

Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative

The Lake Superior Stewardship Initiative (LSSI) is part of the statewide Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative (GLSI) launched by the Great Lakes Fishery Trust with financial support from the Wege Foundation and other community foundations.

The goal of GLSI and LSSI is to increase understanding and active stewardship of the Great Lakes by K-12 teachers and students working in partnership with community organizations and local units of government.

The LSSI prepares K-12 students to become knowledgeable citizens engaged in activities that enhance their school, community, and the Lake Superior watershed.



Benefits for Teachers

- Curriculum enrichment
- Quality professional development
- Classroom materials
- Financial support for community projects
- Place-based and community-based education

Benefits for Students

- Hands-on outdoor learning experiences
- Classroom supplies and equipment
- Guest speakers and assembly programs

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- ◆ Evan McDonald, Keweenaw Land Trust
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- ◆ Linda Rulison, Hancock High School (retired)

Support LSSI in your Community

An endowment has been created to fund school-community projects of the Lake Superior Stewardship Initiative. To contribute to the LSSI fund, please contact:

Keweenaw Community Foundation
Phone: (906) 482-9673
Website: www.keweenaw-community-foundation.org

Contributions can be made online, or by check.
Tax deductions apply.

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Desired Outcomes

- ◆ Students will have the knowledge to make informed decisions and become actively involved in their communities.
- ◆ Teachers will integrate the Great Lakes into their classroom curricula.
- ◆ School-community partnerships will engage students in stewardship projects that are responsive to the needs of local communities and improve communities in the Lake Superior Watershed.
- ◆ Community-based education will become an integral and permanent part of the work of partner schools.
- ◆ Students and teachers will be recognized as valued, contributing citizens and will act in that capacity.



Examples of LSSI Accomplishments

LSSI students' accomplishments are truly impressive:

- ◆ Adopt-A-Beach at Calumet Township Park
- ◆ Rain Gardens in Hancock
- ◆ Community Gardens in Calumet
- ◆ Pollinator & Butterfly Gardens
- ◆ Sensory Garden for the Blind at Calumet Twp. Lions Park
- ◆ Stream Monitoring at Trap Rock River and Swedetown Creek.
- ◆ Invasive Species Monitoring at Isle Royale National Park
- ◆ Nature Trails & Interpretive Signs at Lake Perreault and Paavola Wetlands
- ◆ Disk Golf Course at Lake Linden Park

2012-2013 Community Partners

- ◆ Adams Township Board
- ◆ Alliance for the Great Lakes
- ◆ BHK - Great Explorations
- ◆ Calumet Lions Club
- ◆ Calumet Township
- ◆ City of Hancock (2)
- ◆ Copper Country Audubon Club
- ◆ Copper Country Mental Health
- ◆ Copper Country Trout Unlimited
- ◆ Cypress Manor
- ◆ Finlandia University
- ◆ Green Timber Forest Consultants
- ◆ Halonen Landscaping
- ◆ Horner Flooring
- ◆ Isle Royale Institute (2)
- ◆ Isle Royale National Park
- ◆ Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
- ◆ Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College
- ◆ Keweenaw Land Trust (5)
- ◆ Keweenaw National Historical Park
- ◆ Lake Linden Downtown Development Authority (2)
- ◆ MI Department of Natural Resources & Environment
- ◆ MI Department of Natural Resources & Environment-Fisheries
- ◆ Michigan Nature Association
- ◆ Michigan Tech Center for Water and Society (2)
- ◆ Michigan Tech Civil & Environmental Engineering Department
- ◆ Michigan Tech Forestry & Environmental Resource Management
- ◆ Michigan Tech Global Watershed Program (8)
- ◆ Michigan Tech High School Enterprise (3)
- ◆ Michigan Tech School of Forest Resources & Environmental Sciences
- ◆ Onigaming Yacht Club
- ◆ Peter Wolf Chapter of the North Country Trail Association
- ◆ Pilgrim River Watershed
- ◆ Plum Creek Timber Company
- ◆ Sarah Sargeant Paine Historical Society
- ◆ Stanton Township Board
- ◆ Strom Farm
- ◆ Thimbleberry Press
- ◆ U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- ◆ USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- ◆ USDA Ottawa National Forest (2)
- ◆ Village of Lake Linden
- ◆ Western UP Health Dept. Healthy Kids-Healthy Communities

(_) indicates how many schools they are in partnership with



Elementary Schools

Barkell Elementary
 Calumet, Laurium & Keweenaw Elementary
 C.J. Sullivan Elementary
 Lake Linden-Hubbell Elementary
 Pelkie Elementary –Baraga Area Schools
 E.B. Holman School

Middle Schools

Hancock Middle School
 Lake Linden-Hubbell Middle School
 Washington Middle School

2012-2013 Partner Schools

High Schools

Baraga High School
 Chassell High School
 Dollar Bay-Tamarack City High School
 Hancock High School
 Houghton High School



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