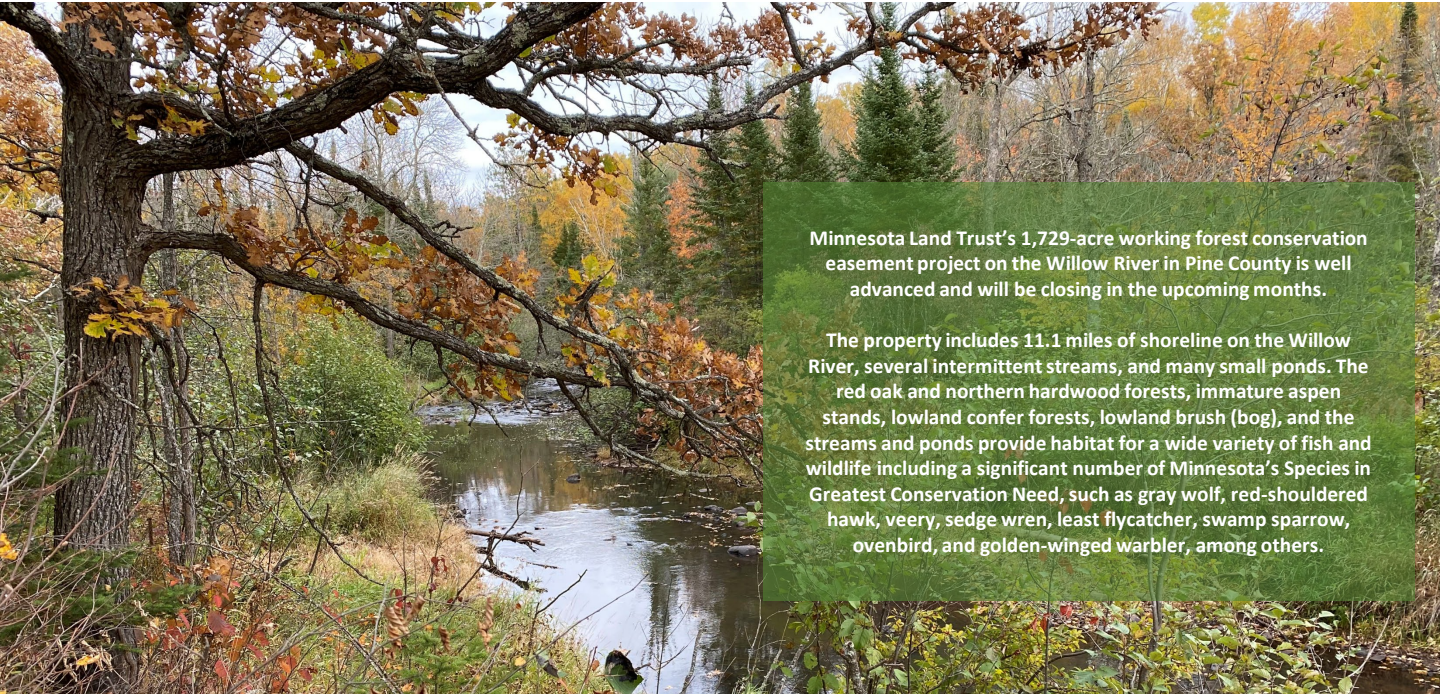




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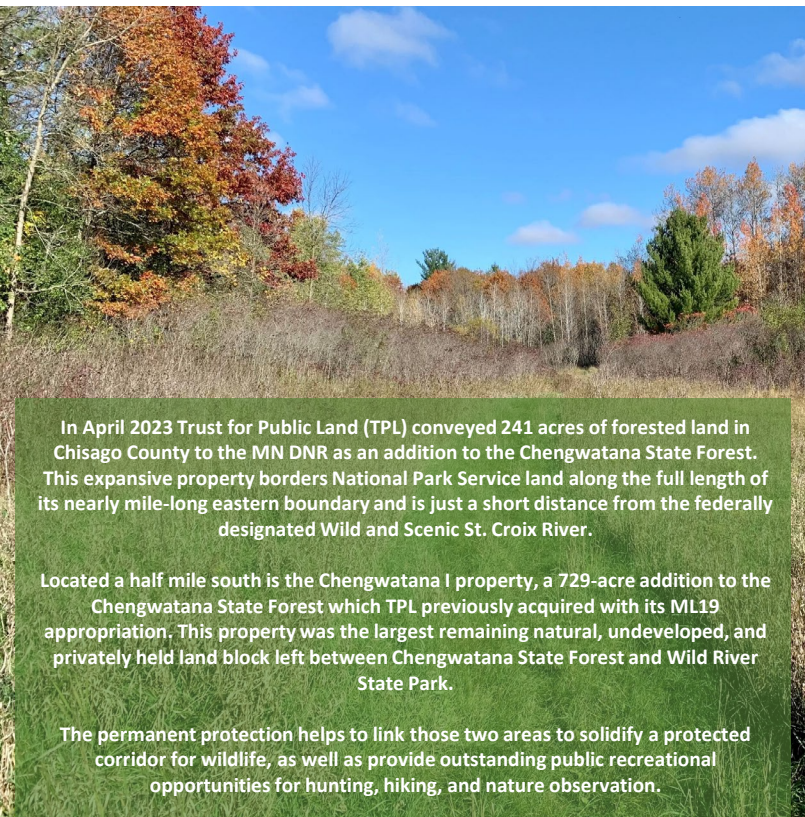
PROTECTION THROUGH CONSERVATION EASEMENT



Minnesota Land Trust's 1,729-acre working forest conservation easement project on the Willow River in Pine County is well advanced and will be closing in the upcoming months.

