



# Sawyer County

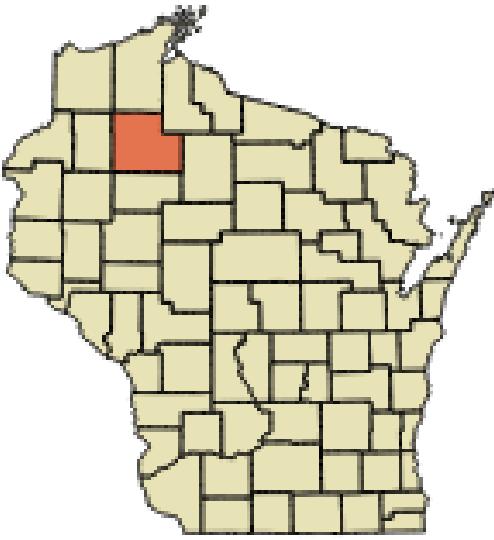
Land & Water Resource Management Plan

# Zoning & Conservation

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- We are a merged dept. with zoning & conservation since 2010
- Zoning has an office of 6
- Conservation has an office of 2





## Sawyer County

- Population 18,074
- 1350 square miles total
- 93 square miles of water (6.9%)
- 5<sup>th</sup> largest county in WI by land area
- Located in the northwest corner of Wisconsin about 70 miles south of Lake Superior
- Formed in 1883 from parts of the Chippewa and Ashland Counties

