where possible as well as digital photos. Much of this information will also be useful in the event a landowner wishes to proceed to more permanent protection in the form of a conservation easement.

In addition, the landowner will receive Northwoods Land Trust Conservation Area Registry Program signs to place on their property. These signs provide public recognition of the interest and intent of the landowner to conserve their property for the long term.

The Registry Program is a win/win situation. The land trust can begin to explore conservation options with landowners. The landowners can tap into technical expertise to help them make better, more informed decisions about the land they love and want to protect.



*Wild rice and other wetland plants are found along the stream.*

### 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.

## The NWLT Spotlight -

### Cathy Techtmann

On behalf of the Northwoods Land Trust, we are very pleased to welcome Cathy Techtmann to our NWLT Board of Directors. Cathy joined the Board in time to participate in our April meeting.

Cathy lives in the little town of Pence in Iron County. She and her husband Harold own property on the Gile Flowage, an outstanding water resource in Iron County.

Cathy is a Professor with the University of Wisconsin-Extension. She currently serves as the UWEX Environmental Education Coordinator for the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center located near Ashland.

As indicated by the kayaks in the photo, Cathy's educational programs focus on getting youth and adults out to experience first hand the incredible Lake Superior ecosystem. She has also been known to "impersonate" a voyageur as part of her interpretive programs, along with other historic characters.

Cathy brings a wealth of experience in dealing with natural resource and community issues from her ten years of work as the Iron County UW-Extension Community Resource Development Agent. She literally wrote the book on the history of Iron County. She also has expertise in marketing and promotions from her prior work in



*Welcome to Cathy Techtmann, our newest Northwoods Land Trust Board member and contact person for Iron County property owners.*

the downhill ski industry. This year she hopes to help establish a local lake organization for the property owners around the Gile Flowage.

Cathy will serve as the Iron County contact person for property owners who may be interested in conserving their property through the Northwoods Land Trust. She can be reached at (715) 685-2671. Welcome Cathy!



## JOIN THE NORTHWOODS LAND TRUST

HELP KEEP THE NORTHWOODS THE NORTHWOODS!

**Yes, I want to support the efforts of the Northwoods Land Trust.**

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Membership Contributions

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual                             | \$25   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family                                 | \$35   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter                              | \$50   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Founder                                | \$100  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservator                            | \$250  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Steward                                | \$500  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Legacy                        | \$1000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> My additional contribution of \$ _____ |        |
| is also enclosed.   |        |

### Interests

- ☐ I have property I may wish to conserve, please send me additional information.
- ☐ I am interested in becoming a volunteer to assist the NWLT. (Please list any special skills or interests).

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### Please make checks payable to:

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## NWLT Update -

### *Lakefront property to be donated in will*

Everyone knows how valuable lakefront property is these days. That is why the Board of Directors was very pleased to be informed last December that the Northwoods Land Trust has been named in a will to receive several lakefront parcels in the Manitowish Waters area.

The bequest includes shoreline lots on the popular Manitowish Waters Chain of Lakes. The property currently includes a small seasonal cottage that is about 60 years old. The landowner wants to ensure that the property will revert back to natural woodland, and has also included funds within the will to cover the costs of removing the cottage and other structures.

The landowner's intent is to have "one property on this lake appear as it did when we first saw it in 1941." The land would remain for scenic and conservation values, and may include a scenic or conservation easement so it could never be developed. The landowner will also donate funds for an endowment so the Northwoods Land Trust will be able to monitor the property on a regular basis.

*The Northwoods Land Trust will receive several lakefront parcels as a bequest for future generations.*



Because the Northwoods Land Trust is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization for tax purposes, land donations such as this one can also have significant income or estate tax benefits for the donor family. If you are considering donating land for conservation by bequest, as a reserve life estate, or for charitable income tax deductions, please contact the Northwoods Land Trust.



*For more information on ways to give to protect the northwoods, contact the Northwoods Land Trust, Inc. at P.O. Box 321, Eagle River, WI 54521-0321, call NWLT President Bryan Pierce at (715) 479-7530, or call our local county contacts: Ed Drager, Vilas County -- (715) 547-6810 (summers); Roger Sabota, Oneida County -- (715) 369-2283; Cliff Haskins, Forest County -- (715) 674-2049; Cathy Techtmann, Iron County -- (715) 685-2671.*



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