



NORTHWOODS LAND TRUST

Leaving a Lasting Legacy for the Northwoods

Protecting Price County Lakes



The Northwoods Land Trust is now focusing our lake protection efforts in Price County, including the Sailor Creek Flowage (above), thanks to funding assistance from the Wisconsin DNR Lake Protection Grant Program.

Thanks to a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Lake Protection Grant project, owners of large stretches of natural shorelines on lakes and flowages in Price County are now being encouraged to consider lasting, voluntary protection of their lake properties. Based on the highly-successful private lake shoreland protection projects conducted by NWLT in Vilas, Oneida, Forest and Florence Counties, the Price County lakes project is a critical component of NWLT's five-year strategic plan.

The DNR's "Wisconsin Lakes" publication indicates that there are a total of 389 lakes in Price County. These include 161 named and 228 unnamed lakes.

The grant project is utilizing NWLT's geographic information system (GIS) computer technology to identify all remaining private lake parcels with a minimum of about 500 feet or more of natural shoreline frontage. Using tax parcel maps and data acquired from the Price County Land Information Office, the digital parcel maps and aerial orthophotos are overlaid where needed to determine the extent of natural versus developed frontage.

The selected lake parcels have been mapped on the GIS system for each town. The parcels were then linked with the Price County tax roll database to generate a mailing list of these landowners. After editing for landowners with multiple parcels, and those who have received a guide from NWLT previously, copies of NWLT's Landowner's Conservation Guide are mailed to each of these identified lake property owners. As with our previous projects, volunteer assistance for assembling all of the landowner packets to prepare them for bulk mailing is appreciated.

Through NWLT's GIS mapping, we have identified a total of 672 lake and

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MISSION:

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 in Vilas, Oneida, Forest, Florence, Iron, Price and northern Langlade Counties.



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NWLT Welcomes Sandy Lotto as Outreach Coordinator

On February 1st, the Northwoods Land Trust welcomed Sandy Lotto as our new Outreach Coordinator. Filling a new, part-time position, Sandy will be working on our membership renewals, generating new members, assisting with major donor development, and conducting educational outreach programs.

Sandy will also be developing new interpretive exhibits within the visitor center space in the new NWLT building to help people learn what natural resources we are trying to protect, how we work with private landowners, and what voluntary conservation tools we utilize.

Sandy was born and raised in Green Bay, WI (Go Packers!), but Eagle River has been “home” for 27 years. She is a graduate of Green Bay East High School, where she achieved perfect attendance (her mother worked in the Attendance Office). She grew up spending many weekends at the family cabin in Lakewood, WI which is where her love of lakes and forests (and skiing) began. Having the Nicolet National Forest within walking distance provided ample opportunity to hike and explore, and she took full advantage.

Her first exposure to Eagle River was as a high school sophomore attending a three-day workshop at Trees For Tomorrow Conservation Camp (as it was called in 1981). While there, she asked the TFT Instructors: “What does it take to get a job like this?” They said a four year degree in natural resources. That spurred her to go to UW-Stevens Point where she received a degree in Forestry with a Recreation Emphasis.

Her first work experience out of school was an internship at Trees For Tomorrow, teaching cross country skiing and leading ski tours with school groups. She also worked as a Naturalist at Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary, sold skis at Bertrand’s Sporting Goods, and served as the summer Recreation Director for the town of Wiggins, CO. In 1989 Sandy was hired as a Naturalist/Teacher at Trees For Tomorrow Natural Resources Specialty School. For 18 years she taught people ranging from in age from 4th grade to senior citizens.

During that time, Sandy helped build the log cabin she now lives in, beginning with peeling all of the logs. Sandy credits Bryan’s wife, Gail Gilson-Pierce, as the impetus for turning the dream of “having a little cabin in the woods” into reality.

In 2006, she bought a second, smaller log cabin that was moved to her property to serve as a workshop and classroom. She then “branched out” from TFT to start her own outdoor school for adults, focused on rustic furniture-making and cross country ski lessons. Lotto’s Log Cabin Outdoor School offers full-day, half-day and 1-2 hour classes in rustic furniture-making and other outdoor skills (map & compass, animal tracking, tree identification) by appointment.

