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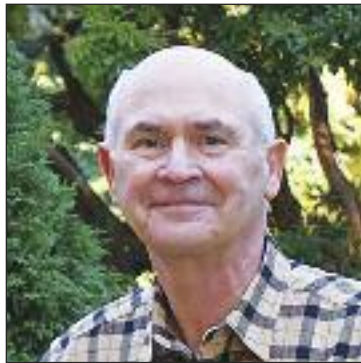
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MISSION STATEMENT

Sugarloaf: The North Shore Stewardship Association strives to inspire the preservation and restoration of the North Shore's unique environment through education and exemplary stewardship, especially at Sugarloaf Cove.

NEW VISION

Sugarloaf values and believes in a healthy Minnesota North Shore of Lake Superior where an informed citizenry takes personal and group responsibility to ensure that natural and ecological systems and human economic and social systems coexist in a fashion sustainable into the future.



Thank You Sugarloaf Members and Friends!

We appreciate your loyalty and financial support. We NEED YOU to maintain the Sugarloaf property and offer the educational programs for North Shore landowners and visitors.

In the Fall 2016 Interpreter, the recent improvements to your parking lot and Nature Center were highlighted. If it has been a while since you visited Sugarloaf, I encourage you to visit and see what we have accomplished. As a result of the parking lot improvements and new signage,

many first time visitors enjoyed the Sugarloaf Experience. Thank you to those who contributed to our Capital Campaign!

During the winter months, the Sugarloaf property and Nature Center is relatively quiet. However, your Board of Directors was busy! We met multiple times to re-write our Strategic Plan (with facilitation assistance from Superior Design and Planning, Inc.). Mike Monten and Anne McKinsey guided the process as each Board Committee wrote charters that define committee responsibilities. These projects will focus your Sugarloaf Board to continue important contributions to North Shore visitors, landowners and businesses. (See A New Plan for Sugarloaf on page 13).

Finally, as a non-profit, we depend on member donations and occasional grants to operate. We thank you for your generosity and hope your Sugarloaf experience is worthwhile.

Mark Your Calendars

Annual Member Meeting and Ice Cream Social August 6, 1 pm

Help us celebrate another successful year of North Shore stewardship at our annual Ice Cream Social and membership meeting.

The activities start at 1 pm with a short general membership meeting. Ice cream sundaes and a presentation by rock balancer, Peter Juhl, will follow.

You do not need to be a member to attend.



North Shore Forest Stewardship Updates



BECOME A LOST FORESTER!

We know how deeply you care about your land. That's why we've developed the Lost Forest program in partnership with the University of Minnesota's Master Woodland Owner program and tailored it especially for owners of property

to cultivate, care for, and plan for the future of your woodland when you register for our Lost Forest program.



Lost Forest class of 2015

within 3 miles of Lake Superior along the North Shore. We call this our Lost Forest program.

This comprehensive education program teaches you the ins and outs of caring for your woods, tree planting to fit your schedule and budget, estate planning, and more. It takes years to grow a healthy forest. We can teach you how

"I want to thank you both for your time and efforts with this program. It was obvious to everyone the extensive knowledge and passion that you both have for this cause. I learned so much and feel better equipped to make a meaningful difference in restoring not only our property, but also the rest of the coastal forest.

—2015 Lost Forest participant

For more information and to register visit sugarloafnorthshore.org/lost-forest/

North Shore Forest Collaborative Update

Sugarloaf is a founding member and fiscal agent of The North Shore Forest Collaborative (NSFC). NSFC is a coordinated effort between local, state, and federal land management agencies as well as public and private organizations and individuals who want to work together to assure

a healthy forest environment. Working together with the NSFC, Sugarloaf is able to reach more landowners and make a bigger impact along the North Shore. Everyone is invited to attend the general meetings and workshops. Visit northshoreforest.org for more information.

100 Landowners + 500 Rolls of Fence = Over 2000 Trees Planted and Protected!

By Duane Lula, NSFC Coordinator

The NSFC fencing program has wrapped up its second year and proved to be a resounding success! Through this program, North Shore landowners purchased fencing, posts and matting at approximately 1/3 retail cost in order to protect their newly planted conifers from browsing deer.



