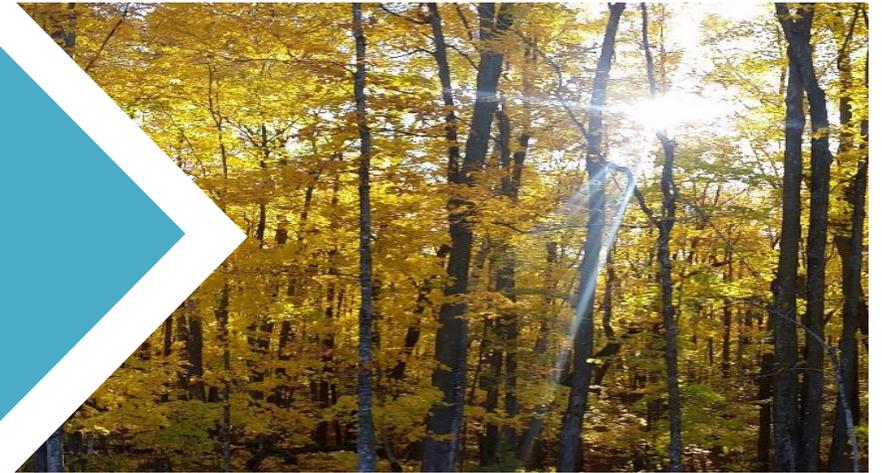


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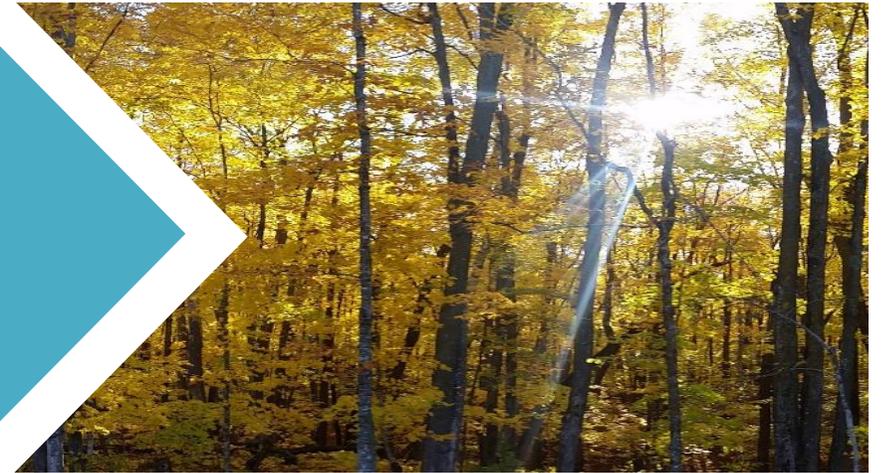
Background / Project Scope

- The City of Bayport and Washington County have been working together on this project since 2014.
 - The Clean Water, Land and Legacy Fund was created as a result of a bond referendum approved by voters in 2006, authorizing the county to invest up to \$20 million to preserve water quality and natural areas.
- The project involves acquisition and conservation of 11 contiguous acres / 665 feet of shoreline on the St. Croix River.
- The landowners came forward with an interest to sell and a desire to conserve and protect the land for public use.
- The parcels are located between city's current boat launch on 4th Avenue North and Lakeside Park.



EXHIBIT - PARCEL MAP

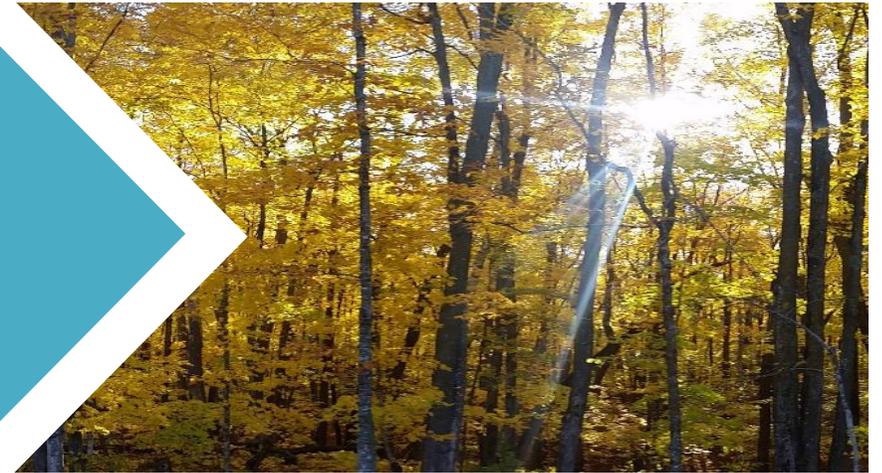
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Funding Sources