The property includes 11.1 miles of shoreline on the Willow River, several intermittent streams, and many small ponds. The red oak and northern hardwood forests, immature aspen stands, lowland conifer forests, lowland brush (bog), and the streams and ponds provide habitat for a wide variety of fish and wildlife including a significant number of Minnesota's Species in Greatest Conservation Need, such as gray wolf, red-shouldered hawk, veery, sedge wren, least flycatcher, swamp sparrow, ovenbird, and golden-winged warbler, among others.

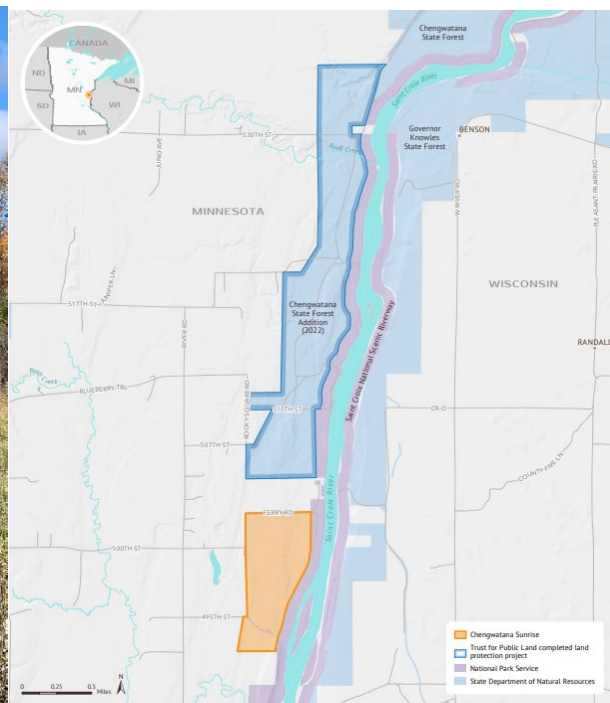
PROTECTION THROUGH FEE-TITLE ACQUISITION



In April 2023 Trust for Public Land (TPL) conveyed 241 acres of forested land in Chisago County to the MN DNR as an addition to the Chengwatana State Forest. This expansive property borders National Park Service land along the full length of its nearly mile-long eastern boundary and is just a short distance from the federally designated Wild and Scenic St. Croix River.

Located a half mile south is the Chengwatana I property, a 729-acre addition to the Chengwatana State Forest which TPL previously acquired with its ML19 appropriation. This property was the largest remaining natural, undeveloped, and privately held land block left between Chengwatana State Forest and Wild River State Park.

The permanent protection helps to link those two areas to solidify a protected corridor for wildlife, as well as provide outstanding public recreational opportunities for hunting, hiking, and nature observation.



Chengwatana Sunrise Addition to Chengwatana State Forest CHISAGO COUNTY, MINNESOTA

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Results to Date through 8/11/2023

Grant Phase	Budget					Output									
	Protection			Restore/Enhance		Total		Protection						Restore/Enhance	
	Award		Spent	Award	Spent / Committed	Award	Spent	Protection Leverage		Acres Protected		Shoreline (mi) Protected		Projects	
								Proposed	Actual	Proposed	Outcome	% of Goal	Proposed	Actual	% of Goal
2019 St. Croix Phase 1 (In Progress)	\$ 3,602,000	\$ 3,546,861	\$ 149,000	\$ 94,148	\$ 3,751,000	\$ 3,641,009	\$ 3,641,009	\$ 208,500	\$ 519,980	725	1,725	238%	0.0	5.0	4
2021 St. Croix Phase 2 (In Progress)	\$ 3,112,000	\$ 2,338,455	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,112,000	\$ 2,338,455	\$ 2,338,455	\$ 192,500	\$ 36,000	554	1,253	226%	0.0	7.0	2
2022 St. Croix Phase 3 (In Progress)	\$ 3,704,000	\$ 3,285,051	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,704,000	\$ 3,285,051	\$ 3,285,051	\$ 327,400	\$ 190,000	668	2,376	356%	1.0	14.2	8
2023 St. Croix Phase 4 (In Progress)	\$ 13,306,000	\$ 10,500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,306,000	\$ 10,500,000	\$ 10,500,000	\$ 5,260,000	\$ -	300	0	0%	0.0	0.0	0
2024 St. Croix Phase 5 (Proposed)	\$ 8,406,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,406,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	1,700	0	0%	0.0	0.0	0

Program Totals	Budget					Output									
	Protection			Restore/Enhance		Total		Protection						Restore	
	Award		Spent	Award	Spent / Committed	Award	Spent	Leverage		Acres Protected		Shoreline Protected		Acres Restored	
								Proposed	Actual	Proposed	Outcome	% of Goal	Proposed	Actual	% of Goal
Complete	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
In Progress	\$ 23,724,000	\$ 19,670,367	\$ 149,000	\$ 94,148	\$ 23,873,000	\$ 19,764,515	\$ 19,764,515	\$ 5,988,400	\$ 745,980	2247	5,354	238%	1	26.2	2619%
Totals Across All Grants	\$ 23,724,000	\$ 19,670,367	\$ 149,000	\$ 94,148	\$ 23,873,000	\$ 19,764,515	\$ 19,764,515	\$ 5,988,400	\$ 745,980	2,247	5,354	238%	1	26.2	2619%