Dana Dickson, Lost Forester and fencing program participant, has his trailer loaded with fence and is headed out to plant.

This spring, nearly 100 applicants requested over 500 rolls of fencing. This was actually twice the amount of fencing than we had the money to supply. Fortunately, our grantor (The Weekes Family Foundation) came to our aid and provided

additional money to order an additional 256 rolls of fencing, so that nearly every applicant can receive the amount they requested. During 2016, 38 participants planted and fenced over 1000 white pine and white cedar trees on their properties along the shore. An additional 3,000 white spruce trees, which do not require fencing, were planted. A big thank you to the Weekes Family Foundation and all those planting and fencing trees for supporting this program and helping to restore conifers to the North Shore!



N₂N – Neighbors Helping Neighbors

If you are a landowner planting and fencing trees on your property, you may sometimes feel you are alone in your efforts, especially when your neighbors are not doing any sort of restoration work on their properties. But, you are making a difference by leading by example. The NSFC would like to help landowners like you share your knowledge and successes with forest restoration with your neighbors through a Neighbor-to-Neighbor program. Research and experience show that when people need to make a decision about their land, they often turn to a trusted friend, neighbor or family member.

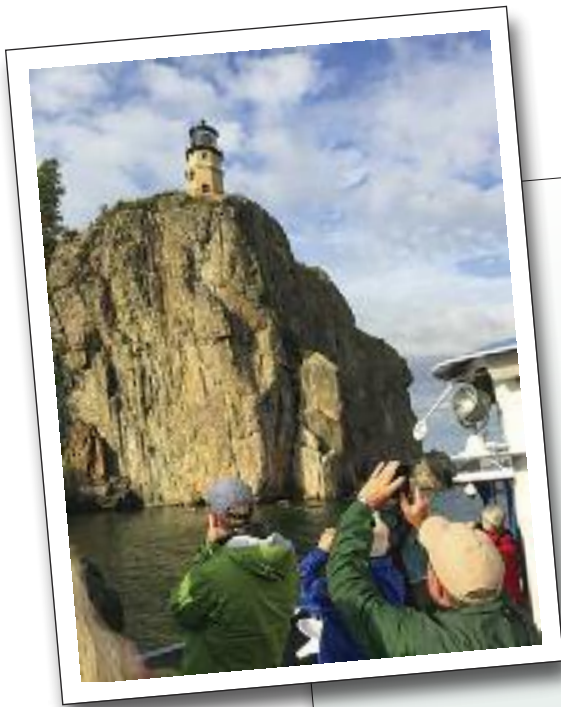
This winter, we received funding from the Lake Superior Coastal Program to produce a detailed plan that we will use to implement a North Shore Neighbor-to-Neighbor (N2N) program in the future. To produce the plan we have recruited test leaders (ambassadors) and interviewed them to understand their needs for recruiting neighbors and making this program a success. We are also assembling a

budget for this program that will help us pursue funding sources. With this information, we plan to seek funding this fall.

Once implemented, the North Shore Neighbor-to-Neighbor (N2N) program will:

- Recruit Ambassadors who will help their neighbors conduct restoration projects on their properties along the North Shore.
- Create awareness about the need to take action restoring the North Shore forest.
- Provide training for landowners.
- Help connect landowners to resources for restoration.

If you have any ideas you would like to share with us regarding recruiting your neighbors to take part in North Shore forest restoration activities, please call 218-525-0001 or email info@sugarloafnorthshore.org



All Aboard!!

JOIN US ON OUR
3rd Annual North Shore Cruise
July 22, 5:00 - 7:30 pm

Join us July 22 for a scenic cruise along the North Shore aboard the *Wenonah*.

Enjoy a 2-hour tour of the North Shore with fellow Sugarloaf supporters.

Boarding begins at 5 pm at the Silver Bay Marina.
Departure at 5:30 pm.

The tour includes beer, wine, hors d'oeuvres, and live music by the Two Harbors Ukulele Group (THUGs). \$50 per person.
Register online at sugarloafnorthshore.org

Save the date!