- A total of **\$1,795,000** was secured to acquire the land for this initiative.
 - Washington County Clean Water, Land and Legacy Funds = \$745,000
 - DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant = \$150,000
 - DNR Natural and Scenic Area Grant = \$350,000
 - Andersen Corporation Donation = \$550,000

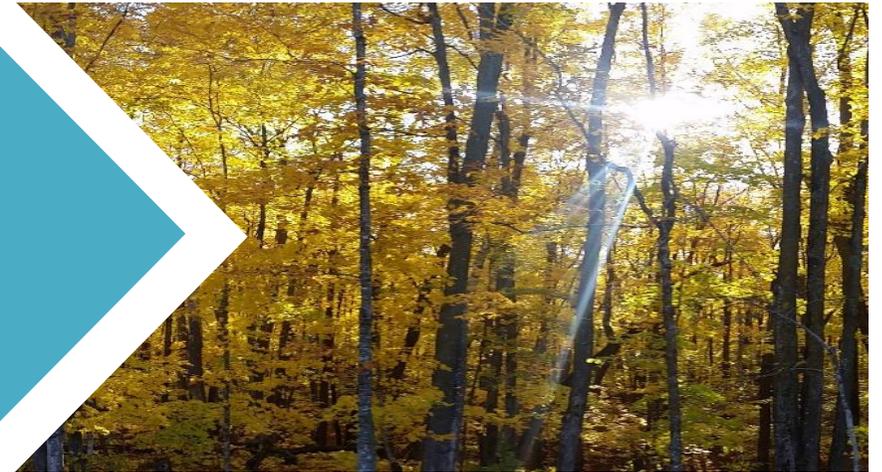
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Progress

- The city held several public workshops and meetings to consider this project over the past 6 years.
 - Due to statutory requirements, certain discussion regarding property appraisals and negotiations related to the land acquisition were conducted in closed meetings.
- On May 20, 2019, the City Council approved the land acquisition for the project in the amount of \$1,785,000.
- On October 17, 2019 the city closed on the purchase with the landowners.
- Following the purchase, the city began the due diligence process of completing the environmental and archeological studies required by Washington County and DNR grant agreements.

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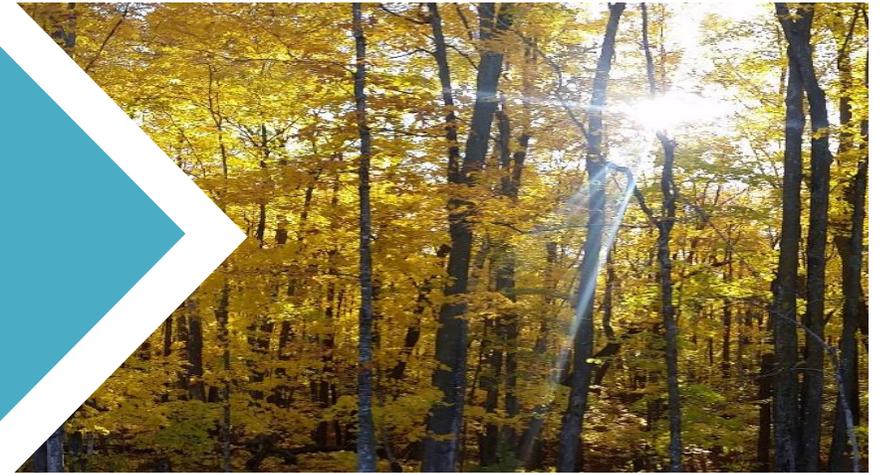
Progress

Phase I Environmental Site Assessment*

- Required for projects using county, state, federal funding sources (Washington County grant).
- Identifies potential or existing environmental contamination liabilities.
- Assessment was completed and results did not indicate any known contaminants.

