



RAINY LAKE CONSERVANCY

Preserving the Rainy Lake watershed

MISSION STATEMENT

To work with property owners, governments and local communities to preserve and protect the natural beauty, historic features, and ecological and recreational values for present and future generations, particularly within but not restricted to Rainy Lake.



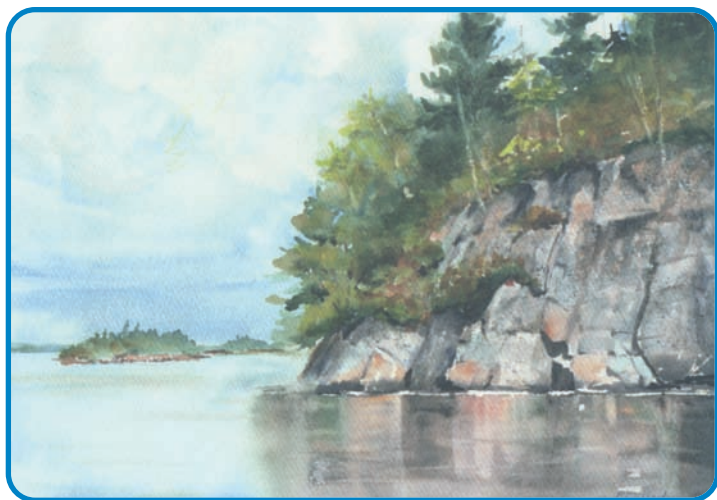
LEGAL STATUS

The Rainy Lake Conservancy is a nonprofit Canadian organization incorporated by letters patent dated May 12, 1999. On March 7, 2001, the Rainy Lake Conservancy became a registered Canadian charity in the service of protecting the environment.

For information and membership applications:
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Preserving the Rainy Lake watershed through ...
Conservation easements
Covenants
Deed restrictions
Other voluntary land protection options
Strategic land purchases
Education

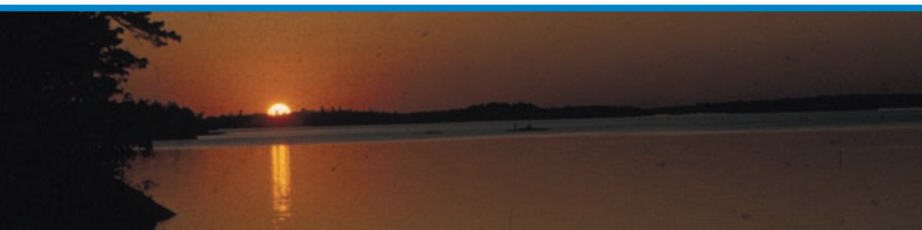


Goose Island, Rainy Lake

CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

A conservation easement is a voluntary, permanent, and legally binding transfer of owner-specified development and land use rights from a landowner to a qualifying organization. Attached to the title of the land forever, it brings immediate natural benefits to the land. To be eligible for an easement, land must be evaluated by a conservation organization and meet certain criteria.

Rainy Lake Conservancy has the authority to hold and monitor conservation easements. It is the goal of the Rainy Lake Conservancy to preserve the natural areas of Rainy Lake primarily through the use of conservation easements, covenants, strategic land purchases and education.



THE ORGANIZATION

An 18-member Board of Directors is elected at the Annual General Meeting each summer. The Board governs the policies and overall affairs of the organization. A separate seven-member Executive Committee is chosen by the Board to carry out the day to day activities of the Conservancy and provide supervision for subcommittees.

The Rainy Lake Conservancy is a volunteer organization without paid staff.



Images provided by members of the
Rainy Lake Conservancy



FUNDING

Funding is provided by annual individual and family memberships, cash donations, and research grants.

RAINY LAKE CONSERVANCY VISION 2002 TO 2007

Rainy Lake is a region of singular natural beauty. The natural beauty and traditional values of Rainy Lake will be enjoyed by present and future generations and will continue to be supported by the efforts of the Rainy Lake Conservancy which is:

- A conservation organization dedicated to preserving the natural beauty of Rainy Lake for future generations in keeping with growing national, international and global environmental needs.
- A respected local conservation organization equipped to play a significant role in future planning initiatives for Rainy Lake.
- A conservation organization of volunteers that is a recognized advocate for preserving the natural beauty of the Rainy Lake region.
- A conservation organization whose volunteers are the driving force of all activities of the Rainy Lake Conservancy.
- A conservation organization that is sought out by lake property owners and others who have questions about voluntary actions to preserve the lake environment.
- A conservation organization which supports and acts on credible research.
- A Canadian non-profit charitable organization that is fully prepared to facilitate conservation easements and other land protection options alone or in cooperation with other acceptable conservation organizations.

POLICY STATEMENT

It is the Policy of the Rainy Lake Conservancy:

- To work with property owners, governments and the local communities to preserve and protect the natural beauty, historic features, ecological and recreational values for present and future generations particularly within but not restricted to Rainy Lake in the District of Rainy River in the Province of Ontario;
- To support, where applicable, the traditional uses of Rainy Lake including: fishing, hunting, trapping, recreation and appropriate existing commercial activity;
- To encourage conservation through public information and education and to co-operate with other Canadian and international organizations having similar aims and to encourage such organizations in their activities.