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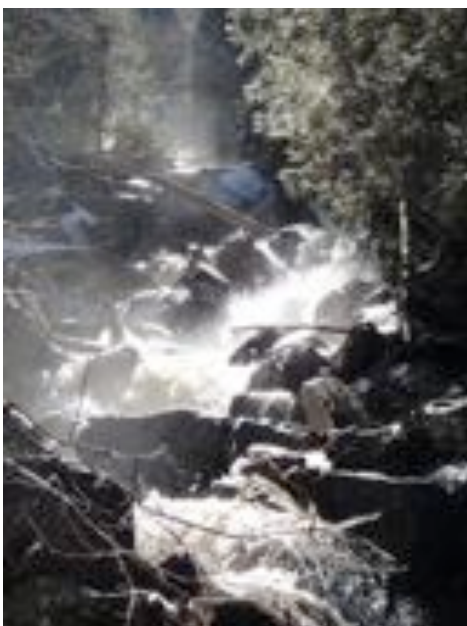
A private conservation initiative on Lake Superior



BayNiche Conservancy intends to model responsible private land stewardship and land use appropriate to a somewhat remote stretch of Lake Superior watershed which has great visual amenity thanks to the iconic majesty of its landscape and minimally impacted forest and wetland ecosystems. The wilderness allure of the region is the foundation for a sustainable eco-tourism industry supporting many small businesses from artists to watercraft operators and builders.



This private conservation initiative provides a natural buffer for the neighbouring Living Legacy wilderness designation park on the North and mitigation of the highway influences on Lake Superior on the West. This is a power line free area.





BayNiche Conservancy's primary goal has been to protect the water quality of Lake Superior using a watershed approach and by raising public awareness of the urgent need to act on an individual as well as governmental level. As certified participant in the Ontario Benthos Bio-monitoring Network has identified and seasonally samples three "reference condition" streams on its protected property and has participated in public education out-reach to provide landowners with the tools to document the "baseline" condition of their own streams with a view to allowing them to better manage and defend their right to clean water and the biodiversity it supports.



BayNiche Conservancy supports stream and wetland projects recovery such as those which restored Manitoulin streams (see below) and objects to continued degradation of wetland complexes and wanton destruction of a carefully nurtured stewardship ethic.



"Manitoulin Streams was presented the Mary Pickford Trophy at the 82nd annual OFAH conference in Mississauga on Saturday March 20th, 2010. The Mary Pickford Trophy is one the OFAH's highest honours. The award recognizes the most outstanding conservation achievements by an Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (O.F.A.H.) club. The OFAH has over 100, 000 members and is the producer of Ontario Out Of Doors Magazine as well as Angler and Hunter Television."

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