



Scientific, Educational, & Cultural Resources

Carlton County Tax Forfeited Land Management Plan

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Assessment

Carlton County contains many significant archeological and historical sites involving Native American and white cultures. There are also sites of scientific interest involving rare or unique species or biotic communities. When the original management plan was prepared a decade ago, it codified Land Department practices aimed at protecting historical, cultural, and scientific resources on or near County administered lands.

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Policies

Objective: *To protect and preserve all features that have significant scientific, cultural, or educational value.*

The following are the policies of Carlton County regarding scientific, educational and cultural resources:

1. Cooperate with the Minnesota Historical Society, Carlton County Historical Society, and the Fond du Lac Reservation regarding the location, identification and protection of cultural sites. If a parcel is likely to possess a cultural feature, the Land Department will contact these agencies for their input including a possible preliminary site investigation. If a significant, non-removable cultural feature is found on a site, the Land Department, in cooperation with the three agencies, will prepare a plan to appropriately manage the feature.
2. Request regular updates from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources regarding endangered, threatened, or special interest plant and animal species or ecosystems located in Carlton County. In turn, the Land Department will inform the DNR regarding any known or suspected features found on or affecting County managed lands. For features located on or affecting County managed lands, the Land Department will cooperate with the DNR in designing and implementing an appropriate management program.
3. Cooperate with the University of Minnesota Forestry Center, Jay Cooke and Moose Lake State Parks, local schools, and forest industry regarding identification of sites suitable for educating people about forests and the environment. Such sites may include County managed property.

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Strategic Actions

Carlton County will undertake the following actions relative to scientific, educational, and cultural resources to implement this strategic plan:

Contact appropriate resource agencies as part of the timber sale stand appraisal process. Modifications in sale design will reflect comments received.