

Land Managers in the NSFC Landscape

The variety of landowners and land managing agencies and organizations within the NSFC project area provides an outstanding pool of knowledge, professional expertise, organizational support, and resource management guidance. It greatly increases the opportunities coordination on landscape projects to help restore the forests along the North Shore of Lake Superior.

Land managers include federal, state and county agencies and tribal governments, cities and towns, non-profits, local businesses, private landowners, and others. While publicly-owned land makes up a large portion of Cook and Lake counties, private landowners are the largest landowner group within the NSFC project area.

Publicly-owned lands

Federal – 48,175 acres (17.7%)

USDA Forest Service, Superior National Forest
National Park Service, Grand Portage National Monument

Tribal – 30,369 acres (11.2%)

Grand Portage Band of Minnesota Chippewa
1854 Authority (representing the 1854 Ceded Territory rights of Fond du Lac and Bois Forte bands)

State of Minnesota - 48,358 acres (17.8%)

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, State Parks, State Forests, State Trails & Waterways,
Wildlife Management Areas, Scientific and Natural Areas.
Minnesota Department of Transportation – Right of way along Highway 61

County Government

Lake County – 30,294 acres (11.2%)
Cook County – 1,220 (0.5%)

City/Town Governments 3,456 acres (1.3%)

Privately-owned lands - 105,558 acres (38.9%)

Non-Governmental Organizations and Non-Profits

Sugarloaf: The North Shore Stewardship Association
Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center
The Nature Conservancy

Private Businesses – large and smaller landowners

Various resorts and businesses

Private landowners

Full time residents
Part time residents
Land owners without a dwelling on property

Unknown ownership – 3,664 acres (1.3%)