



Bayfield Regional Conservancy

Who is the Bayfield Regional Conservancy?

The Bayfield Regional Conservancy (BRC) is nonprofit, non-governmental conservation organization started in 1996. The BRC is an accredited land trust through The Land Trust Alliance, a national organization. BRC has tax-exempt status as a 501(c)(3) organization with the Internal Revenue Service, and is registered as a Charitable Organization, so contributions are fully tax deductible.

The **Mission** of the Bayfield Regional Conservancy is to protect the natural lands, waters, forests, farms, and places of scenic, spiritual, and historic value in the Bayfield Region. The BRC service area includes four counties in Northwestern Wisconsin: Ashland, Bayfield, Douglas, and Sawyer. To date, the Conservancy has helped to protect 4,650 acres!

The **Purpose** of the Bayfield Regional Conservancy is to:

- To protect and enhance the ecological integrity of the air, land and water of Northwestern Wisconsin
- To protect and enhance Lake Superior, inland lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands; agricultural, forest, urban and undeveloped lands; plant and wildlife habitat and communities; and sites with significant human aesthetic, spiritual, cultural and historic features, principles and traditions
- To acquire by gift, purchase or otherwise, real estate or personal property of any kind whatsoever, including partial real property interests and conservation easements
- To conduct studies and to educate public officials and members of the general public about conservation tools and strategies which support appropriate and sustainable patterns of land and water use in Northwestern Wisconsin

The Bayfield Regional Conservancy has an all-volunteer Board of Directors which helps governs the activities of the land trust. Our Board members are from a diverse area of or service area and provide a vast amount of professional and real world experience in the area of land conservation. Our current Board members can be found on our website.

How Can You Help?

- Become a **Member** of the Bayfield Regional Conservancy. As a membership-supported organization, we count on people to help us continue to protect lands in Northwestern Wisconsin – The places you love. Your donation is 100% tax deductible and every dollar you give is invested locally.
- **Volunteer** for the Bayfield Regional Conservancy. The work of the Conservancy would not be possible without the help of our dedicated volunteers. We are always looking for people who are willing to help out. Activities can range from weeding to monitoring to trail building to event planning to serving on a committee. There is something for everyone!
- Include the Bayfield Regional Conservancy in your **annual giving and estate planning**. Gifts of land, stocks, bonds, life insurance, or real estate, whether now or as a bequest, can help provide a lasting memorial and legacy of land into the future.
- **Protect your land** – A conservation easement will not only protect your property from future development but also allow you to ensure your land is stewarded into the future through the legacy that you leave. A conservation easement will help protect the conservation values of your land for future generations.