Sandy’s mission is to share her love and knowledge of the Northwoods to connect people with nature, through fun and engaging activities. “Having people gain an awareness and appreciation of the natural world is key to having them want to take care of the resources, which aligns well with the mission

of NWLT. It’s all about stewardship.”

She lives on four wooded acres on a small, quiet lake with her dog, Bode (named after Bode Miller). Their favorite shared activity is to canoe around the lake at sunset.

“It’s great to be back working with Bryan and Trisha, both being past TFT co-workers,” said Sandy. “I am really excited about working for NWLT, an organization whose goal is keeping the northwoods the northwoods!”

Stop by the office at 519 E. Wall Street and welcome Sandy to the Northwoods Land Trust. She is there most weekday afternoons.



Welcome to new Outreach Coordinator Sandy Lotto!

Price County Lakes - continued

flowage parcels with 500 feet or more of natural shoreline remaining on privately-owned land. These parcels are owned by 383 private landowners.

This extensive project runs through the end of 2017. NWLT provides on-site technical assistance to any of those lake property owners who wish to permanently protect their land along these natural shorelines.

We have already been successful in completing three conservation easement donations with interested lake and flowage property owners in Price County. Those projects have included permanent protection of over **20,000 feet** of natural shorelines and nearly **450 acres** of shoreland, woodland and wetland habitats. These successful projects have already leveraged well over \$200,000 of charitable contribution values through those conservation easement donations.

Funding assistance to complete this project is being provided by the DNR Lake Protection Grant award. The required 25% local grant match includes significant volunteer and professional assistance. Other project expenses are covered by contributions from NWLT members and supporters.

For more information on the Price County lakes project, contact the NWLT office at (715) 479-2490.

A Town goes ‘wild’ as Coolidge Lake gets protected

It is extremely rare for lake property in the northwoods that has been developed to now be reverting back to the wild. But that is exactly what is happening on Coolidge Lake in Price County.

Thanks to the conservation efforts of Butch and Mary Lobermeier of Fifield, all of the over 2,000 feet of privately-owned shoreline on Coolidge Lake is now protected under conservation easements. Coolidge Lake is a 9-acre bog-fringed lake. The rest of the shoreline is in the Price County Forest.

Now a “ghost town” with only a few remnants visible, the townsite of Coolidge on the south side of the lake became a flag station for the Wisconsin Central Railroad in November 1886. First called Wauboo, the town was established in 1882 with Marshall H. Coolidge as postmaster. The name was changed to Coolidge in 1883.

Boyington & Atwell Company from Stevens Point built a saw and planing mill at the site. “It was the gateway to opening up this part of the northwoods,” said Butch. “The Town of Coolidge was the end of the Wisconsin Central Railroad at one time. The railroad came up from the south to Coolidge. The rail line also came down from the north off of Lake Superior. Once the rail line was completed, Coolidge was abandoned for locations that offered better water resources to support the timber and sawmill industries. Fifield, just four miles north on the South fork Flambeau river became a timber boom town. Narrow gauge railroads spurred off from the main line to reach remote parts of the vast timberlands. This country was full of the narrow gauge lines to the east and to the west.”

The railroad corridor still operates north and south through the protected property. The old lumber mill site on the east side of the railroad also includes remnants of a spur siding where the railroad cars could be loaded with the cut lumber. The mill operated until 1891 and was reported to have had a pine cut of over 80 million board feet.

By the accounts Butch has read, there were as many as 500 people living in Coolidge while the mill operated. “That would have been a ton of people for a place in the middle of nowhere,” he said. “They had to have lived within walking distance.”

“It was a company town,” commented Butch. “When the lumber mill shut down and the company pulled out, the town was abandoned. The buildings were temporary in nature. They didn’t last long.” The post office was discontinued in 1892.

An adventurous young English writer, Charles C. Hamilton passed through Coolidge on January 25, 1893 on his way to the Crooks and Cummings Logging Camp in a one-horse cutter. In his words taken from the book of his adventures, *The Northwoods Journal*, “Coolidge is a deserted lumber town, lots of shantys, but windows and doors gone. Boarding house, other houses, stores, school house and depot all deserted, not one inhabitant, a most desolate scene.”