North Shore Landowner Workshop

Date: June 9, 2017

Location: Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center, Finland, MN

Time: 1 PM to 4:30 PM

Cost: FREE

FEATURED TOPICS

DNR Forest Stewardship Program – newly expanded with forest management assistance available to private forest landowners.

Climate change impacts for northwoods forests and what this means for small woodland owners.

Speaker: Stephen Handler - Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science

Updates on NSFC Programs and North Shore restoration projects. Learn about upcoming opportunities for landowners.

NSFC staff

FIELD TOURS

Restoration activities at Wolf Ridge - planting/fencing, gravel bed nursery, and invasives treatment.

Leader: John Kohlstedt, Trails and Education Sites Manager

Native Plant Communities - Understanding NPCs and Identifying key plants.

Leaders: Brooke Haworth (DNR) and Margie Menzies (Sugarloaf Cove)

Registration will be available on the North Shore Forest Collaborative website – northshoreforest.org

We hope to see you there!

Association Members

Names listed are for new and renewing memberships received between January 2016 and December 2016.

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2016 Statement of Financial Position**ASSETS****Current Assets**

Checking/Savings	
Business Checking - US Bank	32,403
Schwab account	270,316
Cash drawer	80
Savings - Restricted & Reserves	78,146
Total Checking/Savings	384,944
Accounts Receivable	46,690
Other Current Assets	
Investments	266
Unrecorded incoming funds	6,327
Total Other Current Assets	6,593
Total Current Assets	438,228

Fixed Assets

Accumulated depreciation	-74,404
Building and improvements	251,118
Equipment	1,525
Land	570,989
Total Fixed Assets	744,228

Total Assets**1,182,455****LIABILITIES & EQUITY****Liabilities**

Current Liabilities	
Total Accounts Payable	1,204
Other Current Liabilities	
Deferred revenue	25,817
Sales Tax Payable	107
Total Other Current Liabilities	25,924
Total Current Liabilities	27,127
Total Liabilities	27,127

Equity

Unrealized Gain (Loss)	29,304
Unrestricted Fund Balance	741,605
Unrestricted Net Assets	392,481
Net Income	-8,061
Total Equity	1,155,328

Total Liabilities & Equity**1,182,455****2016 Statement of Activities (Jan - Dec)****Ordinary Revenue/Expense****Revenue**

Contributions Income	29,982
Grants	211,263
Interest earned	80
Membership Dues	29,012
Merchandise Sales	1,624
Miscellaneous Income	82
Program Fees	7,804
Realized Gain/Loss	12,667
Total Income	292,432
Gross Revenue	292,432

Expenses

Advertising	135
Bank Service Charges	614
Contract Labor	21,601
Depreciation Expense	5,205
Dues and Subscriptions	902
Endowment Transfer	1,032
Fundraising	2,234
Insurance	2,169
Internet expenses	1,168
Merchandise purchases	925
Miscellaneous	236
Office Supplies	912
Payroll Expenses	61,897
Postage and Delivery	761
Printing and Reproduction	3,129
Program Expense	149,322
Rent	3,911
Subscriptions	25
Telephone	949
Training	0
Travel	2,415
Visitor's Center Expenses	41,129
Total Expenses	300,671
Net Ordinary Revenue	-8,239*

* Reflects use of capital campaign funds earned in 2015 for capital improvements made in 2016.



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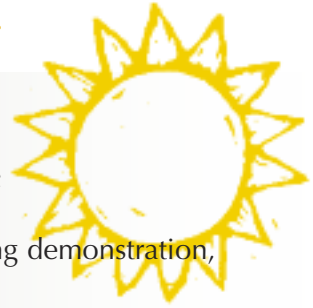
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otherwise noted

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Visit sugarloafnorthshore.org for more
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CPL Project

In 2014, Sugarloaf received a grant for \$400,000 from the state's Conservation Partners Legacy program. This funding was to be used for forest restoration projects on US Forest Service and MN DNR property and at Sugarloaf Cove.



CPL grant partners from left: Dave Ingebrigtsen, MN DNR; Molly Thompson, Sugarloaf; Alexander Egan, CPL program; Jessica Lee, CPL program; Kurt Steele, USFS; Myra Theimer, USFS)

Work completed by this project includes over 76 acres of state land reforested with over 2000 white pine and white cedar seedlings. These

Sugarloaf Updates

NEW for 2017– Sugarloaf joins RSVP and Northland Volunteer programs!

