

Mission

The mission of the North Shore Forest Collaborative is to revitalize and maintain a healthy and functioning ecosystem along the North Shore of Lake Superior with emphasis on restoring and maintaining native trees and associated forest communities.

Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: RESTORATION: Reestablish and Maintain a Diverse and Thriving Forest Along the North Shore of Lake Superior.

Objective A: Restore lost components of Native Plant Communities on 1,000 acres per year. Current target tree species are: white cedar, white pine, white spruce across the landscape, and yellow birch, tamarack, jack pine, basswood, elm, black and green ash, and red oak where ecologically appropriate. These species may be adjusted as needed, such as climate change. Retention of paper birch in the ecosystem will also be pursued.

Objective B: Identify focus areas for restoration across the landscape by 2015.

Objective C: Establish a network of implementers (foresters, timber harvest contractors, site prep contractors, planting contractors, etc.) that would be willing to work across all property owners.

Objective D: Minimize the introduction and spread of invasive species.

Objective E: Minimize forest fragmentation

Objective F: Utilize project monitoring to measure progress in restoring ecosystem health and achieving project objectives.

Goal 2: COLLABORATION: Promote cooperative restoration efforts on all ownerships.

Objective A: Increase private landowner engagement in the NSFC and restoration activities.

Objective B: Secure multi-year funding for core operations of the NSFC

Goal 3: EDUCATION: Share expertise and knowledge about restoration.

Objective A. Increase support from private landowners, public agencies, general public and political spheres for ecosystem restoration of the North Shore.

Objective B: Offer ongoing internal and external education.