At some point the buildings all burned down – probably with the big slash fires of the early 1900s. The land went tax delinquent and was taken over by Price County before it was sold again. The open area where the town was located was farmed for a period of time by the Franciscan priory that owned a retreat at Holy Cross two miles south. Coolidge was still marked on USGS topographic maps as late as 1941.

Butch started visiting Coolidge Lake early. “When I was 10 or 11 years old, we started riding our bikes down there to go fishing with the neighbor kids. That was some fifty-five years ago. We went in where our little dock is now, then we’d walk around on the bog to cast out from the shore,” he continued. “Wissota Sand & Gravel Company owned it at the time. It was kind of ‘open range’ for everyone back then. The sand & gravel company developed a small gravel quarry on the property,” he added. “When they put the new Highway 13 in, there was plenty of better gravel closer, so this pit was no longer needed.”

Most of the open area was planted to red pine a little over 40 years ago. On a windy spring day when Mary, Butch and their son Jake were out planting trees on their home property a mile north, they smelled smoke. According to Butch, an arsonist had torched the young pine plantation, with the incredibly hot fire totally destroying acres of pine.

Although the fire was perceived as a tragedy at the time, it created open meadow areas and a fringe of early succession aspen and shrub habitat that is critical to some declining and threatened species like the golden winged warbler and American woodcock. Creating early succession forest habitat is the focus of the Wisconsin Young Forest Partnership.



Once the site of a thriving lumber mill town with a population of about 500, Coolidge Lake is now permanently protected in Price County.



Mary and Butch Lobermeier and their family have now protected nearly 300 acres of diverse woodlands, wetlands and open field habitats with their two adjacent conservation easements.

Coolidge Lake - continued

The open meadow supports grasses and forbs that benefit pollinators, and an expanding milkweed component is heavily used by monarch butterflies. Mary conducted caterpillar sampling on her walks last year and found hundreds of monarch caterpillars dining on the milkweed along the trail.

“Like many things in life, opportunity can come from unexpected places,” said Butch. “It is unlikely that we would intentionally clear 45 year-old red pine forest to create open habitat. That fire 30 years ago provided habitat diversity we otherwise would not have on this local landscape now.”

The Lobermeiers have also located some uncommon prairie plant species on the site that they hope to protect, including bottle gentians. As a management strategy, that means keeping the open fields open instead of letting the forest continue to encroach.

Buckthorn management on this relatively disturbed site is another big issue that Butch is tackling head on with a lot of sweat and some blood. He has spent considerable time cutting and chemically treating the stumps of this very prickly invasive species. He has used Garlon 4 herbicide for basal bark and stump spraying, and found that it is very effective. “We have seen buckthorn on other nearby private properties too, and hope that we can demonstrate how this invasive species can be eradicated.”

With their family’s adjacent 250-acre conservation easement granted in 2013, the Lobermeiers were very committed to acquiring and protecting this 46-acre site. They were able to negotiate a land contract in 2014. They found out later that others had tried to buy the property so that they could develop the shoreline into multiple lake lots.

“That is what we are trying to prevent in the future. We are trying to protect this property,” said Mary. “In the end, the seller commented that he was glad that we bought the property because we would take care of it.”

“The tax deduction benefit from our previous conservation easement gave us the ability to leverage the contract payment,” she added. “It all worked out. We literally saved it from the bulldozer.” As a culmination of the many years they have enjoyed Coolidge Lake, the Lobermeier family has now made sure that the extensive natural lake shorelines, and the once-occupied land that is reverting back to nature, will remain wild for the generations to come.

“We literally saved it from the bulldozer.”

- Mary Lobermeier



The Lobermeiers have protected over 2,000 feet of natural frontage on Coolidge Lake.

Volunteer conservation easement monitor training set

The beautiful Deerskin River east of Eagle River is the tentative site of the NWLT 2016 Conservation Easement Monitor Training session. The training is scheduled for **Thursday, April 28th**. Participants should **meet at the NWLT office at 1:45 p.m. for carpooling**, as the session will begin at **2:00 p.m.** at the conservation easement site and parking space is limited.

As we kick off this monitoring season, we now have over 80 properties that NWLT either owns or holds a conservation easement on that must be monitored on an annual basis.

The annual visits ensure that regular contact is kept with landowners and that the conservation agreements are being upheld. Monitoring also helps the organization meet national land trust accreditation standards.