Do you enjoy sharing your love of Sugarloaf and the North Shore with visitors? Then becoming a site host would be perfect for you. The main job of the site host is to greet visitors, answer questions and make visitors feel at home. We are also looking for volunteers interested in helping maintain our trails, host booths at local events, and assist our naturalist with programs.

This year, we are pleased to be partnering with RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) and Northland Volunteer Center to help support and expand our wonderful volunteer

seedlings were protected from deer browsing by 6 foot welded wire fencing. In addition, a Conservation Corps of Minnesota and Iowa (CCMI) crew conducted a survey of terrestrial invasive species along the trails and access roads at Cascade River State Park. Using these surveys, invasive control was conducted in 2016.

On the Superior National Forest, over 200 acres was reforested with over 3000 white pine and red oak seedlings. All trees planted were fenced to protect from deer browsing. This was found to be very labor intensive as many of the sites were difficult to reach, but needed restoration badly.

At Sugarloaf Cove, the area in front of the building was the focus of our work for this grant. The area was overrun with raspberries and invasive grasses. We hired Boreal Natives to restore the area by removing the invasives and replanting with native plants. It will take a few years for the new plant to really get going, but Boreal Natives is keeping an eye on the site.

This project is a great example of restoration that can happen when North Shore Forest partners join together to apply and receive funding from grantors. Sugarloaf is a vital part of making relationships such as this work, as we are able to be the fiscal agent for the funds. The project wraps up this spring.



Sugarloaf volunteers, (left to right): Ruth Drake, Jim Kotz, John Bathke, Brian Neil. This happy group of volunteers planted and fenced trees at Sugarloaf Cove last spring.

base at the Cove. The RSVP and Northland programs work with numerous nonprofit organizations throughout Northeastern Minnesota to meet community needs, preserve the natural environment and provide quality volunteer experiences to enrich the lives of

many. In fact, RSVP is part of one of the largest volunteer organizations in the country, the Corporation for National and Community Services. This organization includes AmeriCorps, Vista, NCCC, Senior Corp and the Social Innovation Fund.

Through partnering with RSVP and Northland, we will be able to provide our volunteers with benefits such as excess accident and liability insurance coverage, mileage reimbursement for those 55 and over, and recognition events such as Volunteer Week

Update from the Bird World at Sugarloaf



by Margie Menzies, Naturalist

2016 was as usual a wonderful year for exploring the bird population at Sugarloaf through the bird banding program. We banded 660 birds of 55 different species, for a total of 80 different species since we began banding in 2012.

We captured two new species in 2016: an Evening Grosbeak and a Red-bellied Woodpecker, which interestingly enough appears to be the only Red-bellied Woodpecker banded in St. Louis, Lake, or Cook counties - at least through 2015. This information is available now thanks to a new database which provides information about all of the birds banded in these three counties of MN. The database was funded by the Biodiversity Fund of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation and assembled by yours truly. There are many more stories to tell with this data- but it is particularly exciting to find Sugarloaf's new claim to fame!

Every year it is interesting to see what birds we catch the most and to see how that varies from year to year. The Nashville Warblers and American Redstarts seem to be in a continuous battle for that top position, and 2016 belonged to the Redstarts!

Each year we also recapture birds that we have banded before, which is always exciting because we get to learn more about the birds. 2016 saw us recapture 190 birds, which translates to 132 individual birds. Three were banded in 2012, 9 in 2013, 9 in 2014, 28 in 2015, and 83 banded in 2016 and recaptured -

promotions, luncheons, and more. We would encourage all volunteers to register with RSVP or Northland if they are not currently signed up. To do so, visit sugarloafnorthshore.org/volunteer. Please contact Molly Thompson at info@sugarloafnorthshore.org or 218-525-0001 if you have any questions.

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers!



Red-bellied Woodpecker captured and banded by Margie Menzies - a first for the Arrowhead region of Minnesota.

sometimes several times through the same summer.