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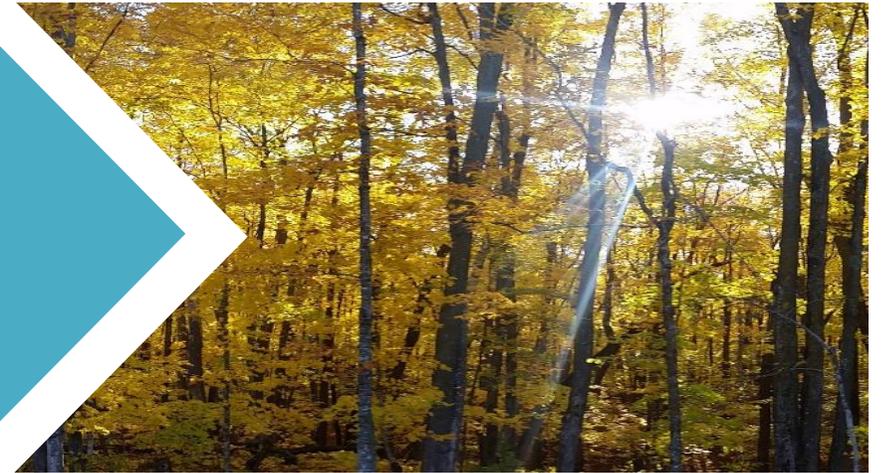
Progress

Phase I Archeological Survey*

- Required by State Historic Preservation Office for projects that are funded by state and/or federal sources (DNR grants).
- Determines presence or absence of archaeological resources.
- Survey was completed and results did not indicate any artifacts of significance.
- State Historic Preservation Office stipulated foundation remnants of the St. Croix Lake Ice Company (1916-1950) be preserved and protected from impacts during demolition of residential structures and future improvements.

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Progress

Asbestos Testing / Mitigation*

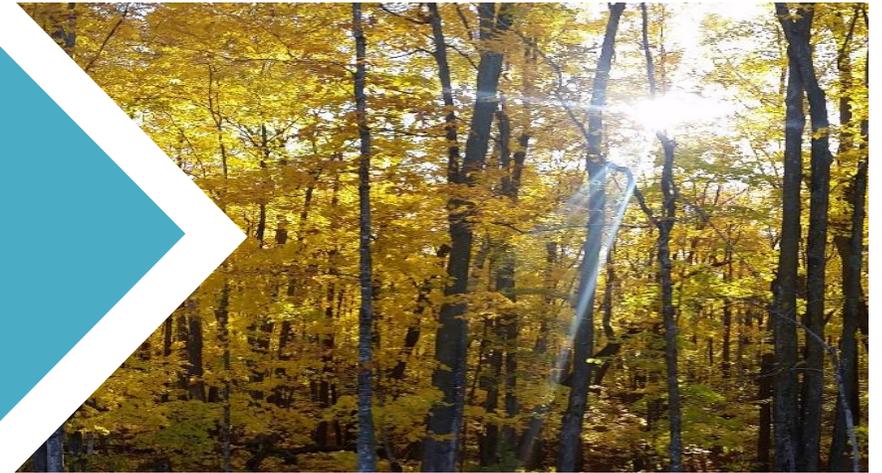
- Required by EPA for structures slated for demolition.
- Testing and mitigation was completed.

Demolition Activity*

- Required for all existing residential structures by Washington County and DNR grants.
- Demolition and regrading of the parcels was completed.