We invite and welcome any new volunteers to the training who are interested in helping with these site visits. Volunteer monitors have the unique opportunity to explore private lands that are not generally open to others.



An alternate training date in case of inclement weather is Thursday, May 5th at the same time and place.

If you are interested in participating in the volunteer monitor training, please contact Trisha or Bryan at (715) 479-2490.

The North Fork of the Flambeau River - A Family Legacy



Barbara Manger and Bill Lynch are joined by NWLT Executive Director Bryan Pierce to celebrate their family’s legacy project.

Is conservation-mindedness passed through the genes or is it something that is learned over time? For Barbara Manger, Bill Lynch and their family, clearly their conservation ethics must come from a lot of both.

Barbara and Bill, of Milwaukee, recently donated a conservation easement to the Northwoods Land Trust which will permanently protect 223 acres of woodlands and wetlands in Price County near Fifield, WI. Their property also features about 8,750 feet (1.66 miles) of shoreland on the North Fork of the Flambeau River and its backwaters in Price County near Fifield, WI.

In this section of flowage, the water levels and flow of the Flambeau River are controlled by the Pixley dam upstream and the Crowley dam downstream. This segment of the North Fork of the Flambeau River is also popular with anglers and was cited in Wisconsin Sportsman magazine (June 2014) as one of the best areas in Wisconsin for river fishing for muskies. The main river channel and its backwaters and the extensive shoreland-wetlands all provide valuable fish and wildlife habitat.

Adjacent properties to the north, east and west of their conserved land have been extensively subdivided into small riverfront lots. Now their family’s property will never be subdivided, which was an important consideration when they purchased the property.

“We have two sons, Matt and Luke, and we brought them up to be interested in nature and education,” said Barbara. “Both have passed away.”

According to Bill, “when the kids were growing up, Barbara’s family had a cottage on Green Bay about 15 miles out of the city. We’d do lots of stuff with the boys there. But about every Spring, we’d go walk along the trail and there’d be a new house. The dispersed development was just making it very different. So my idea was, ‘Let’s find a place where we have more control over that happening.’ That’s the background on hunting for, and finding, the Flambeau River property.”

“Bill would go off on the weekends in search of these places,” added Barbara. “It was a good thing to do and it was fun for our kids.”

Barbara was exposed to the outdoors early. “I grew up in Green Bay and spent a lot of time outdoors, swimming and canoeing in and around the Bay.” She also went to summer camp at Camp Manito-wish in northern Wisconsin.

An artist and teacher, Barbara studied art and Spanish at Beloit College and went to graduate school in Madison. “I taught for about 25 years, starting at a college in North Carolina, where Bill and I met,” she said. “We lived in five different places in five years after we met, and ended up in Milwaukee. I did most of my teaching at Alverno and Cardinal Stritch Colleges.”

While she taught at the college-level, Barbara was also certified to teach younger kids. “I started a program in Milwaukee that’s now been running for 17 years. We sponsor artists to work in schools with kids on special projects and out in the neighborhoods. We have four vans that go into the inner city parks in the summer to provide free art programs for kids. Many of these kids don’t know much about nature, so a lot of the program is connecting kids just to the nature in the urban setting. It is also linked to reading. That’s the thing I’ve done in my life that’s been the most gratifying.”

Bill grew up in New England and was also a summer camper. “I went to Bowdoin College on the coast of Maine. I got connected to the Midwest first by going to law school at the University of Chicago. I was always quite interested in the environment. There wasn’t an environmental law course offered in Chicago, so I took environmental law out at UC Hastings College of the Law when we were living in San Francisco. Then I taught an undergraduate course in environmental law at the University of Wisconsin - Green Bay when we were there for a year.”

After moving to Milwaukee, Bill served as executive director and legal director for the American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin. He worked on civil rights and discrimination cases including insurance, housing and employment. He then went into private practice focusing on similar issues, including complex public interest litigation. “I built my practice on the basis of all my contacts who were mostly poor people.”

“I got involved with a local parks group, Preserve Our Parks, in Milwaukee,” noted Bill. “That led me to the boards of Midwest Environmental Advocates and the League of Wisconsin Conservation Voters. I also chair the lakefront development Advisory Commission in Milwaukee that reviews lakefront development proposals on public land. We try to apply uniform criteria to determine whether they’re appropriate for the lakefront.”