Some of the first birds captured every year are always birds we have seen before - most of which have traveled some distance and returned to the same location to breed. 2016 was no exception with the recapture of an Alder Flycatcher, who was one of the first 100 birds banded at Sugarloaf. These birds travel as far south as South America to winter, and while we don't know exactly where this bird spent the winter, we do know that it has made that journey at least 4 times successfully! Quite an accomplishment!

Visit us on Thursday mornings this summer to witness bird banding in person. 7 am - noon. Come any time.

Planning for New Exhibits – We Need You!

Sugarloaf's interpretive building was constructed in 2000. At that time, it was decided that tabletop displays would be used as exhibits in the interpretive building. Since then, we have continued to use some of the original exhibits but have slowly replaced them with our own, hand-made exhibits, consisting of items displayed on picnic tables around the inner perimeter of the building. As you know, over the past year we made numerous repairs and updates to the building thanks to our generous capital campaign donors. We are now ready to move ahead with redesigning the main area of the building. To get the process started, Sugarloaf has received a grant from the Minnesota's Lake Superior



The original geology exhibit at Sugarloaf Cove. It is still in use today.

Coastal Program to undertake an exhibit planning project for the interior of the nature center building.

Over the next 6 months, we will be working with two professional exhibit design consultants who will develop a plan and provide preliminary drawings. As part of this process, we are holding a day-long facilitated workshop, which will result in a draft interpretive framework. Using the framework, we will create descriptive details for exhibit themes and stories and written descriptions of exhibit

and media concepts with example images. These plans will help us seek future funding for the fabrication of the exhibits. Watch your email for information about participating in the workshop. We would love your input!



25 Trees in 2017 Fundraiser

Sugarloaf Cove is a restoration success story. What was once a log landing with few trees is now a beautiful, restored site on the North Shore. Gone are the buildings and gravel driveways. Instead, a beautiful forest surrounds the Cove. However, the restoration is not complete.

We need your help to plant more trees at the Cove in a special 2017 grove. You can help us reach our goal of 25 trees adopted and planted with your donation of \$100 per tree. These trees will be located in

our special 2017 grove that you can visit and watch the trees grow.

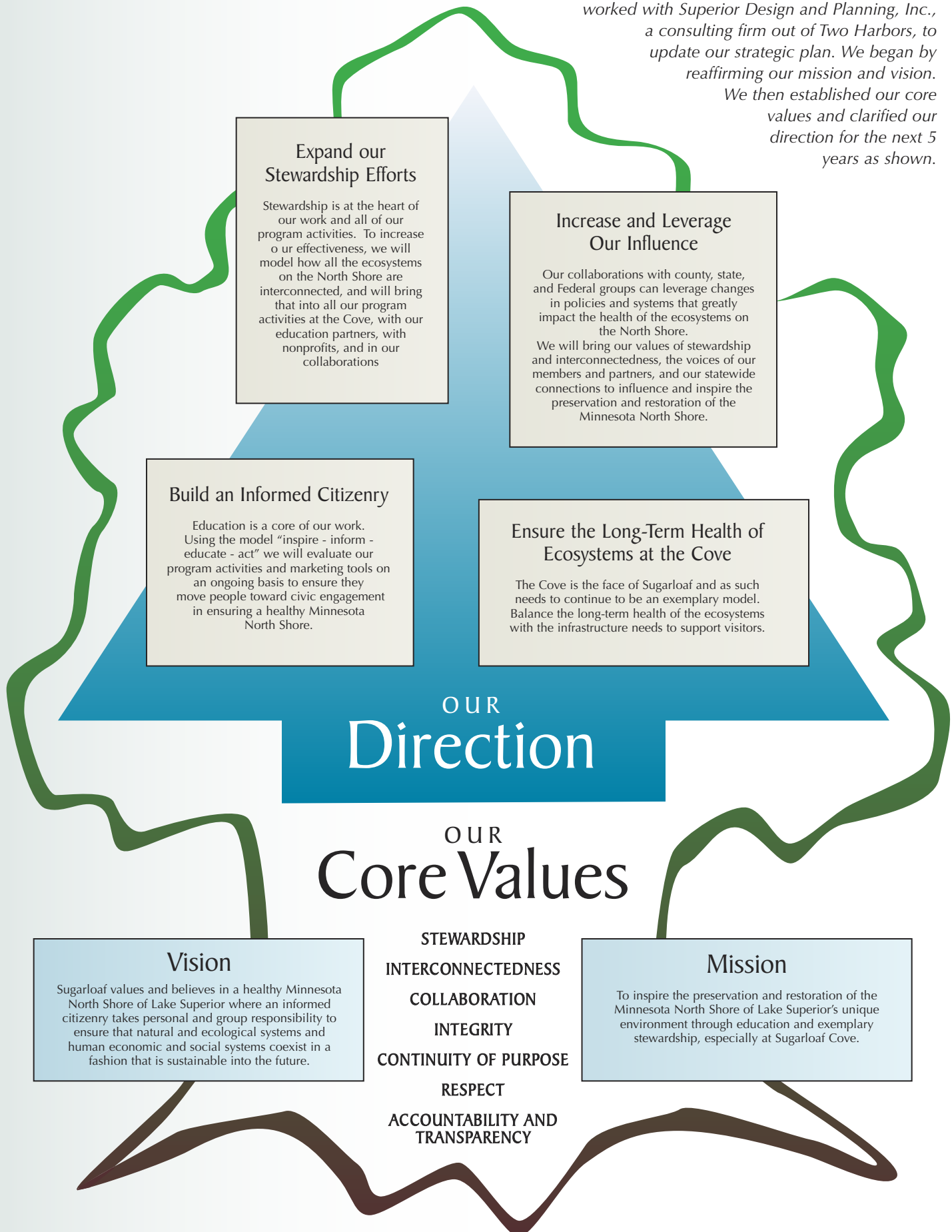
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- A personalized certificate for yourself or a loved one
- Your name on a plaque at the 2017 grove and in our newsletter.
- A gift that will last for generations – a tree at Sugarloaf Cove.