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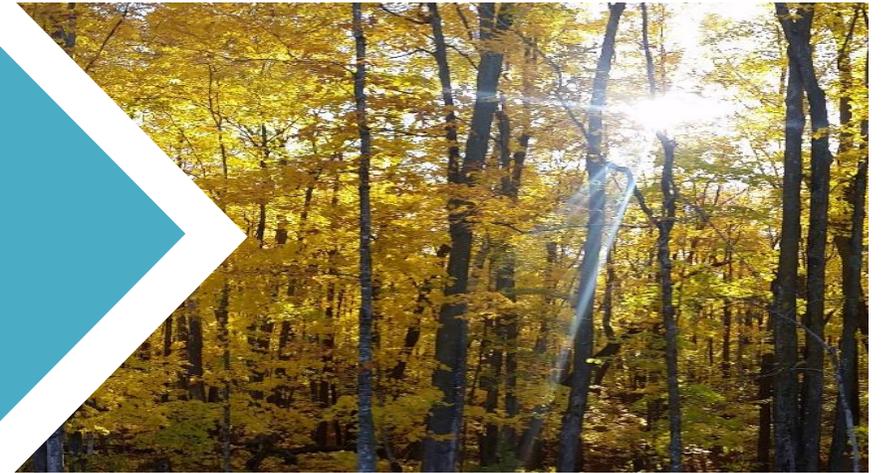
Progress

Topographic Land Survey / Wetland Delineation*

- Required for projects in the Lower St. Croix River Bluffland and Shoreland and Floodplain Management areas involving demolition, grading, filling, and/or new construction.
- A land survey, including location of parcel boundaries, significant trees, and two foot elevation contours was completed.
- A wetland delineation was completed.

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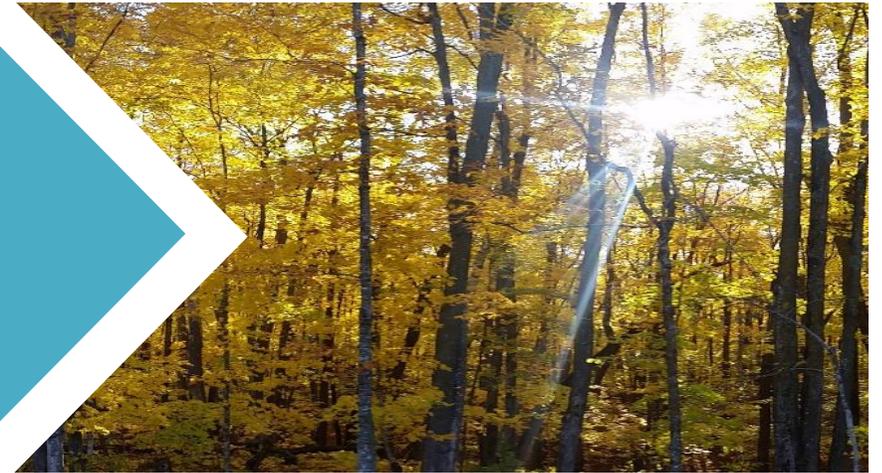
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Habitat Management Plan*

- Required by Washington County grant.
- Identifies landscape and ecological context, natural heritage inventory, plant species, and potential threats to conservation values.
- Establishes native plant community goals, objectives, and management strategies.
- Plan is in process and nearing completion.

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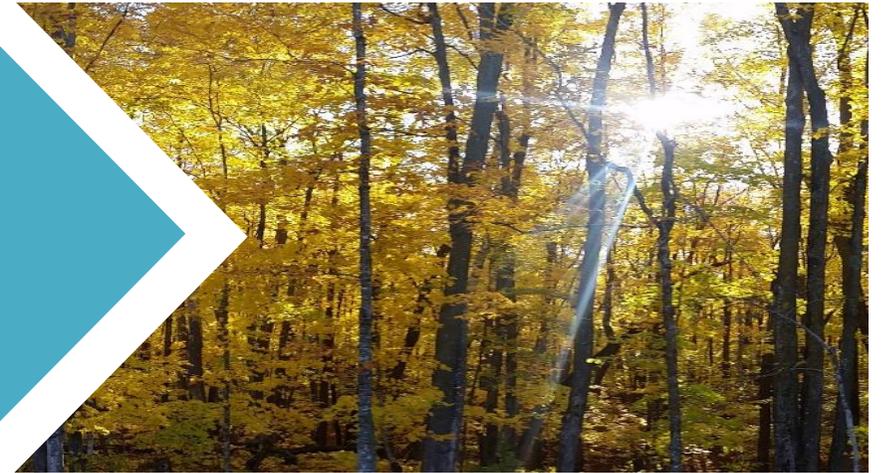
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Next Steps 2020-2022

- Utilize data gathered from various site assessments to identify and preserve critical ecological features.
- Implement practices identified in the Habitat Management Plan.
- Identify/implement public access to the site.
- Utilize the concept site plan and site assessments to create a refined master plan of potential improvements.
- Solicit additional grants, donations, and partners to cost-share in potential future improvements.