According to Barbara, one event was instrumental in their involvement in environmental issues. “We were there at the first Earth Day, that’s what did it!”

“We celebrated the first Earth Day in 1970,” added Bill. “That’s the year we were married.”

Saving the Sailor Creek Flowage

Almost the entire south shoreline and several islands in the Sailor Creek Flowage were permanently protected by Sue Kartman and Cindy Walters when they granted a conservation easement to the Northwoods Land Trust in December, 2015. The protected property includes roughly 178 acres of uplands and wetlands, with about 9,600 feet (1.8 miles) of frontage on the Sailor Creek Flowage.

According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Sailor Creek Flowage is approximately 215 acres in size with a maximum depth of 8 feet—the 20th largest of 389 lakes identified by WDNR in Price County.

Sailor Creek is a warm water stream flowing out of the Chequamegon National Forest and into the Sailor Creek Flowage. Both the flowage and the stream are accessible and support populations of muskies, northern pike, largemouth bass and panfish. A public boat landing is maintained near the dam owned by Price County.

This property was the second conservation easement donated to NWLT by the two women. Protected in 2012, their 319-acre property also includes about 4,000 feet of shoreline on Sailor Creek above the flowage.

“We owned a little cabin across the Sailor Creek Flowage that we bought in 1992,” explained Cindy. “We drove all over northern Wisconsin just looking for a place. We didn’t have much to spend. The cabin didn’t have a septic system or running water, so it was affordable.” “We were living in Madison, and we wanted a quiet lake, so this lake was desirable to us,” added Sue.

“We were out snowshoeing one day and walked across the flowage,” said Cindy. “It was January so there weren’t any leaves, and we saw this thing that looked like a spaceship. It was a house covered in Celotex. The guy that built it went bankrupt and it had never been finished.” “Later in the spring we were running down West Club Road and saw a for sale sign,” Sue said. “The house needed a lot of work, but we were young and we loved the property.” “We walked on an access road that runs from a point on the water to the house,” Cindy added. “That was the ‘thing’ that sold us. We just love that walk.”

“We have really grown to love the marsh,” Sue noted. “With the amount of wetlands that we have, a lot of different birds live here.” “A lot of people might look at this property and not think that much of it,” said Cindy. “We snowshoe and ski all through the marsh and explore what we can’t normally see. We punch through sometimes, but it is fun.”

“We got lost a couple of times,” reflected Sue. “Even though the property is not that big, there are so many little islands, it is easy to get disoriented. We own most of the islands out in the flowage, but other people own a few of them too. No one can ever develop those smaller islands, so they will always remain wild.”

“Back in the 1940s the biggest island had several lots surveyed out and sold off,” she continued. “The developer had built a road on a little causeway out to the island, but it was put in illegally and the Army Corps of Engineers made them take it out. We talked to some of the ‘oldsters’ who said they used to drive out to the island and fish.”

Sue and Cindy were able to purchase the lots, which can now never be developed under the provisions of the conservation easement. “We decided we really should buy them,” said Sue. “They weren’t worth what they were asking, but to us it was worth it because we wanted to protect the island.” Cindy noted that there is a large white pine on the big island where bald eagles nested for 13 years. “We watched a lot of eagle babies there.”

Since retiring as firefighters in Madison, they continue to volunteer as firefighters and first responders with the Fifield fire department. Cindy works as a physician’s assistant in Lac du Flambeau and volunteers for hospice. She also serves as a conservation easement monitoring volunteer for the Northwoods Land Trust.

Sue teaches courses for first responders. On the flowage, she also serves as a loon ranger, does annual frog and toad surveys and also does water quality monitoring with secchi disk readings. In addition, Sue volunteers to do transports for the Wild Instincts wildlife rehabilitation center (see Sue’s Wild Stories - next page).

“I think we always kind of assumed we’d do this property after we finished the first conservation easement,” said Cindy. “The more we talked about the wetlands and how we wanted to make sure they were protected, the more important the conservation easement became to us,” added Sue. “We really recognize how important wetlands are and that they really should be protected.”

Sue and Cindy also hope that some of their neighbors will see what they have done and consider protecting their own properties too. “I just love the way the land trust taken off,” said Cindy. With nearly 500 acres and more than 2.5 miles of shorelines permanently protected, their positive conservation impacts will truly last in the northwoods!