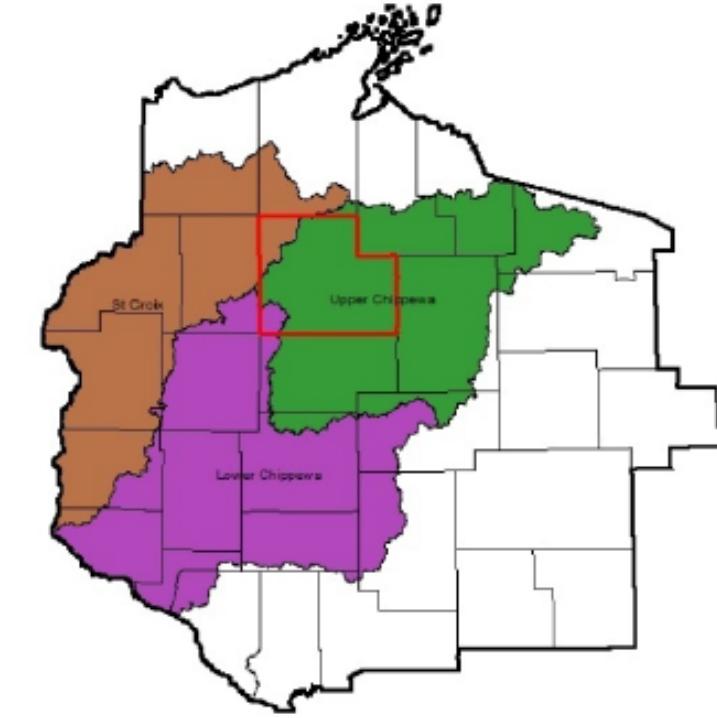
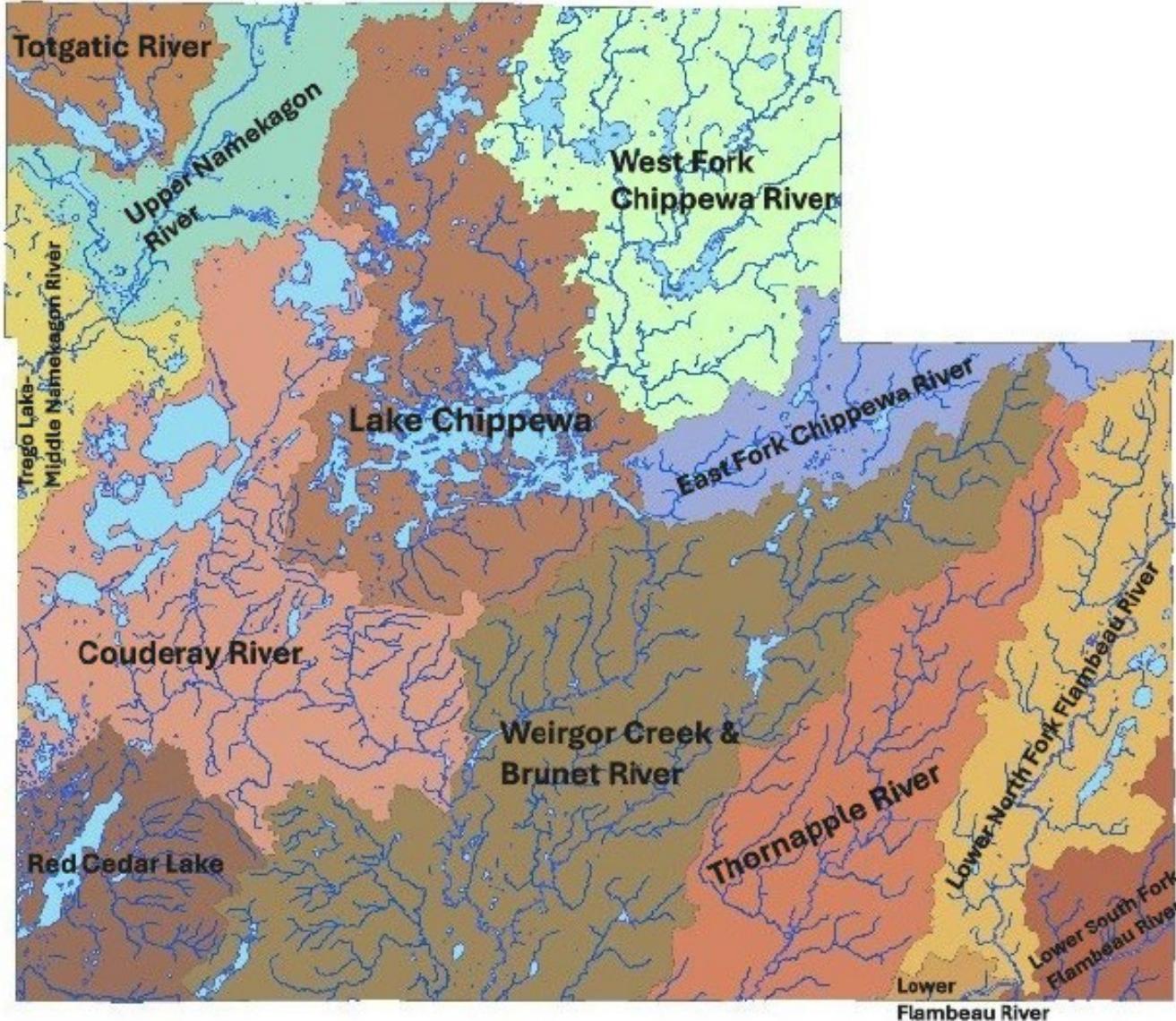


