

The Land and Water Conservation Department provides technical assistance and cost-share incentives to help landowners protect, enhance, and restore native habitats. Protection is achieved through implementation of conservation practices designed to control non-point sources of pollution.

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Bayfield County Lakes Forum

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Natural Resources Conservation Service

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OUR MISSION

To assist the public in protecting, enhancing and restoring the natural resources of Bayfield County.

Technical Assistance

The Land and Water Conservation Department (LWCD) provides technical assistance to landowners:

- ✔ Conservation planning and watershed analysis
- ✔ Conservation practice design
- ✔ Assistance with shoreland restoration and erosion control recommendations
- ✔ Non-metallic Mining Reclamation Plan review
- ✔ Educational presentations



Conservation Education

- ✔ Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)
- ✔ Contractors Seminar
- ✔ Shoreland Owners
- ✔ Nutrient Management
- ✔ Youth Conservation Camp

This annual camp is designed for 8th-11th grade students, with a focus on conservation and outdoor education.

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is provided to landowners for installation of conservation practices that reduce sediments and nutrients in our waterways while improving habitat. The LWCD is guided by the goals identified in the Bayfield County Land and Water Resource Management Plan.

Funding is provided by DATCP, USFWS, DNR and NRCS and may reimburse up to 70% or more of project costs.



Some projects eligible for cost-share include:

- ✔ Streambank and Shoreline Protection
- ✔ Well Decommissioning
- ✔ Wetland Restoration
- ✔ Access Road or Cattle Crossing
- ✔ Streambank Fencing
- ✔ Barnyard Runoff Control System
- ✔ Riparian Buffers

Working Lands Initiative

The goal of this program is to achieve preservation of areas significant for current and future agricultural uses through successful implementation of the following components.

- ✔ Expand and modernize the state's existing farmland preservation program
- ✔ Establish agricultural enterprise areas
- ✔ Develop a purchase of agricultural conservation easement matching grant program



Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program

Compensates qualified commercial agriculture producers for damage caused by deer, bear, geese and turkey.