

The North Shore Forest Collaborative is a cooperative effort between federal, state, tribal & local land management agencies as well as private organizations and individuals.

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## Healthy Forests = Healthy Communities

Lake Superior's North Shore Coastal Forest is a landscape of outstanding scenic qualities, high value natural resources, and incredible recreational opportunity; It is the essence of the North Shore economy and life-style.

For those who live here and the thousands who visit each year, nurturing a healthy forest is critical to the sustainability of this unique and special place.

The North Shore Forest Collaborative was formed in the interest of promoting a healthy forest ecosystem for today and generations to come.

# North Shore Forest Collaborative

*Promoting a Healthy Forest On Minnesota's North Shore Of Lake Superior*



## Our Mission & How We Plan to Achieve It

The mission of the North Shore Forest Collaborative (NSFC) 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.

The Collaborative is a coordinated effort between local, state, and federal land management agencies, private and non-profit organizations and individuals who want to work together to assure a healthy forest environment.

Coordination, communication, collaboration and shared resources is the “glue” that binds this initiative together.



Photos by Mike Lynch



## Where Is Our Focus?

The planning area for the North Shore Forest Collaborative is the Highway 61 corridor beginning at Knife River and continuing to the Canadian border. The inland boundary is approximately 3.5 miles in from the Lake Superior shoreline.

## What Are the Issues?

Dying Birch, blow-downs, invasive species, deer browse, and ice storm damage are among the issues impacting our forests and challenging the ecosystem along the North Shore.

## Who Owns the Forests?

Although much of Lake and Cook Counties are publicly owned, 75% of the land within the North Shore Forest Collaborative planning corridor is private.

This means that to make significant changes in the forest along the North Shore, private landowners will need to actively participate in the process.

A primary goal of the North Shore Forest Collaborative is to work with all interested parties to develop and carry out forest management strategies on all North Shore lands, public and private.

## What Can Be Done?

Forest management strategies will include government agencies, public and private organizations, as well as individuals which will share information, expertise and equipment. The Collaborative will coordinate activities, provide education, offer technical assistance and seek funding opportunities to realize common goals. Projects are on-going and evolving, subject to available funds and participants.

New ideas and enthusiasm are always welcomed!

## North Shore Forest Collaborative Goals

1. To re-establish & maintain a diverse & healthy forest along the North Shore of Lake Superior.
2. To expand cooperation, planning, and management efforts along the corridor.
3. To share expertise and knowledge learned through Collaborative and member projects.



## What does the Collaborative do?

- Targets specific reforestation projects
- Promotes invasive species control
- Compliments & supports member goals
- Shares knowledge & educates
- Seeks to engage all landowners

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**Do you want to get involved or do you have questions?**

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