## Chippewa Flowage



## Surface Water

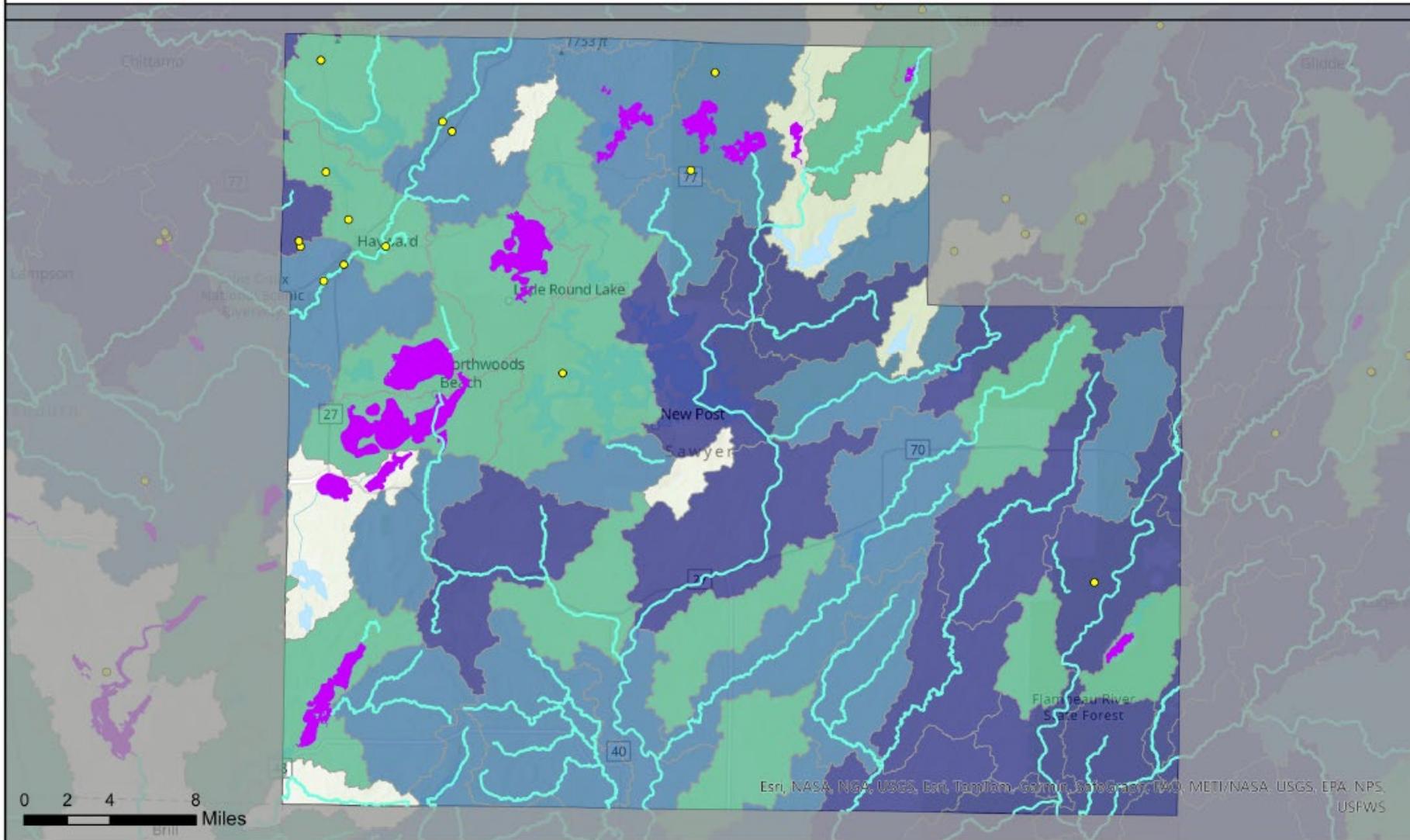
- Sawyer County lakes are legendary for providing recreational activities and producing world record fish.
- Total inland surface water area is approximately 56,180 acres which is more than the size of the 4 smallest counties
- There are 496 lakes in Sawyer County, including the 15,300 acre Chippewa Flowage, the third largest inland water body in Wisconsin
- Approximately 850 miles of shoreline in Sawyer County



## 14 Watersheds

- 3 Basins
- Upper Chippewa
- Lower Chippewa
- St. Croix

# Sawyer County - Healthy Watersheds, High-Quality Waters (2021)



## Statewide Watershed Protection Priorities

- Top 10% (Healthiest)
- Top 10-20%
- Top 20-30% (Healthy)

