

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources SWIMS Project Summary

General Project Information

Project ID: City_of_Superior_08

Name: On the Path to Lake Superior Learning: An Outdoor Classroom in the Superior Municipal Forest

Type: Great Lakes Grant Project

Subtype: Great Lakes Information and Indicators

Status: COMPLETE

Start Date: 07/01/2007

End Date: 12/31/2009

Purpose: The City of Superior Environmental Services Division (ESD) propose to construct an outdoor classroom in the City of Superior's Municipal Forest. Interpretive signs will be placed near existing benches on the trail & at significant ecological sites. Topics covered by the signs will include history, geology, Great Lakes ecology, pollution, Forest wildlife, and stormwater management. The signs will focus on providing a "sense of place" to visitors by highlighting the Forest's unique location on Lake Superior. A teaching area will compliment the interpretive trail. The teaching area, designed to hold up to 40 students, will be constructed along the trail within view of one of the bays of the St. Louis River. ESD staff will prepare educational units that can be used by leaders who bring groups to the Forest, and ESD staff will periodically conduct their own classes. A public relations campaign to raise awareness about the classroom will highlight the special nature of the Forest, promote tourism, and provide opportunities for further hands-on education.

Objective: The City of Superior will construct an outdoor classroom in the Superior Municipal Forest; develop educational materials for use in the outdoor classroom; and promote both the classroom and the availability of educational materials.

Comments: Diane Thompson \$7,500 GLPF - 9HMA0000005

Outcome: An outdoor classroom with 6 interpretive signs and 1 teaching area; ready-made "Teacher Tool-kits" designed around 6-10 educational topics; 2 informational brochures with photos; a pamphlet providing a self-guided tour of the Outdoor Classroom with companion materials; a project web-page that will provide information about the project; survey results/public input; copies of quarterly reports and project updates at the Lake Superior Partner Team meetings.

Study Design:

QA Measures:

People

Name	Role	Status	Start Date	End Date	Organization	Comments
City of Superior,	GRANT_RECIPII	INACTIVE	07/01/2007	12/31/2009	City of Superior	

Project Statuses

Date	Reported By	Status	Comments
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Actions

Action	Detailed Description	Start	End Date	Status
Grant Awarded	Construct an outdoor classroom in the Superior Municipal Forest and develop educational materials for use in the outdoor classroom	07/01/2007	12/31/2009	COMPLETE

Monitoring Stations

Station ID	Name	Comments
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Assessment Units

WBIC	Segment	Local Name	Official Name
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Lab Account Codes

Account Code	Description	Start Date	End Date
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Forms

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Form Code **Form Name**

Methods

Method Code **Description**

Fieldwork Events

Start Date **Status** **Field ID** **Station ID** **Station Name**

Documents

Title	Description	Author	Published	Comments
City of Superior Amend1		Diane Thompson	09/15/2010	
City of Superior Amend2		Diane Thompson	09/15/2010	
ON THE PATH TO LAKE SUPERIOR LEARNING: AN OUTDOOR CLASSROOM IN THE SUPERIOR MUNICIPAL FOREST		Diane R. Thompson	05/06/2009	

Budget

Combined Budgets:

Combined SLOH:

Combined Total:

Funding

Organization **Source** **Type** **Amount** **Start Date** **End Date**