## Lake Superior Stewardship Initiative

Baraga, Houghton, and Keweenaw counties



We are fortunate to live in the Lake Superior watershed, one of the most pristine and unique ecosystems in North America. Lake Superior is the largest body of freshwater (measured by surface area) on the planet, and a national treasure.

## **OUR CHALLENGE**

Lack of public understanding and lack of broad citizen engagement in the decision-making process are perhaps the greatest threats to the Lake Superior watershed. We must build recognition of the need for water quality monitoring and protection, stream restoration, invasive species control, protection of communities' historic character, maintaining open space for public use, wetlands protection and restoration, protecting and restoring declining fish and wildlife populations, and reducing mercury contamination.

## **OUR STEWARDSHIP SOLUTION**

- Involve teachers, school administrators, community organizations, and local, state, and federal government agencies in identifying community concerns about our natural resource—based quality of life.
- Engage K–12 teachers and community organizations in supporting place-based education and problem-solving for students.
- Provide students with hands-on experiences and interaction with the environment.
- Provide K-12 teachers with relevant professional development.

## THE CRITICAL BENEFIT

Creating a cadre of citizen stewards invested in the place where they live.





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