

Washington County

Land and Water Legacy Program Top 10 Protection Priority Areas

Protection Priority 2020

-  9 - 13 Medium
-  13 - 18 High
-  18 - 45 Very High
-  Top 10 Priority Areas and River Buffer Zones
-  Additional County Conservation Priority Areas (All)
-  County Parks
-  Already Protected Lands
-  Roads

-  1 - Brown's Creek Central
-  2 - Keystone Woods Corridor
-  3 - Silver-Twin Corridor
-  4 - Carnelian Creek Corridor
-  5 - German Lake
-  6 - Big Marine Lake North
-  7 - Rice Lake Wetlands/Hardwood Swamps
-  8 - Mississippi Bend
-  9 - St. Croix Blufflands
-  10 - Valley Creek Corridor

Top 10 Conservation Areas	Acres 2010	Acres 2022	Change
1 - Brown's Creek Central	307	1,623	1,316
2 - Keystone Woods Corridor	387	2,227	1,840
3 - Silver-Twin Corridor	470	470	0
4 - Carnelian Creek Corridor	2,690	4,369	1,679
5 - German Lake	376	376	0
6 - Big Marine Lake North	918	1,021	103
7 - Rice Lake Wetlands/Hardwood Swamps	2,110	2,864	754
8 - Mississippi Bend	1,079	1,079	0
9 - St. Croix Blufflands	926	926	0
10 - Valley Creek Corridor	1,024	2,092	1,068
Total	10,287	17,047	6,760

Notes: This map displays a half mile buffer around the Top 10 Priority Areas and a one mile buffer along river shorelines. Lands within the buffers between conservation areas and along the St. Croix and Mississippi Rivers are strong additional candidates for protection and stewardship in order to link conservation areas to one another. Updates include the addition of high quality lands to Keystone Woods and Carnelian Creek corridors and the existing Metcalf Marsh with the Valley Creek Corridor. The already protected lands includes local, county, and state parks, state Wildlife Management Areas and Scientific and Natural Areas, conservation easements, and National Park Service lands.

