

Preliminary Vision Statement for the Wildlife and Natural Areas of the Lower Chippewa River:

Large tracts of land are linked and managed to protect and enhance the many common and rare native communities and associated wildlife present in this area. This assemblage of properties is central to the culture and character of the surrounding area for aesthetics, outdoor recreation and ecological values.

Goals:

1. Protect and enhance habitat for native wildlife species.
2. Protect and enhance rare, high quality, natural communities of statewide significance (and associated rare species) including: Floodplain Forest, Floodplain Savanna, Oak Barrens and remnant Prairie.
3. Maintain traditional outdoor recreational uses (hunting/trapping) while encouraging other compatible recreational use.
4. Manage to protect and enhance the large river systems and their associated biological diversity and recreational opportunities.