All proceeds will be used to continue our work to protect and preserve Sugarloaf Cove and the North Shore Forest.

A New Plan for Sugarloaf

Over the last year, the Sugarloaf Board of Directors worked with Superior Design and Planning, Inc., a consulting firm out of Two Harbors, to update our strategic plan. We began by reaffirming our mission and vision. We then established our core values and clarified our direction for the next 5 years as shown.



Expand our Stewardship Efforts

Stewardship is at the heart of our work and all of our program activities. To increase our effectiveness, we will model how all the ecosystems on the North Shore are interconnected, and will bring that into all our program activities at the Cove, with our education partners, with nonprofits, and in our collaborations

Increase and Leverage Our Influence

Our collaborations with county, state, and Federal groups can leverage changes in policies and systems that greatly impact the health of the ecosystems on the North Shore. We will bring our values of stewardship and interconnectedness, the voices of our members and partners, and our statewide connections to influence and inspire the preservation and restoration of the Minnesota North Shore.

Build an Informed Citizenry

Education is a core of our work. Using the model "inspire - inform - educate - act" we will evaluate our program activities and marketing tools on an ongoing basis to ensure they move people toward civic engagement in ensuring a healthy Minnesota North Shore.

Ensure the Long-Term Health of Ecosystems at the Cove

The Cove is the face of Sugarloaf and as such needs to continue to be an exemplary model. Balance the long-term health of the ecosystems with the infrastructure needs to support visitors.

OUR Direction

OUR Core Values

Vision

Sugarloaf values and believes in a healthy Minnesota North Shore of Lake Superior where an informed citizenry takes personal and group responsibility to ensure that natural and ecological systems and human economic and social systems coexist in a fashion that is sustainable into the future.

Mission

To inspire the preservation and restoration of the Minnesota North Shore of Lake Superior's unique environment through education and exemplary stewardship, especially at Sugarloaf Cove.

- STEWARDSHIP
- INTERCONNECTEDNESS
- COLLABORATION
- INTEGRITY
- CONTINUITY OF PURPOSE
- RESPECT
- ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

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Please enroll me as a member of Sugarloaf in the category I have indicated.

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- \$ 250 Red Pine
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