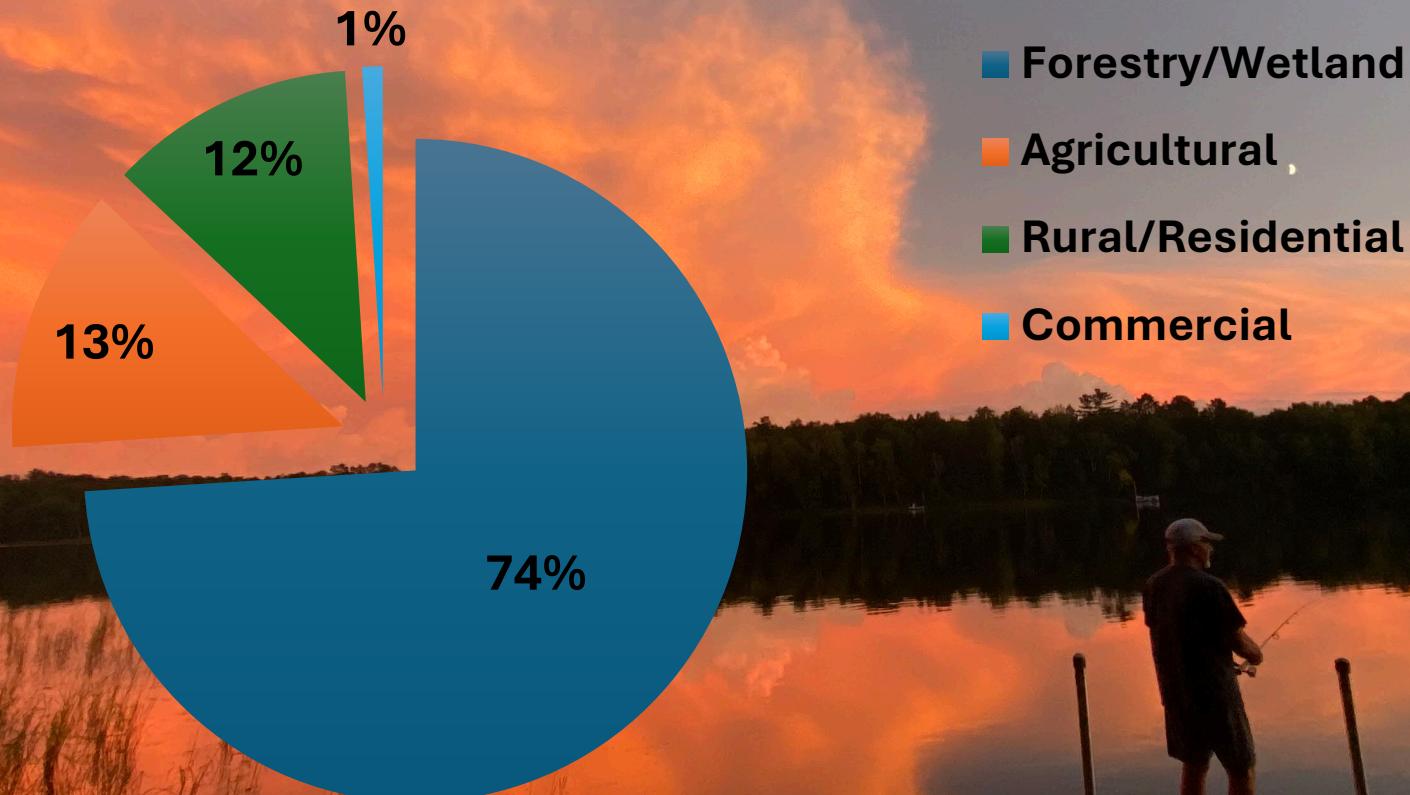
## High-Quality Waters

- Yellow dot: Healthy & Rare Wetlands
- Pink box: High-Quality Lakes & Large Rivers
- Green line: High-Quality Streams

