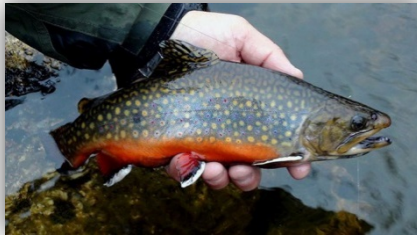




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Lake Superior Landscape Restoration Partnership

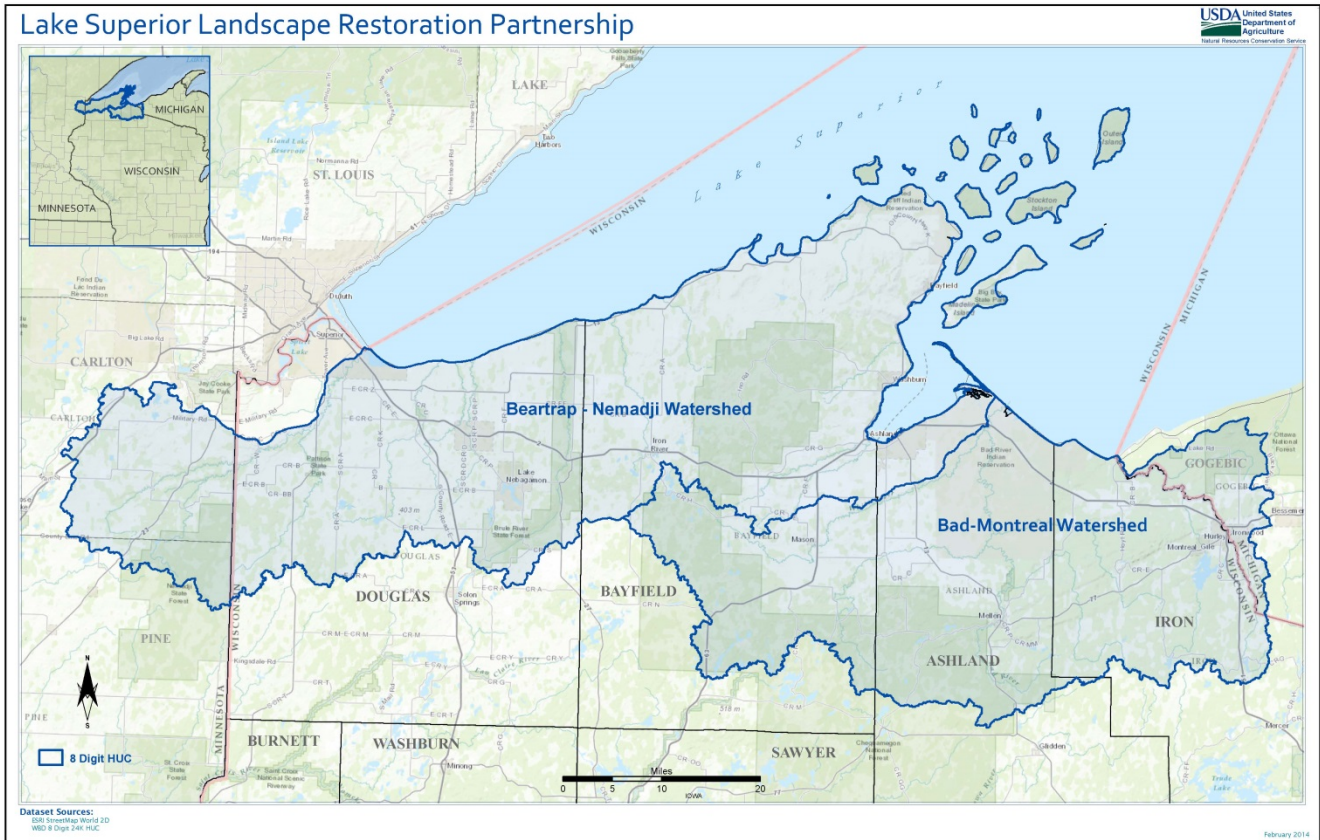
The U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Forest Service have joined forces in a Landscape Restoration Partnership to improve the health and resiliency of forests on public and private lands.

In Wisconsin, the Lake Superior Restoration Partnership will work across public and private lands to protect water quality and improve habitat for at-risk species.

Fire and invasive species don't stop at the boundaries of private and public land. By working together, we can better protect our communities and the surrounding watersheds.

The Forest Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service together are investing \$30 million in 13 projects across the nation. In Wisconsin, the Beartrap-Nemadji and Bad-Montreal Watersheds in northwest Wisconsin were selected. The focus will be to:

- Promote adoption of managed grazing for beef and dairy cows to improve soil health and water quality.
- Install large woody debris to expose gravel for trout spawning habitat.
- Improve forest nesting habitat for Golden-winged Warblers, Kirtland Warblers and Sharp-Tailed Grouse.
- Plant trees and shrubs to increase infiltration and stabilize steep slopes.
- Manage barnyard runoff to decrease phosphorus flowing into surface waters.
- Stabilize eroding streambanks and decrease sediment loads to streams.
- Create firebreaks and treat woody residue to lower fire risks. Improve forest stand to slow runoff from snow melt.
- Remove barriers to allow fish passage for native Brook Trout.
- Reduce sediment runoff to trout streams from forest roads.



The Beartrap-Nemadji and Bad-Montreal Watersheds are the focus for the Lake Superior Landscape Restoration Partnership

Measuring Success How will we measure the success of the *Lake Superior Landscape Restoration Partnership*?

1. acres of critical habitat restored for targeted wildlife
2. number of reaches of Brook Trout streams improved
3. acres with wildfire hazard reduced
4. sediment reduction from slow-the-flow practices
5. number of fish barriers removed
6. acres of land managed to reduce sedimentation.

The success of this project will also be measured by the number of meaningful collaborations between public and private partners that continue to produce meaningful outcomes long after the project ends.

