

2010 CELCP Projects

Lapakahi Marine Life Conservation District Acquisition, North Kohala, Hawai'i Island

The Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources acquired approximately 17 acres of containing breathtaking coastline, including lava rock and occasional coves of boulder, pebble, and coral beach. The project supports 112 different species of fish, 2 species of lobster, and several species of sea cucumber and sea urchins and enhances recreational access along the shoreline.

Kiket Island – Phase II, Washington

This second phase of the project completes the acquisition of Kiket Island in the Puget Sound. The island, located entirely within the Swinomish reservation, is now co-owned and co-managed by Washington State Parks and the Swinomish in a first-of-its-kind agreement to protect the unique and ecologically valuable property.

Ayers Creek - Holly Grove Swamp, Maryland

The Worcester County Recreation and Parks Department acquired 441 acres of coastal forests and highly functional estuarine and forested wetland complexes. The property will be protected as the Ilia Fehrer Nature Reserve, honoring the lifelong achievements of a beloved local conservationist.

Nemadji River, Wisconsin

Douglas County acquired nearly 4,000 acres within the Nemadji River watershed, safeguarding habitat for a number of wildlife species including gray wolf, American marten, wood turtle, bald eagle, and a variety of migratory birds.

Tognazzini Property - Paradise Beach, California

Santa Barbara County will acquire 172 acres of coastal land that includes a portion of Paradise Beach, framed by coastal dune scrub and willow riparian forest.

Keewaydin Island, Florida

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection will acquire five acres of a pristine southwest Florida barrier island ecosystem in the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve. Preserving the site will protect habitat for Atlantic loggerhead turtle, indigo snake, gopher tortoise, bald eagle, piping plover, and the West Indian manatee.

Saugatuck Harbor Natural Area Acquisition, Michigan

The City of Saugatuck will acquire 171 acres along Lake Michigan. The undeveloped dune land boasts populations of prairie warbler and Blanchard's cricket frog, as well as open dunes, natural jack pine forest, and hardwood pine dune forest.

San Miguel Natural Reserve – Phase III, Puerto Rico

The San Miguel Natural Reserve project is a multi-phased effort by the Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources to protect acreage in the Northeastern Ecological Corridor. The corridor enhances protection of coral reefs and mangroves, preserves nesting grounds for the leatherback sea turtle, and links existing conservation areas.

Cat Island, Mississippi

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources will protect 90 acres on the eastern tip of Cat Island, a barrier island located within the estuarine complex of the Mississippi Sound. The island contains many pristine habitats identified for species of conservation need.

Altamaha River – Rayonier Tract, Georgia

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources acquired the 6,860-acre Rayonier Tract as part of a 41,350-acre contiguous block of permanently protected land in the lower Altamaha River Corridor.

2010 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Projects

Bete Grise Wetlands Acquisition, Michigan

The Houghton Keeweenaw Conservation District will acquire approximately 1,475 acres of ecologically-significant wetland complex along Lake Superior.

Houghton Falls, Wisconsin

The Town of Bayfield acquired 77 acres of ecologically significant land known as Houghton Falls, which includes more than 2,200 feet of Lake Superior shoreline.

Kelleys Island Monagan Road Preserve, Ohio

Erie Metroparks will protect 77 acres of rare red cedar forest habitat and Great Lakes alvar communities on Kelleys Island, the largest American island in Lake Erie.

Mashek Creek Acquisition, Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will acquire approximately 27 acres along the shores of Lake Michigan, protecting its ecological values and providing opportunities for nature-based recreation and education.

Lake Erie Bluff Preservation Project, Ohio

Lake Metroparks acquired the Shorehaven property in Lake County, Ohio, known as "Lake Erie Bluffs" on July 7, 2010. The 95-acre acquisition protects more than 1,000 feet of undeveloped Lake Erie shoreline and provides habitat for seven state-listed plant species.

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