

Connections

our natural areas:

Connections make all the difference.



The Stewardship Network MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and entered into among the members of The Stewardship Network (The Network) listed below. The agreement creates a voluntary network of independent agencies, organizations, and businesses which share common goals and have come together to achieve these goals through coordinated collaboration and cooperation.

Vision

This memorandum of understanding provides a framework to:

- Demonstrate and recognize the significance of the Great Lakes region's native ecosystems.
- Promote broad based understanding of the significance of the region's biodiversity and support for its long term protection, restoration, and stewardship.
- Preserve, restore, and manage the Great Lakes region's natural lands and waters
- Foster cooperation and collaboration among the Members in a way that increases our individual and collective capacity for stewarding the natural communities native to the Great Lakes region.

Mission

The Stewardship Network increases capacity to protect, restore, and manage natural lands and waters.

The Stewardship Network will:

- Foster region-wide communication and cooperation among the professional and volunteer stewards to expand our knowledge base and encourage understanding and appreciation of the region's biodiversity.
- Increase and diversify the learning opportunities available to professional and volunteer stewards in a way that expands and strengthens the restoration and management of natural areas in the Great Lakes region.
- Encourage, coordinate, and facilitate public participation and understanding of our area's natural areas by developing collaborative education programs and promoting volunteer opportunities.
- Increase on-the-ground management of volunteers by building capacity of existing organizations for this work and developing education and training programs for professional and volunteer natural area stewards.

Organization

The organizational structure of The Stewardship Network is outlined in the document titled "Framework for Stewardship Network."

This Memorandum of Understanding reflects an entirely voluntary commitment among the parties hereto to cooperate and work together to achieve the vision and mission articulated herein. This Memorandum of Understanding in no way obligates or restricts the activity of any party hereto in any way.

No Member shall obligate, or purport to obligate, any other Member with respect to any matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be executed as of the dates written below.

Signature

Date

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