

Lake Independence



This project capitalizes on the strong conservation ethic of the landowner and offers opportunities for meaningful outreach, restoration, and shoreline protection.

Project features

- Encompasses 40 acres, including 730 feet of Lake Independence shoreline and 960 feet of Pioneer Creek just downstream from the Lake Independence outlet.
- Contains good and moderate quality maple-basswood forest and oak woodland.
- Aligns with key implementation strategy of the Lake Independence water quality improvement plan to protect undeveloped lakeshore.
- The property owner uses the forest and sugar camp to make syrup and teach traditional practices to indigenous youth.

Restoration and enhancement goals

- Optimize habitat quality of forested and wetland areas.
- Respect indigenous use and create teaching and engagement moments.
- Consult with farmers on practices to protect surrounding habitat.
- Restore hayfield to prairie or oak savanna.

Project location

