The Land & 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.

Partners

Bayfield County Lakes Forum

US Fish & Wildlife Service

University of WI Extension

Ducks Unlimited

Trout Unlimited

The Nature Conservancy

WI Dept. of Natural Resources

Natural Resources Conservation Services

Farm Services Agency

Dept. of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection

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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 & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) provides technical assistance to landowners:

- Conservation planning & 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
  Annual camp for 8th-11th grade students with a focus on conservation & outdoor courses.

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 & Water Resource Management Plan. Funding is provided by DATCP, USFWS, DU, TU, DNR and NRCS and may reimburse up to 70% or more of project costs.

Some projects eligible for cost-share include:

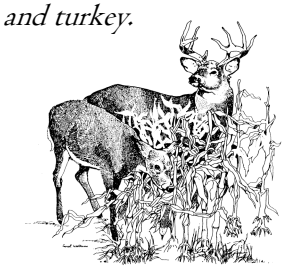
- Streambank and Shoreline Protection
- Well Decommissioning
- Wetland Restoration
- Access Road or Cattle Crossing
- Streambank Fencing
- Barnyard Runoff Control System
- Riparian Buffers

Additional Programs

- Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

  Provide substantial financial incentives to landowners wishing to establish forested buffers on agricultural lands along streams. Fields and pastures along navigable streams are planted with trees to reduce run off and provide habitat.

- Farmland Preservation Program

- Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program

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