



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 several 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

- ◆ Opportunities to attend workshops and summer institutes at reduced or no cost
- ◆ Classroom materials
- ◆ Financial support for community projects

Benefits for Students

- ◆ Supplies for community projects
- ◆ Financial support for field trips
- ◆ Guest speakers and assembly programs

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Desired Outcomes

- (1) Students will have the knowledge to make informed decisions and become actively involved in their communities.
- (2) Teachers will integrate the Great Lakes into their classroom curricula.
- (3) School-community partnerships will engage students in stewardship projects that are responsive to the needs of local communities.
- (4) Community-based education will become an integral and permanent part of the work of partner schools.
- (5) Communities in the Lake Superior watershed will be improved through collaborative efforts of schools and their community partners.
- (6) Students and teachers will be recognized as valued, contributing citizens and will act in that capacity.



2009 - 2010 Community Partners

- ◆ Adams Township
- ◆ Adams Township Historical Society
- ◆ Alliance for the Great Lakes
- ◆ BHK Great Explorations
- ◆ Calumet Township
- ◆ Copper Country Audubon Club
- ◆ Copper Country Trout Unlimited
- ◆ Gratiot Lake Conservancy
- ◆ Hughes Farm
- ◆ Isle Royale Institute
- ◆ Isle Royale National Park
- ◆ Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe Community College
- ◆ Keweenaw Economic Development Alliance
- ◆ Keweenaw Food Co-op
- ◆ Keweenaw Krayons
- ◆ Keweenaw Land Trust
- ◆ Keweenaw National Historical Park
- ◆ Lake Superior Huron Creek Restoration Inc.
- ◆ Michigan Dept of Natural Resources & Env't.
- ◆ Michigan Nature Association
- ◆ MSU Extension Houghton-Keweenaw Counties
- ◆ Michigan Tech Center for Water & Society
- ◆ MTU Forest & Environ. Management (FERM) Enterprise
- ◆ MTU School of Forest Resources & Env. Sciences
- ◆ New Power Tour
- ◆ Plum Creek Timber
- ◆ Stanton Township Board
- ◆ USDA Forest Service-Northern Research Station
- ◆ USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- ◆ USDA Ottawa National Forest
- ◆ Village of L'Anse
- ◆ Village of Lake Linden
- ◆ Many individuals

2009-10 Partner Schools

- ◆ Adams Township School District
Jeffers High School
- ◆ Baraga Area Schools - Pelkie School
- ◆ Bridge Alternative School (CCISD)*
- ◆ Calumet, Laurium & Keweenaw Schools
Elementary, Middle and Horizons* Schools
- ◆ Chassell Township Schools*
- ◆ Dollar Bay School
- ◆ Lake Linden-Hubbell Public Schools*
Elementary and Middle Schools
- ◆ L'Anse Area Schools
Elementary and Middle Schools
- ◆ Hancock Public Schools
Middle and High Schools
- ◆ Stanton Township Public Schools
E.B. Holman School

*New partner school for 2009-10 school year.



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