Sawyer County Boundary



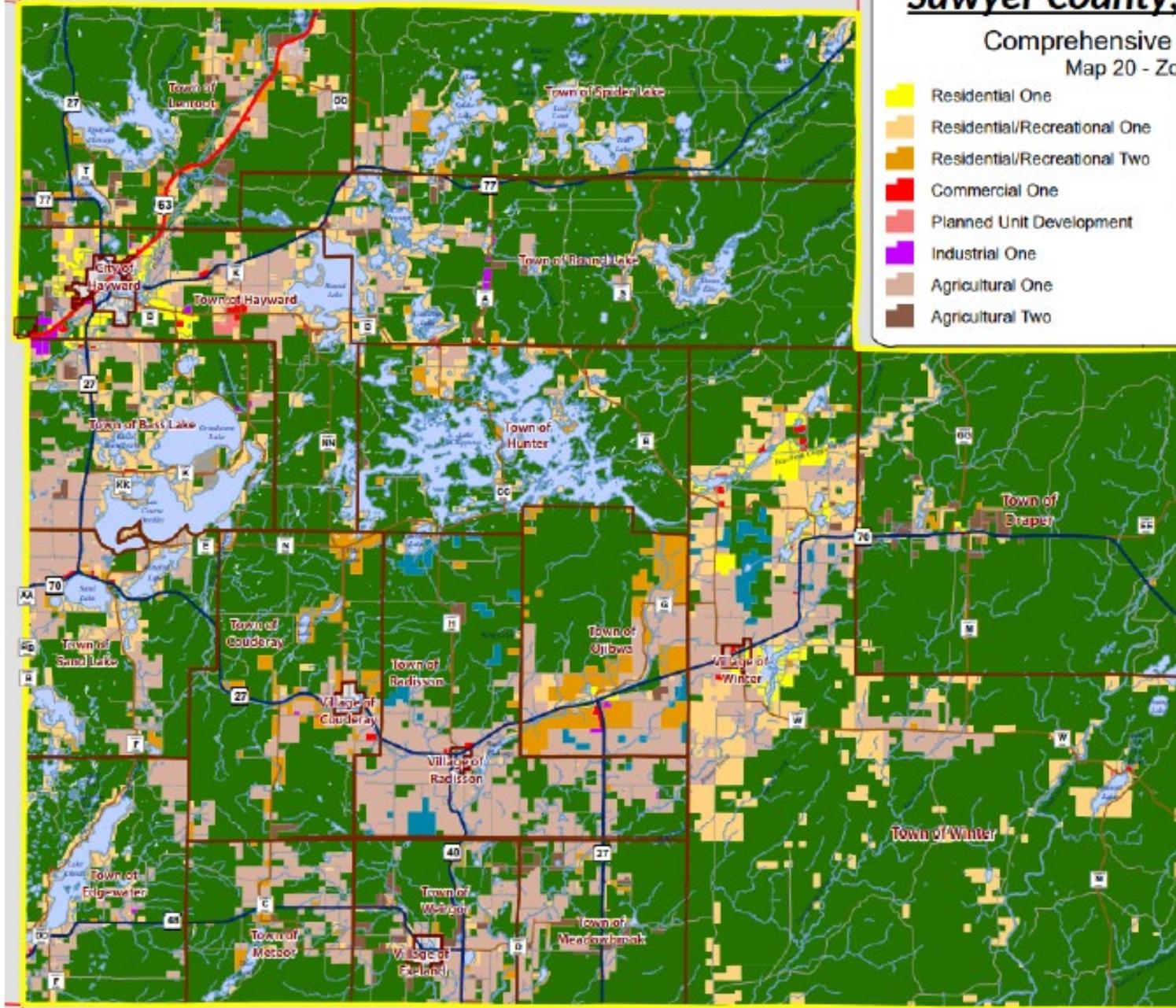
# Land Use in Sawyer County



# Sawyer County, Wisconsin

## Comprehensive Plan 2020

### Map 20 - Zoning





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## Cost Share Waiting List

- Currently have 18 cost share projects on a waiting list totaling ~\$500,000 in total project cost
- 2026 DATCP Cost Share Funding: \$26,000

# Shoreline Projects



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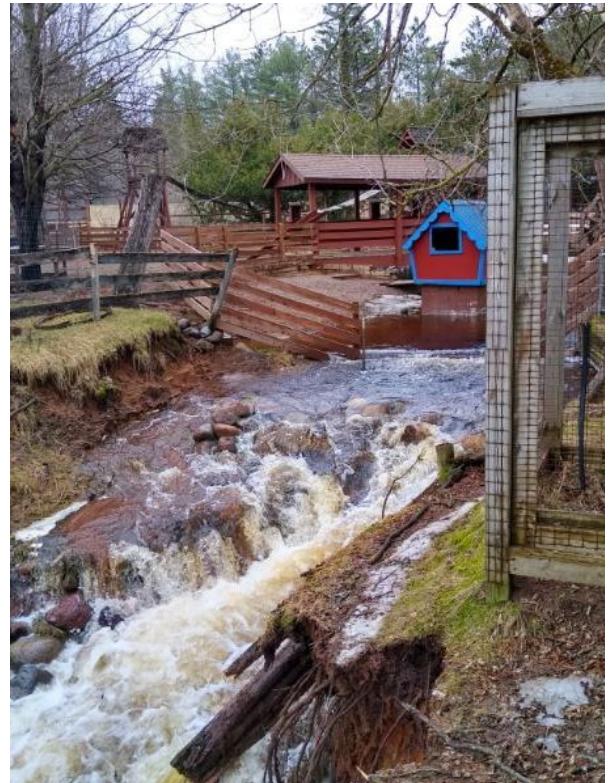