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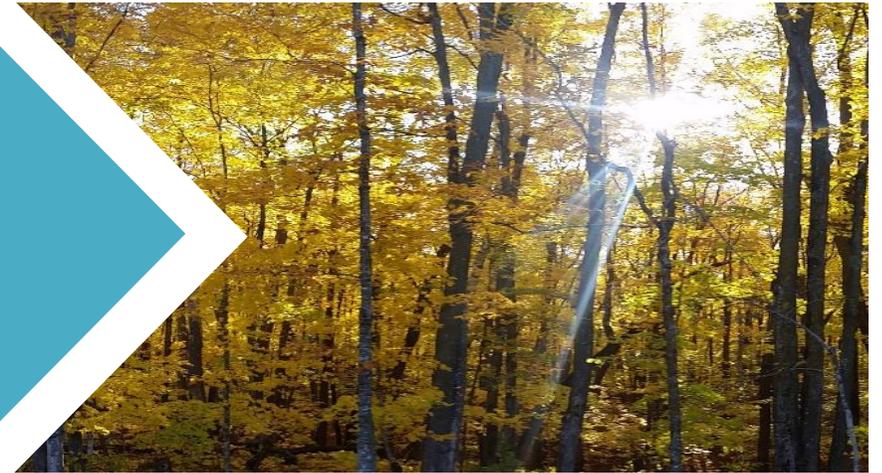
Potential Future Improvements

- Washington County Clean Water, Land and Legacy and DNR grant funds encourage conservation of the land as a priority, but are open to the following future improvements:
 - Trails / benches
 - Picnic shelter
 - New city boat launch
 - Parking area
- A public input and engagement process is anticipated for city expenditure on future improvements, but to solicit initial grant funding from Washington County and DNR, a concept site plan was developed to illustrate these potential enhancements.



EXHIBIT - SITE MAP

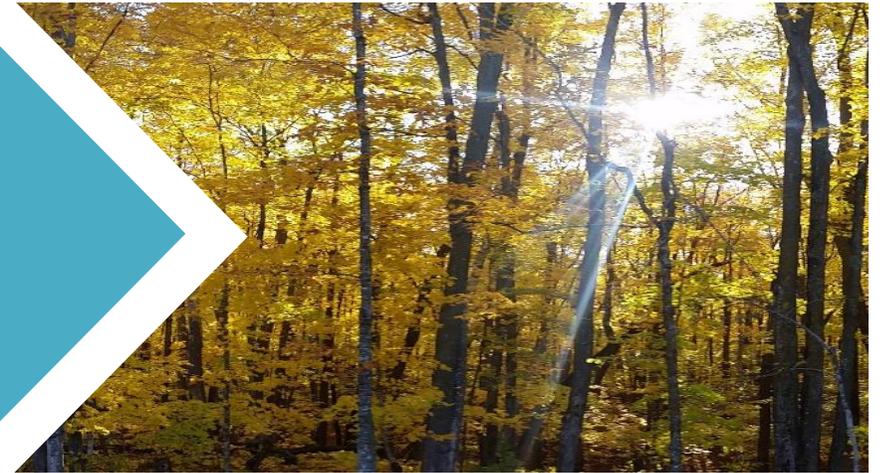
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Project Updates

- Sign up to receive city email notices via the website, including the e-newsletter.
- Check out the city's e-newsletter *Bayport Brief* posted on the website.
- Look for information in the city's print newsletter *Bayport News*.
- Tune in to regular City Council meetings, typically held the first Monday of the month, broadcasted on Cable Access Channel 16 or YouTube.

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