

## Conservation Targets

### Purpose:

The purpose of this section is to identify the targets for conservation in your site and briefly describe the necessary protection goals for each. These targets should be the few key elements – species, natural communities, cultural or recreational resources - whose protection will serve to ensure the preservation of the overall resources of the site.

### Questions to Answer:

When writing this section, answer the following questions:

- What specific biota, natural feature or natural communities are most ecologically significant or unique to your site?
- What historic, cultural or recreational values does the site provide or could provide?
- Will the protection of these specific elements provide subsequent protection to the site overall?
- What measures must be taken to ensure the protection of these elements?

### Resources:

Wisconsin State Threatened and Endangered Species:

[http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/er/working\\_list/taxalists/TandE.asp](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/er/working_list/taxalists/TandE.asp)

Wisconsin's Federally Listed Species:

[http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/er/working\\_list/taxalists/fed\\_listed.asp](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/er/working_list/taxalists/fed_listed.asp)

Endangered and Threatened Species Fact Sheets:

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/er/factsheets/>

Natural Heritage Inventory Program: <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/er/nhi/>

NHI Working List: [http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/er/working\\_list/taxalists/](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/er/working_list/taxalists/)

Wisconsin's Animals, Plants and Natural Communities:

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/er/biodiversity.htm>

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### Example:

While the Red Banks area is rich in biological, ecological, geological & historic diversity, the partners on this plan are focused on a few key elements. It is hoped that protection of these features will serve to ensure preservation of the whole ecological landscape.

### Conservation Goals

#### Dwarf lake iris

- ♦ protection of all known occurrences
- ♦ restoration of intact, functioning habitat with full spectrum of species & communities
- ♦ genetic study of population to compare with Door County population

### Escarpment

- ♦ intact, continuous ecological/habitat gradient from top to bottom
  - intact hydrology
- ♦ protection of all intact examples of escarpment communities
- ♦ sufficient area of plateau protected to conserve recharge areas critical to health of watershed

### Trout stream

- ♦ self-sustaining population of brook trout
- ♦ creek hydrology delineated

### Groundwater recharge areas

- ♦ protection of all recharge areas which impact other conservation targets