# Agricultural Projects

# Nutrient Management

- 7,080 acres enrolled
- Approx. 25% cropland covered
- Adding Cranberry NMFE

# Upcoming Project

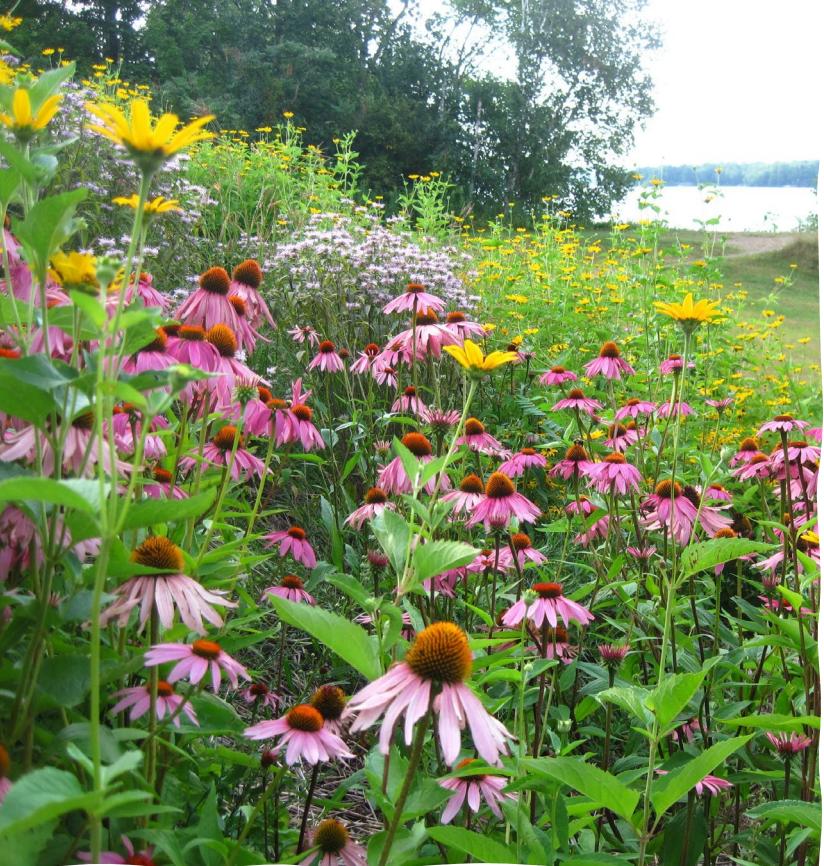


# Education & Outreach

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- Poster & Speaking Contest
- Conservation Camps
- Trainings & Presentations





2026 Sawyer County  
Tree & Shrub Sale

30th Anniversary!

*Pick-Up Dates:*

Friday, May 8, 2026 - 9am-5:30pm  
Saturday, May 9, 2026 - 9am-10am

*Pick-Up Location:*

Sawyer County Fairgrounds  
10172N Bender Rd, Hayward, WI 54843

Thank you all for your continued support!



# Tree Sale

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- 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!
- 95,675 sold over 30 years
- Tree Planter for rent
- All online
- Looking to expand by adding native plant sale

# Aquatic Invasive Species

- Public Awareness
- Trainings
- Lake Monitoring



# Non-Metallic Mining



**64 Active Pits**

Questions?

Thank you!

