

Lake Superior Landscape Restoration Partnership

Purpose

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Forest Service (FS) have joined forces in a Landscape Restoration Partnership to improve the health and resiliency of forests on public and private lands. In Wisconsin, the Lake Superior Restoration Partnership works across public and private lands to protect water quality and improve habitat for at-risk species. The WDNR, Land Conservation Departments, non-profit organizations and Northland College are all key partners in the effort.

The NRCS and FS are investing \$30 million in 13 projects across the nation. In Wisconsin, the NRCS received over \$1 million in Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funding to help offset private landowner costs for installing conservation practices in the Lake Superior watershed in FY14 and FY15. Additional funding is expected in FY16. The partnering agencies goals are to promote adoption of managed grazing, improve soil and forest health, improve water quality, and restore habitat for the Sharp-tailed Grouse, Kirtland Warbler, Golden-winged Warbler, and Coaster Brook Trout. For more information on the Lake Superior Landscape Restoration Partnership visit our website at www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov.

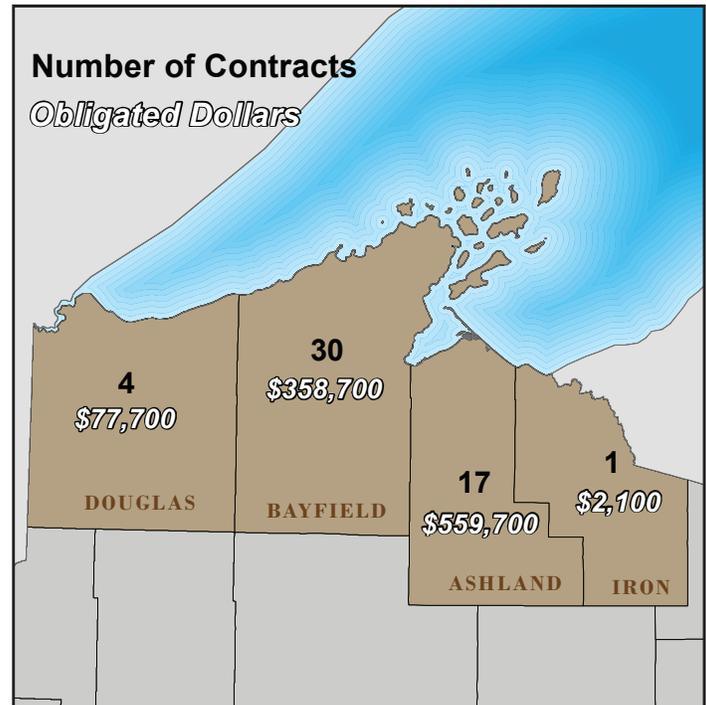
Contact your local NRCS service center to sign up for this effort. Find your nearest center at <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app>.

Top Five Practices

1. Heavy Use Area Protection
2. Fence
3. Prescribed Grazing
4. Stream Habitat Improvement and Management
5. Stream Crossing

Partnership Signup Results

Fiscal Year	Contracts (No.)	EQIP Dollars (\$)
2014	10	208,985
2015	42	802,886
Total	52	1,011,871



Sharp-tailed Grouse



Kirtland Warbler



Golden-winged Warbler



Coaster Brook Trout