Sue Kartman (left) and Cindy Walters (with sign) are joined by NWLT representatives Bryan Pierce, Sue Coffman, and Mary Schwaiger to celebrate the signing of their second conservation easement.



Sue’s Wild Stories...

“If there is an injured bird or animal in my area, the Wild Instincts wildlife rehabilitation center staff will contact us to see if we can do the volunteer driving to get the critter to the rehab center in Rhinelander. It is really exciting work. Because I am a paramedic, when I first get there I can help treat them.”

I got involved in it initially with one of the loons on the flowage. We were fishing on the fourth of July weekend and watching the loons. One was acting real weird and couldn’t dive. It was real close to shore. I followed it for a little while and realized something was wrong. I literally paddled right up to it, picked it up and put it in my kayak, which wasn’t very smart at the time because they have a long sharp beak. I got a number for the rehab center, called them, and they asked if I could bring it over to them.

That loon didn’t survive. They could tell right away that it had lead poisoning. The loon had picked up a lead fishing sinker off the lake bottom.

One time I picked up a black bear cub that was a year old. The cub took a pretty big dog cage.

I also had a baby beaver once. It was just a day old and still had the umbilical cord attached, but the mother left it. The people were told to watch it for a day, but the mother didn’t come back for it, so they called the rehab center. Apparently it had some bone fractures, so the mother recognized that it probably wouldn’t survive.

It went from Wild Instincts to another rehab center by Lake Geneva where they had another beaver. Young beavers don’t go out on their own until they are two years old. We’ve been able to follow it on their website, and that one actually made it. ‘Chopper’ was a good success story!” - Sue Kartman

In Memoriam - Craig Everts

“I knew that I wanted to put the forest into a conservation easement. Like a lot of people who own forest land, I’ve become concerned on how I can pass this land on and maintain its integrity. To me it is the one inheritance that you are giving to everybody.”

- Craig Everts

At the Northwoods Land Trust, we were very saddened to learn that recent conservation easement donor Craig Everts passed away very unexpectedly in January due to complications during surgery.



Craig and his family were featured in our winter newsletter. He granted a conservation easement on 152 acres of forest land in Forest County last September.

Craig’s passion for woodlands in Wisconsin’s northwoods started at age 12 when he purchased his first 40-acre parcel and began planting trees. Clearly that passion continued throughout his lifetime.

Our hearts go out to Craig’s wife Carol Eldon and all of his family. We hope they find at least some consolation in the fact that Craig left a lasting legacy for future generations through the permanent protection of his treasured woodlands.



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Flambeau Family Legacy - *continued*

“The boys were in college when we bought the property on the Flambeau,” said Bill. “They were much more accomplished outdoorsmen than I was. They talked about having zero impact.”

“We taught them to love nature and they loved this place,” reflected Barbara. “Matt was a big canoer and a real outdoorsman. He was killed in a bicycling accident in Chicago in 2008.”

“Luke went on a summer canoe trip with three other guys to the Arctic Circle,” she commented. “They did it as a fundraiser for Camp Manito-wish.” They paddled from northern Saskatchewan, across the Northwest Territories, then up to the shore of the Arctic Ocean.

“Luke was the director of the Conservation Fund in Wyoming when he passed away in May in an avalanche,” Barbara said. He left behind a wife and three boys - ages 6, 4 and 2. But he also left behind an extensive conservation legacy.

After graduating from college, “he found this internship with the Jackson Hole Land Trust, and then they hired him,” she said. “He became the Director of the Green Valley Land Trust, and then got the job with the Conservation Fund. He conserved 170,000 acres of land in Wyoming, including a 130-mile mule deer migration route that is one of the few left.”

Luke also helped review the conservation easement for the Flambeau River property. “I think we want to keep it the way it is and have other people enjoy it after we aren’t there anymore,” said Barbara. “We’re happy that it will stay the way it is, thanks to you (NWLTL) and the good work you all do.”

“That river is so beautiful,” Barbara reflected. “I hope other people will take this action as well. It’s really what Wisconsin is about - this beautiful environment. We need to work to keep it this way. This conservation easement is a small thing we can do to help.”



*About 8,750 feet of natural shoreline
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