

Preservation and Protection of Wisconsin Point

The citizens of Northwest Wisconsin request: That the State of Wisconsin play an active role in the preservation of Wisconsin Point and surrounding public lands.

Description:

Wisconsin Point is a unique natural asset of the state. With four miles of Lake Superior beach and five miles of Allouez Bay shoreline, close to four lane US 53 and within the Duluth-Superior metro area, it provides the most convenient Lake Superior public access to the greatest number of people on the Wisconsin shore. There are approximately 1,400 acres of public land, owned by the City of Superior, Douglas County, the University of Wisconsin, and also an interest by the Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.

The landowners, assisted by the Northwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and the DNR, have developed and are implementing a joint management plan. We wish to thank the DNR for engagement and leadership in this important planning process.

Implementation of the plan will require continued engagement of the DNR and other state agencies. The Point continues to face challenges in various forms; including, but not limited to, illegal dumping of a wide variety of debris from construction materials to animal carcasses, vandalism of natural features including trees being cut down, fires in sensitive areas, litter on the beach, and cars being broken into and items stolen.

Wisconsin Point will only grow in value as an environmental, recreational, and cultural asset, and in the future may justify higher levels of protection, such as state park status.