



## **Coulee Experimental State Forest Example Draft Vision Statement and Goals**

### **Vision Statement**

The Coulee Experimental State Forest is a locally historic and dynamic property that contributes to the diversity of plant and animal communities in the region. The forest is managed for present and future generations to provide ecological, cultural, social and economic benefits within its capabilities. Special emphasis is given to forest research and field demonstrations that promote sustainable land management practices within the Driftless Area.

### **Goals**

1. Manage the property within the ecological capability of the land using principles of ecosystem management and sustainable forestry.
2. Collaborate in forest research and demonstration to advance sustainable land management practices within the Driftless Area. Develop and demonstrate productive forest management practices that protect and enhance water quality, soils, wildlife habitat and natural communities.
3. Provide renewable forest products by practicing third-party certified, sustainable forest management.
4. Provide a diversity of natural communities and wildlife habitats consistent with the forest's capabilities and property goals, including diverse forest types and age classes, large and contiguous forest blocks and non-forested communities such as dry prairies and cliff communities.
5. Protect endangered and threatened species, biological diversity and areas of geological or cultural significance.
6. Manage invasive plants, animals, insects and diseases that affect overall forest health.
7. Provide opportunities for hunting and wildlife viewing.
8. Provide a variety of outdoor, non-motorized recreational activities that are compatible and can be sustained without harm to the trail network and forest ecosystems.
9. Maintain and enhance the undeveloped scenic beauty of the state forest, especially those areas visible from trails and public roadways.
10. Prevent and minimize conflicts between diverse interests, by seeking to balance research, forest management and recreational uses.